

**MURRAY BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, April 20, 2022
4:30 P.M.**

The Murray Board of Zoning Adjustments met in regular session on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. in City Hall at 500 Main Street.

Board Members Present: Mike Faihst, Jim Foster, Carmen Garland, Paula Hulick, John Krieb, Josh Vernon, and Bobby Weatherly

Board Members Absent:

Also Present: Attorney David Perlow, Rakov Aetherus, Dannetta Clayton, Carol Downey, Kim Miles, Marc Cowen

Chairman Faihst called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests and applicants. Kim Miles called the roll. Chairman Faihst called for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular BZA meeting on February 16, 2022.

Bobby Weatherly made a motion to approve the minutes from the BZA meeting on February 16, 2022 as presented. Paula Hulick seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing: Dimensional Variance Request: 1801 North 4th Street – DJT Investments: A 10.40 additional square foot variance for the electronic message board sign face area.

Carol Downey reviewed the regulations in the Ordinance pertaining to this request and presented the Staff Report. Marc Cowen of Numeritex is requesting a sign variance on behalf of DJT Investments, LLC. The sign will be located on the north boundary of the property located at 1801 North 4th Street, facing North 4th Street and visible from 12th Street. The dimensions of the sign are not changing. The manual message board section is to be replaced by an electronic message board. If approved, the variance would allow an additional 10.40 square feet for the electronic message board section of a 72 square foot sign. A total of 32 square feet is planned for an electronic message board or 44.44% of the entire square footage of the sign. The zoning ordinance allows for 30% of the entire square footage of the sign as a whole to be an electronic message board, which would be 21.60 square feet. Carol showed pictures of the zoning map, the existing sign, the proposed sign and the surrounding properties.

Marc Cowen came forward and was sworn in. Mr. Cowen explained that the current sign size was too small and not very effective for the location and the speed of people driving by. The property owner, David Taylor, requested the biggest sign possible and we thought emulating what was there, freshening it up and replacing the manual letter board with an electronic one would be the best option. It would be dimmable at night and the surrounding properties are also businesses and would understand the need for this type of display. We think it will be a very beautiful sign, improve the existing area and not detract from the city in any way. The Board asked if any landscaping would be part of this sign and Mr. Cowen responded that since they are not planning to replace the sign pole, they would not be required to add landscaping, therefore

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they will not be adding any landscaping. The Board asked about the trailer in the picture but Mr. Cowen did not have any information regarding the owner's plans for the trailer. The Board also asked why they weren't doing a sign like on the owner's other lot and what kind of messages were going to be displayed on the sign. Mr. Cowen responded that the other sign was from the car company's corporate office and the messages would be up to the customer, but would likely pertain to marketing for the cars.

Chairman Faihst closed the hearing and brought it back to the Board for discussion and/or a motion since no one was present to speak in favor or opposition.

Josh Vernon made a motion to approve the Dimensional Variance Request to allow an additional 10.40 square feet over the current electronic message board regulations and approve a 32 square foot electronic message board section of a 72 square foot sign at 1801 North 4th Street with the findings that the speed of the adjacent road would make it difficult to see an electronic sign that is smaller in nature. John Krieb seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Comments from The Board:

The Board asked the Planning Department to check on the following:

1. Vehicles for sale on an empty lot at the corner of Main Street and South 14th St.
2. Vehicles that have been sitting for a prolonged time on South 9th St. between Fairlane Dr. and Goodman Dr. and also at 800 Bagwell Blvd.
3. Storage containers/trailers at the VFW on South 12th St.

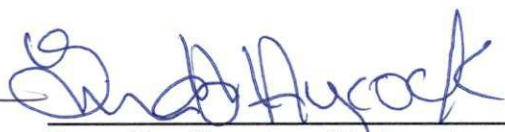
Chairman Faihst shared a few things from the last training he attended.

Chairman Faihst called for a motion to adjourn.

Paula Hulick made a motion to adjourn. Bobby Weatherly seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:51 p.m.



Chairman, Mike Faihst



Recording Secretary, Lindsay Aycock