

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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



Mary Anderson, District 1
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MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

JOINT ASSEMBLY/PLANNING COMMISSION

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

The joint Assembly/Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 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 Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember George McKee, Assemblymember Ted Leonard, Assemblymember Dan Mayfield, Assemblymember Jesse Sumner, and Assemblymember Tam Boeve

Telephonic: 1 - Assemblymember Tim Hale

PLANNING COMMISSION ROLL CALL

Planning Commissioner Mary Anderson, Planning Commissioner Jason Ortiz, Planning Commissioner Patricia Chesbro, Planning Commission Chair Colleen Vague, Planning Commissioner Chris Elder.

Excused: Planning Commissioners Stafford Glashan and Sussan Mossanen.

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 Mr. Jim Sykes, former Assembly Member.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following person spoke to concerns with public notification of deadlines for driveway permits: Ms. Cally Leader.

The following person spoke to extending the deadline to get driveway permits: Ms. Patty Fisher.

VI. JOINT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Alaska State Board of Fisheries and MSB Fish & Wildlife Commission Update

20-052 Items A. B. and C. Combined
Mr. Ted Eischeid, Planner II, provided a presentation regarding the Alaska State Board of Fisheries and the Borough's Fish and Wildlife Commission.

B. Review of Draft Wetlands Ordinance

20-052 Items A. B. and C. Combined
Mr. Ted Eischeid, Planner II, provided a presentation regarding the Draft Wetlands Ordinance.

C. Air Quality Ordinance - One Year Later

20-052 Items A. B. and C. Combined
Mr. Ted Eischeid, Planner II, provided a presentation regarding the Air Quality Ordinance.

D. Code Compliance and Driveway Permitting - New Technology and Staffing Efficiencies

20-058 Item D. Report

Mr. Alex Strawn, Development Services Manager, provided a presentation regarding new technology and staffing efficiencies with Code Compliance and driveway permitting.

E. Municipal Separate Storm and Sewer System Preparation

20-061 Stormwater Management Plan

Mr. Christopher Cole, Planner II, provided a presentation regarding the Municipal Stormwater Management Plan.

F. Matanuska-Susitna Borough Comprehensive Plan

20-055 Borough Comprehensive Plan Update

Ms. Kim Sollien, Planning Service Manager, provided a presentation regarding the Borough's Comprehensive Plan.

Planning Commissioner Vague exited the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

G. Subdivision Construction Manual and MSB 11.12 Driveway Standards Update

20-064 Handouts

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

Mr. Alex Strawn, Development Services Manager, provided an update regarding MSB 11.12, Driveways.

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

Mr. Moosey spoke to the difficulties in developing land uses. Thanked Ms. Probasco

for her leadership and excellent work. Mentioned Ms. Probasco had an excellent team and was the right person at the right time for the job. Stated she will be missed when she retires.

Planning Commissioner Ortiz thanked staff for the presentations.

Planning Commissioner Chesbro thanked staff for the presentations. Spoke in support of the Borough's Comprehensive Plan.

Planning Commissioner Elder expressed his pleasure for the joint meeting.

Planning Commissioner Anderson thanked the body for the meeting. Expressed thanks to staff for the presentations.

Assemblymember Hale thanked staff for their hard work. Spoke to their efficiency with responses to questions.

Assemblymember McKee spoke to concerns with stormwater plan development. Mentioned the need for more staff. Voiced concerns with the price of oil impacting future funding decisions. Spoke to British Petroleum layoffs on the North Slope and the economic impact to the State's budget.

Assemblymember Leonard thanked staff for the presentations. Spoke to the need to look at how to fund future budgets. Spoke to the need for the Borough's Comprehensive Plan regardless of the cost. Stated that he is looking forward to addressing funding issues in the budget cycle.

Assemblymember Nowers spoke to her appreciation of staff. Noted that the Borough cannot control oil prices. Spoke to the need to ensure that public notification reaches out to all that are impacted by projects. Expressed support in creative approaches being looking at for future.

Assemblymember Boeve thanked Planning staff for their presentations. Noted that there is quite a bit of snow in District 7. Expressed appreciation to road crews who are removing that snow. Thanked residents for their patience while road crews respond.

Assemblymember Mayfield thanked body for the meeting. Expressed thanks to the staff for the fantastic job on the presentations and the hard work that was put into them.

Mayor Halter thanked the body for the meeting. Thanked staff for their presentations. Spoke to the need to ensure the Comprehensive Plan addresses population increases. Stated that he is relieved to have young and vibrant employees in the Planning Department. Stated that he will miss Ms. Probasco when she retires.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

March 10, 2020, Assembly Special Meeting Minutes

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VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 04/21/21

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