

**REGULAR MEETING**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Planning Commission was called to order at 6:01 PM on Thursday, November 5, 2020, 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)
- Micah D. Weinstein, Seat C (via teleconference)
- Vacant, Seat D
- Alina Rubeo, Seat E (via teleconference)

Staff in attendance were:

- Glenda D. Ledford, Mayor
- Lyn Carden, Deputy Administrator
- Archie Giddings, Public Works Director
- Tina Crawford, City Planner
- Mike Schwarz, City Attorney (via teleconference)
- Holly Wells, City Attorney (via teleconference)
- Joan Klapperich, Recreational Services Director
- Tahirih Revet, Planning Clerk

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Giddings 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 information regarding the Cares Act funding, announced that Mr. Simon Brown was elected to the City Council and will no longer serve on the Planning Commission, announced our new Mayor Glenda D. Ledford, and indicated that there will be a Veteran's Day service on November 11, 2020 at 11 AM at the Veterans Wall of Honor located at the Wasilla Police Department on Wasilla-Fishhook Road.

**5.2 City Public Works Director**

No report given.

5.3 City Attorney

Ms. Holly Wells state that she did not have anything to report.

5.4 City Planner

No report given.

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

Mr. Stu Graham, city resident, stated his concerns about the recent Planning Commissioner appointment for Seat C and when the term begins for that seat.

Ms. Shelley Copeland, office manager at Yundt Homes, stated her concerns regarding the issues at 1165 E. Westpoint Dr. for Robert Yundt and would like the opportunity to present their request to the Planning Commission.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

7.1 Minutes of September 8, 2020, regular meeting

GENERAL CONSENT: Minutes were approved, as presented.

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

8.1 Public Hearing

1. **Resolution Serial No. 20-22:** A Resolution of the Wasilla Planning Commission supporting a recommendation by the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission to the Wasilla City Council regarding an expansion of the skateboard park at Iditapark.
  - a. City Staff

Ms. Klapperich, Recreational Services Director, introduced Mr. Reese Clayton, Director of Friends of Wasilla, and he provided information regarding a proposed expansion of the skateboard park at Iditapark.

- b. Private person supporting or opposing the proposal.

Chair Bushnell opened the public comment portion of the public hearing.

The following individuals spoke in favor of the expansion of the skateboard park:

- Ms. Randy Robinson, Parks & Recreation Commissioner
- Mr. John Casima
- Mr. John Fucina
- Ms. Kiana Horst
- Ms. Blaze Williams
- Mr. Zach Bostick
- Mr. Isaac Watkins
- Mr. Sean Delaney
- Mr. Richard Clayton
- Mr. Joshua Campbell

Chair Bushnell closed the public comment portion of the public hearing as no one else stepped forward to speak.

c. Applicant

Ms. Klapperich stated she appreciated the comments from the public regarding the proposed expansion.

Commissioner Breese asked for additional information about the proposed improvements to the skateboard park.

Mr. Clayton provided detailed information.

[Clerk's note: Ms. Wells stated that the newly appointed Commissioner should abstain from voting. The Chair asked if there were any objections from the Commission and they agreed with Ms. Wells.]

MOTION: Commissioner Weinstein moved to approve Resolution Serial No. 20-22, as presented.

VOTE: The motion to approve Resolution Serial No. 20-22, as presented, passed unanimously.

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2. **Resolution Serial No. 20-23:** A Resolution of the Wasilla Planning Commission supporting a recommendation by the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission to the Wasilla City Council regarding proposed additions and improvement to City parks.

a. City Staff

Ms. Klapperich, Director, introduced the resolution and stated that there are two Parks and Recreation Commissioners present that could provide information about the proposed additions and improvement to City parks.

Ms. Mary Shampine, Parks and Recreation Commissioner, stated she is in favor of the proposed additions and improvement to City parks.

b. Private person supporting or opposing the proposal.

Chair Bushnell opened the public comment portion of the public hearing.

Chair Bushnell closed the public comment portion of the public hearing as no one stepped forward to speak.

c. Applicant

Ms. Klapperich stated how the parks are for the enjoyment of the community.

Commissioner Weinstein asked for specific information regarding the proposed improvements.

Ms. Klapperich provided the requested information.

MOTION: Commissioner Weinstein moved to approve Resolution Serial No. 20-23, as presented.

VOTE: The motion to approve Resolution Serial No. 20-23, as presented, passed unanimously.

3. **Resolution Serial No. 20-24:** A Resolution of the Wasilla Planning Commission supporting the goals and initiatives for the Annual Capital Improvement Program for fiscal year 2022.

- a. City Staff

Mr. Giddings provided information regarding the proposed Annual Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for fiscal year 2022.

- b. Private person supporting or opposing the proposal.

Chair Bushnell opened the public comment portion of the public hearing.

Mr. Graham, city resident, recommended that the portion of the 2022 of the CIP be removed from the resolution and schedule workshops for public input.

Chair Bushnell closed the public comment portion of the public hearing as no one else stepped forward to speak.

MOTION: Commissioner Breese moved to approve Resolution Serial No. 20-24, as presented.

Discussion moved to the Commission.

VOTE: The motion to approve Resolution Serial No. 20-24, as presented, passed unanimously.

## 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. Clayton thanked everyone for their support and comments at tonight's meeting.

Ms. Robinson stated her term will be up the end of 2020 and thanked everyone with the City for their support.

Ms. Samantha Dakins, Trich Productions, stated she is in favor of the improvements to the parks.

**12. STAFF COMMENTS**

Ms. Carden clarified that the COVID statistics for Wasilla represent the entire Wasilla area and not just the incorporated city.

Mayor Ledford expressed appreciation for Ms. Robinson for her service on the Parks and Recreation Commission, thanked Mr. Clayton for his help and support for the skatepark, and thanked the Commissioners for all their time and effort.

**13. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Mr. Bushnell provided comments on the paved roads and parks addition and thanked everyone for their comments.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

  
ERIC BUSHNELL, Chair                      12-08-2020  
Date

ATTEST:

  
TAHIRIH REVET, Planning Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla Planning Commission December 8, 2020.

