

Session 16-18, a Regular Meeting of the Homer Advisory Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Stead at 6:30 p.m. on November 2, 2016 at the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS ABRAHAMSON, ARNOLD, BRADLEY, HIGHLAND, STEAD

ABSENT: BOS, VENUTI

STAFF: CITY PLANNER ABBOUD
DEPUTY CITY CLERK JACOBSEN

Approval of Agenda

Chair Stead called for a motion to approve the agenda.

BRADLEY/HIGHLAND SO MOVED

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

Public Comment

The public may speak to the Planning Commission regarding matters on the agenda that are not scheduled for public hearing or plat consideration. (3 minute time limit).

Reconsideration

Adoption of Consent Agenda

All items on the consent agenda are considered routine and non-controversial by the Planning Commission and are approved in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless requested by a Planning Commissioner or someone from the public, in which case the item will be moved to the regular agenda and considered in normal sequence.

A. Approval of Minutes of October 18, 2016

Chair Stead called for a motion to adopt the consent agenda.

BRADLEY/HIGHLAND SO MOVED

There was no discussion.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

Presentations

Reports

A. Staff Report PL 16-63, City Planner's Report

City Planner Abboud reviewed his staff report in the packet.

He touched on next year's topics including the Comp Plan update and homeless shelters.

Public Hearings

Testimony limited to 3 minutes per speaker. The Commission conducts Public Hearings by hearing a staff report, presentation by the applicant, hearing public testimony and then acting on the Public Hearing items. The Commission may question the public. Once the public hearing is closed the Commission cannot hear additional comments on the topic. The applicant is not held to the 3 minute time limit.

Plat Consideration

A. Staff Report PL 16-62, Lake Street Right-of-Way Acquisition, Preliminary Plat

City Planner Abboud reviewed the staff report and explained this is a right of way acquisition plat.

There was no applicant to present or public comment.

There was brief discussion about right-of-way relating to Lot 1 Waddell Park 2000 and the Triangle Park area across the street.

HIGHLAND/BRADLEY MOVED TO APPROVE STAFF REPORT PL 16-62 AND THE LAKE STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION PRELIMINARY PLAT.

Chair Stead noted that in some places it says these are a fee easement and wondered why they are doing them as easements if they are paying a fee, unless it's to compensate the land owner for the use. City Planner Abboud was unsure.

VOTE: NON OBJECTION: UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Motion carried.

Pending Business

New Business

Informational Materials

A. City Manager's Report dates October 24, 2016

Comments of the Audience

Comments of Staff

City Planner Abboud encouraged the Commission to think about homeless shelters and the concerns that have come up previously. He will provide them with some information.

Deputy City Clerk Jacobsen reminded them of the training with the City Attorney scheduled for Wednesday, November 9th.

Comments of the Commission

Commissioner Highland welcomed Commissioner Arnold and said this may be their record for a short meeting.

Commissioner Bradley welcomed Commissioner Arnold and reminded everyone about the Pratt Museum fund raiser, The Ritz, is this weekend.

Commissioner Abrahamson welcomed Commissioner Arnold. She noted the City Manager's report and the letter of non-objection about the gate at the top of Airport Road. She's happy to see it go in, it will provide some good habitat protection as well as help reduce crime in that area.

Commissioner Arnold thanked everyone and looks forward to working with the Commission.

Chair Stead said they did well tonight and welcomed Commissioner Arnold.

Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers. A worksession will be held at 5:30 p.m.

MELISSA JACOBSEN, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Approved: _____