

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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Wade Long, Development Services Manager
Fred Wagner, Platting Officer
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*Assembly Chambers of the
Dorothy Swanda Jones Building
350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer*

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES May 19, 2025

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

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission's regular meeting was held on May 19, 2025, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. Chair Wilfred Fernandez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: – Commissioner Doug Glenn
Commissioner Curt Scoggin
Commissioner Linn McCabe
Commissioner Wilfred Fernandez
Commissioner Richard Allen

Absent/Excused: 1 – Commissioner Michael Collins

Staff Present: 4 – Mr. Alex Strawn, Planning and Land Use Department Director
Mr. Wade Long, Development Services Manager
Ms. Lacie Olivieri, Planning Department Admin
Ms. Denise Michalske, Assistant Borough Attorney

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Fernandez 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 Commissioner Scoggin.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. MINUTES: Regular Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2025

B. INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS

Resolution 25-08 A Conditional Use Permit In Accordance With MSB 17.60 - Conditional Uses For The Operation Of A Marijuana Retail Facility Known As, Magic Flower, Located At 8874 W. Business Park Drive (Tax ID# 3209B08L006) (Applicant: Egor Esipov for Magic Flower; Staff: Rick Benedict, Current Planner)

Chair Fernandez read the Consent Agenda into the record.

C. INTRODUCTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING LEGISLATIVE MATTERS
(There were no introductions for public hearing legislative matters.)

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.)

There being no persons to be heard, Audience Participation was closed without objection.

IX. **PUBLIC HEARING QUASI-JUDICIAL MATTERS**

X. **PUBLIC HEARING LEGISLATIVE MATTERS**

Resolution 25-09 A Resolution Of The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Planning Commission Recommending Approval Of An Ordinance Modifying The Intent, Notification, And Appeal Process For MSB 17.05 – Essential Service Utilities. (Staff: Alex Strawn, Planning And Land Use Director)

Chair Fernandez read the resolution title into the record.

Staff, Alex Strawn, presented his staff report.

Chair Fernandez inquired if commissioners had any questions for the Staff.

Commissioner McCabe questioned Mr. Alex Strawn.

Chair Fernandez opened the public hearing.

The following people spoke regarding Planning Commission Resolution 25-09:
Jennifer Castro – in favor
Amber McDonough – in favor

There being no other persons to be heard, Chair Fernandez closed the public hearing, and the discussion moved to the Planning Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner McCabe moved to approve Planning Commission Resolution 25-09. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Glenn.

VOTE: The main motion passed without objection.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

(Correspondence and information were presented, and no comments were noted)

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(There was no unfinished business.)

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIV. COMMISSION BUSINESS

- A. Upcoming Planning Commission Agenda Items *(Staff: Alex Strawn)*
(Commission Business was presented, and no comments were noted.)

XV. DIRECTOR AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Allen: No Comment

Commissioner Glenn: No Comment

Commissioner McCabe: No Comment

Commissioner Scoggin: No Comment

Wade Long: I'd like to recognize Planning Department staff Taunnie Boothby. She is our current planner and Borough floodplain administrator. Taunnie has completed 20 years as a certified floodplain Manager. She is currently down in the states attending the annual Flood Plain conference. She is being nationally recognized for her 20 years of dedicated service. We are very fortunate to have such an experienced and committed professional on our team.

Commissioner Fernandez: Thank you for attending and participating in public Testimony. It is a big part of what we do, and hearing your voices is very important.

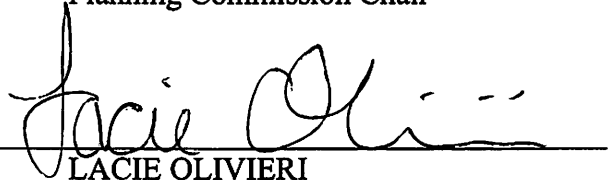
XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m



WILFRED FERNANDEZ
Planning Commission Chair

ATTEST:



LACIE OLIVIERI
Planning Commission Clerk

Minutes approved: _____