



MAYOR
Verne E. Rupright

COUNCIL
Ron Cox, Seat A
Douglas W. Holler, Deputy Mayor, Seat B
Leone Harris, Seat C
Nancy R. Hall, Seat D
Dianne Woodruff, Seat E
Kristofer Larson, 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.

JANUARY 26, 2009

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. Planning Commission

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

C. Airport Advisory Commission

D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

E. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-07:** Amending the fiscal year 2009 Mat-Su Youth Court budget by accepting and appropriating grant funds from Bishop's Attic II in the amount of \$1,500.
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-08:** Amending the fiscal year 2009 Wasilla City Library budget by accepting and appropriating \$250 from the Pioneers of Alaska Women's Igloo No. 11 President's Choice Award.
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-09:** Amending WMC 2.68.010, Establishment, Purpose, Duties, and Compensation, to increase the number of the Airport Advisory Commissioners from five to seven.
4. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-10:** Amending the fiscal year 2009 budget by appropriating \$40,436.83 to the capital reserve fund from the special assessment sewer improvement debt service fund.
5. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-11:** Amending the fiscal year 2009 budget by appropriating \$24,238 in Matanuska-Susitna Borough funding for the Garden Terrace Subdivision water system.

B. Persons to be Heard

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA¹

A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: January 12, 2009
2. Special Meeting: January 12, 2009

B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on February 9, 2009:

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-15:** An ordinance amending WMC 2.72.010, Establishment, Duties, and Compensation, regarding the Wasilla Historical Commission.

¹ Ordinance Serial No. 09-16 was removed from the Consent Agenda and addressed separately under New Business.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-17:** An ordinance amending the fiscal year 2009 Police Department budget by accepting and appropriating funds from the State of Alaska, Department of Public Safety in an amount not to exceed \$57,444 for participation in the Bureau of Highway Patrol program.
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-19:** An ordinance transferring funds in the amount of \$52,000 for Crusey Street improvements and repealing Resolution Serial No. 09-05.

C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 09-06:** A resolution supporting nominations to the 2010-2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

D. Action Memorandums

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS²

- ~~A. **AM No. 09-02:** Request for action on La Fiesta Dos liquor license renewal.~~
- ~~B. **AM No. 09-03:** Request for action on Chepos liquor license renewal.~~
- C. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-16:** An ordinance amending WMC 2.04.060.A, specifically to modify the time council meetings will commence.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Informational Memorandums

1. **IM No. 09-03:** Providing the monthly financial reports for the period ending December 2008 to include the month-to-date expenditure report and expenditures greater than \$5,000 and the quarterly report of businesses receiving a penalty waiver for sales tax.

² AM Nos. 09-02 and 09-03 were removed from the agenda.

B. Commission Minutes

1. Planning Commission: December 9, 2008

2. Parks and Recreation Commission: November 12, 2008

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Land Acquisition

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, January 26, 2009, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Verne E. Rupright called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Members present and establishing a quorum were:

- Mr. Ron Cox, Seat A
- Ms. Leone Harris, Seat C
- Ms. Dianne Woodruff, Seat E
- Mr. Kristofer Larson, Seat F

Mayor Rupright noted that Deputy Mayor Doug Holler, Seat B, and Ms. Nancy R. Hall, Seat D, were absent and excused, unless objection was noted. No objection was noted.

Staff in attendance were:

- Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk
- Ms. Amanda E. Charles, Deputy Clerk
- Mr. Thomas Klinkner, City Attorney
- Ms. Cheryl Deariso, Finance Director
- Mr. Archie Giddings, Director of Public Works
- Ms. Angella Long, Police Chief
- Mr. Bruce Urban, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager
- Mr. Marvin Yoder, Deputy Administrator

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rupright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Rupright requested that AM Nos. 09-03 and 09-04 be removed from the agenda due to the fact the situations had been rectified.

There was no objection noted.

Council Member Cox requested that Ordinance Serial No. 09-16 be removed from the Consent Agenda and addressed separately.

There was no objection noted.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no special orders of the day.

VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

Mr. Marvin Yoder, Deputy Administrator:

- spoke regarding their last meeting; and
- noted discussions on conservation subdivisions.

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

Ms. Mary Champine, Parks and Recreation Commissioner:

- stated that Arbor Day would be held on May 14, 2009, although the site is yet to be determined;
- spoke regarding discussions on a master parks plan;
- commented on the Statehood Celebration which was delayed; and
- thanked the sponsors and contributors for their part in the success of the Statehood Celebration.

C. Airport Advisory Commission

Mr. Archie Giddings:

- briefed the Council on his discussions with the Federal Aviation Administration regarding brining the controlled air space down to the ground surface; and
- explained that there would be a resolution before the Commission at their next meeting supporting this effort.

D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Assemblymember Mark Ewing, District 4:

- spoke to a local community survey;
- commented on proposed impact fees;
- noted his opposition to a plastic bag tax;
- spoke regarding Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Resolution Serial No. 09-006 regarding the adoption of a Capital Improvements Program;

- advised that the next Assembly meeting would be held on February 3, 2009; and
- touched on several tax options that are up for discussion before the Assembly.

E. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Cheryl Metiva, President:

- spoke regarding the newly elected members to the Board of Directors;
- noted that the Board Members will be attending the Council meetings with her in the future;
- commented on the upcoming retreat for the Board of Directors;
- spoke to the Iditarod Days Festival; and
- advised that Mayor Rupright would be the keynote speaker at their next meeting.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

Mayor Rupright asked if there was any objection to moving Ordinance Serial Nos. 09-07 and 09-08 together. There was no objection noted.

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-07:** Amending the fiscal year 2009 Mat-Su Youth Court budget by accepting and appropriating grant funds from Bishop's Attic II in the amount of \$1,500.
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-08:** Amending the fiscal year 2009 Wasilla City Library budget by accepting and appropriating \$250 from the Pioneers of Alaska Women's Igloo No. 11 President's Choice Award.

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Council.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 09-07 and 09-08.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-09:** Amending WMC 2.68.010, Establishment, Purpose, Duties, and Compensation, to increase the number of the Airport Advisory Commissioners from five to seven.

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing.

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MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-09

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

4. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-10:** Amending the fiscal year 2009 budget by appropriating \$40,436.83 to the capital reserve fund from the special assessment sewer improvement debt service fund.

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Council.

MOTION: Council Member Larson moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-10.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

5. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-11:** Amending the fiscal year 2009 budget by appropriating \$24,238 in Matanuska-Susitna Borough funding for the Garden Terrace Subdivision water system.

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Council.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-11.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. Persons to be Heard

The following person spoke regarding subdivision issues currently before the Planning Commission: Mr. Stephen Stoll.

The following person spoke regarding his experience on the Wasilla Planning Commission and research that was performed on conservation subdivisions: Assemblymember Mark Ewing.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA¹

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- C. Resolutions
 1. **Resolution Serial No. 09-06:** A resolution supporting nominations to the 2010-2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.
- D. Action Memorandums

There were no action memorandums presented.

The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda into the record.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as read into the record by the Clerk.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business presented.

X. NEW BUSINESS²

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C. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-16:** An ordinance amending WMC 2.04.060.A, specifically to modify the time council meetings will commence.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to set Ordinance Serial No. 09-16 for public hearing on February 9, 2009.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

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B. Commission Minutes

1. Planning Commission: December 9, 2008
2. Parks and Recreation Commission: November 12, 2008

No action was taken on the communication items.

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no audience comments provided.

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Ms. Smithers:

- spoke to the proposed budget meeting schedule; and
- noted that Mayor Rupright had requested a special meeting regarding the creation of an ethics code on February 9, 2009, at 5:30 p.m.

There was no objection noted.

Mr. Klinkner:

- spoke regarding his work with the Planning Commission; and
- updated the Council on the Luper appeal.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Larson requested an update on the Parks Master Plan.

Mr. Giddings:

- stated that the Parks Master Plan would be incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan;
- explained that the project was on hold due to lack of funding in this fiscal year; and
- advised that further funding would be available in fiscal year 2010.

Council Member Woodruff clarified some issues on conservation subdivisions.

Council Member Cox thanked Assemblymember Ewing for his reports from the Borough.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A . Land acquisition (Requested by Deputy Administrator)

MOTION: Council Member Harris moved to enter into executive session to discuss land acquisition.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion to enter executive session passed without objection.

The following entered executive session in the council conference room at 7:43 p.m.: the entire Council; Mayor Rupright; Mr. Marvin Yoder, Deputy Administrator; Ms. Cheryl Deariso, Finance Director, Mr. Thomas Klinkner, City Attorney, and Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk.


Mayor Rupright asked if there was any objection to exiting executive session. There was no objection noted and the executive session exited at 8 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Larson moved to authorize the Mayor to negotiate a land purchase in accordance with the Council's direction.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Mayor Rupright, adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.



VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: February 9, 2009