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**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

SPECIAL MEETING

7 P.M.

MAY 21, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (*five minutes per person*)
(Continued from May 14, 2013 regular meeting)

1. Item: AA 13-27 and UP 13-02 (Reso. #13-06)
Petitioner: Matanuska Electric Association (MEA)
Request: Permit to construct new 80-100 feet tall 115 kV double circuit transmission lines, including 100 feet wide right-of-way easement, extending from the new Eklutna generation station to the Herning substation at S. Denali Street located within the Wasilla city limits.

Total Area: Approximately three miles
Site Address: A corridor extending west from Seward-Meridian Highway on the north side of the Parks Highway and then crossing to the south side of the Parks Highway behind Creekside Plaza shopping center and then across to the north side of the Palmer-Wasilla Highway Extension and then west along the Palmer-Wasilla Highway Extension to just east of Glenwood Avenue and then north to the existing Herning

substation (see transmission line corridor on attached drawings dated December 7, 2012.)
Zoning: Commercial and Residential (R-2)
Future Land Use: Generally Commercial/Business and Mixed Use

VI. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

SPECIAL MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 PM, May 21, 2013, in Council Chambers of City Hall, Wasilla, Alaska by Daniel Kelly, Jr., Chairman.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners present and establishing a quorum were:

- Mr. Patrick Brown, Seat A
- Mr. Daniel Kelly, Jr., Seat B
- Ms. Jessica Dean, Seat C
- Vacant, Seat D
- Ms. Glenda Ledford, Seat E
- Mr. Jesse Sumner, Seat G

Commissioners absent and unexcused were:

- Mr. William Green, Seat F

Staff in attendance were:

- Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director
- Ms. Tina Crawford, City Planner
- Ms. Tahirih Revet, Planning Clerk

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. Ms. Crawford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented.

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MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved to re-open the public hearing to provide additional opportunity for the public to give comments.

VOTE: The motion to re-open a public hearing passed unanimously.

Chair Kelly re-opened the public hearing.

Mr. Berkley Tilton, Knik Fairview Community Council, stated he would like to suggest that the City of Wasilla include a member from the Knik Fairview Community Council when having a meeting with other organizations to discuss the best route for the public and Matanuska Electric Association for the transmission lines.

Mr. Joel Fuller, not a resident, indicated that he did not have an objection to the MEA transmission lines but that his business partners were opposed to the suggested route along the Parks Highway.

Mr. Chad Paulson, not a resident, President and CEO of Western Enterprises, Inc., stated that he has property and businesses located in the City and is not in favor of the proposed route.

Mr. Joe Griffith, representative of MEA, provided a brief summary of why MEA is proposing the transmission route along the Parks Highway and asked that the Planning Commission make a decision tonight.

Ms. Crawford reiterated that the City acknowledges that reliable power is necessary for the City but that it is the way that it is provided that matters. Any proposed route needs to be consistent with the City Comprehensive Plan and comply with the general approval criteria in the Land Development Code. She stated that there was conflicting information and that the Commission needed to be sure that they had all the information needed to make a decision regarding the proposed transmission lines. Additionally, she discussed briefly why staff was recommending Option #1.

Mr. Randy Hobbs stated that he didn't believe the transmission lines were necessary and that there were other alternatives that were less expensive and would have less impact on the community.

Mr. Tilton reiterated his previous statement.

Mr. Ken Ray stated he is against the Parks Highway route proposed by MEA and is in favor of them building along the Railroad right-of-way.

Chair Kelly closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Ledford moved to adopt Option #1 with an amendment to add a representative from the Knik Fairview Community Council.

Discussion moved to the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Brown moved to amend the motion to continue the public hearing to July 9, 2013. He also proposed that the public, businesses and affected parties be allowed to participate in the meetings/workshops scheduled by staff.

VOTE: The amendment passed with Commissioner Brown, Ledford, Dean, and Kelly in favor and Commissioner Sumner opposed.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Option #1 as amended passed unanimously.

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

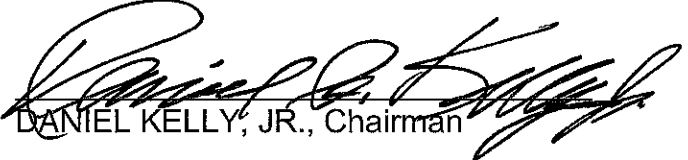
No comments

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.

ATTEST:


TAHIRIH REVET, Planning Clerk


DANIEL KELLY, JR., Chairman

Adopted by the Wasilla Planning Commission June 11, 2013.