



MAYOR

Dianne M. Keller

COUNCIL

Stephanie Massie, Seat A

Douglas W. Holler, Seat B

Steve Menard, Seat C

Marty Metiva, Seat D

Dianne Woodruff, Seat E

Kristofer Larson, Deputy Mayor, Seat F

**WASILLA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA**

WASILLA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Wasilla City Hall, 290 E. Herning Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654 (907) 373-9090

REGULAR MEETING

7 P.M.

FEBRUARY 11, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Presentation of Colors by Boy Scout Troop 300

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

A. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

B. Friends Of Wasilla Public Library

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 08-08:** Amending The FY-08 Police Department Budget By Accepting And Appropriating Funds In The Amount Of \$31,990 From The State Of Alaska Department Of Public Safety To Fund A Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD)/Alaska Public Safety Information Network (APSIN) Interface Enhancement Under The Existing Master Support Agreement Between The City Of Wasilla And Tiburon.

B. Persons to be Heard

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: January 28, 2007
2. Special Meetings: January 21 and 28, 2008

B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on February 25, 2008:

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2. **Ordinance Serial No. 08-10:** Amending The FY-08 Police Department Budget By Accepting And Appropriating \$25,000 From The Department Of Military And Veterans Affairs, Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management For SECC After-Hours Answering To Be Provided By Mat-Com Dispatch Effective July 1, 2007.
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 08-11:** To Amend The FY-08 Mat-Su Youth Court Budget By Accepting And Appropriating Grant Funds From Bishop's Attic II In The Amount Of \$3,000.

4. **Ordinance Serial No. 08-12:** To Amend The FY-08 Mat-Su Youth Court Budget By Accepting And Appropriating Grant Funds From The Alaska Bar Association Law Related Education (LRE) Committee In The Amount Of \$2,000.
5. **Ordinance Serial No. 08-13:** To Amend The FY-08 Mat-Su Youth Court Budget By Accepting And Appropriating Grant Funds From The Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District In The Amount Of \$5,830.
6. **Ordinance Serial No. 08-14:** Amending WMC 3.45.010, Definitions, WMC 3.60.010, Regular Hours Of Work, And WMC 3.85.010, Scope, To Clarify The Definition Of Confidential/Managerial Positions And Hours Of Work Required Of Employees In Designated Managerial Or Professional Positions, And To Provide A Current Designation Of Confidential/Managerial Positions.

C. Resolutions

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D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 08-12:** Authorize A Contract With Denali Law Group In An Amount Not To Exceed \$23,500 For Review Of The Development Process Involving Two Properties Located Within The Wasilla City Limits That Are Adjacent To The Parks Highway.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **AM No. 08-11:** Establishing Budget Goals And Initiatives For FY-09 And FY-10

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Information Memorandums
- B. Commission Minutes
1. Parks and Recreation Commission: January 16, 2008

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, February 11, 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
- Mr. Marty Metiva, Seat D
- Ms. Dianne Woodruff, Seat E
- Mr. Kristofer Larson, Deputy Mayor, Seat F

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
- 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, hearing none, the agenda was approved, as presented, without objection by Deputy Mayor Larson, Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, Metiva, and Woodruff.

V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no special orders.

VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

A. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

No report was presented.

B. Friends Of Wasilla Public Library

Ms. Jeanne Troshynshi, President:

- thanked the Council for meeting with the Friends of Wasilla Public Library on February 4, 2008;
- thanked the Council for recognizing that the Wasilla Public Library is an asset of the City of Wasilla; and
- shared information on Senate Bill 119.

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Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 08-08 and there being no one present who wished to testify the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Metiva moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 08-08.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 08-08, passed unanimously with Deputy Mayor Larson, Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, Metiva, and Woodruff voting in favor.

B. Persons to be Heard

1. Mr. Ted Leonard:

Mr. Leonard:

- spoke in support of conducting community surveys as a way to bridge the gap between citizens and policy makers;
- talked about how surveys can serve as a measurement tool in evaluating performance; and
- encouraged the adoption of AM No. 08-09.

The Council asked questions of Mr. Leonard regarding the City of Wasilla Community Survey, dated May – June 2005. (Clerk note: *Mr. Leonard was the former Finance Director for the City of Wasilla.*)

2. Ms. Cheryl Metiva

Ms. Metiva:

- spoke in support of Resolution Serial No. 08-05;
- spoke in support of AM No. 08-09; and
- encouraged the continued support of the Wasilla Convention and Tourism Bureau.

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The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda into the record.

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

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda passed without objection by Deputy Mayor Larson, Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, Metiva, and Woodruff.

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MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to adopt AM No. 08-09. *(Motion on the floor from the January 28, 2008, Regular Council Meeting.)*

The Deputy Administrator shared information received from the Dittman Research Corporation regarding the following: 1) the best time of year to conduct the survey to encourage maximum community response; 2) how long should the process take from beginning to end; and 3) given the rapid population change in Wasilla, can the City reasonably expect the results to show continuity with the results of the last survey or to reflect real trends.

Discussion followed and debate ensued.

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

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection by Deputy Mayor Larson, Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, Metiva, and Woodruff.

TIE VOTE: The motion to adopt AM No. 08-09 failed with Deputy Mayor Larson, Council Members Massie, and Metiva voting in favor and Council Members Holler, Menard, and Woodruff opposed. Mayor Keller chose to invoke her voting privilege in the affirmative thus causing the **motion to pass**.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **AM No. 08-11:** Establishing Budget Goals And Initiatives For FY-09 And FY-10

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to adopt AM No. 08-11.

Discussion followed.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved a primary amendment to AM No. 08-11, Initiative Number 14, as follows: Continue to support implementation and operation of tourism bureau, **by matching dollar for dollar revenue raised by the Greater Wasilla Convention and Visitors Bureau through membership dues and fundraisers in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 annually, pending budget approval.** (Clerk note: bold and underline is language added.)

Council Member Metiva declared a conflict of interest and requested to be excused from voting on the primary amendment. He stated that although he has no direct financial interest in the Wasilla Convention and Visitors Bureau, a perceived conflict may exist as his wife is the Executive Director of the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Keller ruled in favor of the conflict of interest as declared by Council Member Metiva.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to appeal from the decision of the Chair. (Clerk note: the question before the council is shall the decision of the chair be sustained?)

Council Member Metiva abstained from discussion and action regarding the appeal.

VOTE: The question to sustain the decision of the Chair failed with Council Members Holler, Massie, and Woodruff voting in favor and Council Members Menard and Larson opposed. (Clerk note: Four affirmative votes shall be required to carry any measure before the council.)

Council Member Metiva resumed participation.

Discussion continued on the primary amendment.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Council Member Menard voting in favor and Deputy Mayor Larson, Council Members Holler, Massie, Metiva, and Woodruff opposed.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved a primary amendment to AM No 08-11 as follows: to add **initiative number 55**, to read, **allocating \$50,000 annually for the preservation of lakes and streams within the city.** (Clerk note: bold and underline is language added.)

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

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection by Deputy Mayor Larson, Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, Metiva, and Woodruff.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed unanimously with Deputy Mayor Larson, Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, Metiva, and Woodruff voting in favor.

VOTE: The motion to adopt AM No. 08-11, as amended, passed unanimously, with Deputy Mayor Larson, Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, Metiva, and Woodruff voting in favor.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Information Memorandums

B. Commission Minutes

1. Parks and Recreation Commission: January 16, 2008

No action was taken on the communication items.

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

No comments were made.

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk:

- reviewed the budget meeting calendar;
- noted 2008 Alaska Public Officials Financial Disclosure Statements were distributed; and
- noted she distributed a timeline to the Council outlining the action taken by the Council in regard to the construction of the Wasilla Multi-Use Sports Complex.

Mayor Keller:

- noted she presented the Council with a written report; and
- reported on recent developments in unionization activities.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Holler:

- suggested questions for the next community survey.

Council Member Menard:

- suggested placing questions about constructing a new library in the next community survey; and
- spoke about the success of the State Hockey Tournament recently held at the Wasilla Multi-Use Sports Complex.

Council Member Woodruff:

- thanked the Code Compliance for his assistance with a residential refuse dispute; and
- spoke in support of AM No. 08-12 moving forward.

Council Member Massie:

- suggested that administration include questions about library service and the Wasilla Multi-Use Sports complex in the upcoming community survey.

Council Member Metiva:

- spoke about the need to keep moving forward;
- thanked the audience for attending the meeting;
- thanked Council Member Menard for his amendment to AM No. 08-11; and
- wished Council Member Massie Happy Birthday.

Council Member Larson:

- shared ideas for improved interaction with the public during council meetings;
- spoke in support of Resolution Serial No. 08-05; and
- spoke about the success of the State Hockey Tournament recently held at the Wasilla Multi-Use Sports Complex.

Council Member Keller: (comments continued)

- noted she requested that the lobbyist track Senate Bill 119; and
- reported on the success of the start of the Tesoro Iron Dog in Big Lake.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Mayor Keller, adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk



DIANNE M. KELLER
Mayor

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on February 25, 2008.