

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on October 25, 2016, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The special meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Vern Halter.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

- Mr. Jim Sykes, Assembly District No. 1
- Mr. Matthew Beck, Assembly District No. 2
- Mr. George McKee, Assembly District No. 3
- Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4
- Mr. Dan Mayfield, Assembly District No. 5
- Ms. Barbara Doty, Assembly District No. 6
- Mr. Randall Kowalke, Assembly District No. 7

Planning Commissioners present and establishing a quorum were:

- Mr. Thomas Healy, Seat 2
- Mr. John Klapperich, Seat 3
- Ms. Colleen Vague, Seat 4
- Mr. Bill Kendig, Seat 5
- Mr. Vern Rauchenstein, Seat 7

Planning Commissioners absent and excused were:

- Ms. Mary Anderson, Seat 1
- Mr. Tom Adams, Seat 6

Staff in attendance were:

- Ms. Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk
- Mr. John Moosey, Borough Manager
- Mr. George Hays, Assistant Borough Manager
- Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
- Ms. Eileen Probasco, Planning and Land Use Director
- Mr. Alex Strawn, Development Services Manager
- Mr. Fred Wagner, Platting Officer

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Moosey, Borough Manager.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following person spoke to the need for a regional wastewater and septage facility: Ms. Helen Munoz.

The following person spoke to concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

The following person spoke to concerns with processes of the Platting Board regarding the Blue Grouse Ridge subdivision: Ms. Erica Mucha.

VI. JOINT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Mayor Halter inquired if there was any objection to taking up items “A” and “B” together.

There was no objection.

- A. Consideration Of Inclusion Of Traffic Line Of Sight/Flow Data For New Subdivision Proposals *(Requested by Assemblymember Doty)*
- B. Integration Of New Subdivisions Into The Overall Long Term Transportation Plan To Include Safety Impact On Minor Road Collectors And School Zones. *(Requested by Assemblymember Doty)*

Ms. Eileen Probasco, Planning Director, addressed the planning process related to the traffic needs in new subdivisions.

- C. Platting Board Update *(Requested by Administration)*

Mr. Fred Wagner, Platting Officer, reported on activities of the Platting Board and Platting Department.

- D. Title 43 Subdivisions Update *(Requested by Administration)*

Mr. Fred Wagner, Platting Officer, provided an update to the Assembly on the amendments to Title 43.

- E. Flood Map Update *(Requested by Administration)*

Mr. Alex Strawn, Development Services Manager, gave an update on the flood map for the Borough watershed.

F. Boards And Commissions Discussions *(Requested by Administration)*

Ms. Probasco presented recommended changes to various Borough boards and commissions.

G. Title 17/30 Update *(Requested by Administration)*

Ms. Probasco provided a status update on the proposed changes to the zoning code.

H. Build Out Analysis/MSB GIS Integration *(Requested by Administration)*

Ms. Probasco and Mr. Eric Wyatt, Information Technology Director, provided information on the Build Out Analysis/GIS integration mapping project.

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

Planning Commissioner Klapperich:

- thanked the Mayor and Assembly for advancing people with unique strengths to various positions on Borough boards and commissions;
- thanked Planning Department staff for their hard work;
- thanked the youth in the audience for their attendance;
- spoke to the discussion and actions of the Planning Commission at the recent meetings; and
- encouraged the Mayor to find dedicated persons to serve on the Planning Commission.

Planning Commissioner Vague:

- thanked staff for their efforts and the information presented;
- expressed excitement about the Borough's upcoming projects; and
- spoke briefly on past endeavors of the Borough.

Planning Commissioner Kendig:

- noted it was a good meeting; and
- commented on the benefits of the joint meetings between the Planning Commission and Assembly.

Planning Commissioner Rauchenstein thanked everyone for the information presented.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- thanked staff for their hard work and preparation of the information presented;
- thanked Mr. Klapperich for his service on the Planning Commission; and
- thanked the public for their attendance.

Assemblymember Kowalke:

- welcomed the Boy Scouts in attendance at the meeting;
- thanked staff for their efforts and hard work; and
- spoke briefly on the benefits of the joint meetings.

Assemblymember Mayfield:

- thanked staff for their hard work and preparation of the information presented; and
- thanked Mr. Klapperich and Mr. Tom Adams for their service on the Planning Commission.

Assemblymember Doty:

- thanked staff for their hard work and preparation of the information presented; and
- encouraged interested parties in District 6 to apply to serve on the Planning Commission.

Assemblymember Colligan

- thanked staff for their hard work and preparation of the information presented;
- welcomed the Boy Scouts in attendance at the meeting; and
- thanked Mr. Klapperich and Mr. Tom Adams for their service on the Planning Commission.

Assemblymember Beck:

- spoke briefly on the benefits of the joint meetings;
- thanked staff for their hard work and preparation of the information presented; and
- noted that Mr. Moosey would give an update on the Blue Grouse Ridge subdivision issues at the November 1, 2016, regular Assembly meeting.

Mayor Halter:

- welcomed Mr. Wagner to the Borough and thanked him for the information presented;
- commended Ms. Probasco for keeping the Assembly informed on the status of the Planning Department projects;
- noted that conditional use permit applications for marijuana businesses would soon be submitted to the Planning Commission for its consideration;
- thanked the Planning Commission for its efforts for the community;
- noted his appreciation for the joint meetings; and
- thanked everyone for their attendance.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.


VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 11/17/16