



**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 12, 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. Parks and Recreation Commission

B. Airport Advisory Commission

C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

D. Friends of Wasilla Public Library

E. Fran Seager-Boss, MSB – National Heritage Area Designation

## VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-01:** Amending the fiscal year 2009 budget by appropriating \$237,650 in State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation Municipal Grant Funds for the Mission Hills Water Main Extension Project.
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-02:** Amending the fiscal year 2009 budget by appropriating \$259,046 to the Capital Reserve Fund from the General Fund's Fund Balance, per WMC 5.04.025.
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-03:** Amending the fiscal year 2009 Police Department Budget by accepting and appropriating funds from the State Of Alaska, Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities, Highway Safety Office, in the amount of \$17,758 for the Law Enforcement Liaison Program.
4. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-04:** Amending the fiscal year 2009 Police Department Budget by accepting and appropriating \$36,028 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, 2008.
5. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-05:** Amending the fiscal year 2009 budget by appropriating \$75,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund from the Economic Development Department and from the Capital Reserve Fund to fund the Comprehensive Plan.
6. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-06:** Amending WMC 3.65.070, regarding leave without pay, to participate in collective bargaining negotiations.

### B. Persons to be Heard

## VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: December 8, 2008

B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on January 26, 2009:

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 \$40,430.71 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.

C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 09-01:** Supporting the fiscal year 2010 capital improvement program federal funding requests.
2. **Resolution Serial No. 09-02:** Supporting the fiscal year 2010 capital improvement program legislative funding requests.
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D. Action Memorandums

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**XI. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Informational Memorandums

1. **IM No. 09-01:** Providing the monthly financial reports for the period ending November 2008 to include the month-to-date expenditure report and expenditures greater than \$5,000.
2. **IM No. 09-02:** Providing the Wasilla Visitor and Tourism Bureau expenditure report submitted by the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce.

B. Commission Minutes

1. Library Steering Committee: 11/18/08

**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, January 12, 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**

Council Members present and establishing a quorum were:

- Mr. Ron Cox, Seat A
- Deputy Mayor Doug Holler, Seat B
- Ms. Leone Harris, Seat C
- Ms. Nancy R. Hall, Seat D
- Ms. Dianne Woodruff, Seat E

Mayor Rupright noted that Mr. Kristofer Larson, Seat F, 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
- Ms. Holly Suozzo, City Attorney
- Ms. Cheryl Deariso, Chief Financial Officer
- Mr. Troy Tankersley, Controller
- 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**

A. Presentation of Colors Boy Scout Troop 300

Mayor Rupright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Rupright asked if there were changes to the agenda.

No amendments were noted.

**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. Parks and Recreation Commission

Mr. Dave Tuttle, Chair:

- noted that their last meeting was held on December 10, 2008;
- thanked the sponsors and donators for their contributions to the 50<sup>th</sup> Statehood Celebration;
- advised that this year's parade theme will be Statehood; and
- noted that they are working on their capital improvement project list.

### B. Airport Advisory Commission

No report was provided.

### C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Assemblymember Mark Ewing:

- reported on the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's transportation projects;
- noted that the Assembly has a retreat at Settler's Bay on January 17, 2009;
- covered the items of discussion for the retreat;
- provided a list of the upcoming Assembly meetings; and
- spoke regarding the possibility of satellite offices for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

### D. Friends of Wasilla Public Library

Ms. Jeanne Troshynski, President:

- noted that 35 children, and their families, attended the Christmas festivities at the Library;
- reported that the Mat-Su Reads to Succeed program had begun;
- noted that Representative Wes Keller attended the last meeting and reported on the history of the flag;
- stated that their next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2009;
- added that they were developing an operational budget projecting how much it would cost to operate in a larger facility;
- reported that the Library staff attended training in Anchorage during the last week regarding "How to Give Great Customer Service";
- spoke regarding graphic novels, which are similar to comic books;

- provided an explanation on “play-a-ways” and how they are being used by today’s youth; and
- noted that they are working on funding for the summer reading program.

E. Fran Seager-Boss, Matanuska-Susitna Borough – National Heritage Area Designation

Ms. Fran Seager-Boss, Cultural Resource Division, Matanuska-Susitna Borough:

- provided a report on the National Heritage Area Designation;
- noted that only an act of Congress can designate a National Heritage Area;
- reported that they are recommending the entire Matanuska-Susitna Valley as a National Heritage Area; and
- spoke regarding the benefits of being designated as a National Heritage Area.

## VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### A. Public Hearings

Mayor Rupright asked if there was any objection to moving Ordinance Serial Nos. 09-01, 09-02, 09-03, 09-04, and 09-05 together. There was no objection noted.

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Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial Nos. 09-01, 09-02, 09-03, 09-04, and 09-05

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. 09-01, 09-02, 09-03, 09-04, and 09-05.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

6. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-06:** Amending WMC 3.65.070, regarding leave without pay, to participate in collective bargaining negotiations.

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 No. 09-06.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. **Persons to be Heard**

The following persons spoke regarding the benefits associated with the creation of an outdoor hockey rink at Wonderland Park: Mr. Jeremy Lutz and Mr. Steve Elwell, President of the Matanuska Amateur Hockey Association.

The following person spoke regarding current issues before the Wasilla Planning Commission: Mr. Steve Stoll.

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

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D. Action Memorandums

There were no action memorandums presented.

The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda into the record.

**MOTION:** Council Member Woodruff 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.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

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### **B. Commission Minutes**

1. Library Steering Committee: November 18, 2008

No action was taken on the communication items.

## **XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

There were no comments provided.

## **XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

Ms. Smithers noted a request for a meeting regarding the City Council's and Clerk's budget review on February 2, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. There was no objection noted.

Mayor Rupright:

- commented on the State of the City Address; and
- appreciated the brevity of the regular meeting.

## **XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Hall:

- complimented Mayor Rupright on the State of the City Address; and
- spoke to her upcoming absence.

Council Member Harris:

- expressed her disappointment that no Planning Commissioners were present; and
- offered her support for an outdoor hockey rink if it is feasible.

Deputy Mayor Holler:

- extended his appreciation for the Mayor's State of the City Address;
- commented on his support for an outdoor hockey rink; and
- noted his pleasure at the new patrol cars.

## **XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session held.

## **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business at hand, Mayor Rupright, adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

  
VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: January 26, 2009