

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission was held on May 2, 2016, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair John Klapperich.

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Planning Commission members present and establishing a quorum:

- Ms. Mary Anderson, Assembly District #1
- Mr. Thomas Healy, Assembly District #2
- Mr. John Klapperich, Assembly District #3 *Chair*
- Ms. Colleen Vague, Assembly District #4
- Mr. William Kendig, Assembly District #5
- Mr. Tomas Adams, Assembly District #6
- Mr. Vern Rauchenstein, Assembly District #7

Staff in attendance:

- Mr. Alex Strawn, Development Services Manager
- Ms. Shannon Bodolay, Assistant Borough Attorney
- Ms. Mary Brodigan, Planning Commission Clerk

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Klapperich inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved without objection.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Peter Zell, a member of the audience.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes

1. August 17, 2015, regular meeting minutes
2. April 18, 2016, regular meeting minutes

A. INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING: QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS

B. INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING: LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

1. **Resolution 16-21**, recommending Assembly approval of an Interim Materials District (IMD) at the MSB Central Landfill in accordance with MSB 17.28 – Interim Materials District, for the extraction of 3,120,000 cubic yards of earth material from 45 acres within a 120-acre area, located within Township 17 North, Range 1 East, Section 1, Tax Parcel D5 (17N01E01D005). Public Hearing: May 16, 2016. (*Applicant: MSB Land Management, Staff: Mark Whisenhunt*)

2. **Resolution 16-19**, recommending Assembly adoption of an Ordinance establishing Riparian Buffer Standards on High Priority Salmon Streams. Referred by the Assembly to the PC on April 20, 2016, for 90 days. Public Hearing: May 16, 2016. (*Staff: Frankie Barker*)
3. **Resolution 16-22**, recommending amendments to Assembly Ordinance 16-003, an Ordinance Amending MSB 17.60 to Include Permit Requirements and Standards for Marijuana Related Facilities. Referred by the Assembly to the PC on April 5, 2016, for 90 days. Public Hearing: May 16, 2016. (*Staff: Alex Strawn*)

Chair Klapperich read the consent agenda into the record.

Chair Klapperich inquired if there were any changes to the consent agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The consent agenda was approved without objection.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(There were no committee reports.)

VI. AGENCY/STAFF REPORTS

- A. A Presentation on the Regulation of Marijuana Related Facilities within the Borough. (*Staff: Alex Strawn*)

Mr. Alex Strawn, Development Services Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation on Marijuana Regulations and some amendments that he is recommending.

VII. LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS

(There were no land use classifications.)

(The meeting recessed at 7:39 p.m., resumed at 7:44 p.m.)

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following person spoke regarding riparian buffer standards: Mr. Jay Van Diest.

The following person spoke regarding marijuana regulations: Mr. Tell White.

The following person spoke regarding concerns with holding an MSB Planning Commission meeting and a Wasilla City meeting at the same time as an Assembly Budget Hearing: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING: QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS (*Public Hearing not to begin before 6:15 P.M.*)

Commission members may not receive or engage in ex-parte contact with the applicant, other parties interested in the application, or members of the public concerning the application or issues presented in the application.

(There were no quasi-judicial public hearings.)

X. PUBLIC HEARING LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

(There were no legislative public hearings.)

XI. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

(There was no correspondence and information.)

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(There was no unfinished business.)

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

(There was no new business.)

XIV. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Upcoming Planning Commission Agenda Items

Mr. Strawn provided a brief update on projects that will be coming before the Planning Commission.

XV. DIRECTOR AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Ms. Mary Brodigan stated that she received the latest Code Book update and asked Commissioners to bring their books to the next meeting.

Commissioner Anderson:

- thanked everyone that testified during audience participation;
- opined that the information brought fourth is always helpful especially for her as a new commissioner;
- it's good to know how the public feels about certain issues; and
- thanked the commission for a good meeting.

Chair Klapperich:

- opined that life is about choices and priorities;
- there is no way to schedule all of the public meetings without conflicts;
- sometimes you have to pick and choose; and
- individuals need to make choices as to what meetings they wish to attend.

Commissioner Vague:

- thanked Mr. Strawn for the presentation;
- commended staff on the work that they do;
- acknowledged that this is a hugely controversial topic;
- opined that when people are so moved, they will show up to meetings; and
- concurred with the Chair that people choose their priorities.

Commissioner Kendig:

- also commended staff for the job they do;
- acknowledged that it would be nice to be able schedule meetings when there are no other conflicts, but opined that nothing would ever get done;
- happy that they will be getting home early tonight; and
- bid everyone a good night.

Commissioner Adams:

- acknowledged the letter from Mayor Halter stating that he will be putting Ms. Vague's name forward for the School Site Selection Committee, and requesting that Mr. Adams remain on the committee;
- asked if they needed to do anything else to be placed on the committee; and
- stated his appreciation of Mr. Kendig's willingness to participate on the committee.

Chair Klapperich:

- stated that Dr. Deena Paramo was selected as the new Superintendent of Anchorage Schools;
- noted that she was selected after a nation-wide search;
- opined that it shows that there is talent in the Mat-Su Borough; and
- encouraged commissioners to rest up before the next meeting as it will probably be a late one.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



JOHN KLAPPERICH, Planning Commission
Chair

ATTEST:



MARY BRODIGAN, Planning Commission
Clerk

Minutes approved: May 16, 2016