

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:
 - 1. Regular Meeting: February 25, 2008
- B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on March 24, 2008:
 - 1. **Ordinance Serial No. 08-15:** Amending WMC 6.16.010, Definitions, WMC 6.16.020, Review Of Liquor License Applications, WMC 6.16.030, Waiver Of Protest, And WMC 6.16.040, Consideration By Council, To Provide For City Action On Applications To Relocate A Liquor License Into The City That Are Subject To City Approval Under As 04.11.400(m). (Sponsored by Council Member Metiva)
 - 2. **Ordinance Serial No. 08-16:** Amending WMC 5.32.110 Concerning Negotiated Leases Of City Land.
- C. Resolutions
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- D. Action Memorandums
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IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **AM No. 08-14:** Review Of The Dittman Survey To Be Mailed Out To The Residents And Business Owners Of The City Of Wasilla.
- B. Committee of the Whole
 - 1. Discussion of Library Vision

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, March 10, 2008, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Dianne M. Keller called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Council Members present and establishing a quorum were:

- Ms. Stephanie Massie, Seat A
- Mr. Doug Holler, Seat B
- Mr. Steve Menard, Seat C
- Ms. Dianne Woodruff, Seat E
- Mr. Kristofer Larson, Deputy Mayor, Seat F

Mayor Keller noted that Council Member Marty Metiva, Seat D, was absent and asked if there was objection to excusing his absence.

No objection was noted.

Staff in attendance were:

- Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk
- Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk
- Mr. Archie Giddings, Director of Public Works
- Ms. Angella Long, Police Chief
- Ms. Cheryl Deariso, Chief Financial Officer
- Mr. Bruce Urban, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager
- Mr. Marvin Yoder, Interim Deputy Administrator

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. Presentation of Colors by Boy Scout Troop 300

Boy Scout Troop 300 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Keller asked if there were changes to the agenda.

Council Member Menard requested to move AM No. 08-14 from the Consent Agenda to New Business, as item A.

No objection was noted.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved, as amended, by Deputy Mayor Larson, and Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, and Woodruff. *(Clerk note: Council Member Metiva was absent and excused.)*

V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

A. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

No report was presented.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings scheduled.

B. Persons to be Heard

No comments were made.

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The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda into the record.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as read by the City Clerk.

VOTE: The motion to approve the Consent Agenda, passed unanimously, with Deputy Mayor Larson, and Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, and Woodruff voting in favor. *(Clerk note: Council Member Metiva was absent and excused.)*

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **AM No. 08-14:** Review Of The Dittman Survey To Be Mailed Out To The Residents And Business Owners Of The City Of Wasilla.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to adopt AM No. 08-14.

Discussion followed.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved a primary amendment to add the following survey question as item 12 under Public Safety: Illegal ATV use in city limits.

Discussion followed.

GENERAL CONSENT: The primary amendment, to add the following survey question as item 12 under Public Safety: Illegal ATV use in city limits, passed without objection, by Deputy Mayor Larson, and Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, and Woodruff. *(Clerk note: Council Member Metiva was absent and excused.)*

MOTION: Council Member Massie moved a primary amendment to strike the word "illegal" from survey question 12 to read as follows: ATV use in city limits.

Discussion followed and debate ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved a secondary amendment to add a comment line under survey question 12.

Discussion continued.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved the previous question. *(Clerk note: The effect of this motion is to immediately end debate.)*

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion to move the previous question, passed without objection, by Deputy Mayor Larson, and Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, and Woodruff. *(Clerk note: Council Member Metiva was absent and excused.)*

VOTE: The secondary amendment, to add a comment line under survey question 12, passed unanimously with Deputy Mayor Larson, and Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, and Woodruff voting in favor. *(Clerk note: Council Member Metiva was absent and excused.)*

VOTE: The primary amendment, to strike the word "illegal" from survey question 12 to read as follows: ATV use in city limits, passed with Deputy Mayor Larson, and Council Members Holler, Massie, and Woodruff voting in favor and Council Member Menard opposed. *(Clerk note: Council Member Metiva was absent and excused.)*

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved a primary amendment to survey question 29 to read as follows: The city should build **and fund** a new, larger **public** library. *(Clerk note: bold and underline is language added.)*

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The primary amendment, to survey question 29 to read as follows: The city should build **and fund** a new, larger **public** library, passed unanimously with Deputy Mayor Larson, and Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, and Woodruff voting in favor. (*Clerk note: Council Member Metiva was absent and excused.*)

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved a primary amendment to strike question 30 in its entirety as follows: [THE CITY SHOULD USE A SEPARATE, NEW 0.5% SALES TAX TO BUILD A NEW, LARGER LIBRARY.] (*Clerk note: CAPS and brackets is language added.*)

Discussion followed.

GENERAL CONSENT: The primary amendment, to strike question 30 in its entirety as follows: [THE CITY SHOULD USE A SEPARATE, NEW 0.5% SALES TAX TO BUILD A NEW, LARGER LIBRARY.], passed without objection by Deputy Mayor Larson, and Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, and Woodruff voting in favor. (*Clerk note: Council Member Metiva was absent and excused.*)

Discussion followed.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved a primary amendment to add a comment line under the section titled City Library.

VOTE: The primary amendment, to add a comment line under the section titled City Library, passed unanimously with Deputy Mayor Larson, and Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, and Woodruff voting in favor. (*Clerk note: Council Member Metiva was absent and excused.*)

Discussion continued regarding the content of the survey.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved a primary amendment to amend the survey by adding the following questions from the 2005 Dittman Survey, which were omitted in the current survey, as follows: 1) How would you rate the following areas of the Dorothy Page Museum? hours of operation; content of the exhibits. 2) Please rate the following summer events of the Dorothy Page Museum that you have attended? Farmers Market; Music Events; Lectures; Classes. 3) Since 2000, Wasilla has reduced its share of the property tax from 1.2 mils to 0.4 mils. Do you feel the current mil rate of 0.4 is too high, about right or too low? 4) Have you used the city website www.cityofwasilla.com in the past 12 months? 5) Do you feel the city website is easy to use and understand? Would you like more ways to conduct city business using the web? Have you used the website to

access city maps or codes? Have you used the website to access job announcements? 6) During the past 12 months, how often did you use the following to obtain information about the City of Wasilla? Frontiersman; Anchorage Daily News; Word-of-mouth/friends or neighbors; TV; Radio; Mailed notices from the city; City's website www.cityofwasilla.com. (Clerk note, question number 3 must be modified to reflect the current mil rate of zero.)

VOTE: The primary amendment, passed unanimously with Deputy Mayor Larson, and Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, and Woodruff voting in favor. (Clerk note: Council Member Metiva was absent and excused.)

MOTION: Council Member Larson moved a primary amendment to increase the appropriation in AM No. 08-14 in an amount not to exceed \$14,500.

Discussion continued.

VOTE: The primary amendment f to increase the appropriation in AM No. 08-14 in an amount not to exceed \$14,500, failed with Deputy Mayor Larson in favor, and Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, and Woodruff, voting in opposition. (Clerk note: four affirmative votes are required to carry any measure before the council.) (Clerk note: Council Member Metiva was absent and excused.)

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to postpone AM No. 08-14, as amended, to the March 24, 2008, Regular Meeting.

VOTE: The motion to postpone AM No. 08-14, as amended, to the March 24, 2008, Regular Meeting, passed unanimously. (Clerk note: Council Member Metiva was absent and excused.)

B. Committee of the Whole

1. Discussion of Library Vision

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to enter into a Committee of the Whole to discuss the vision of the Wasilla Public Library.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion to enter into a Committee of the Whole, passed without objection, by Deputy Mayor Larson, and Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, and Woodruff. (Clerk note: Council Member Metiva was absent and excused.)

The Council entered into a Committee of the Whole at 8:37 p.m. to discuss the vision of the Wasilla Public Library.

Discussion moved to the Council and staff answered questions.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to exit the Committee of the Whole at 8:55 p.m.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion to exit the Committee of the Whole passed without objection by Deputy Mayor Larson, and Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, and Woodruff. *(Clerk note: Council Member Metiva was absent and excused.)*

(Clerk note: The council took no action after exiting the Committee of the Whole.)

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No action was taken on the communication items.

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ms. Annette Andres:

- shared ideas for alternative ways to conduct surveys to include the internet;
- shared ideas for streamlining the Dittman Survey in AM No. 08-14; and
- talked about creative ways to obtain funding for the construction of a new library.

Mr. Phil Lockwood:

- expressed the need to build for the future.

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

City Clerk:

- noted she plans to send a letter to all liquor license holders in the City to inform them of the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 08-15 (no objection was noted);
- reported Alaska Public Offices Commission Financial Disclosure Statements are due to the Office of the City Clerk by Friday, March 14;
- inquired about agenda items for the upcoming Joint Tri-Cities/Mat-Su Borough Assembly meeting, scheduled to take place on March 27, 2008.

Mayor Keller requested to add the subject of a bed tax to the March 27, 2008, Joint Tri-Cities/Mat-Su Borough Assembly meeting agenda.

No objection was noted.

Council Member Woodruff requested to add the subject of liquor license transfers under AS 04.11.400(m) to the March 27, 2008, Joint Tri-Cities/Mat-Su Borough Assembly meeting agenda.

No objection was noted.

Mayor Keller:

- noted she distributed a written report;
- thanked the Alaska Railroad Corporation for donating two tickets to be awarded to a participant, in the Dittman Community Survey, through a drawing (AM No. 08-14);
- requested that the Council participate in a online survey distributed by the MBL Group in regard to the City's pay for performance system (the MBL Group provides professional human resources consulting services to the City); and
- asked the Council how much money they would like Administration to insert into the FY-09 and FY-10 budget for the Greater Wasilla Convention and Visitors Bureau, as directed in AM No. 08-11.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to direct administration to include \$50,000 in the FY 09 and FY-10 budget for Greater Wasilla Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Discussion followed.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion to direct administration to include \$50,000 in the FY-09 and FY-10 budget for the Greater Wasilla Convention and Visitors Bureau, passed without objection by Deputy Mayor Larson, Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, and Woodruff. *(Clerk note, Council Member Metiva was absent and excused.)*

The Council directed staff to schedule a work session on March 24 or April 14, 2008, at 6 p.m., with representatives from the Greater Wasilla Convention and Visitors Bureau to discuss the next steps for the bureau.

No objection was noted.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Woodruff:

- thanked the Alaska Railroad for donating the Dittman Survey tickets;
- noted she is sponsoring Ordinance Serial No. 08-16(SUB) to address the process for leasing city land for beneficial new industry under WMC 5.32.1100.A.1, Negotiated leases; and
- asked Chief Long questions about the Houston Animal Control Shelter and the animal control contract between the City of Wasilla and the City of Houston.

Council Member Menard:

- thanked the public for attending the council meeting;
- recognized staff for their service; and
- spoke about operational costs associated with new construction.

Council Member Massie:

- thanked the audience for attending the council meeting.

Council Member Larson:

- spoke in opposition to enacting new taxes; and
- spoke about the impact of unanticipated legal expenses this fiscal year.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was scheduled.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Mayor Keller, adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.



DIANNE M. KELLER
Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on March 24, 2008