

EAST BETHEL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

November 24, 2020

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.021 and the declared public health emergency due to COVID-19, this meeting was held remotely.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wanda McLaurin, Sherry Allenspach, Glenn Terry, Jim Smith,
Daryl Lawrence, Sharon Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Eich

ALSO PRESENT: Erin McDermott, Zoning Administrator
Tim Harrington, City Council Liaison

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Wanda McLaurin called the Planning Commission regular meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2.0 Adopt Agenda

Commissioner Johnson moved and Commissioner Allenspach seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. Roll call vote was taken. McLaurin yes, Allenspach yes, Terry yes, Smith yes, Lawrence yes, Johnson yes. Motion passed unanimously.

3.0 Approve October 27, 2020 meeting minutes

Commissioner Terry moved to amend the October 27, 2020 minutes to clarify under Item 5.0 which portion of the roadway needed additional reflectors to correct the night time visibility issue with the road curvature when travelling westbound on 229th Ave towards Gopher Dr.

Commissioner Terry moved and Commissioner Allenspach seconded to adopt the October 27, 2020 regular meeting minutes as amended. Roll call vote was taken. McLaurin yes, Allenspach yes, Terry yes, Smith yes, Lawrence yes, Johnson yes. Motion passed unanimously.

4.0 Re-Appointment of Wanda McLaurin, Glenn Terry and Sherry Allenspach to the Planning Commission

Background Information:

Chair McLaurin has served on the East Bethel Planning Commission since February, 2018. Vice

Chair Terry has served on the East Bethel Planning Commission since February, 2008.

Commissioner Allenspach has served on the East Bethel Planning Commission since January, 2015. Their current appointments expire on January 31, 2021.

Commissioner Terry moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded to recommend approval to City Council for the re-appointment of Commissioner McLaurin. Roll call vote was taken. McLaurin abstained, Allenspach yes, Terry yes, Smith yes, Lawrence yes, Johnson yes. Motion passed.

Commissioner McLaurin moved and Commissioner Johnson seconded to recommend approval to City Council for the re-appointment of Commissioner Terry. Roll call vote was taken. McLaurin yes, Allenspach yes, Terry abstained, Smith yes, Lawrence yes, Johnson yes. Motion passed.

Commissioner Terry moved and Commissioner Smith seconded to recommend approval to City Council for re-appointment of Commissioner Allenspach. Roll call vote was taken. McLaurin yes, Allenspach abstained, Terry yes, Smith yes, Lawrence yes, Johnson yes. Motion passed.

This item goes before City Council on December 14, 2020.

5.0 Updates

Council Liaison Tim Harrington reported the following City Council actions:

- Whispering Aspen 2nd Addition Preliminary Plat and the Septic Variance at 20824 Eveleth St were approved by City Council.
- Starting November 30th City Hall will be closed to the general public.

Commissioner Allenspach and Chair McLaurin wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Johnson reported the Highway 65 and Klondike RCI will begin in April.

The next Planning and Zoning Commission meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2021.

6.0 Adjournment

Commissioner Allenspach moved and Commissioner McLaurin seconded to adjourn at 7:13 pm. Roll call vote was taken. McLaurin yes, Allenspach yes, Terry yes, Smith yes, Lawrence yes, Johnson yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:
Erin McDermott
Zoning Administrator