



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.

AUGUST 10, 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. Friends of Wasilla Public Library

B. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

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.

B. Persons to be Heard

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:
 - 1. Regular Meeting: July 27, 2009
- B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on August 24, 2009:
 - 1. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-59:** Appropriating money for the E-911 Dispatch
 - 2. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-61:** Authorizing the City of Wasilla to apply for a Department of Transportation Highway Safety Grant in the amount of \$54,200 for Wasilla Police Department purchase of radar equipment.
- C. Resolutions
- D. Action Memorandums
 - 1. **AM No. 09-38:** Confirmation of Election Officials for the October 6, 2009, Regular City Election.
 - 2. **AM No. 09-39:** Authorization to enter into a 3-year capital lease purchase option through MTA and Avaya Financial Services for the purpose of replacing the current telephone system.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Informational Memorandums
- B. Commission Minutes

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, August 10, 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. Richard K. Payne, City Attorney
- Mr. Troy Tankersley, Finance Director
- Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director
- Mr. Craig Robinson, Acting Police Chief
- Mr. James Hastings, 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. Friends of Wasilla Public Library

Ms. Jeanne Troshynski, President:

- spoke regarding the August 3, 2009, book sale;
- commented on the success of the summer reading program;
- noted that Target has donated \$3,000 for next year's summer reading program;
- stated that the next Library Steering Committee meeting will be held on September 1, 2009;
- spoke regarding a Rasmussen grant that the Library may be eligible for; and
- stated that Wells Fargo has donated \$6,500 for a community survey.

B. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Assemblymember Mark Ewing, District 4:

- noted that he had accepted a position to the Local Emergency Planning Committee;
- spoke to the history of the City's opinion regarding a Borough sales tax;
- added that the Borough is considering revoking the City's planning powers;
- noted that the Borough is considering an ordinance which would appropriate federal and state monies towards identifying historical buildings within the City of Wasilla;
- spoke regarding the criteria required for classifying a building as historical and the associated ramifications; and
- noted that the City has until December to make a standing, when at that point the ordinance will go back before the Borough Assembly.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

Mayor Rupright passed the duties of the Chair to Deputy Mayor Holler at 7:14 p.m. and exited the meeting.

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-56:** Amending WMC 2.16.070, Salary of Mayor.
(Sponsored by Council Members Cox and Harris)

(The Council recessed at 7:15 p.m. and reconvened at 7:17 p.m.)

Deputy Mayor Holler opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke regarding their support of Ordinance Serial No. 09-56: Mr. Mark Ewing, and Mr. Dan Kelley.

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

MOTION: Council Member Harris moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-56.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Larson moved a primary amendment to WMC 2.16.070, to strike the words "shall not be less than that of the highest paid department head, and" to read as follows "The Mayor's salary, subject to the availability of funds, shall incorporate a cost of living adjustment (COLA) based on the percentage change in the Anchorage Consumer Price Index."

VOTE: The motion passed with Deputy Mayor Holler, Council Members Hall, Harris, Larson, and Woodruff in favor and Council Member Cox in opposition.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Hall moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 09-56 to a time certain of August 24, 2009, at which time a salary matrix shall be brought back setting the Mayor's salary at a grade 25, and to direct the City Attorney to bring back a substitute ordinance which states the Council shall set the salary of the Mayor ninety days prior to the filing period and that the Mayor's salary shall be effective for the term of the office according to the salary matrix.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The motion to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 09-56 to a time certain passed without objection.

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.

Deputy Mayor Holler opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-57.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved a primary amendment to WMC 16.12.020.A.4 to strike the words "the parties" and insert in its place the words "interested persons, as defined in WMC 16.34.005," to read as follows: Appeal. "A decision of the planner may be appealed pursuant to Chapter 16.34, and the decision shall notify interested persons, as defined in Section 16.34.005, of the right to appeal."

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved a primary amendment to WMC 16.60.040.A.6 to strike the words "the parties" and insert in its place the words "interested persons, as defined in WMC 16.36.010," to read as follows: "Decision. The commission shall decide to deny, approve or approve with conditions the proposal or appeal. The burden of proof shall be on the applicant. The commission's decision may be made immediately following the public hearing portion of the commission meeting. The decision of the commission shall set forth the facts it finds relevant to its decision and the reasons for its decision, and notify interested persons, as defined in Section 16.36.010, of the right to appeal under Section 16.36.060. The effective date of the decision is the date the findings and the reasons are set out in writing and signed by the commission chairperson or the chairperson's designee."

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-57 passed as amended without objection.

B. Persons to be Heard

The following person spoke regarding her objection to the increase in water and sewer rates: Ms. Colleen Cottle.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Preceding Meeting

1. Regular Meeting: July 27, 2009

B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on August 24, 2009:

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2. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-61:** Authorizing the City of Wasilla to apply for a Department of Transportation Highway Safety Grant in the amount of \$54,200 for Wasilla Police Department purchase of radar equipment.

C. Resolutions

D. Action Memorandums

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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

There was no new business.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Informational Memorandums

There were no informational memorandums presented.

B. Commission Minutes

There were no commission minutes.

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no comments provided.

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Payne:

- expressed his pleasure at attending the meeting; and
- spoke regarding the Appeal to a Hearing Officer, Case No. 09-02.

Ms. Smithers spoke regarding the upcoming Alaska Municipal League summer meeting.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Hall congratulated Ms. Troshynski on obtaining library grants.

Council Member Cox thanked the Council for their work on the Mayor's salary ordinance.

Deputy Mayor Harris:

- noted that the salary of the Mayor is a reflection on the City; and
- welcomed Mr. Payne and Mr. Hastings to the City.

Deputy Mayor Holler

- thanked everyone for their attendance; and
- thanked the Council and staff for their hard work.

Council Member Woodruff:

- welcomed Mr. Hastings and Mr. Payne; and
- thanked Ms. Smithers for her attention to detail.

Council Member Larson:

- spoke regarding the difficult decisions that must be made regarding the salary of the Mayor; and
- thanked everyone for their participation in the discussions.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session held.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Deputy Mayor Holler, adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.



VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: August 24, 2009