

A Joint Workshop between the Apalachicola City Commission and Apalachicola Planning & Zoning Board was held on Thursday, June 22, 2023, at 5:00 PM at the Apalachicola Community Center, #1 Bay Avenue, Apalachicola, Florida.

City Commission Present: Mayor Brenda Ash, Commissioner Adriane Elliott, Commissioner Anita Grove, Commissioner Donna Duncan, Commissioner Despina George, City Attorney Dan Hartman, City Manager Travis Wade, City Clerk Lee Mathes

Planning & Zoning Board Present: Al Ingle, Joe Taylor, Elizabeth Milliken, Chase Galloway, Lee McLemore, Bobby Miller

Mayor Ash opened workshop.

SIGN ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

Planning & Zoning Board discussed sign size in relation to size of building, lighting of signs (lumens vs. watts), and sidewalk signage.

Public comment consisted of sign size, appeal processes for violations, current signs around downtown area, sign replacement process, and sign lighting.

Building Department presented proposed changes to sign ordinance and presented various scenarios of signs on different size building wall spaces.

Discussion held pertaining to sign size being a percentage of available wall space.

Commission comments consisted of current sign inventory in downtown area, sign size, sign lighting, and micromanaging store owners on rules and regulations.

Commission was in full agreement to amend current sign ordinance and instructed Attorney Hartman to proceed with draft sign ordinance to include items discussed.

Further discussion on sign lighting, murals, and enforcement of current sign ordinance.

Commission agreed to hold another workshop on July 19th at 5:00 PM to further discuss sign ordinance.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner George, seconded by Commissioner Elliott. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Brenda Ash, Mayor

Lee Mathes, City Clerk

