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Special Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, December 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Rosen

Present: Council Members Moraska, Alessandrini, Villa & Jacobetti (*entered at 6:05 p.m.*)

Absent: Members Corombos & Farragh

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina, Planning Commissioner Ringel, Planning Commissioner Maki, Planning Commissioner Villringer, Planning Commission Chairperson Olson & Steve Mulka

Public Comment

None

New Business

Discussion of Proposed Sign Ordinance Re: Joint Meeting with Planning Commission

Mulka presented the current draft of the Sign Ordinance. He conveyed that it would be optimal to not regulate window signs, given the difficulty of enforcement. Mulka clarified that trailers which have been placed for the sole purpose of advertising would be regulated through the sign ordinance. He noted the idea of developing wayfinding signage for off site locations. Jacobetti supported Mulka's assertion. A discussion concerning the placement of directory signs ensued. Mulka recommended that the Zoning Board of Appeals review sign variations. It was concluded that it would be preferable for the ordinance to reference State of Michigan regulation concerning electronic message boards. Mulka suggested that monument signs be permitted and pole signs be prohibited within certain portions of the Downtown Development District. Rosen voiced his concern for the fact that aesthetic value is subjective and that those charged with the enforcement of the ordinance may do so rigidly. Jacobetti stressed the importance of enforceability. Mulka explained the manner in which those affected by the proposed sign ordinance will be notified. He stated that the sign ordinance would regulate the permissible size for a sandwich board and restrict off site advertising. Alessandrini objected to the prohibition of off site advertising. Public safety was noted as a reason for regulating sandwich boards. It was concluded that the development of directory signs would be ideal. Alessandrini conveyed the opinion that temporary signs should be permitted for a longer period.

Moraska exited at 7:32 p.m.

Jacobetti stressed the importance of appropriate sign engineering. The City Council commended the Planning Commission on the development of the Sign Ordinance.

Rosen exited at 7:35 p.m.

Public Comment

Carol Schneider – 405 West D Street

She communicated her disapproval of sandwich boards due to aesthetics and public safety.

Adjournment

It was moved by Villa and supported by Jacobetti to adjourn.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer