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Presented By:  
President Brent Johnson

Material Site Working Group established by Resolution 2018-004 (Substitute).  
Review of Members, Meetings and Votes

- 1-31-18 Working Group first met. Members were:
  - 2 from Assembly, Norm Blakeley and Wayne Ogle
  - 2 from Planning Commission, Robert Ruffner and Jim Isham
  - 2 from Industry, Tom Clark and Larry Smith
  - 2 home-owners, Stacy Crouse and Brent JohnsonRuffner elected chairman, Ogle vice-chairman.  
Planning Director Max Best, Planner Bruce Wall, and Deputy Attorney Holly Montague assisted.
- After five, 2-hour meetings of the Working Group, public hearings were held. One in Soldotna and One in Anchor Point.
- 5-15-18 Assembly extended deadline for final report.
- After the 5-23-18 meeting the Group broke for summer, having met ten times (9 with a quorum). By this time the Group had agreed to 13, non-controversial changes.
- Jim Isham passed away Aug 15, 2018. (attendance record 5 of 8)
- Stacy Crouse resigned due to other commitments. (attendance 7 of 8)
- 10-10-18 Working group begin meeting again. Syverine Abrahamson-Benz replaced Jim Isham for his Planning Commission seat.
- 10-24-18 Robin Davis replaced Stacy Crouse for the home-owner seat. Public hearings begin, limited to the first half hour and to the end of each meeting.
- 2-13-19 after conducting eight, 2-hour meetings since reconvening from summer break, the length of meetings begin, at this meeting, to be set for 3 hours.
- Group held two all-day (9-5) meetings in April 2019, in addition to a three-hour meeting. the Group's final meeting was for 15 minutes to vote on the final product. It passed 7-1 with Smith opposing.
- Since reconvening, attendance was: Benz 12 of 16, Blakeley 14 of 16, Clark 13 of 16, Davis 15 of 15 (he was appointed after the first meeting), Johnson 15 of 16, Ogle 16 of 16, Ruffner 14 of 16, Smith 14 of 16.
- 7-15-19 Planning Commission held a work session on the Material Site Permits amendments.
- 8-26-19 Planning Commission expressed considerable dissatisfaction with the proposed ordinance. An illustration is Commissioner Ernst's comments: "... He felt the Assembly should be in charge of material site extractions. They obviously do not empower the Planning Commission to use their own judgement to determine whether it is appropriate. This has been going on since he joined the

Planning Commission." Believing they needed more time to develop some more restrictive options, the Planning Commission postponed the Ordinance by a vote of 8 Yes – 1 No – 3 Absent.

- 9-9-19 The Planning Commission made 22 motions to amend the Material site Ordinance and passed 14 of them. The amendments that passed generally put further restrictions on pit operators. The Planning Commission then requested a joint work session with the Assembly on the Ordinance.

- 11-5-19 The Assembly and Planning Commission held a joint work session on Ordinance 2019-30. In attendance were: Assembly members Jesse Bjorkman, Norm Blakeley, Ben Carpenter, President Kelly Cooper, Tyson Cox, Willy Dunn, Brent Hibbert, Brent Johnson, and Vice president Hal Smalley. Planning Commissioners Jeremy Brantley, Rick Foster, Blair Martain, and on Zoom: Cindy Ecklund, Virginia Morgan, Syverine Abrahamson-Benz, and Franco Venuti. Borough Mayor Charlie Pierce, Chief of Staff James Baisden, Planning Director Max Best, Planner Bruce Wall.

- 12-3-19 The Assembly Amended Ordinance 2019-30 with Ordinance 2019-30 Mayor's Substitute. In answer to a question, the Legal Department said clear rules are easier to defend than rules that offer the Planning Commission latitude. Ordinance 2019-30 failed 3-6. Voting Yes were Cooper, Dunn and Johnson.

- 1-7-20 The Assembly took public testimony on Reconsideration of Ordinance 2019-30 Mayor's Substitute. Reconsideration failed on a 4-5 vote. Voting Yes were: Bjorkman, Cox, Dunn, and Johnson.