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WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION

Patrick Brown, Seat A
Daniel Kelly Jr., Seat B
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. MAY 8, 2012

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. REPORTS
 - A. City Deputy Administrator
 - B. City Public Works Director
 - C. City Attorney
 - D. City Planner
- VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (five minutes per person, for items not scheduled for public hearing)
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Minutes of April 10, 2012, regular meeting.
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS (five minutes per person)
 - A. Committee of the Whole
 - 1. Sign Code Discussion

- IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- X. COMMUNICATIONS
 - A. Permit Information
 - B. Enforcement Log
- XI. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (five minutes per person)
- XII. STAFF COMMENTS
- XIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 10, 2012, 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 excused and absent were:

Mr. Patrick Brown, Seat A

Staff in attendance were:

Mr. Bert Cottle, Deputy Administrator

Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director

Ms. Tina Crawford, City Planner

Ms. Tahirih Revet, Planning Clerk

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Commissioner Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as amended to remove item #2

under Section VIII, New Business, since the applicant

withdrew the request.

V. REPORTS

A. City Deputy Administrator

Mr. Cottle reported that the City just received a copy of the proposed Governor's budget and provided a statement of the projects that are being allocated money for improvements. They include Cottonwood Creek park trail head, Iditapark pavillon, Lake

Lucille Park dam improvements, Lake Lucille Park dock and walkway upgrades, Knik-Goose Bay Road, Lucas Road, Fairview Loop, Bogard Road extension toward the east, and road development for planning. He also stated a proposal was passed at the last City Council meeting to develop two community gardens within the City that would allow the members of the community to plant vegetables and/or flowers.

B. City Public Works Director

Mr. Giddings stated the capital budget that had the projects list for the City was from the Senate, not the Governor.

C. City Attorney No report given.

E City Planner

Ms. Crawford stated that the sign code committee is in progress and there have been two meetings to date and they will continue to meet every two weeks until the end of July. She also stated that once they finish their meetings, they will prepare a summary of their recommendations that will be presented to the Planning Commission for consideration and then we would schedule public workshops and public hearings.

F. City Council

Commissioner Kelly asked Mr. Cottle to provide a brief statement regarding the Goose Creek correctional facility that was discussed at the City Council meeting.

Mr. Cottle stated that the Goose Creek facility will be opening in the next 90 days. They currently have minimum security prisoners there to see how things are going to operate. He also stated there should be approximately 250 new jobs and should hold approximately 1,500 prisoners.

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

No public participation.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of March 27, 2012, meeting.

GENERAL CONSENT: Minutes were approved as presented.

- **VIII. NEW BUSINESS** (five minutes per person)
- A. Public Hearing
- 1. **Resolution Serial No. 12-06:** Approving the clearing of more than 70 percent of the vegetation from Lots B-1 and B-2, Lakewood Business Park Resubdivision per WMC 16.33.050(a)(2), generally located at the northwest corner of Crusey Street and the Parks Highway.

a. City Staff

Ms. Crawford stated that our code has a requirement that you are only allowed to clear 70 percent of the vegetation. However, it has a provision that allows the Planning Commission to approve clearing of more than 70 percent if a request is brought before them and it is reviewed on a case by case basis. She also stated that the vacant lot north of the existing building is totally cleared and the lot where McDonald's is currently located is approximately 85 percent cleared. McDonald's submitted an application requesting to be allowed to clear 75 percent of the vegetation since they will only be allowed to provide vegetation on 25 percent of the two lots.

b. Applicant

Ms. LaQuita Chmielowski, Project Manager for Enterprise Engineering, Inc., provided a summary of the redevelopment of McDonald's and how they are planning to landscape the lots.

Mr. Doug Bates, representative for McDonald's Corporation, provided a summary of the McDonald's plans to redevelop the property and enhance safety on the site.

Commissioner Miller asked Ms. Chmielowski to clarify her statement made about the landscaped area between the McDonalds and the Parks Highway and whether they were calculating it towards the percentage of landscaped area.

Ms. Chmielowski stated they if they will be allowed to include the landscaped area between McDonald's and the Parks Highway, it would provide 70 percent vegetation on the site.

Private person supporting or opposing the proposal
 Chair Buswell opened the public hearing on Resolution Serial No. 12-06.

With no one present to speak, Chair Buswell closed the public hearing for Resolution Serial No. 12-06.

d. Applicant

No additional comments were provided by the applicant.

MOTION: Commissioner Kelly moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 12-06 as presented.

Discussion moved to the Commission.

VOTE: The motion moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 12-06 as presented, passed unanimously.

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Item 2 removed from agenda. Applicant withdrew their request.

- 2. Resolution Serial No. 12-07: Approving the clearing of more than 70 percent of the vegetation from Lot 2, Block 1, Kohring Subdivision per WMC 16.33.050(a)(2), generally located at the northeast corner of Flag Circle and Lucille Street north of the Parks Highway.
 - a. City Staff
 - b. Applicant
 - c. Private person supporting or opposing the proposal
 - d. Applicant
- 3. **Resolution Serial No. 12-08:** Recommending that, pursuant to WMC 2.60.010(b)(4), the Wasilla City Council forward a Resolution to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Cutoff reconstruction expressing concerns that the proposed four-land divided highway has not adequately addressed the concerns expressed at the February 28, 2012, Planning Commission meeting that was held pursuant to AS 35.30.010.
- a. City Staff
- b. Applicant

Mr. Giddings explained that the resolution was crafted to address an issue in the Alaska Statutes that requires the AKDOT&PF submit plans to the Planning Commission for their review and comment. If the City does not respond within 90 days, they are allowed to assume that the City approves and they can proceed with the project. He also stated this is a guard against that and is not intended to be the final decision for the project.

Commissioner Miller raised an issue regarding a potential conflict between the title of the resolution and the recommendation to the City Council. He felt that the title did not clearly state that the Planning Commission would be recommending that the City Council disapprove the project.

Mr. Cottle stated the intent of the resolution is not to disapprove the proposed Parks Highway design but to let the City have more time for review of the design and to receive comments.

Mr. Giddings stated that in the Alaska Statutes, it states you have to disapprove the design or its approved.

Commissioner DeHart asked for a clarification on the intent of the Resolution, if the Resolution is disapproved, then that means its not denied but gives the City more time to gather information to make a decision.

Mr. Giddings stated that it is correct.

Mr. Cottle stated that Administration would like to see the resolution passed as presented and also stated there is approximately two years before they start construction which will give more time for comments.

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c. Private person supporting or opposing the proposal Chair Buswell opened public testimony on Resolution Serial No. 12-08.

Mr. Bill Kramer stated that he is in favor of the Resolution Serial No. 12-08 if it states that they are in favor of future discussions with the ADOT&PF.

Chair Buswell clarified what the Commission is approving in Resolution Serial No. 12-08.

Mr. Ken Amundsen verified that the State will work with the City, Borough, and residents as the project develops. He also stated that he would like the Planning Commission to realize what they are approving and reviewing. He also stated they are working with the Borough in making the design a very safe highway.

Mr. Paul Gardner stated that:

- he owns a lot of property on the Parks Highway and that he is not in favor of the four-lane divided highway road project; and
- he appreciates that the Wasilla Planning Commission is taking an interest in the road project.

Ms. Dianne Woodruff stated that:

- she is on the City Council but speaking as a citizen;
- she is not in favor of the five-lane highway and provided information on the number of accidents between Wal-Mart and Spenard Builders Supply after the upgraded of the road to a five-lane highway;
- there was a meeting discussing the couplet and provided information about how many accidents have occurred between Yenlo Street and Main Street; and
- she believes that safety and business access are not incompatible with a fourlane divided highway.

Mr. Tim Swezey, President of the Meadow Lakes Community Council:

- stated that he is not speaking on behalf of the Community Council but as a citizen; and
- presented a bar chart that was developed by the State, he then showed a map of a drawing he did that showed the traffic accidents from the bar chart which have occurred along a portion of the Parks Highway between Wasilla and Big Lake.

Mr. William Brew stated that:

- he is not a resident of the City but he has an airplane at the Wasilla City Airport and that he travels a lot on the Parks Highway; and
- he is in favor of a four-lane highway for safety reasons.

Ms. Taffina Katkus stated that:

she is on the City Council but speaking as a private citizen; and

she hopes the dialogue between the agencies continues to improve and that they
keep the best interest of the residents of Wasilla in mind when deciding on a
design form the Parks Highway project.

Mr. Conrad Holler stated he just found out about the information regarding the 90-day period from the State and that he is in favor of the four-lane highway development.

Ms. Margaret Billinger stated that:

- she lives in Big Lake but drives to Wasilla for work on the Parks Highway every day:
- she is in favor of the development of a four-lane highway; and
- the safety of the public and our family is the most important thing to consider when making decisions on new development of the Parks Highway.

Mr. Bert Cottle stated that:

- he is speaking as an citizen and not a City employee;
- he believes the way to save lives is to slow down traffic; and
- he believes that there is still work to be done.

Chair Buswell closed public hearing.

d. Applicant

No additional comments were provided by the applicant.

MOTION: Commissioner Kelly moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 12-08 as presented.

Discussion moved to the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Miller moved to postpone Resolution Serial No. 12-08 to May 8, 2012.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The motion to postpone Resolution Serial No. 12-08, failed with Commissioners Miller and DeHart in favor and Chair Buswell, Commissioners Kelly, Ledford, and Webb in opposition.

VOTE: The motion moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 12-08 as amended, passed with Chair Buswell, Commissioners Kelly, Ledford, and Webb in favor and Commissioners Miller and DeHart in opposition.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

No statements made regarding the following items.

- A. Permit Information
- B. Enforcement Log

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ms. Katkus stated she brought forward an idea to the City Council for a community garden and has gotten their approval to proceed. She plans to bring to the information to the Parks and Recreation Commission and then the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation.

Mr. Gardner thanked the Planning Commission for passing Resolution Serial No. 12-08.

XIII. STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Giddings provided verification on the State Statue and how he believes that it's not very clear on how the communication between the State and local Planning approval should be handled.

XIV. COMMISSION COMMENTS:

Commissioner Ledford stated that she resents the fact that Mr. Holler stated the Planning Commission is not active when the open meetings act prohibits more than three members of the Commission from attending a meeting at the same time.

Commissioner Kelly stated he has attended quite a few of different meetings in regards to the Parks Highway and he doesn't agree with the statement made by the representative from the AKDOT&PF. He went on to state what he believes the State looks at when they are determining how to upgrade a road. He also stated he agreed with Mr. Cottle that if you are trying to control accidents you lower the speed limit and have traffic lights. He also said that he reviewed the future Borough Transportation Plan and doesn't agree with how they are planning for future road development.

Commissioner Webb stated that he believes having a four-lane highway or five-lane highway won't matter but if they installed lights along the highway like they did on the Glenn Highway between Wasilla and Eklutna, the number of accidents would decrease.

Commission DeHart stated that he agrees with Commission Miller's statement and believes that speed alone will not take care of traffic accidents. He also stated there are a lot of factors to be considered when developing a new traffic pattern.

Commissioner Miller stated he is concerned with how the resolution was approved and wanted to make sure the intent of approving the resolution was to keep the line of communication open with AKDOT&PF. He also described what he believes will happen when a five-lane highway is developed and is looking forward to attending the April 30 public meeting.

City of Wasilla Regular Planning Commission Meeting Minutes Chair Buswell stated that he believes that tonight's meeting went well. He also stated that he believes that the traffic will speed up with more lanes and agrees with the decision to allow more time to discuss the Parks Highway plan and thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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	A.C. BUSWELI	_, III, Chairman
ATTEST:		
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TAHIRIH REVET, Planning Clerk		

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PERMIT	INFO	PERMIT INFORMATION 2012	112					
DATE	PERMIT	TYPE SQ FTG	Q FTG	LEGAL	SUBD	NAME	STREET	STATUS/ ZONE
ADMINIST	RATIVE A	ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL						
01/05/12	A12-01	CELL TOWER		2864B01L007A	CAREFREE ACS SUB	AT&T MOBILITY	1461 W SEW MER PKY	ပ
01/10/12	A12-02	TENANT		1108B02L044	WASILLA ARPRT HTS	MCGINTY, CHRIS	935 W COMMERCIAL DR	O
02/01/12	A12-03	COMM < 10,000 SQ FT	7,027	4653000L010	CREEKSIDE PLAZA	WASILLA AUTO ZONE	1621 E FINANCIAL DR	O
01/27/12	A12-04	ACCESSORY USE		4359000L004A	LAKE LUCILLE LODGE	SECURED GOLD BUYERS	1300 LAKE LUCILLE DR	O
01/25/12	A12-05	COFFEE	1,320	1108B02L045	WASILLA ARPRT HTS	CARROWAY, NANCY	897 W COMMERCIAL DR	O
01/27/12	A12-06	SFD & ACC USE	295	1039B05L005	LAKE VIEW ADD #1	CARNEY, TED	1001 S FOREST ST	R-1
01/30/12	A12-07	DAY CARE		5674B03L004	SILVERLEAF EST.	ROGERS, JARED & NICOLE	2080 N ASHFORD BLVD	RR
02/01/12	A12-08	CELL TOWER		4805B01L003A	OVERLOOK BUS PARK	AT&T MOBILITY	2251 E PARKS HWY	O
,02/09/12	A12-09	COMM, CAR SALES		106B05L018	WASILLA TWNST	BEST DEAL AUTO	160 E SWANSON AVE	O
02/09/12	A12-10	TENANT		5682B03L003C-1	MTN VLG PLZ	BROWN JUG	2451 E SUN MTN AVE	O
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03/14/12	A12-19	TENANT		1046000T005-1	OLSON	CHERI'S CLOSET	1451 E PARKS HWY	O
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3/1/2012	S	Parks & Museum	N N REDDI report	12-12923
3/1/2012	C	Iditarod Elem	Y N HCP parking violation	12-12947 citation
3/1/2012	S	Nelson & Graybark	N N Moose in road	12-12957
3/1/2012	PAT	1601 Kerry	N N Assist patrol locate juvenile	12-12973
3/1/2012	S	WHS	N N Facility/security check	12-12965
3/2/2012	S	Oreilly Auto Parts	Y N HCP parking violation	12-13137 citation
3/2/2012	S	Carrs	Y N HCP parking violation	12-13143 verbal warning
3/2/2012	D	1630 Melanie	Y N Nuisance moose	12-13220
3/5/2012	CRT	Palmer Court	Traffic court	
3/5/2012	S	Value Village	Y N HCP parking violation	12-13824 verbal warning
3/5/2012	S	Value Village	Y N HCP parking violation	12-13855 verbal warning
3/6/2012	S	1000 Seneca	N N Abandoned vehicle in ROW	12-14008 24 hr red tag
3/6/2012	S	MUSC	Y N Fire lane parking violation	12-14063 citation
3/6/2012	D	Parks & Yenlo	N N MVA traffic control	12-14068
3/7/2012	S	NAPA Auto Parts	Y N HCP parking violation	12-14196 citation
3/7/2012	S	Holiday	Y N HCP parking violation	12-14199 citation
3/7/2012	S	Fred Meyer	Y N HCP parking violation	12-14229 citation
3/8/2012	D	Wasilla Lake	N N Welfare check	12-14414 unfounded
3/8/2012	S	Susitna & McKinley	Y N ATV violation	12-14418 verbal warning
3/9/2012	D	Lucille & Glen	N N MVA traffic control	12-14607
3/13/2012	S	Target	Y N HCP parking violation- misuse	12-15398 citation
3/13/2012	S	MUSC	Y N HCP parking violation	12-15431 citation
3/14/2012	D	100 Heritage	Y N Public assist	12-15516
3/14/2012	D	KGB & Lakewood	Y N ATV violation	12-15538 verbal warning
3/14/2012	S	Lake Lucille Park	N N Facility/security check	12-15547
3/14/2012	Ω	Dellwood & Peck	Y N RAL dog	12-15549 citation
3/14/2012	D	Craig Stadler	Y N ATV violation	12-15555 verbal warning
3/15/2012	D	1301 Woodcrest	Y N Assist AWT moose feeding violation	12-15733
3/16/2012	CRT	Palmer Court	Traffic court	
3/16/2012	S	AK USA	Y N HCP parking violation	12-15907 citation
3/19/2012	ပ	400 Lone Cub	Y N Dogs chasing moose	12-16755 unfounded
3/19/2012	S	1001 Winter	Y N RAL dog	12-16760



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3/19/2012	S	901 Snowhill	Z	Abandoned vehicle in RPW	12-16762 24 hr red tag
3/19/2012	S	Charter College	N	HCP parking violation	12-16817 citation
3/19/2012	S	Value Village	N X	HCP parking violation	12-16820 citation, DWLS advise
3/20/2012	D	Jalapenos Restaurant	N Y		12-16918 verbal warning
3/21/2012	S	Fred Meyer	N V	HCP parking violation	12-17070 citation
3/21/2012	Э	Lucille & Isle	N	Report of injured dog	12-17088 unable to locate
3/21/2012	Э	425 Kimberly	N X	RAL dogs harassing moose	12-17122 citations x2
3/22/2012	Э	2240 Success	N V	RAL dog	12-17244 citation
3/22/2012	Ω	Post Office	z	HCP parking violation	12-17258 unfounded
3/22/2012	S	Walmart	N Y	HCP parking violation	12-17285 verbal warning
3/23/2012	D	Frank Smith Way	N ≻	Report of dead dog	12-17470 unfounded
3/23/2012	D	Lucille & Danna	z	Report of dead cat	12-17504 unable to locate
3/23/2012	D	Fred Meyer	z	RAL dog	12-17526 unable to catch
3/23/2012	D	950 Nelson	N ≻	Dog welfare check	12-17550
3/27/2012	PAT	Fred Meyer	Z ≻	Public assist- locate "stolen" vehicle	12-18484
3/27/2012	FUP	476 Ravenswood	z ≻	Dog bite	12-18164 home quarantine
3/28/2012	S	Target	Z ≻	HCP parking violation	12-18596 citation
3/28/2012	D	Parks & Hermon	Z ≻	RAL dog	12-18597 return to owner
3/28/2012	С	2100 W Glacier Ave	Z ≻	RAL dog	12-18628 citation
3/28/2012	C	1060 Airway Cir	Z ≻	Report of bear in area	12-18657 unfounded
3/28/2012	D	1580 Pipestone	Z ≻	Dog welfare check	12-18661
3/28/2012	D	Tailgaters	Z ≻	RAL dog	12-18669 unable to catch
3/29/2012	S	Carrs	Z ≻	HCP parking violation	12-18797 citation, DWLS advise
3/29/2012	FUP	476 Ravenswood	V V	Dog bite	12-18164 home
3/29/2012	D	WHS	z	Report of abandoned vehicle	12-18859 unfounded
3/30/2012	FUP	Tailgaters	z ≻	RAL dog	12-18669 unable to catch
3/30/2012	ပ	Whispering Woods & Hiro	z	RAL dog	12-19023 unable to locate
3/30/2012	S	Railroad Ave	z ≻	Check dog trap	12-19043

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