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**REGULAR MEETING**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Planning Commission was called to order at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, in Council Chambers of City Hall, Wasilla, Alaska by Eric Bushnell, Chair.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners present and establishing a quorum were:

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

Staff in attendance were:

Lyn Carden, Deputy Administrator  
Tina Crawford, City Planner  
Leslie Need, City Attorney (via teleconference)  
Tahirih Revet, Planning Clerk

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Dean 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 reported that the State legislature is in session and provided information about upcoming events within the City.

**5.2 City Public Works Director**

Ms. Carden reported that the construction is underway for additional airport tie downs, the upcoming groundbreaking for the new police station, and the City museum is moving across the alley into a new space.

**5.3 City Attorney**

Ms. Need provided a brief report and stated she is available for any questions.

**5.4 City Planner**

Ms. Crawford reported the meeting date change from June 11 to June 18, 2019.

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

No comments.

MOTION: Commissioner Dean moved to allow public participation during the Committee of the Whole portion of the agenda.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

7.1 Minutes of March 12, 2019 regular meeting

GENERAL CONSENT: Minutes were approved as presented.

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

8.1 Public Hearing

1. Item: Elevated AA Permit #19-22 (Reso. #19-02)  
Applicant: Karl Soderstrom, True North Recovery Center  
Owner: Gregory Parvin  
Request: Approval of a permit to operate an outpatient treatment center  
Location: 290 N. Willow Street  
Zoning: Commercial

a. City Staff

Ms. Crawford provided a staff report for the proposed use.

b. Applicant

Mr. Karl Soderstrom provided information regarding the proposed treatment center.

c. Private person supporting or opposing the proposal

No public comments.

d. Applicant

No other applicant comments.

MOTION: Commissioner Dean moved to approve elevated AA permit #19-22 (Reso. #19-02), as presented.

VOTE: The motion to approve elevated AA permit #19-22 (Reso. #19-02) as presented passed unanimously.

8.2 Committee of the Whole

1. Discussion regarding farm animal regulations in WMC Title 16.
2. Discussion regarding food trucks within city limits
3. Discussion regarding short term rentals within city limits

MOTION: Commissioner Dean moved to enter into the Committee of the Whole to discuss Title 16 revisions regarding farm animals, food trucks, and short-term rentals at 6:25 PM.

Discussion moved to the Commission.

The following individuals spoke in favor of short-term rentals:

- Mr. Louis Johnson, city resident
- Mr. Noel Lowe, city resident
- Mr. Robert Yundt, city resident
- Ms. Courtney Lowe, city resident
- Mr. Sam Goldman, not a resident

The following individuals spoke in opposition to short-term rentals:

- Mr. Alex Kopperud, city resident
- Ms. Kate Lawton, city resident

The Chair called for a quick recess for five minutes at 7:57 pm.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 8:02 pm.

MOTION: Commissioner Dean moved to exit the Committee of the Whole at 8:27 PM.

## 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

## 10. COMMUNICATIONS

No statements made regarding the following items.

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

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

No comments.

## 12. STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Crawford thanked the Commission for their participation and feedback on proposed code revisions.

## 13. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Velock stated that she is still learning and thanked everyone for their patience.

## 14. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

ATTEST:



TAHIRIH REVET, Planning Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla Planning Commission May 14, 2019.

  
ERIC BUSHNELL, Chair Date