

City of Boiling Spring Lakes
Minutes
Board of Commissioners Workshop/Reconvened Meeting
April 11, 2012
City Hall - 6:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor White called the meeting to order and asked Jonathan Spier to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **In attendance-** In attendance were Mayor White, Commissioners Carroll, Caster, Forte and Glidden, City Clerk Susan Hartman and UDO Administrator Becky Cummings.

3. **Workshop to review Article 10 Sign Ordinance-**

10.3.22 Political Signs-

Discussion: Commissioner Glidden would like to change “c” to read: Political signs may be located on public property at least 4 to 5 feet off designated roadway with property owner’s permission. No sign may be placed on utility poles, medians, or traffic control devices; or attached to any trees, fences, rocks, or any other sign(s). Commissioner Carroll referenced an e-mail from Jim Nicholas noting that he liked the wording of placed 3 weeks prior to and removed 1 week after election. He commented that he would like to add November to read November election. Commissioner Glidden commented that 3 weeks prior to election makes it a problem for early voting.

Commissioner Caster commented that if you have to have the property owners permission then why not just put it in their yard.

Commissioner Forte commented that 5 feet off the roadway is city owned property homeowners. In the November elections there isn’t much grass cutting at that time so that wouldn’t really be an issue.

Commissioner Caster commented that the Interim Manager Mr. Sabiston came in and said we have to abide by the ordinances. It doesn’t matter if it’s May or November you shouldn’t have signs in the right of way. If 3 of you think it’s ok to have signs in the right of way then I guess we’ll have signs in the right of way.

Commissioner Carroll recommended that 22(d) be stricken, (d) is the job of the Board of Elections and they do a great job. Commissioner Glidden commented that (e) should be stricken also.

Commissioner Glidden commented that she would still like to see something on vehicle signs, same time frame 3 weeks prior to and 1 week after election, not to exceed 28 square feet. I would also like to see all signs placed at the 5 feet off designated roadway mark, yard sale signs etc.

Section 10.16

Commissioner Glidden commented that she would like to see 10.16 deleted and then language to allow permanent and temporary directional signs. Temporary signs would be allowed on weekends and holidays.

Commissioner Forte commented that off premise directional signs are helpful to direct residents to businesses.

Commissioner Glidden commented that she doesn’t want to see large billboard signs

but a small simple sign would be ok. A 2x3 would probably be good. Mayor White asked if we should set a fee for this, and Becky Cummings commented we could go with the \$100.00 sign fee. Commissioner Forte commented that the fee would be for permanent signs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Glidden to go into reconvened meeting.

Vote 5-0

A motion was made by Commissioner Glidden and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to change 10.22 (a) to read: Political signs may be placed during the period 3 weeks prior to the November general election and must be remove 1 week after.

Vote 5-0

A motion was made by Commissioner Glidden and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to change 10.3.22 (c) to read: Political signs may be located on public property within the right of way at least 5 feet off the designated roadway with property owner's permission. No sign shall be placed on any utility poles, medians, or traffic control devices; or attached to any trees, fences, rocks, or any other sign.

Vote 5-0

A motion was made by Commissioner Carroll and seconded by Commissioner Forte to delete (d) and (e) from 10.3 22.

Vote 5-0

A motion was made by Commissioner Glidden and seconded by Commissioner Forte to replace 10.3.22 (d) with the following: Political signs may be placed on vehicles 3 weeks prior to November general and must be removed 1 week after, sign not to exceed 32 square feet.

Vote 5-0

A motion was made by Commissioner Glidden and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to delete language on 10.16 and add (1) Permanent off premise signs are limited to 1 directional sign per commercial intersection, shall be of monument design for multiple listings, up to 6 square feet per business listing and shall be placed at commercial intersection.

Vote 5-0

A motion was made by Commissioner Glidden and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to add to 10.16: (2) Temporary off premise signs are limited to weekends and holidays, up to 3 signs per business, with adjoining property owner's permission and shall be placed a minimum of 5 feet off designated roadway.

Vote 5-0

4. **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Commissioner Caster and Seconded by Commissioner Glidden to adjourn workshop and reconvened meeting.

Vote 5-0

Susan L. Hartman Clerk

Richard White Mayor