Meeting called by: Cathy Fahey, Chair          Date: 01-24-19  Time: 5:30PM

Committee Members
Present:  Fahey, Chair ☒ Doesschate ☒ Balarin ☒ Farrell ☒ Johnson ☐

Invitees/Speakers  Brad Glass

Council Members
Present:  Love, Conti, Hoey, Igoe, O’Brien

City Personnel
Present:  Jared Pellerin

Minutes

Agenda Item(s): Ordinance 39.111.18 (As Amended) changes to the Unified Sustainability Development Ordinance (USDO) to protect and preserve the quality of life and character of our neighborhoods - our residentially zoned districts - by conforming the provisions relating to signs in residential districts to the intent and purposes of the USDO and re-enacting some language and limitations that was omitted in the new USDO.

Questions and Discussion:
- Ordinance 39.111.18 As Amended makes necessary changes to the Unified Sustainability Development Ordinance (USDO) to protect and preserve the quality of life and character of our neighborhoods - our residentially zoned districts - by conforming the provisions relating to signs in residential districts to the intent and purposes of the USDO and re-enacting some language and limitations that was omitted in the new USDO. The changes would:
  o Reduce the maximum size of signs in residential districts from 20 square feet to 4 square feet, and the maximum height of a free-standing sign from 5 feet to 3 feet, but allow for wall signs of up to 10 sq feet if the sign is consistent with the character of the building and the neighborhood in which it is located;
  o Limit signs for legal non-conforming uses in residential areas to 2 square feet, a maximum height of 3 feet, and no illumination unless a conditional use permit has been obtained;
  o Re-enact provisions expressly authorizing the Chief Building Official to remedy issues with obsolete, unsafe and unsecure signs; and
  o Clarify that a sign once a sign has become obsolete, it cannot be continued as a non-conforming sign and must be completely removed.
- Brad Glass stated that the Ordinance is consistent with the Planning Board recommendation
- Glass stated that Ordinance should be revised to state that “as determined by Chief Planning Official…” as he would be reviewing the applications
- There is no right size for all buildings, it not a one fit all
- Previous sign Ordinance was very poor, did not comply with Supreme Court decision
- Glass stated that most schools are in mixed-use areas and will not be affected by this
- Council Member Doesschate made a motion to move Ordinance 39.111.18 As Amended (add number 5 to notes on Table 375-4-5: Type, Size, and Locations of Signs) out of committee with a favorable recommendation, which was seconded by Council Member Farrell. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment:
There is no public comment.

Adjourn:
The Chairperson asked for a motion to adjourn, which was duly made, seconded, and passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Andre
Legislative Aide to Common Council