

REGULAR MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Planning Commission was called to order at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, in Council Chambers of City Hall, Wasilla, Alaska by Brian Mayer, Vice-Chair.

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present and establishing a quorum were:

Eric Bushnell, Seat A
Darrell Breese, Seat B
Jessica Dean, Seat C (via teleconference)
Simon Brown, Seat D
Brian Mayer, Seat E

Staff in attendance were:

Lyn Carden, Deputy Administrator
Tina Crawford, City Planner
Matt Mead, City Attorney
Tahirih DesJardin, Planning Clerk

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Commissioner Bushnell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented.

5. REPORTS

5.1. City Deputy Administrator

Ms. Carden provided a statement regarding new business licenses for May, reminder about vendors will no longer be allowed to use plastic bags after July 1st, the July 4th parade and the activities, and rodeo days will be July 6th-8th at the Menard Complex.

5.2. City Public Works Director

Ms. Carden stated that the Borough is having a hearing on the bond package for roads and the Mayor and Mr. Giddings are attending that meeting.

5.3. City Attorney

No report given.

5.4. City Planner

No report given.

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

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Minutes of May 8, 2018, regular meeting

GENERAL CONSENT: Minutes were approved as presented.

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

8.1. Public Hearing

1. **Resolution Serial No. 18-05:** Recommending approval of a 30 year lease of airport lease Lot 13 for Merrill Field Instruments.

Ms. Crawford provided a brief summary of the proposed approval of a 30 year lease of airport lease Lot 13 for Merrill Field Instruments.

a. Private Person supporting or opposing the proposal.
Vice-Chair Mayer opened the public comment portion of the public hearing.

Vice-Chair Mayer closed the public comment portion of the public hearing as no one stepped forward.

MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution Serial No. 18-05, as presented.

VOTE: The motion to approve Resolution Serial No. 18-05 as presented, passed unanimously.

2. Item: Elevated AA Permit #A18-82 (Reso. #18-06)
Applicant: Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Inc.
Request: Approval for an outpatient substance abuse treatment center and counseling.
Location: 851 E. Westpoint Drive
Unit 310, Lakeview Professional Building Condos
Zoning: Commercial

a. City Staff

Ms. Crawford provided a brief summary of the proposed approval for an outpatient substance abuse treatment center and counseling.

b. Applicant

Ms. Rebecca Lane, with Cook Inlet Counseling Services, provided a brief statement in regards to the request for approval for an outpatient substance abuse treatment center and counseling.

Discussion moved to the Commission.

c. Private Person supporting or opposing the proposal.
Vice-Chair Mayer opened the public comment portion of the public hearing.

All in favor of approving elevated AA Permit #A18-82:

Mr. Karl Soderstrom, True North Recovery, city resident
Mr. Michael Carson, with My House, city resident
Ms. Michelle Overstreet, with My House, not a city resident
Ms. Kim Zello, not a city resident
Ms. Elizabeth Ripley, not a city resident
Mr. Mark Weaver, not a city resident
Ms. Lisa Wade, not a city resident
Mr. Kerby Coman, not a city resident
Mr. Joshua Fryfogle, not a city resident

With no one else stepping forward Vice-Chair Mayer closed the public comment portion of the public hearing.

d. Applicant

Ms. Lane appreciated the positive comments by the people who spoke tonight.

MOTION: Commissioner Breese moved to approve elevated permit #A18-82 (Reso. #18-06), as presented.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The motion to approve elevated permit #A18-82 (Reso. #18-06) as presented, passed unanimously.

The Vice-Chair called for a quick recess for a minute at 7:00 pm, to allow the audience a moment to leave before the next public hearing item.

The Vice-Chair called the meeting back to order at 7:01 pm.

3. Item: Elevated Use Permit #UP18-01 (Reso. #18-07)
Applicant: Weldow & Susan George
Request: Approval to have a kennel with no more than 10 dogs in a residential home. **NOTE:** Kennel is currently in operation and seeking permit approval from City.
Location: 2250 N. Ashford Circle
Lot 7, Block 3, Silverleaf Estates Subdivision
Zoning: Rural Residential

a. City Staff

Ms. Crawford provided a brief summary of the approval to have a kennel with no more than 10 dogs in a residential home.

b. Applicant

Ms. Susan George stated they currently have six dogs and usually sends the dog out of state to have bred and the puppies usually don't reside in her home.

c. Private Person supporting or opposing the proposal.

Vice-Chair Mayer opened the public comment portion of the public hearing.

Ms. Gretchen O'Barr stated she is resident of City and spoke with a friend in the neighborhood where Ms. George resides and was told that the dogs are not a problem.

With no one else stepping forward Vice-Chair Mayer closed the public comment portion of the public hearing.

d. Applicant

Ms. Crawford asked that the applicant please state her intent of how many dogs she is planning on having.

Ms. George stated they had 10 dogs and rehomed two dogs and currently have eight dogs.

MOTION: Commissioner Bushnell moved to approve elevated use permit #18-01 (Resolution Serial #18-07), as presented.

Discussion moved to the Commission.

VOTE: The motion to approve elevated use permit #18-01 (Resolution Serial #18-07) as presented, passed unanimously.

4. Item: Elevated AA Permit #A18-68 (Reso. #18-08)
Applicant: Kerby Coman, Hempire Co.
Request: Approval of an artisan/specialty shop selling a variety of products containing industrial hemp derived cannabidiol (CBD) with minor manufacturing of hemp products for direct sale in the shop.
Location: 322 N. Main Street
Block 7, Lot 2A, Wasilla Townsite RSB Subdivision
Zoning: Commercial (Downtown Overlay District)

a. City Staff

Ms. Crawford provided a brief summary of the approval of an artisan/specialty shop selling a variety of products containing industrial hemp derived cannabidiol (CBD) with minor manufacturing of hemp products for direct sale in the shop.

Discussion moved to the Commission.

b. Applicant

Mr. Anthony Belvetro, Hempire, Co. and stated they are willing to be helpful in education of CBD and industrial hemp and get away from the stigma of CBD oil and believes they are a family friendly business.

Mr. Kerby Coman, Hempire, Co, stated they believe they do work with the Community and believes what they are offering is not on the prohibited use.

Discussion moved to the Commission.

c. Private Person supporting or opposing the proposal.

Vice-Chair Mayer opened the public comment portion of the public hearing.

Mr. Buddy Whitt stated he is a staffer with Senator Hughes that worked on Senate Bill 6 in regards to marijuana and some of the history of why the State changed their law in regards to industrial hemp. Stated that on behalf of the Senator they are not in favor of the business in front of the Commission tonight.

Mr. Karl Soderstom stated he is with Fiend to Clean and have talked with Hempire, Co. and that he is not opposed or in favor and stated his concerns.

Mr. James Savage stated he is a program director for fiend to clean and that he is not in favor or against but is concerned about them moving next door at this time and what his concerns and he is a city resident.

All in favor of Hempire, Co. opening up and moving into the location in Downtown Overlay District:

Mr. Dan O'Barr, a city resident.

Mr. Josh Fryfogle, a city resident.

Ms. Kelly Zaimseil, not a city resident.

Mr. Steve Gearing, not a city resident.

Ms. Taylor Jordan, not a city resident.

Mr. Brian Tucker, not a city resident.

Ms. Sharon Peek, not a city resident.

Ms. Marrisa Coman, not a city resident.

Ms. Stacy Tucker, not a city resident.

Mr. T-Marteen, a city resident.

Ms. Tara Sprague, a city resident.

Ms. Rachel Lake, a city resident.

Ms. Tyelyn Sampson, not a city resident.

Ms. Shantel Savage, not a city resident.

Ms. Abby Lampley, a city resident.

Mr. Bob Mays III, not a city resident.

The Vice-Chair called for a quick recess for a minute at 9:38 pm, to allow the audience a moment to leave before the next public hearing item.

The Vice-Chair called the meeting back to order at 9:40 pm.

With no one else stepping forward Vice-Chair Mayer closed the public comment portion of the public hearing.

Ms. Crawford provided a statement in regards to what is in code and the intent of it when it was adopted for the Downtown Overlay District.

d. Applicant

Mr. Coman stated they think they are under artisan/specialty.

Mr. Belvetro stated when they decide to grow hemp it will be in Willow and not at the downtown building off of Main Street and talked more about CBD oils.

Discussion moved to the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Bushnell moved to approve elevated AA permit #A18-68 (Resolution Serial #18-08 – version 2), as presented.

Discussion moved to the Commission.

VOTE: The motion to approve elevated use permit #18-68 (Resolution Serial #18-08 – version 2) as presented, passed with Commissioner Breese, Bushnell, Mayer in favor and Commissioner Brown opposed.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

No statements made regarding the following items.

- 10.1. Permit Information
- 10.2. Enforcement Log
- 10.3. Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission agenda

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

Mr. Coman stated he appreciates everyone's participation tonight.

12. STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Crawford stated the City Clerk just had parliamentary procedures training and asked if the Commissioners would like to have the training and will have it on the next meeting.

13. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Breese stated that the Hempire Co. set their bar high and told them they need to work hard and doing a good job.

Commissioner Mayer stated his version of what he struggled with when voting on the Resolution Serial No. 18-08.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

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BRIAN MAYER, Vice-Chair Date

ATTEST:


TAHIRIH DESJARDIN, Planning Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla Planning Commission July 10, 2018.