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MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

JOINT ASSEMBLY/PLANNING COMMISSION

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Maxwell Sumner, Assemblymember Bill Gamble, Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov, and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

Excused: 1 - Assemblymember Dee McKee

Telephonic: 1 - Assemblymember Tim Hale

PLANNING COMMISSION ROLL CALL

Present: Planning Commissioner Richard Allen, Planning Commission Chairperson C.J. Koan, Planning Commissioner Linn McCabe, Planning Commissioner Wilfred Fernandez, and Planning Commissioner Curt Scoggin

Excused: Planning Commissioner Doug Glenn and Planning Commissioner Michael Collins

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Planning Commission Chairperson C.J. Koan.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following person spoke the Borough's outreach to Community Councils, the Bogard Road Corridor Access Management Plan, Safe Streets For All Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, Waterbody Setback Advisory Board, and opined that two Audience Participations should be offered for special meetings: Rod Hanson, Chair of North Lakes Community Council.

The following person spoke to Bogard Road: Father Randy Allman.

The following person spoke to substandard roads and Road Service Area contracts: Daniel Potter.

The following person spoke to the Waterbody Setback Advisory Board: Patty Fisher.

VI. JOINT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Overview of Planning Projects

Alex Strawn, Planning Director, presented the overview.

B. Bogard Corridor Access Management Plan

25-043 Access Management Plan Presentation

Alex Strawn, Planning Director, and Laurie Cummings, Planner with HDR Alaska, provided an update regarding the Bogard Road Corridor Access Management Plan.

C. Waterbody Setbacks Update

Alex Strawn, Planning Director, provided an update on the Waterbody Setback Advisory Board's recommendations.

D. Planning Commission Communication to Assembly on Legislative Matters

Alex Strawn, Planning Director, spoke to Planning Commission and Assembly communications on legislative matters.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Planning Commissioner Allen thanked everyone and spoke to local hockey.

Planning Commissioner McCabe thanked everyone and the Waterbody Setback Advisory Board.

Planning Commissioner Fernandez thanked everyone.

Planning Commission Chairperson Koan thanked everyone and noted she appreciated getting to work together with the Assembly.

Assemblymember Bernier thanked everyone and said a prayer.

Assemblymember Sumner spoke to the Bogard Road Corridor Access Management Plan and Waterbody Setback Advisory Board.

Assemblymember Gamble spoke to the Waterbody Setback Advisory Board, specifically how it will affect Big Lake and his district, and Bogard Corridor Access Management Plan.

Assemblymember Fonov thanked everyone and spoke to the Bogard Corridor Access Management Plan.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

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EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 04/01/25