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George McKee, District 3
Ted Leonard, District 4
Dan Mayfield, District 5
Jesse Sumner, District 6
Tam Boeve, District 7



Mary Anderson, District 1
Vacant, District 2
Patricia Chesbro, District 3
Colleen Vague, District 4
Chris Elder, District 5
Stafford Glashan, District 6
Sassan Mossanen, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

JOINT ASSEMBLY/PLANNING COMMISSION

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The joint Assembly/Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Vern Halter.

II. ASSEMBLY ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Assemblymember Jim Sykes, Assemblymember Matthew Beck, Assemblymember Ted Leonard, Assemblymember Dan Mayfield, Assemblymember Jesse Sumner, and Assemblymember Tam Boeve

Excused: 1 - Assemblymember George McKee

PLANNING COMMISSION ROLL CALL

Planning Commissioner Patricia Chesbro, Planning Commission Chair Colleen Vague, Planning Commissioner, Chris Elder, Planning Commissioner Stafford Glashan, and Planning Commissioner Sassan Mossanen.

Excused: Planning Commissioner Mary Anderson.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Halter queried if there were any changes to the agenda.

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Ms. Eileen Probasco, Planning and Land Use Director.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following person spoke to concerns with a commercial building being constructed in a residential neighborhood in the Finger Lake Subdivision: Ms. Vickie Wintz.

The following person announced his candidacy for Alaska State Senate Seat D: Mr. Huhnkie Lee.

The following person reported on the cost saving measures of turning off the lights on the Glenn Highway between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m.: Mr. Todd Smolden, Director of Governor Dunleavy's Mat Su Office.

The following person spoke to concerns with notifications to community councils regarding cannabis facilities: Ms. Sam Hanson.

VI. JOINT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Subdivision Construction Manual and Chapter 11.12, Driveways - Update

19-163 Subdivision Construction Manual

Ms. Eileen Probasco, Planning and Land Use Director, provided an update regarding the Subdivision Construction Manual and MSB 11.12, Driveways.

B. Mobile Platforms Achievements Permitting and Code Compliance - Presentation

19-156 Mobile Platforms Achievements

Mr. Alex Strawn, Development Services Manager, provided a presentation regarding the mobile platform achievements of the Permit Center and Code Compliance.

C. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Update

19-160 Metropolitan Planning Organization

D. Implications/Options of MPO on Road Service Areas - Discussion

Mr. Ben Coleman, Planner II, provided an update on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and reported on possible impacts of an MPO on road service areas.

E. Capital Improvement Program - Discussion and Options

19-166 Capital Improvement Program

Ms. Eileen Probasco, Planning and Land Use Director, spoke to possible changes to the Capital Improvement Program.

F. Title 17 Reorganization - Residential Zoning Options

19-169 Title 17 Reorganization

Ms. Eileen Probasco, Planning and Land Use Director, spoke to the reorganization of Title 17.

G. Lake Management Plans - Discussion and Options

19-174 Lake Management Plans

Ms. Eileen Probasco, Planning and Land Use Director, spoke to lake management plans.

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

Planning Commissioner Glashan stated that he appreciates joint meetings. Noted that the Planning Commission members all have day jobs and requested that the Assembly take that into consideration when asking for return times on the Subdivision Construction Manual or other similarly sensitive subjects.

Planning Commissioner Mossanen thanked staff for the presentations.

Planning Commissioner Chesbro spoke in appreciation of the joint meetings with the Assembly.

Planning Commissioner Elder thanked the body for the meeting. Noted his excitement about some of the coming issues that the Planning Commission will be addressing.

Planning Commission Chair Vague noted that with population growth, there are more and more land use conflicts coming before the Assembly. Opined that consolidating lake management plans and reorganizing Title 17 are a good first step in addressing those issues. Spoke to her appreciation of the presentations and the hard work of staff.

Assemblymember Sykes thanked the body for the meeting.

Assemblymember Boeve thanked Ms. Probasco for looking at consolidating the lake management plan process. Opined that the community will appreciate that.

Assemblymember Mayfield stated that he is looking forward to how a possible MPO will play out. Spoke to his desire to serve the public in a more efficient fashion. Spoke in appreciation of joint meetings. Stated that he is looking forward to seeing the lake management plan consolidated draft. Spoke to concerns with the lighting on the Glenn Highway being turned off between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m.

Assemblymember Sumner stated that he is interested in seeing the Subdivision Construction Manual and Lake Management Plan drafts when they are released. Stated that he wants to ensure that the plans do not impose more costs on the community in comparison to the benefits they are receiving.

Assemblymember Leonard thanked staff for the presentations. Thanked the Planning Commission for the joint meeting.

Assemblymember Beck noted that about an hour after the meeting started, there was a release from Senator Shelly Hughes advising that the lights on the Glenn will not be turned off between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m. Thanked staff for the presentations.

Mayor Halter stated that he is glad to hear the lights on the Glenn Highway will stay on. Spoke in appreciation of the information presented. Noted that driveway permits have come a long way since he first was on the Assembly. Stated that he is looking forward to seeing a lake management plan and a subdivision construction manual draft. Related that he enjoys the joint meetings with the Planning Commission. Thanked the Planning Commission for all their hard work.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

October 8, 2019, Joint Assembly/Planning Commission Meeting Minutes

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VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 11/19/19