



**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

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**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.**

**JULY 27, 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. Airport Advisory Commission
- B. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

**VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-52:** Amending WMC 13.04.075, Service Call Charge, and WMC 13.04.080, Water Rates, to increase the amount to be paid by consumers.
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-53:** Amending WMC 13.08.070, Sewer Service Fees, to increase the amount to be paid by consumers.

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-54:** Amending the fiscal year 2010 library budget by accepting and appropriating \$9,180 from the Rasmuson Foundation.
4. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-55:** Amending the FY10 budget by accepting the State of Alaska one-time stimulus funding in the amount of \$213,770 and appropriating \$50,000 in support of the preparation and submittal of grant documentation for construction of a new library.

B. Persons to be Heard

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: July 13, 2009

B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on August 10, 2009:

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-56:** Amending WMC 2.16.070, Salary of Mayor. *(Sponsored by Council Members Cox and Harris)*
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-57:** Amending WMC 16.12.020, Administrative Approval And Use Permits, to provide for notice of the right to appeal decisions of the City Planner, and amending WMC 16.16.040, Procedure For Commission Approvals, to provide for notice of the right to appeal Commission decisions.

C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 09-23:** Designating State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation Grant Funds for Sewage Treatment Plant improvements as the number one local state funding priority for fiscal year 2011.
2. **Resolution Serial No. 09-24:** Authorizing the Mayor to execute a grant agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration in the amount of \$475,000 for the Airport Master Plan and Lateral Precision with Vertical Guidance Survey.
  - a. **AM No. 09-37:** Contract award to USKH, Inc., in the amount of \$475,000 for the Wasilla Airport Master Plan and Lateral Precision with Vertical Guidance Survey.

D. Action Memorandums

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**XI. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Informational Memorandums

B. Commission Minutes

1. Airport Advisory Commission: May 20, 2009
2. Parks and Recreation Commission: June 10, 2009
3. Planning Commission: June 23, 2009

**XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

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

**XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Annual Evaluation of City Clerk *(Subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion.)*

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, July 27, 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
- Mr. Kristofer Larson, Seat F

Staff in attendance were:

- Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk
- Ms. Amanda E. Charles, Deputy Clerk
- Mr. Troy Tankersley, Finance Director
- Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director
- Mr. Craig Robinson, Acting Police Chief
- Mr. Bruce Urban, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager
- Mr. Marvin Yoder, Interim Deputy Administrator

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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. Airport Advisory Commission

No report was provided.

### B. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

No report was provided.

## VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-52:** Amending WMC 13.04.075, Service Call Charge, and WMC 13.04.080, Water Rates, to increase the amount to be paid by consumers.

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke regarding her objection to Ordinance Serial No. 09-52: Ms. Anne Kilkenny.

There being no others present who wished to speak, Mayor Rupright closed the public hearing and discussion moved to the Council.

**MOTION:** Council Member Larson moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-52.

Discussion ensued.

**VOTE:** The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-52 passed with Deputy Mayor Holler and Council Members Cox, Hall, Larson, and Woodruff in favor and Council Member Harris in objection.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-53:** Amending WMC 13.08.070, Sewer Service Fees, to increase the amount to be paid by consumers.

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3. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-54:** Amending the fiscal year 2010 library budget by accepting and appropriating \$9,180 from the Rasmuson Foundation.

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 No. 09-54.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-54 passed without objection.

4. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-55:** Amending the FY10 budget by accepting the State of Alaska one-time stimulus funding in the amount of \$213,770 and appropriating \$50,000 in support of the preparation and submittal of grant documentation for construction of a new library.

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke regarding his concerns with the accounting of the \$50,000: Mr. Steve Stoll.

There being no others present who wished to speak, Mayor Rupright closed the public hearing and discussion moved to the Council.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-55.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-55 passed without objection.

#### B. Persons to be Heard

The following person spoke regarding the abuse of all-terrain vehicles in and outside of City limits: Mr. Robert Frieson.

The following person spoke regarding the use of all-terrain vehicles and regarding his concerns with the words "may not" as it applies to variances in State and Borough code: Mr. Steve Stoll.

The following person spoke regarding a joint Emergency Preparedness Fair being held on September 19, 2009, at the Mat-Su College: Ms. Deborah McGhan, North America Outdoor Institute.

The following persons spoke against the adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 09-56 and provided alternative solutions to a flat rate increase: Mr. Zane Henning and Ms. Anne Kilkenny.

The following person spoke regarding the creation of a Salaries and Emoluments Committee: Ms. Mary Kvalheim.

The following person spoke regarding her volunteer time as the Mayor of Wasilla, and spoke regarding her disapproval of the replacement of the wood fence with a wrought-iron fence near the museum: Ms. Marilyn McGuire.

The following person spoke regarding his support for an increase in pay for the City Council: Mr. John Luberger.

The following person spoke regarding his support of Ordinance Serial No. 09-56 and spoke regarding the creation of a task force responsible for reporting to the Council regarding the salary of the Mayor: Mr. Carl Lund.

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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 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.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**XI. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Informational Memorandums

There were no informational memorandums presented.

B. Commission Minutes

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No action was taken on the communication items.

**XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

There were no comments provided.



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

Mayor Rupright:

- commented on the beautiful weather; and
- stated that he would be turning the powers of the chair over to Deputy Mayor Holler at the end of Council Comments and prior to the executive session.

Ms. Smithers noted the filing period for the City Council closes on July 31, 2009.

### **XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Larson:

- spoke regarding his concerns with how governmental bodies operate and spoke to the difficult decisions that must be made by those bodies; and
- noted his support for Ordinance Serial No. 09-56 and the flexibility it allows the Council.

Council Member Woodruff:

- spoke regarding concerns with Ordinance Serial No. 09-56;
- thanked Mr. Jim Holycross, City Planner, for his attendance at a recent Borough Platting Meeting where he defended the City's rights; and
- commented on cards that used to be handed out to citizens who were parking illegally in handicapped spots.

Deputy Mayor Holler:

- offered his support for Mr. Frieson's statements regarding all-terrain vehicles; and
- noted his support for banning all-terrain vehicles in City limits.

Council Member Harris:

- spoke regarding her concerns with the extent of the water and sewer rate increases during the first year;
- offered her support for metered water; and
- noted her support of Ordinance Serial No. 09-56.

Council Member Cox:

- spoke to his experience with the Council's previous pay increase;
- spoke regarding properly compensating the seat of an office and not basing the pay on the person filling the seat; and
- spoke regarding the water and sewer rate increases.

Council Member Hall:

- spoke regarding the Emergency Preparedness Fair; and
- noted her concerns with young children riding all-terrain vehicles.

## XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Rupright stepped down and passed the duties of the Chair to Deputy Mayor Holler at 8 p.m.

A. Annual Evaluation of City Clerk (*Subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion.*)

MOTION: Council Member Larson moved to enter executive session for subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion, specifically the annual evaluation of the city clerk.

Deputy Mayor Holler asked the city clerk if she preferred a public discussion. The city clerk declined a public discussion.

*(The City Council recessed at 8:02 p.m. and reconvened at 8:11 p.m.)*


The entire council and city clerk entered executive session in the council conference room beginning at 8:11 p.m. The executive session exited at 8:43 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Larson moved to increase the annual salary of city clerk by five percent retroactive to July 1, 2009. [CLERK'S NOTE: Annual Salary of \$89,549]

VOTE The motion to increase the annual salary of the city clerk by 5 percent retroactive to July 1, 2009, passed with Deputy Mayor Holler and Council Members Cox, Hall, Larson, and Woodruff in favor and Council Member Harris in objection.

## XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Mayor Rupright, adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.



VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: August 10, 2009