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REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Planning Commission was called to order at 6:02 PM on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, in Council Chambers of City Hall, Wasilla, Alaska by Jessica Dean, Chair.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present and establishing a quorum were:

Debra Barrett, Seat B
Jessica Dean, Seat C
Loren Means, Seat D
Brian Mayer, Seat E

Commissioner absent and unexcused was:

Claudia Pinard, Seat A

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Tina Crawford, City Planner
Ms. Lyn Carden, Deputy Administrator
Mr. Matt Mead, City Attorney
Ms. Leslie Need, City Attorney
Ms. Sandi Connolly, Public Works Clerk

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Commissioner Barrett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as amended to remove the minutes listed under the consent agenda portion of tonight's agenda and add to the May 10, 2016 agenda in order to allow appropriate notification of the anticipated action by the Commission.

V. REPORTS

A. City Deputy Administrator

Ms. Carden stated that State Legislation regarding cost sharing will be cut and will affect the City of Wasilla and many other places throughout Alaska.

B. City Public Works Director
No Report Given.

C. City Attorney

Ms. Need stated that she and Mr. Mead are present tonight to help present Commissioner Training and stated that the Hearing Officer sided with the City in the appeal in the decision to approve Resolution Serial No. 15-40 (AM) to approve a variance on Wasilla Lake.

D. City Planner

Ms. Crawford stated that the downtown overlay district will go to City Council for approval on April 25, 2016, provided a report from the recent planning conference she attended, and advised that there will be one or two drug counseling permits elevated to the Planning Commission for their review and decision at the May 10, 2016 meeting.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (*Three minutes per person for items not on agenda*)

No one stepped forward to make a comment.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. ~~Minutes of March 8, 2016, regular meeting~~

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

A. Committee of the Whole

MOTION: Commissioner Means moved to enter into the Committee of the Whole at 6:14 PM.

Entered into the Committee of the Whole for the following item:

1. Planning Commission training.

The City Clerk and City attorneys' provided a presentation for the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Barrett moved to exit the Committee of the Whole at 7:41 PM.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

No statements made regarding the following items.

- A. Updated Planning Commission meeting calendar for 2016
- B. Permit Information
- C. Enforcement Log
- D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission agenda

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

Ms. Gretchen O'Barr stated that this is the best training information she has ever heard.

XIII. STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Mead thanked the City for having him and Ms. Need present and that it was nice to meet everyone.

XIV. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Means stated that he appreciates the training he received and the time the City put into the presentation.

Commissioner Mayer stated that appreciates the training provided and the legal advice provided tonight.

Commissioner Barrett stated that she agrees with the previous comments and that this was a very enlightening meeting and thanked the City Clerk and City attorneys for attending tonight’s meeting and the information they provided.

Chair Dean stated that she thought that tonight’s information was the best information she has ever received for Commissioner training.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

 5/17/16
JESSICA DEAN, Chair Date

ATTEST:


TAHIRIH DESJARDIN, Planning Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla Planning Commission May 10, 2016.