



CITY OF KOTZEBUE NOTICE

Planning Commission Meeting Agenda

July 09, 2026 at 5:15 PM

City Hall Chambers – 258 A Third Avenue

THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

For residents who want to participate telephonically call: **1-800-315-6338**; access code:
49401#

II. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 5:20 PM.

Chairman Ernest Norton, Commissioner Cook, and Commissioner Nelson were all present in chambers. Quorum was established.

III. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Introduction of Guests

Ron Johnson – City Manager, Fred Smith – City Planner, Randy Walker – Planning Director, Paeton Schaeffer – Projects Coordinator, Jason Avery – Public Works Director, Joe Evans – City Attorney.

V. Adoption of The Agenda

Agenda was amended to strike “Arctic Circle Wild Salmon Tidelands Permit” from New Business.

Commissioner Cook moved to approve the agenda as *amended*, seconded by Commissioner Nelson. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Adoption of Minutes

a) June 11th, 2026

Commissioner Cook moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Nelson. Motion approved unanimously.

VII. Correspondence/Reports

a) Planning Director Report

Planning Director, Randy Walker, presented his report. Commissioners had questions, Randy and Fred answered.

VIII. Unfinished Business

a) North Tent City Disposal – Discussion

Topic was discussed, City Planner, Fred Smith, added further explanation regarding damages, debris, land ownership and requests. Commissioners had questions regarding next steps, questions were answered by Fred Smith.

b) Tidelands Rate Change – Discussion

New fee schedule to be determined at next City Council meeting, new rates are set and active now.

IX. New Business

~~**a) Arctic Circle Wild Salmon Tidelands Permit**~~

X. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting

a) August 13th, 2026, 5:15 PM, City Hall Chambers

XI. Public Comments

Randy let Commissioners know that he and Fred will be traveling and out of the office next week.

XII. Commissioner's Comments

A. Ernest Norton, Chairman – Thanked staff for all their hard work and festivities for the 4th of July.

B. Clay Nordlum

C. Carl Weisner

D. Christopher Cook – Keep up the good work, safe travels.

E. Hans Nelson – Thanks everyone, looks forward to the next meeting.

XIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Cook. Motion approved unanimously.

The Regular Planning Commission Meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Planning Department at (907)442-5203, or email customerservice@kotzebue.org.