



**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 9, 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<sup>1</sup>**

**V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS**

A. Planning Commission

B. Airport Advisory Commission

C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

D. Friends of Wasilla Library

<sup>1</sup> AM No. 09-06 was removed from the Consent Agenda addressed separately under New Business.

## VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-15:** Amending WMC 2.72.010, Establishment, Duties, and Compensation, regarding the Wasilla Historical Commission.
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-16:** Amending WMC 2.04.060.A, specifically to modify the time council meetings will commence.
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-17:** 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.
4. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-19:** Transferring funds in the amount of \$52,000 for Crusey Street improvements and repealing Resolution Serial No. 09-05.

### B. Persons to be Heard

## VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: January 26, 2009
2. Special Meeting: January 19, 2009

### B. Resolutions

### C. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on February 23, 2009:

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.

C. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 09-04:** Confirmation of Cameron Sharick and Robert Molloy to the Airport Advisory Commission.
2. **AM No. 09-05:** Notice of appeal and appointment of Hearing Officer in accordance with Wasilla Municipal Code 16.36.010.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **AM No. 09-06:** Establishing which areas outside the current City boundaries should be included in an annexation plan and defining which annexation method will be used in the annexation process and repealing AM No. 08-53.

**XI. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Informational Memorandums

B. Commission Minutes

1. Airport Advisory Commission: September 16, 2008, and November 18, 2008
2. Parks and Recreation Commission: August 13, 2008, and October 8, 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 9, 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
- Deputy Mayor Doug Holler, Seat B
- Ms. Leone Harris, Seat C
- Ms. Dianne Woodruff, Seat E
- Mr. Kristofer Larson, Seat F

Mayor Rupright noted that 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. Holly Suozzo, City Attorney
- Ms. Cheryl Deariso, Finance Director
- Mr. Archie Giddings, Director of Public Works
- Ms. Angella Long, Police Chief
- Mr. Greg Wood, Deputy Chief of Police
- 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:

- noted that AM No. 09-06 will be removed from the Consent Agenda and addressed separately under New Business; and
- asked if there were any further changes to the agenda.

**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. Dan Kelly:

- spoke regarding work they have done on dimension and density requirements;
- spoke to Planning Commission Resolution Serial Nos. 09-01 and 09-02;
- commented on planned unit development;
- noted that at their next meeting they would be discussing building height requirements, shooting ranges, condos and traffic impact analysis; and
- commented that they were also working on the Comprehensive Plan and the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

### B. Airport Advisory Commission

Mr. Archie Giddings stated that there had not been a meeting since the last Council meeting.

### C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Assemblymember Mark Ewing, District 4:

- spoke to the jobs created by the construction of the Goosecreek Correctional Facility;
- reported on the stock market prices for Alaska Northstar Crude Oil;
- spoke regarding how these reductions effect the local economy;
- commented on a request for a vacation near the Wasilla Fred Meyer's; and
- advised on the Assembly's meeting schedule.

### D. Friends of Wasilla Library

There was no report provided.

## VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### A. Public Hearings

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

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in favor of Ordinance Serial No. 09-15 with amendments: Mr. Rob Minehardt and Assemblymember Mark Ewing, District 4.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 09-15.

Discussion followed.

MOTION: Council Member Larson moved to strike the word "licensed" from WMC 2.72.010.A.6, to read as follows: One architectural historian/architect.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to amend WMC 2.72.010.A.3. by striking the word "from" and inserting in its place the words "to be selected by" to read as follows: One member to be selected by the Knik Tribal Council.

MOTION: Council Member Larson moved a secondary amendment to strike the word "selected" and insert in its place the word "recommended" to read as follows: One member to be recommended by the Knik Tribal Council.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The secondary motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The primary motion as amended passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion as amended passed without objection.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-16:** Amending WMC 2.04.060.A, specifically to modify the time council meetings will commence.

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. 09-16.

Discussion followed.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to amend Section 3 by striking the words "upon adoption by the Wasilla City Council" and inserting in their place the words "November 1, 2009."

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The motion as amended passed without objection.

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-17:** 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.

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MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-17.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

4. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-19:** Transferring funds in the amount of \$52,000 for Crusey Street improvements and repealing Resolution Serial No. 09-05.

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing.

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MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-19.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

#### B. Persons to be Heard

The following person spoke regarding his concerns with the Planning Commission as it pertains to WMC 16.04.10 and regarding needed standards for the subdivision codes which went before the Planning Commission: Mr. Stephen Stoll.

The following person spoke regarding the local economy and spoke regarding additional needed supporting documentation for proposed legislation: Ms. Colleen Cottle.

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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.

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## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **AM No. 09-06:** Establishing which areas outside the current City boundaries should be included in an annexation plan and defining which annexation method will be used in the annexation process and repealing AM No. 08-53.

Chief Long provided a presentation on the proposed areas to be considered for annexation.

MOTION: Council Member Larson moved to adopt AM No. 09-06.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

## **XI. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Informational Memorandums
- 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**

The following person spoke regarding the benefit of the annexations and spoke regarding imposing a property tax within the City: Mr. Stephen Stoll.

The following person spoke regarding issues with annexations: Ms. Colleen Cottle.

The following person spoke regarding her support for the proposed annexations: Ms. Katie Kearny.

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

Ms. Smithers spoke to the meetings which have been requested.

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

There was no objection noted.

Council Member Woodruff requested a meeting regarding a presentation by Mr. Marvin Yoder on WMC Title 16 – Land Use, for Monday March 9, 2009, at 5:30 p.m.

There was no objection noted.

Council Member Larson requested that dinner be provided during the March 9, 2009, special meeting.

There was no objection noted.

Ms. Smithers requested direction regarding the Attorney RFP.

**MOTION:** Council Member Woodruff moved to direct the Purchasing and Contracting Officer to draft an RFP for Attorney Services and bring it back to the Council for final approval at the February 23, 2009, meeting.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection.

Ms. Smithers spoke regarding the need to schedule a day for the attorney interviews.

Council Member Larson requested April 28, 2009, at 9 a.m. for the attorney interviews.

There was no objection noted.

Ms. Suozzo asked the Council if they would like her to attend the February 23, 2009, meeting regarding the creation of an ethics code.

Council Member Larson requested the attorney's presence.

There was no objection noted.

Ms. Suozzo briefed the Council on the City Attorney's cases and work load.

#### **XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Larson:

- thanked Chief Long for her work on the annexation presentation; and
- commented on the increase in work for staff during the annexation process.

Council Member Harris:

- thanked Mr. Kelly, Planning Commissioner, for his report;
- noted her support for annexing in the Williwaw Subdivision; and
- spoke regarding her favor for developing a code to exempt the City from the Alaska Public Office Commission reporting requirements.

Council Member Woodruff:

- spoke to the recent improvements in the Williwaw Subdivision; and
- commented on the Alaska Municipal League resolution regarding changes to the Alaska Public Office Commission requirements.

Council Member Holler:

- thanked Chief Long for her presentation and the public for their comments; and
- commented developing development standards.

## **XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session held.

## **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business at hand, Mayor Rupright, adjourned the meeting at 9 p.m.

  
VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: February 23, 2009