PLANNING & ZONING MEETING
Minutes of September 4, 2012

The Alexandria Planning & Zoning Commission met in regular session on the above date at 7:00 p.m. Chairperson Jewell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members answered roll call:

Present: John Jewell, Chair
          Rick Neltner
          Susie Thomas
          Ron Johnson

          Present

Present: Sonny Markus
          Stu Stormer
          Dan Feldmann

          Absent

          Present

Also: Jan Johannemann
      Wm. T. Rachford
      Gail Jewell

          Asst. City Clerk
          Mayor
          Ethics Board

          Michael Duncan
          Barbara Weber

          City Attorney
          City Council

VISITORS & GUESTS:

None

PUBLIC HEARING:

To hear and gather evidence and public comment regarding a proposed text amendment to Subsection 9.7 G.2 of the Alexandria Zoning Ordinance regarding Temporary Sign regulations.

Mr. Duncan explained that KRS 100.211(2) provides that city council may request the planning commission to review a proposed text amendment, to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to city council as to what action would be appropriate. The public hearing has been advertised and the public has an opportunity to comment on the proposed text amendment. Councilmember Barbara Weber has initiated this by asking the planning commission to review the above section in order to provide for a text amendment allowing for temporary signs. The current section provides for temporary signs under certain circumstances (a temporary sign is permitted for not more than 14 consecutive calendar days, no more than any two weeks in any calendar year). The proposed text amendment would add the following at the end of that section:

"provided however, that the foregoing temporary sign regulations as described in this text above shall be enforced as prescribed in this Section 9.7 G.2, with one exception relative to any new initial start-up business. A temporary sign shall be permitted for a maximum period of 90 days for any new initial start-up business. This temporary sign shall follow the pre-determined sign size requirements and be subject to the approval of the Zoning Administrator. This will be a one-time 90-day waiver of the stated temporary sign permit of not more than 14 consecutive calendar days or not more than two weeks of any calendar year."

This hopefully will help new start-up businesses to get a better start in Alexandria. Once a recommendation is made by the planning commission to city council, they could then act on it by either adopting what was proposed, adopting the commission's recommendation if it is different, or decide to do nothing.

Mr. Jewell then called the Public Hearing to order at 7:06 p.m. and asked for public comment. Hearing none, he declared the public hearing closed.
OLD BUSINESS:
None

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of the Text Amendment to Section 9.7 G.2:

MOTION: Rick Neltner made a motion to recommend to city council that the text amendment as read by Mr. Duncan be adopted, seconded by Susie Thomas.

There was discussion among the members. Ron Johnson asked if anyone felt that the 90 days was too little or too much. Mr. Jewell added that there is currently nothing in writing in the zoning ordinance that allows for additional advertising by way of a sign or banner for a new business. All members were in agreement that 90 days is a fair amount of time to give new businesses that opportunity. Anything the city can do to support new businesses and to help them succeed is a good thing.

The motion was then brought up for a vote. All in favor, the motion passed with a 6-0-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Dan Feldmann made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ron Johnson. All in favor, the motion passed with a 6-0-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Attested to and submitted by:

Karen M. Barto  
City Clerk/Treasurer  
Dated 9-21-12

John Jewell, Chair  
Planning and Zoning  
Dated Sep 18, 2012