
SPECIAL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Wasilla Planning Commission was called to order at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, July 28, 2015, in Council Chambers of City Hall, Wasilla, Alaska by Glenda Ledford, Chair.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present and establishing a quorum were:

Claudia Pinard, Seat A
Debra Barrett, Seat B
Jessica Dean, Seat C
Loren Means, Seat D
Glenda Ledford, Seat E

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Tina Crawford, City Planner
Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director
Ms. Lyn Carden, Deputy Administrator
Ms. Thomas Klinkner, City Attorney
Ms. Sandi Connolly, Public Works Clerk

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Commissioner Pinard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented.

Ms. Crawford stated that if the Commission didn't object in opening the public participation under the Committee of the Whole they would need to discuss that and all be in agreement before allowing public testimony.

V. REPORTS

A. City Deputy Administrator
No report given.

B. City Public Works Director
No report given.

C. City Attorney
No report given.

D. City Planner
No report given.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (*Three minutes per person for items not on agenda*)
No one stepped forward.

VII. NEW BUSINESS (*five minutes per person*)

- A. Committee of the Whole
1. MEA Transmission line update.

MOTION: Commissioner Dean moved to enter into the Committee of the Whole at 6:04PM.

Ms. Crawford briefly stated that the purpose of tonight's meeting was to allow MEA to provide an update on the results of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's required public process for the proposed transmission lines.

MEA representatives' provided a summary and presentation of potential routes.

Discussion moved to the Commission.

Mr. Mike Phillips stated that he lives in the area that is being proposed as the gully route and thanks the Commissioners for their time and information. He also stated that the Parks Highway route was most cost effective and was sorry it got turned down for cosmetic reasons. He also stated that the other routes will ruin some residential areas.

Ms. Sherry Patrow stated that she lives in the area that is being called the "theatre route" and that she is worried about the impact on her property. Also, she does not want this process dragged out for too long.

Mr. Stu Graham provided comments regarding the application process for the transmission line.

Discussion moved to the Commission.

Mr. Daniel Shaw stated that he hoped the process would not be drawn out and that regardless of the route choice someone will not be happy.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Commissioner Dean moved to exit the Committee of the Whole at 8:10 PM.

VIII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (*three minutes per person*)

No comments.

IX. STAFF COMMENTS

No comments.

X. COMMISSION COMMENTS

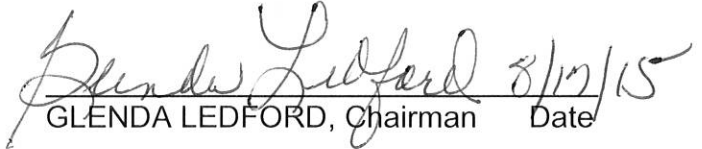
Commissioner Barrett thanked MEA representatives for their time.

Commissioner Pinard thanked the public for their input tonight.

Chair Ledford thanked the public for participating and MEA representatives for their time.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.



GLEENDA LEDFORD, Chairman Date 8/12/15

ATTEST:



TAHIRIH REVET, Planning Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla Planning Commission August 11, 2015.