The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission's regular meeting was held on September 16, 2024, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. Chair CJ Koan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Planning Commission members present and establishing a quorum:

Mr. Doug Glenn, Assembly District #1

Mr. Richard Allen, Assembly District #2

Ms. C. J. Koan, Assembly District #3

Mr. Andrew Shane, Assembly District #4

Ms. Linn McCabe, Assembly District #5

Mr. Curt Scoggin, Assembly District #7

Mr. Wilfred Fernandez, Assembly District #6\*

Planning Commission members absent and excused were:

# Staff in attendance:

Mr. Alex Strawn, Planning and Land Use Director

Ms. Lacie Olivieri, Planning Department Admin. Specialist/ Planning Commission Clerk

Ms. Julie Spackman, Long Range Planner

## II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Koan inquired if there were any changes or objections to approving the agenda.

**GENERAL CONSENT:** 

The agenda was approved without objection.

#### III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Allen led the pledge of allegiance.

#### IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Regular Meeting Minutes: August 19, 2024

B. INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING: QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS

C. INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING: LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Resolution 24-28 A Resolution of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission Recommending Adoption of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). (Staff: Rodney Fodge, Long Range Planner)

GENERAL CONSENT: The consent agenda was approved as written without objection.

<sup>\*</sup>Indicates that the individual attended telephonically.

- V. COMMITTEE REPORTS (There were no committee reports.)
- VI. AGENCY/STAFF REPORTS (There were no Agency/Staff Reports.)
- VII. LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS (There were no land use classifications.)
- VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

(There were no persons to be heard.)

Audience Participation was closed without objection.

- IX. PUBLIC HEARING: QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS
- X. PUBLIC HEARING LEGISLATIVE MATTERS
- Resolution 24-21 A Resolution of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission

Recommending Adoption of Processes for Community Councils to Develop

a Community Comprehensive Plan or Special Land Use District.

(Staff: Julie Spackman, Long Range Planner) Chair Koan read the

resolution title into the record.

Ms. Julie Spackman provided a staff report.

No questions from commissioners.

Chair Koan opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke regarding Planning Commission Resolution 24-21:

Chad Emswiler\*, Chris Chiavetta, Marshall Alexander, Esther Huddleston, John Nystrom, Karen Hoffman, Trudy Lorenzen, Craig Price, and Amy Read.

Chair Koan invited staff to respond to questions and statements from the audience.

Ms. Julie Spackman did not have anything to add.

There being no one else to be heard, Chair Koan closed the public hearing, and the discussion moved to the Planning Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner McCabe moved to approve Planning Commission Resolution 24-21. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scoggin.

Discussion ensued

MOTION: Commissioner Allen moved a primary amendment to only recommend option 3.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shane.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed unanimously.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended with Commissioners Shane, Allen, McCabe,

Glen, Scoggin, and Frenandez in favor and Commissioner Koan opposed.

#### XI. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

(There was no correspondence and information.)

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - (There was no unfinished business.)

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

#### XIV. COMMISSION BUSINESS

A. Upcoming Planning Commission Agenda Items (*Staff: Alex Strawn*) (*Commission Business was presented, and no comments were noted.*)

## XV. DIRECTOR AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Mr. Alex Strawn: The planning commission has had two appeals; please do not discuss those cases.

The planning department lost a long-range planner.

Commissioner Shane: Sorry about losing a planner.

Commissioner Allen: No Comment.

Commissioner Glen: No Comment.

Commissioner McCabe: Hunting season is almost over, go get your moose.

Commissioner Scoggin: No comment

Commissioner Koan: Good work tonight. Thank you staff for all that you do. Sorry you are losing a planner.

### XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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Planning Commission Chair

ATTEST:

LACIE OLIVIERI

Planning Commission Clerk

Minutes approved: