

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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Tim Hale, District 1
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Dee McKee, District 3
Robert Yundt, District 4
Mokie Tew, District 5
VACANT, District 6
Ron Bernier, District 7



Doug Glen, District 1
Richard Allen, District 2
Patricia Chesbro, District 3
Michael Rubeo, District 4
Bill Kendig, District 5
Stafford Glashan, District 6
Curt Scoggin, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

JOINT ASSEMBLY/PLANNING COMMISSION

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

II. ASSEMBLY ROLL CALL

Assemblymember Tim Hale, Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers
Present: 6 - (6:03 p.m.), Assemblymember Dee McKee, Assemblymember Robert Yundt (telephonic until entering at 6:37 p.m.), Assemblymember Mokie Tew, and Assemblymember Jesse Sumner (telephonic until entering at 6:37 p.m.)

Telephonic: 1 - Assemblymember Ron Bernier

PLANNING COMMISSION ROLL CALL

Present: Planning Commissioner Doug Glen, Planning Commissioner Richard Allen, Planning Commissioner Patricia Chesbro, Planning Commissioner Michael Rubeo, and Planning Commission Chair Stafford Glashan.

Excused: Planning Commissioner Curt Scoggin

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Planning Commissioner Chair Stafford Glashan.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following person listed a number of projects that the State and the Borough are collaborating on: David Post, Alaska State Transportation Planner.

The following persons spoke to concerns with the repeal of MSB 17.05: Amber McDonough, Patricia Fisher, and Pam Young.

VI. JOINT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Alaska State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities - Transportation Project Updates (Requested by Administration)

Clint Adler, Alaska State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Mat-Su District Chief, provided updates on projects within the Borough.

22-187 AKDOT & PF Projects Handout

B. Transportation 21 Update (Requested by Administration)

Alex Senta, Project Management Division Manager, reported on the status of projects included in the 2021 Transportation Infrastructure Package.

22-180 Transportation 12 Presentation

C. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) (Requested by Administration)

Kim Sollien, Planning Services Manager, reported on the status of the Metropolitan Planning Organization formation.

22-186 MPO Presentation

D. Planning Code Changes to Titles 8, 11, 15, and 17 (Requested by Administration)

Alex Strawn, Planning and Land Services Director, spoke to code changes that staff and the Planning Commission will be making recommendations for updating.

E. Assembly and Planning Commission Communication (Requested by Assemblymember Nowers)

Assemblymember Nowers spoke to ways that the Assembly and the Planning Commission could better communicate their needs to the other.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, PLANNING COMMISSION, AND STAFF COMMENT

Planning Commissioner Chesbro noted that this is her last joint Assembly/Planning Commission meeting as she terms out at the end of this year. Thanked the body for the meeting.

Planning Commissioner Glashan noted that this is also his last joint meeting for the same reasons. Thanked the body for working collaboratively.

Mr. Aschenbrenner thanked Planning Commission Members Chesbro and Glashan for their service.

Assemblymember Hale moved to direct the Manager to develop standards for MSB 17.05 in conjunction with the Planning Commission recommendation that MSB 17.05 not be repealed. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Yundt thanked staff for the information received this evening. Spoke to his appreciation of the possible code changes timeline. Noted that it is very helpful to him when he answers questions of constituents. Added that concerns about roads are always a worry to residents.

Assemblymember Nowers thanked Planning Commissioners Chesbro and Glashan for their service. Thanked staff for their presentations.

Assemblymember Sumner thanked Planning Commissioners Chesbro and Glashan for their service. Spoke to his appreciation of the presentations that were provided.

Assemblymember Bernier said a prayer.

Mayor DeVries thanked the body for the meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

October 11, 2022, Joint Assembly/Planning Commission Special Meeting Minutes

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EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 01/17/23