

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission was held on January 17, 2022, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Acting Chair, Jason Ortiz.

**Acting Chair, Jason Ortiz moved the Pledge of Allegiance before Approval of Agenda – approved unanimously.**

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Jason Ortiz.

**II. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

Planning Commission members present and establish a quorum:

Mr. Doug Glenn, Assembly District #1  
Ms. Patricia Chesbro, Assembly District #3  
Mr. Chris Elder, Assembly District #5 \*  
Mr. Stafford Glashan, Assembly District #6

Planning Commission members absent and excused were:

Mr. Richard Allen, Assembly District #2  
District #4 and District #7 seats are vacant

Staff in attendance:

Mr. Alex Strawn, Planning and Land Use Director  
Mr. Jason Ortiz, Development Services Manager  
Ms. Denise Michalske, Assistant Borough Attorney

\*Indicates that the individual attended telephonically.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

**II. ELECTIONS**

A. Chair

**MOTION: Commissioner Chesbro made a motion to nominate Stafford Glashan to Chair. The motion was seconded. Motion approved without objection.**

**Stafford Glashan, Chair, took over the meeting.**

B. Vice-Chair

**MOTION: Commissioner Glenn made a motion to nominate Commissioner Chesbro to vice-chair. The motion was seconded. Motion approved without objection.**

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes December 6, 2021 – Regular Meeting

**B. INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING: LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

**Resolution PC 22-01** A Resolution of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission recommending approval of an ordinance repealing 17.68 Outdoor Shooting Facilities. Public Hearing: February 7, 2022 (Staff: Jason Ortiz, Development Services Manager).

**Resolution PC 22-02** A Resolution of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission recommending approval of an ordinance amending MSB 17.30 Conditional Use Permit for Earth Materials Extraction Activities to allow for an exemption of 20,000 cubic yards annually without a permit. Public Hearing: February 7, 2022 (Staff: Jason Ortiz, Development Services Manager).

**Resolution PC 22-03** A Resolution of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission recommending approval of an ordinance exempting the Borough Landfill from earth materials extraction permit code requirements to allow gravel mining on the property, which has been designated as reserve use lands – Sanitary Landfill. Public Hearing: February 7, 2022 (Staff: Jason Ortiz, Development Services Manager).

GENERAL CONSENT: The consent agenda was approved without objection.

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
*(There were no committee reports.)*

**VI. AGENCY/STAFF REPORTS**  
*(There were no Agency/Staff Reports.)*

**VII. LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS**  
*(There were no land use classifications.)*

**VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)**

The following persons spoke:

Jeffrey Hesse, of Talkeetna Community Council spoke about requesting the Planning Commission extend Planning Commission resolution PC22-02.

Audience Participation was closed

**IX. PUBLIC HEARING: QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS**  
*(There were no Quasi-Judicial Public Hearings)*

**XI. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION**

**XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*(There was no unfinished business.)*

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion ensued about removing Resolution PC22-01 from the Consent Agenda and determining how to process this to return the legislation to the Assembly within 90 days.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Chesbro moved to remove PC22-02 from the Consent Agenda and put it on the Agenda for Introduction on February 7, 2021. The motion was seconded. Motion approved without objection.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Chesbro moved to add a special meeting on February 28, 2022, to address PC22-02 only. The motion was seconded. Motion approved without objection.

**XIV. COMMISSION BUSINESS**

A. Upcoming Planning Commission Agenda Items *(Staff: Alex Strawn)*

Discussion ensued regarding Future Agenda Items Memorandum.

**XV. DIRECTOR AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Mr. Ortiz: Quasi-Judicial items can go to appeal. There should be no fact-finding missions. Welcome aboard, Commissioner Glenn.

Mr. Strawn: Congratulations to Commissioner Glenn. Welcome aboard. Congratulations to Commissioner Glashan for his chairmanship and all the glory that comes with that. Remember, with great power comes great responsibility. Congratulations to Commissioner Chesbro on her Vice-Chair seat. Hopefully, you do not have to do that too often; I'm sure you will do fine when you start. Welcome, Commissioner Glenn to the board.

Ms. Michalske I want to reiterate again to make sure there is no discussion regarding any of the cases – not just the one that is listed here.– but especially the one that is listed here. I know that a number of the commissioners were not involved, but you may be involved in the future. The Chairperson is capable of calling a special meeting without anyone else.

Commissioner Glenn: I appreciate being here. Thank you for your services to this board. I look forward to the opportunity. I don't know what I am doing, but I am going to learn. Thank you.

Commissioner Chesbro: Congratulations on your new-found power; welcome to the board, and I look forward to getting lots done. I think we will have an exciting meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> already.

Commissioner Elder: Congratulations going forward – it is going to be a great year.

Commissioner Glashan: I appreciate all of your support in becoming Chair. I was glad to hear from the Talkeetna Community Council that they are keeping an eye on what is going on. And I appreciate having that special meeting to give them a chance to weigh in and lightening the load on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

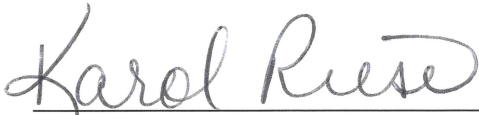
The regular meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.



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STAFFORD GLASHAN  
Planning Commission Chair

ATTEST:



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KAROL RIESE  
Planning Commission Clerk

*Minutes approved:*    02/07/2022