

# City of Bethel, Alaska Planning Commission

August 10, 2017

Regular Meeting

Bethel, Alaska

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission was held on August 10, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the City of Bethel Council Chambers room, in Bethel, Alaska. Chair Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Compromising a quorum of the Commission, the following members were present for roll call: Kathy Hanson, John Guinn, Jon Cochrane, Alex Wasierski, and Lorin Bradbury. Also present was Ex-Officio City Planner Ted Meyer and Recorder Betsy Jumper.

Other people present were Ms. Jennifer LeMay, of LeMay Engineering, and Mr. John Sargent, Grant Manager of the City of Bethel, and Mr. Bill Howell, Fire Chief of the City of Bethel.

**III. PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:** *Nobody wished to be heard.*

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF AUGUST 10, 2017**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Jon Cochrane	To approve the agenda.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Lorin Bradbury	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	All in favor 5 for and 0 opposed.	

**V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 13 REGULAR MEETING**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Jon Cochrane	To approve the minutes.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Lorin Bradbury	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	All in favor 5 yes and 0 opposed.	

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for Bethel.

**MOTION TO GO INTO COMMISSION AS A WHOLE**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Jon Cochrane	To go into commission as a whole.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	John Guinn	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	All in favor 5 yes and 0 opposed.	

Ms. Jennifer LaMay summarized the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Bethel (HMP) and gave a power point presentation. The Planning Commission as well as Mr. Sargent and Mr. Howell gave their input into identifying updates/natural hazards from the 2008 HMP and additional hazards that may occur in Bethel.

Ms. LaMay explained that after she prepares the draft with the publics' input, it will then go on to the State, and then after that, FEMA. Once that draft is finalized, it will go to the City Council and the City Council will do a resolution. Ms. LaMay estimated the time frame would be approximately November or December.

**MOTION TO COME OUT OF THE COMMISSION AS A WHOLE**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Jon Cochrane	To come out of commission as a whole.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Lorin Bradbury	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	All in favor 5 yes and 0 opposed.	

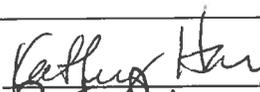
**VII. PLANNER'S REPORT:** Ted went over the monthly happenings.

**VIII. COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:** **Lorin:** It's been a pleasure working with Ted, sorry to see you go. Thank you for all you have done. I think the water and sewer needs need to rise with development; it shouldn't be the other way around, that development is hindered by whether or not we have enough water and sewer trucks. I think the City needs to be thinking in terms of we are growing, and they need to rise to meet more development, more revenue to pay for that. The other thing we've talked about in the past was zoning. We did get one subdivision zoned, believe it was Larson; I'd like to see us get the rest of Bethel zoned, and then address land issues with abandoned buildings. What can we do? Also, abandoned cars are a concern. I'd like to see us address that as well. **John:** Thank you Ted, you did a heck of a great job, sorry to see you go. **Jon:** Thank you Ted, it was good having you while we had you, hope your replacement is at least as competent as you. **Alex:** Wish Ted wasn't leaving and also I agree with Lorin that water and sewer should not be hindering everything. **Kathy:** I already said Ted don't go because in my short time here, man, we got so much done!!! I had no idea that Planning Commission could do so much. I hope whatever the next act is will be as good as you. Good luck Ted. I also agree about the water and sewer—tail that's wagging the dog. I would encourage everyone to try to get to the public hearing about the AVEC wind turbine Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 at the Cultural Center. They may want more towers--we want to make sure everything is done the right way.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Jon Cochrane	Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8.00 pm.
<b>SECONDED:</b>	John Guinn	
<b>VOTE ON MOTION</b>	5 yes and 0 opposed.	

The next meeting will be on September 14, 2017

ATTEST:  Kathy Hanson, Chairperson  
 Betsy Jumper, Recorder

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