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WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION

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Steven DeHart, Seat C
Doug Miller, Seat D
Glenda Ledford, Seat E
Clark Buswell, Seat F
Robert Webb, Seat G

**CITY OF WASILLA
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
WASILLA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Wasilla City Hall, 290 E. Herning Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654 / 907-373-9020 phone

REGULAR MEETING

7 P.M.

JUNE 14, 2011

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. REPORTS
 - A. City Attorney
 - B. City Council
 - C. City Planner
 - D. City Public Works Director
- VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION *(five minutes per person, for items not scheduled for public hearing)*
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Minutes of May 24, 2011, meeting.
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS *(five minutes per person)*
 - A. Public Hearing
 - B. Committee of the Whole
 - 1. Noise Ordinance recommend by the Mayor's Task Force on Industrial Uses;

2. Parks Master Plan recommended by Parks and Recreation Commission; and
3. Draft Wasilla Area Plans.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Permit Information
- B. Enforcement Log

XI. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

XII. STAFF COMMENTS

XIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, in Council Chambers of City Hall, Wasilla, Alaska by A.C. Buswell, III, Chairman.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present and establishing a quorum were:

- Mr. Daniel Kelly, Jr., Seat B
- Mr. Steven DeHart, Seat C
- Mr. Doug Miller, Seat D
- Ms. Glenda Ledford, Seat E
- Mr. Clark Buswell, Seat F
- Mr. Robert Webb, Seat G

Commissioners absent and excused were:

- Mr. J. Dan King, Seat A

Staff in attendance were:

- Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director
- Mr. Bert Cottle, Deputy Administrator
- Ms. Tina Crawford, City Planner
- Ms. Sandi Connolly, Public Works Clerk

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. Mr. Cottle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented.

V. REPORTS

- A. City Attorney
No report given.

- B. City Council
Mr. Cottle stated it was a good meeting.

Mr. Giddings informed the Planning Commission the City Council passed the Ordinance to approve the Comprehensive Plan.

C. City Planner

Ms. Crawford stated that violation notices were given to business with electronic message center signs that are in violation of the sign code. She also stated that several businesses with nonconforming signs were unable to update their signs and that staff would be drafting an amendment to Title 16 to allow requests for a variance to the sign code. Additionally, she said that the Mayor intends to establish a committee to review and propose changes to the City's sign code. Members would consist of business owners, residents, and sign companies.

D. City Public Works Director

Mr. Giddings provided a summary of the work being done at the Airport and working with the Governor on the funding of Main Street Cuplet.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (*five minutes per person, for items not scheduled for public hearing*)

Ms. Kelly Dau:

- Stated she is a resident of the City of Wasilla; and
- Stated her concern with a fence that was constructed by Alaska Live Steamers that cuts off access to a trail beginning in Lake Lucille Park, extending through the City's property and the area leased by the Live Steamers.

Mr. William Jarvis:

- Stated he is a resident of the City of Wasilla;
- Stated he is in support of the Wasilla Airport development;
- Opined that a train depot needs to be built at the City airport to help support tourism development; and
- Stated he is for trails/pathways that are for four wheelers and snow mobiles that are not going through the City and would like to see more trails developed for these uses, including footpath around Lake Lucille; and
- Stated he is in favor of airport development and additional flight, especially to the slope.

Mr. Thane Humphrey:

- Stated he is involved with the Business community and there is some confusion as to the City's stance with commercial development and would like to see better communication with the City and businesses within its boundaries; and
- Suggested the City put together a panel of diverse persons to encourage and support development of business and work on the revision of the sign code.

Mr. Bill Childress:

- Stated he is a resident of the City of Wasilla; and
- Stated that he did not believe that Alaska Toy Rental's sign was a distraction and that more distractions are caused by cell phones and flashing signs and that the City should concentrate more enforcement on those.

Mr. Thomas Hannam:

- Stated he is a business owner and stated his concerns with the sign code and would like to see changes to it about commercial signs;
- Stated that he felt enforcement on his sign was a personal vendetta; and
- Stated that he felt his sign could be used to advertise City activities instead of shutting it down.

Ms. Taffina Katkus:

- Stated she is here as a concerned citizen not as a council member; and
- Stated her opinion about signs within the City and believes the sign code needs to be updated but should be enforced as currently written until it is revised.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of May 24, 2011, meeting.

GENERAL CONSENT: Minutes were approved as presented.

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

A. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

B. Committee of the Whole

MOTION: Commissioner Kelly moved to enter into the Committee of the Whole at 7:38 PM.

VOTE: The motion to enter into the Committee of the Whole passed unanimously.

1. Noise Ordinance recommend by the Mayor's Task Force on Industrial Uses;
2. Parks Master Plan recommended by Parks and Recreation; and
3. Draft Wasilla Area Plans.

MOTION: Commissioner DeHart moved to exit the Committee of the Whole at 8:59 PM.

VOTE: The motion to exit into the Committee of the Whole passed unanimously.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

No statements made regarding the following items.

- A. Permit Information
- B. Enforcement Log

X. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ms. Crystal Williams:

- Stated she has lived in Wasilla for ten years; and
- Stated her concerns regarding signs and would like the sign code to be reviewed.

Mr. Mark Folkeson stated he is in support of the sign that Mr. Hannam has at his business.

Mr. Ed McKendrie stated he is in support of the sign that Mr. Hannam has at his business and he was the one that sold the sign to Mr. Hannam.

Mr. John Katkus stated Mr. Hannam's sign is a distraction and that the City needs to keep a high standard in all our plans.

Ms. Taffina Katkus stated the purpose of the plan is to keep the integrity of the people and respect the opinion of the people. Keep the intent of the people in the original plan.

Ms. Kelly Dau stated we all live here and make sure this community is family-friendly not just a business community.

Mr. Mark Fokeson stated he is in favor of Mr. Hannam's sign and appreciates all the community support from Mr. Hannam.

XII. STAFF COMMENTS

No comments.

XII. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Ledford stated Wasilla has growing pains and thanked the people who came and encouraged the audience to sign up for these committees.

Commissioner Webb stated when looking at the Wasilla Area Plans he was sure that they put as much work into them as was put into the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Miller:

- Stated he thinks we should have a Task force on this issue of the signs and that it probably needs to be updated; and
- Stated it is good to see so many people come to the meeting and come forward to help.

Commissioner Kelly thanked the audience for being here and for helping the Commission.

Commissioner DeHart stated perceptions are important and hopefully the conception that we would run over someone is not true, I would certainly not agree with that.

Chair Buswell stated his comment on the fluff was looking at editing it down, not that the work was not important.

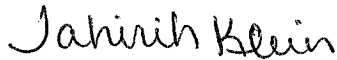
XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

ATTEST:



A.C. BUSWELL, III, Chairman



TAHIRIH KLEIN, Planning Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla Planning Commission June 28, 2011.