

JOINT TRI-CITIES SUB-COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 18, 2005

CALL TO ORDER

The Joint Tri-Cities Sub-Committee on Transportation meeting was called to order by Kristie Smithers, Wasilla City Clerk, at 5:30 p.m. in the Wasilla City Council Chambers. A quorum was established.

SELECTION OF CHAIR OF SUB-COMMITTEE

Each member introduced themselves. By ballot, the members selected Deputy Mayor O'Neil to be the chair of the sub-committee. The gavel was then turned over to Deputy Mayor O'Neil.

ROLL CALL

Sub-Committee Members present and establishing a quorum were:

Dannie O'Brien, Council Member, City of Houston
Angelina Rosas, Council Member, City of Houston (entered meeting at 5:45 p.m.)
Steve Carrington, Council Member, City of Palmer
Katherine VanOver, Council Member, City of Palmer
Howard O'Neil, Council Member, City of Wasilla
Diana Straub, Council Member, City of Wasilla

Staff in attendance were:

Daleann Pond, City Clerk, City of Houston
Janette Bower, City Clerk, City of Palmer
Kristie Smithers, City Clerk, City of Wasilla
Sandra Garley, City Planner, City of Wasilla

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

There was no objection to the agenda as presented.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge was led by Deputy Mayor O'Neil.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- A. Drafting of a Tri-City Resolution Addressing Transportation Related Issues Regarding the Houston to Palmer Corridor

After discussions, the consensus of the sub-committee is to have a joint resolution presented during the September 15 joint meeting of the tri-cities. If the resolution is passed, it will be signed by the Mayor of each City.

Angela Rosas entered the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Ms. Garley gave information to the sub-committee on the Houston to Palmer corridor and presented a draft resolution for the sub-committee which included where as clauses to generate discussion of the sub-committee. She answered questions of the sub-committee.

The sub-committee discussed adding the following now therefore be it resolved clause to the resolution:

“NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cities of Houston, Palmer and Wasilla supports and endorses the completion of the Bogard/Seldon Road Extension East to the Glenn Highway and West to the Parks Highway via King Arthur Drive.” There was no objection.

The sub-committee discussed amending the 6th whereas clause to read as follows:

“WHEREAS, the Cities of Houston, Palmer and Wasilla have agreed that the extension of Bogard/Seldon Road Extension East to the Glenn Highway and West to the Parks Highway via King Arthur Drive should be the highest priority State Highway System (SHS) project on the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities State Transportation Improvement Program for FY 2006 -2008; and.” There was no objection.

Council Member VanOver moved, Council Member Straub seconded, to present the draft resolution, as amended, to each City and bring back any recommendation at the next meeting of the sub-committee. (If no additions are made to the resolution by the city councils, the meeting will be cancelled and the resolution will be discussed during the September 15, Joint Tri-Cities meeting). There was no objection.

COMMENTS

Council Member O'Brien appreciated the discussion.

Council Member Straub thanked the staff and those in attendance.

Council Member Rosas thanked the staff, thanked Palmer and Wasilla for inviting Houston to participate, and spoke about the traffic congestion in the area.

Council Member VanOver thanked the staff and appreciated the involvement.

Deputy Mayor O'Neil thanked everyone for attending and thanked Ms. Garley and the City Clerks.

The next meeting was scheduled for August 18 at 7 p.m. at Wasilla City Hall, if needed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.