

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission was held on February 28, 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 Chair Stafford Glashan.

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Planning Commission members present and establishing a quorum:

- Mr. Doug Glenn, Assembly District #1 *
- Mr. Richard Allen, Assembly District #2 *
- Ms. Patricia Chesbro, Assembly District #3
- Mr. Michael Rubeo, Assembly District #4
- Mr. Stafford Glashan, Assembly District #6
- Mr. Curt Scoggin, Assembly District #7

Planning Commission members absent and excused were:

- Mr. Chris Elder, Assembly District #5

Staff in attendance:

- Mr. Alex Strawn, Planning and Land Use Director
- Mr. Jason Ortiz, Development Services Manager
- Ms. Denise Michalske, Assistant Borough Attorney
- Ms. Karol Riese, Planning Depart. Administrative Specialist/Planning Commission Clerk

*Indicates that the individual attended telephonically.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Glashan inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved without objection.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Alex Strawn.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

(None)

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.)

(There were no persons to be heard.)

IX. PUBLIC HEARING: QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS

(none)

X. PUBLIC HEARING LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

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 (Staff: Alex Strawn, Planning and Land Use Director).

Chair Glashan read the resolution title into the record.

Mr. Strawn provided a staff report.

Commissioners questioned staff regarding:

- Costs we are talking about for a CUP
- Extraction Operations under this proposal – eliminate setbacks and screenings

Chair Glashan opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke regarding Planning Commission Resolution 22-02: Mr. Steve Colligan, Ms. Jill Adamson, Mr. Frank Sihlar, Ms. Claudia Sihlar, Mr. Chad Scott, Mr. Roger Oliver, Mr. Murph O'Brien, Mr. David Fraker, Ms. Kathleen Koeneman, Ms. Natalie Hanousek, Ms. Sara Gotschall, Ms. Sandra Phillips-Johnson, Ms. Amy Petite, Ms. Patricia Fisher, Mr. Mark Cottini, Mr. Jim Sykes, Mr. Mike Szymanski, Ms. Casey Elliott, Mr. Stephen Edwards, Ms. Rebecca Cozad.

There being no one else to be heard, Chair Glashan closed the public hearing and discussion moved to the Planning Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Chesbro moved Planning Commission Resolution 22-02. The motion was seconded.

Discussion Ensued.

VOTE: Motion was denied.

Yes: (0)

No: (6) Commissioner Rubeo, Chesbro, Glashan, Glenn, Scoggin, and Allen.

MOTION: Commissioner Chesbro moved Planning Commission Resolution 22-06. The motion was seconded.

MOTION: Commissioner Chesbro moved an amendment to Planning Commission Resolution 22-06. The motion was seconded.

Whereas, The current ordinance was developed with significant public and professional input.

VOTE: Motion was approved.
Yes: (6) Commissioner Glashan, Rubeo, Chesbro, Scoggin, Glenn, and Allen.

MOTION: Commissioner Chesbro moved an amendment to Planning Commission Resolution 22-06. The motion was seconded.

Whereas, public testimony from individuals and industry support the current requirements of MSB 17.30.

VOTE: Motion was approved.
Yes: (6) Commissioner Glashan, Rubeo, Chesbro, Scoggin, Glenn, and Allen.

VOTE: Main Motion was approved as amended.
Yes: (6) Commissioner Glashan, Rubeo, Chesbro, Scoggin, Glenn, and Allen.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION
(There was no correspondence and information.)

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
(There was no unfinished business.)

XIII. NEW BUSINESS
(There was no new business.)

XIV. COMMISSION BUSINESS
(There was no commission business.)

XV. DIRECTOR AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Scoggin: I've seen this – often too broad – zoning. Understand the regulations.

Commissioner Glenn: This was not thought out.

Commissioner Chesbro: Appreciate the people coming out to testify.

Commissioner Glashan: Thanked everyone for showing up.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.



STAFFORD GLASHAN,
Planning Commission Chair

ATTEST:



KAROL RIESE, Planning Commission Clerk

Minutes approved: March 21, 2022