



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.

FEBRUARY 23, 2009

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 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. 09-18:** Amending the fiscal year 2009 Library Budget by accepting and appropriating \$1,950 from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Opportunity Online Hardware grant program.
2. Ordinance Serial No. 09-20: Amending the fiscal year 2009 budget by appropriating funds in the amount of \$234,476.71 to the capital improvement fund from the capital reserve fund for the purchase of property known as lots eight, nine and ten, block two E, East Wasilla Subdivision; authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver a contract for purchase; and providing for related matters.
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-21:** Amending the fiscal year 2009 budget by appropriating \$2,965 to the Museum – General Supplies.

B. Persons to be Heard

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: February 9, 2009
2. Special Meeting: February 2, 2009, and February 9, 2009

B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on March 23, 2009:

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-22:** Transferring funds in the amount of \$11,000 for Wasilla Airport Master Plan engineering services and airport security improvements phase 2.
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-23:** Amending the fiscal year 2009 Police Department budget by accepting and appropriating funds from the State of Alaska, Department of Public Safety, Division of Alaska State Troopers, Alaska Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Enforcement in the amount of \$6,915 from State Asset Forfeiture.

C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 09-07:** Adopting a fee schedule for the Wasilla Multi-Use Sports Complex kitchen.

D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 09-09:** Renewal of Alaska Municipal League dues for 2009.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **AM No. 09-08:** Selection of Council Members to travel to Washington D.C. for the purpose of lobbying.

- B. **AM No. 09-10:** General Counsel Legal Services request for proposal.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Informational Memorandums

- B. Commission Minutes

1. Library Steering Committee: January 6, 2009
2. Parks and Recreation Commission: Resolution Serial No. 08-03
3. Planning Commission: January 13, 2009, and January 27, 2009

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Union Negotiations Update

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, February 23, 2009, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Verne E. Rupright called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Members present and establishing a quorum were:

- Mr. Ron Cox, Seat A
- Deputy Mayor Doug Holler, Seat B
- Ms. Nancy R. Hall, Seat D
- Ms. Dianne Woodruff, Seat E
- Mr. Kristofer Larson, Seat F

Mayor Rupright noted that Ms. Leone Harris, Seat C, was 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. Holly Suozzo, City Attorney
- Ms. Cheryl Deariso, Finance Director
- Mr. Bill Harvey, Deputy 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 asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented 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. Dan Kelly:

- commented on a planned variance which is up for discussion at the February 24, 2009, regular meeting;
- spoke to the legislation which was before them at their last meeting;
- noted discussions on a traffic impact analysis; and
- advised that the election of officers would be on their next agenda.

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

Mr. Bruce Urban:

- advised on the upcoming events at the Multi-Use Sports Complex; and
- reported that Ms. Katie Hurley will be the Grand Marshall for the July 4, 2009, parade.

C. Airport Advisory Commission

Ms. Smithers commented on the new meeting schedule for the Airport Advisory Commission.

D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Assemblymember Mark Ewing, District 4:

- reported on a town meeting from this past weekend;
- commented on work by Mr. Bob Andres and the Public Broadcasting System on trout and still-water fishing on Wasilla Lake and Finger Lake;
- advised that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough population estimate came in at 83,000 people, which was based on school enrollment;
- commented on concerns with the damage to local planes due to open access to their locations;
- noted that docking stations with DSL connections had been installed at five different Borough locations;
- spoke to changes with the appeal process for the Board of Adjustment and Appeals;
- spoke to estimated costs with the Port MacKenzie rail extension project; and
- commented on the tough economic times for the community.

E. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Cheryl Metiva, President:

- commented on the films by Mr. Bob Andres;
- noted that the Wasilla Center and Visitors Bureau is putting forth marketing on the appeal to Wasilla's still water fishing;

- advised that the Iditarod Days Festival starts on Friday;
- provided highlights from the Board of Director's Retreat;
- spoke to budgetary constraints;
- reported that they will not be sponsoring the King Fishing Derby this year; and
- spoke to changes in their fund raising efforts.

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A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-18:** Amending the fiscal year 2009 Library Budget by accepting and appropriating \$1,950 from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Opportunity Online Hardware grant program.

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 Hall moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 09-18.

VOTE: The main motion passed without objection.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-20:** Amending the fiscal year 2009 budget by appropriating funds in the amount of \$234,476.71 to the capital improvement fund from the capital reserve fund for the purchase of property known as lots eight, nine and ten, block two E, East Wasilla Subdivision; authorizing the Mayor to execute and deliver a contract for purchase; and providing for related matters.

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MOTION: Council Member Hall moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-20.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

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MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-21.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. Persons to be Heard

There was no one present who wished to speak.

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1. **AM No. 09-09:** Renewal of Alaska Municipal League dues for 2009.

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 BUSINESS

A. **AM No. 09-08:** Selection of Council Members to travel to Washington D.C. for the purpose of lobbying.

Ms. Smithers noted that Council Member Harris had withdrawn her name from the candidates to travel to Washington D.C.

MOTION: Council Member Larson moved to adopt AM No. 09-08 with Deputy Mayor Holler and Council Member Cox chosen to travel to Washington D.C. with Council Members Woodruff and Larson as alternates.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. **AM No. 09-10:** General Counsel Legal Services request for proposal.

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

Discussion followed.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Holler moved to adopt option no. 3, to bring back the following items at the March 23, 2009, Regular City Council Meeting and request the Mayor to coordinate with the:

- HR Generalist to prepare a job description and salary range for the position of City Attorney;
- Deputy Administrator and City Clerk to prepare an operating budget or the Office of the City Attorney; and
- Purchasing and Contracting Officer to prepare a final RFP for General Counsel Legal Services, for consideration.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion to adopt option no. 3 passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed without objection.

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No action was taken on the communication items.

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There was no one present who wished to speak.

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Council Member Cox requested a special meeting on March 23, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. to continue their discussions on the creation of an ethics code.

There was no objection noted.

Ms. Smithers noted that the Council had before them their packet for the March 9, 2009, special meeting.

Ms. Suozzo provided an update on the City Attorney's Office workload during the last several weeks.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Woodruff:

- thanked the Bill and Linda Gates Foundation for their support to the library;
- thanked the Clerk's Office for the early preparation of the March 9, 2009, special meeting packet; and
- commented on the videos provided by Mr. Bob Andres and offered her support for the still water fishing industry.

Deputy Mayor Holler asked for an update on the State Hockey Tournament.

Mr. Urban:

- provided an update on the 2009 State Hockey Tournament;
- noted that attendance was lower this year in comparison to previous years;
- added that Wasilla High School is the sponsor for one more year before it goes out to bid again; and
- reported that the bill for the ice time was \$9,950.

Deputy Mayor Holler spoke to problems with the gates at the airport.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Union Negotiations Update

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations with an employee bargaining unit or its representative; specifically for a Union Negotiations Update.

VOTE: The motion to enter into executive session passed without objection.

The following entered into executive session in the council conference room at 8:02 p.m.: the Council, Mayor Rupright, Mr. Marvin Yoder, Chief Long, Ms. Smithers, and Ms. Suozzo. Participating by teleconference, Ms. Kimberley Gearity.

MOTION: Council Member Larson moved to exit executive session at 8:45 p.m.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

(CLERK'S NOTE: No action was taken after the executive session.)

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Mayor Rupright, adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.


VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: March 23, 2009