

PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP

Thursday, November 14, 2019

#1 Call to Order

Planning Commission Chair Gorham called the Planning Commission Workshop to order at 6:00 p.m. in the training room of the police department.

Noted present were Commissioners Duval, Gorham, Marohn, Foley and Woodward. Commissioner Burslie was noted as absent. Community Development Director Chanski and Council Liaison Lambert were also noted as present.

#2 Lighting Ordinance Amendment Review and Discussion

Community Development Director Chanski had emailed a draft copy of the lighting ordinance to the Commission previously to review and provide discussion at the workshop. He started off by explaining he left Section 515-18-5: Performance Standards as it was since most of the public comments agreed with the 13' height in residential areas.

He explained the items shown below are suggested amendments up for discussion, and number seven was added to pertain to parking lots.

4. **In B-1 and B-2 districts, the maximum height of the fixture, pole and base above the ground grade permitted for light sources is fifteen (15) feet. A light source mounted on a building shall not exceed the height of the building.**
 - a. **If the bulb/light source is fully recessed and/or shielded from view by an observer at five feet above grade, an increase in light source height to a maximum of twenty (20) feet may be allowed by Conditional Use Permit.**
5. **In B-3, B-4, B-5, and B-6 districts, the maximum height of the fixture, pole and base above the ground grade permitted for light sources is twenty (20) feet. A light source mounted on a building shall not exceed the height of the building.**
 - a. **If the bulb/light source is fully recessed and/or shielded from view by an observer at five feet above grade, an increase in light source height to a maximum of twenty (25) feet may be allowed by Conditional Use Permit.**
6. **In I-1 and I-2 districts, the maximum height of the fixture, pole and base above the ground grade permitted for light sources is twenty-five (25) feet. A light source mounted on a building shall not exceed the height of the building.**
 - a. **If the bulb/light source is fully recessed and/or shielded from view by an observer at five feet above grade, an increase in light source height to a maximum of thirty (30) feet may be allowed by Conditional Use Permit.**
7. **Light sources in parking lots shall be reduced to a minimum of fifty (50) percent illumination between the hours of 11:00p.m. and 6:00a.m.**

He also indicated letter E. was also an addition to Section 515-18-2: Exemptions to address the concerns regarding athletics, which is shown below.

515-18-2: Exemptions The provision of this Section shall not apply to the following:

- A. The use of temporary outdoor lighting used during customary holiday seasons.

- B. The use of temporary outdoor lighting used for civic celebrations and promotions.
- C. Lighting required by a government agency for the safe operation of airplanes, or security lighting required on government buildings and structures.
- D. Emergency lighting used by police, fire, and rescue authorities.
- E. **Outdoor athletic facilities except that lighting for such facilities shall be shut off between the hours of 12:00a.m. and 6:00a.m.**

Commission discussion took place, questions asked, and suggestions were considered.

At the conclusion of the workshop, Community Development Director Chanski reviewed the following amended ordinance.

FINAL DRAFT WITH SUGGESTED REVISIONS

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- A. The use of temporary outdoor lighting used during customary holiday seasons.
- B. The use of temporary outdoor lighting used for civic celebrations and promotions.
- C. Lighting required by a government agency for the safe operation of airplanes, or security lighting required on government buildings and structures.
- D. Emergency lighting used by police, fire, and rescue authorities.
- E. **Outdoor athletic facilities, except that lighting for such facilities, shall be shut off within 60 minutes after final activity.**

515-18-5: Performance Standards.

A. Residential District Standards. All exterior lighting shall be directed away from adjoining residential property or from any public right-of-way. All lighting shall be installed in accordance with the following provisions:

1. The light source shall be controlled so as not to light adjacent property in excess of the maximum light levels defined by this Ordinance.
2. **The maximum height of the fixture, pole and base above the ground grade permitted for light sources is thirteen (13) feet. A light source mounted on a building shall not exceed the height of the building**
 - a. **If the bulb/light source is fully recessed and/or shielded from view by an observer at five feet above grade from the nearest property line, an increase in light source height to a maximum of twenty (20) feet may be allowed if properly shielded.**
3. **The luminaire shall contain a full cut off fixture which directs and cuts off light at an angle of ninety (90) degrees or less.**

B. Business/Industrial District Standards. All exterior lighting shall be directed away from adjoining residential property or from any public right-of-way. All lighting shall be installed in accordance with the following provisions:

1. The luminaire shall contain a full cut off fixture which directs and cuts off light at an angle of ninety (90) degrees or less.
2. The light source shall be controlled so as not to light adjacent property in excess of the maximum light levels defined by this Ordinance.

3. Architectural/historical lights that include fixtures that are not shielded, or lighting of entire facades or architectural features of a building are permitted. In no case shall the light affect adjacent property in excess of the maximum light levels defined in this Ordinance.

~~4. The maximum height of the fixture, pole and base above the ground grade permitted for light sources is thirty (30) feet. A light source mounted on a building shall not exceed the height of the building. In no case shall the height of the light source mounted on a pole or on a building exceed the height limits of the zoning district in which the use is located, unless allowed by Conditional Use Permit.~~

4. In B-1 and B-2 districts, the maximum height of the fixture, pole and base above the ground grade permitted for light sources is thirteen (13) feet. A light source mounted on a structure shall not exceed the height of the structure.

a. If the bulb/light source is fully recessed and/or shielded from view by an observer at five feet above grade from the nearest property line, an increase in light source height to a maximum of twenty (20) feet may be allowed if properly shielded.

5. In B-3, B-4, B-5, and B-6 districts, the maximum height of the fixture, pole and base above the ground grade permitted for light sources is fifteen (15) feet. A light source mounted on a structure shall not exceed the height of the structure.

a. If the bulb/light source is fully recessed and/or shielded from view by an observer at five feet above grade, an increase in light source height to a maximum of twenty (25) feet may be allowed if properly shielded.

6. In I-1 and I-2 districts, the maximum height of the fixture, pole and base above the ground grade permitted for light sources is twenty-five (25) feet. A light source mounted on a structure shall not exceed the height of the structure.

a. If the bulb/light source is fully recessed and/or shielded from view by an observer at five feet above grade, an increase in light source height to a maximum of thirty (30) feet may be allowed if properly shielded.

7. Light sources in parking lots shall be turned off within 60 minutes of last activity or business hours.

#3 Adjourn

The Chair adjourned at 7:20 p.m.