



# Folly Beach Planning Commission

**February 5, 2018**

Council Chambers, 21 Center Street

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**Commission Members:** John Pence; Kirk Grant; LaJuan Kennedy; Randy Carter; Greg Anderson; John Merritt, Michael Norton, Adam Barker, Lisa Strauss

## 5:30 pm Joint Work Session with Council

1. Call to Order; Roll Call
2. Executive Session pursuant to Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act to receive legal advice related to signs (Ordinance 24-17)

## Regular Meeting 7:00pm

- 1: Call to Order; Roll Call

Present: Grant, Carter Merritt, Anderson, Strauss, Barker, Norton, Kennedy  
Absent: Pence

- 2: Freedom of Information Statement
- 3: Approval of Previous Minutes

Mr. Carter made a motion to approve and Mr. Grant seconded the motion. The minutes of the January meeting were approved without objection.

4. Personal Appearances
5. Citizen Comments
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business

- A. Public Hearing on Ordinance 24-17 to revise the rules regulating signs

No one signed up to speak about Ordinance 24-17. Mr. Pope noted the major new provision to this ordinance is "reallowing commercial signs in the residential districts" under very specific regulations. He noted there were no votes taken during the Executive Session, and then reviewed some proposed changes for the Planning Commission's consideration. Mr. Grant made a motion to approve with the amendments as presented, and Mr. Carter seconded the motion. Mr. Carter made a motion to strike the word "flag" throughout the document. Mr. Grant

seconded the motion. After some discussion with Mr. Pope and Mr. Wilson, Mr. Carter and Mr. Grant withdrew the motion. Mr. Grant made a motion to “approve the sign ordinance subject to staff clarifications and edits.” Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. Discussion ensued as to the pros and cons of sign uniformity. Mr. Norton said people should be able to do whatever they want with the three-square feet allowed for the sign. A vote was taken with all in favor. Mr. Carter made a motion to add #7. Security Signs to 166.08.04. Mr. Grant seconded the motion. After some discussion, it was determined that the location for the security sign addition would be in A.4. Mr. Carter amended the motion to amend A.4. and allow staff to clarify the wording. Mr. Grant agreed to the change. A vote was taken with all in favor. Mr. Grant made a motion to not consider flags at all. Mr. Carter seconded the motion. Mr. Wilson said, “Just to clarify what we are doing. You are not considering the amendments that bring flags under some regulations.” Mr. Pope said, “I would like the motion to clarify that we are striking the flag language but not the on-premises and clarification words.” A vote was taken on the ordinance as amended with all in favor.

#### 8. Staff Comments

Mr. Pope said subcommittee assignments will be discussed next month. He also said he would be sharing City Council’s Strategic Plan with the Commissioners next month.

#### 9. Commission Comments

Mr. Carter thanked Mr. Wilson for his hard work on the sign ordinance. Ms. Strauss offered to disseminate information she located on pedestrian safety and other means of traffic calming.

#### 10. Adjournment at 7:32pm.