

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020 5:30 P.M.
BILL LUTHER BOARD MEETING ROOM**

Mayor Jackie Warner called the special meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jackie Warner, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Kenjuana McCray, Commissioners Jessie Bellflowers, Pat Edwards, Bryan Marley, and Jerry Legge.

STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager Melissa Adams, Town Clerk Jane Starling, and Planning & Economic Development Director Chancer McLaughlin. Also present was Katie Barber-Jones of Hartzog Law Group.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was led by Chaplain Grilley Mitchell, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Jackie Warner.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Motion made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to approve the agenda as presented.

2. ITEMS:

- a. Discussion of and Possible Action on Amendments to the Sign Ordinance.

This item was presented by Planning & Economic Development Director Chancer McLaughlin who commented the current ordinance was adopted on April 15, 2019 and key items that were addressed at that time were ground signs, billboards, civil penalties and a five-year compliance period. Since that time, we have gotten some negative feedback related to free standing pole signs no longer being allowed. During the recent campaign cycle political campaign signs created issues. The two main areas for consideration are pole signs and political campaign signs. Particularly whether or not pole signs are incorporated back into the ordinance or the Board votes for them to remain prohibited. Also, what we consider right-of-way and when and where political signs are allowed. Mr. McLaughlin explained that a neither a variance nor a special use permit would allow for the use of pole signs. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Commissioner Edwards, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. McCray and carried three to two, with Commissioners Bellflowers and Legge voting against to add

back pole sign verbiage as before; up to 30-foot-high and up to 100 square ft and approve amendments to the former political signs section to rename it to temporary sign and change the definition of right-of-way to be three feet from the edge of pavement.

Discussion ensued.

3. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion made by Commissioner Legge, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried unanimously, to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Warner adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

Jackie Warner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jane G. Starling CMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk