



CITY OF WASILLA

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MAYOR
Sarah Palin

COUNCIL
Norman Fuller, Seat A
Dianne M. Keller, Seat B
David W. Chappel, Seat C
Judy Patrick, Seat D
Colleen G. Cottle, Seat E
Don Bennett, Seat F

**WASILLA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA**

WASILLA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Wasilla City Hall, 290 East Herring Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654 (907) 373-9090

REGULAR MEETING

7 P.M.

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1999

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ROLL CALL
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. SPECIAL ORDERS
6. COMMISSION/AGENCY REPORTS
7. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Minutes of Preceding Meeting:
 1. Regular Meeting: February 22, 1999
 - B. Introductions (Suggested Public Hearing: March 22, 1999)
 - C. Resolutions
 1. **Resolution Serial No. 99-05:** Requesting Safe Communities Funding From The State of Alaska, Department Of Community And Regional Affairs.

D. Council Memorandums

1. **CM No. 99-06:** Request For Sewer Assistance Program.
2. **CM No. 99-07:** Liquor License Transfer And Restaurant Designation Application For La Fiesta Dos And Liquor License Renewal Application For Hotshots & Cinnamon's Wasilla Bar.

8. PUBLIC HEARING (Three minutes per person.)

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 99-07:** Amending WMC 16.43.902.2, 16.43.904.6, 16.43.906.2, 16.43.906.4, 16.43.910.2, 16.43.910.4 16.43.912, 16.43.912.2, 16.43.912.4, 16.43.912.12, Signs, In The Wasilla Development Code. (IM No. 99-08)

9. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (Three minutes per person.)

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Resolution Serial No. 99-02:** Establishing The Mayor's Pay Plan For The Next Term Of Office As Required By WMC 2.16.020. (postponed from February 8 and February 22, 1999. Motion on the floor to amend)

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **IM No. 99-28:** Alternate Community Water Source Committee.

12. COMMUNICATION

- A. **IM No. 99-24:** Resolution Nos. 99-02, 99-03, And 99-04 Of The Wasilla Planning Commission.
- B. **IM No. 99-25:** Resolutions And Letter In Support Of Wasilla City Council's February 22, 1999 Additional STIP Nominations.
- C. **IM No. 99-26:** Resolutions From The Parks And Recreation Commission And Mat-Su Motor Musers In Support Of Potential Future DNR Projects.
- D. **IM No. 99-27:** Airport Paving Bids.
- E. Wasilla Planning Commission: Draft Meeting Minutes Of February 23, 1999.

13. RECONSIDERATION

- A. **Resolution Serial No. 99-02:** Establishing The Mayor's Pay Plan For The Next Term Of Office As Required By WMC 2.16.020. (postponed from February 8 and February 22, 1999)

14. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS
15. AUDIENCE COMMENTS
16. EXECUTIVE SESSION
17. COUNCIL COMMENTS
18. ADJOURNMENT

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, March 8, 1999, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Palin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Palin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Council Members present and establishing a quorum were:

Don Bennett	Norm Fuller
Dave Chappel	Dianne Keller
Judy Patrick	

Council Member Colleen Cottle was absent and excused.

Staff in attendance were:

Kristie VanGorder, City Clerk
John Cramer, Deputy Administrator
Charlie Fannon, Police Chief
Walt Gilmour, Director of Public Safety
Tim Krug, City Planner
Erling Nelson, Finance Director
Don Shiesl, Public Works Director

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Chappel requested that IM No. 99-28 be moved to new business.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection to the agenda as amended.

5. SPECIAL ORDERS

6. COMMISSION/AGENCY REPORTS

Stan Tucker, Mat-Su Borough Assembly Member:

- Updated the council on the plan to construct a school at the Alcantra site.
- Reviewed the topics discussed at the last borough assembly meeting.

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2. **CM No. 99-07:** Liquor License Transfer And Restaurant Designation Application For La Fiesta Dos And Liquor License Renewal Application For Hotshots & Cinnamon's Wasilla Bar.

MOTION: Council Member Patrick moved, Council Member Fuller seconded, to adopt the consent agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

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Mayor Palin opened the public hearing.

Mr. Steve Glos spoke in opposition to the ordinance and requested that the city ensure address numbers are clearly visible on buildings.

There being no other persons wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved, Council Member Patrick seconded, to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 99-07.

MOTION: Council Member Patrick moved a primary amendment, Council Member Keller seconded, to include street numbers on any permanent sign.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed unanimously.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

9. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. **Resolution Serial No. 99-02:** Establishing The Mayor's Pay Plan For The Next Term Of Office As Required By WMC 2.16.020. (postponed from February 8 and February 22, 1999. Motion on the floor to amend)

PREVIOUS MOTION: (previous motion from February 8, 1999) Council Member Fuller moved, Council Member Patrick seconded, to adopt Resolution Serial No. 99-02.

PREVIOUS MOTION: (previous primary amendment from February 22, 1999) Council Member Patrick moved a primary amendment, Council Member Keller seconded, to insert an annual salary of \$61,200.

Mayor Palin chose to abstain from participation and turned the gavel over to Council Member Patrick during the consideration of Resolution Serial No. 99-02 only.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Council Members Bennett, Keller, and Patrick in favor. (four votes are required for passage)

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved a primary amendment, Council Member Bennett seconded, to insert an annual salary of \$65,000.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Council Members Bennett, Chappel and Patrick in favor. (four votes are required for passage)

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved a primary amendment, Council Member Patrick seconded, to insert an annual salary of \$63,000.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Council Members Bennett, Keller and Patrick in favor. (four votes are required for passage)

MOTION: Council Member Fuller moved a primary amendment, Council Member Chappel seconded, to insert an annual salary of \$68,000.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Council Members Bennett, Keller and Patrick in favor.

MOTION: Council Member Patrick moved, Council Member Fuller seconded, to postpone Resolution Serial No. 99-02 to the meeting of April 26, 1999.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection to the postponement. (see page 5 for reconsideration)

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **IM No. 99-28:** Alternate Community Water Source Committee.

Council Member Chappel announced that he is employed by the school district and may have a conflict with regard to working with the borough on alternative water source areas.

Ken Jacobus, City Attorney stated that he does not perceive Council Member Chappel as having a conflict because his involvement in the project will not provide him with a financial interest.

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No action was taken on the communication items.

13. RECONSIDERATION

- A. **Resolution Serial No. 99-02:** Establishing The Mayor's Pay Plan For The Next Term Of Office As Required By WMC 2.16.020. (postponed from February 8 and February 22, 1999)

MOTION: Council Member Bennett moved, Council Member Chappel seconded, to reconsider the postponement of Resolution Serial No. 99-02. (see page 3 for postponement)

Mayor Palin chose to abstain from participation and turned the gavel over to Council Member Patrick during the consideration of Resolution Serial No. 99-02 only.

VOTE: The motion to reconsider the postponement of Resolution Serial No. 99-02 passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Bennett moved, Council Member Fuller seconded, to reconsider the annual salary of \$68,000 for the position of mayor.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion to reconsider the annual salary of \$68,000 for the position of mayor passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved a secondary amendment, Council Member Patrick seconded, to insert an annual salary of \$65,000

VOTE: The secondary amendment failed with Council Member Patrick in favor.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Council Member Keller opposed. The mayor salary is set at \$68,000 to take effect during the next term of office. (the action taken on the amendment was deemed final on the motion itself and allowed to stand)

13. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Ken Jacobus, City Attorney:

- Thanked the council for reconsidering Resolution Serial No. 99-02.

Kristie VanGorder, City Clerk:

- Announced that the planning commission has requested a work session on March 15, March 22, or March 23 to discuss the enforcement of the land use code.
- The clerk's office is anticipating moving downstairs next week.

Mayor Palin:

- Announced that with the clerk's office move, the office in back of council chambers will be utilized as a council work room/conference room.
- Welcomed John Cramer back from his AML Conference.
- Stated that the Iditarod re-start at the airport was a success.
- Requested input on the projected mill rate for FY-2000.
- Reported that grants will continue to be solicited for trail improvements.
- Announced that correspondence between the city and Fred Meyer will be forthcoming in council boxes.
- Highlighted the progress on the proposed snowmachine corridor.
- Announced that the position of economic development planner will be filled soon and welcomed any input from the council regarding selection.

Tim Krug, City Planner:

- Announced that the planning commission will be hosting an open house on March 23 to discuss street naming.
- Thanked Steve Glos for his assistance.

Mayor Palin:

- Requested that the council support an additional \$500,000 for the Church Road South extension and make it a higher priority on the STIP list.

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

John Harris:

- Stated that \$68,000 is a fair salary for the mayor and believes that when the council was debating the issue they were judging Mayor Palin.

No other comments were made.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was scheduled.

16. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Keller:

- Stated that she only had the taxpayers in mind when setting the mayor's salary.
- Appreciated the work session on park vending.
- Announced she would like to set the mill rate at 1.2 mills for FY-2000.

- Thanked Chief Fannon for adjusting the street lights at Old Matanuska Road.
- Requested an executive session at the next meeting to discuss potential property acquisition.
- Requested information on in-kind donations from the city.
- Believes the snowmachine tourism industry is a lucrative venture.

Council Member Chappel:

- Supports a small reduction in the mill rate for FY-2000.
- Feels that the blowing snow over the flats is a big hurdle for the valley in the attempt to attract snowmachine enthusiasts from Anchorage.
- Presented questions regarding the proposed economic development planner.

Council Member Patrick:

- Stated she does not appreciate Mr. Harris's comments regarding the councils motive in setting the mayors salary.

Council Member Bennett:

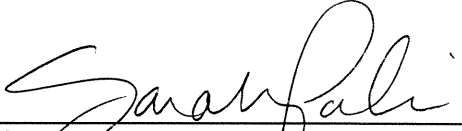
- Supports setting the mill rate at 1.2 mills for FY-2000.
- Supports hiring an economic development planner so that enforcement of the land use code can begin.

Mayor Palin:

- Announced that Council Members Bennett and Cottle will not be present at the meeting of March 22, 1999 and Council Member Patrick will not be present at the meeting of April 12, 1999.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.


 SARAH PALIN, Mayor


 KRISTIE L. VANGORDER, CMC/AAE

Minutes Approved: **March 22, 1999**