

WASILLA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING MONDAY DATE: 05/12/97 TIME: 7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL:

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes 04/28/97; Recommend: Approval as presented.
- B. Ordinance Serial No. 97-30; Taxicab Insurance Requirements; Recommend: Introduction and schedule for public hearing at the next regular meeting, 05/28/97
- C. Ordinance Serial No. 97-31; Public Safety Commission Repeal; Recommend: Introduction and schedule for public hearing at the next regular meeting, 05/28/97
- D. Ordinance Serial No. 97-32; Sub-leasing Wasilla Railroad Depot to Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce; Recommend: Introduction and schedule for public hearing and action at the next regular meeting, 05/28/97

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NEW BUSINESS
ITEM F.*

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ITEM E.*

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Item G.
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CM. No. 97-29; Permit Authorization for MATI and AMVETS; Recommend: Council concur to issue a permit to MATI for the purpose of the vendors and further authorize a permit to the AMVETS as a vender at the Air Show

CM. No. 97-27; Public Access to Legislative History; Recommend: Authorization to re-designate the use of \$1,375.00 to purchase the PC-cillin Virus Software, convert the AS400 Clerk's Index to the PC format and set up an additional network station in the Clerk's Office to give legislative history research capabilities to the general public. Further authorize the re-designation of up to \$150.00 for the purchase of a gas barbecue

CM. No. 97-30; Professional Services for Computer Network Installation; Recommend: Council approve an exception to the competitive bidding requirements for the computer network project
Ord. 97-33 REZONE WASI Property, Rec: Intro & schedule ph at the next meeting

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (AGENDA EXCEPTION)

- A. General Advisory on Ex Parte Contacts and Duty of Impartiality; Ordinance Serial No. 97-29; Re-Zone presented for introduction on 04/28/97;

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Ordinance Serial No. 97-26; Adoption of the Budget for the Fiscal Year 1998, and Appropriating Funds to Carry Out Said Budget;
- B. Ordinance Serial No. 97-27; Amending WMC 14.12, Driveway Approach Construction;
- C. Ordinance Serial No. 97-28; Authorizing the Disposal of Tract B-1, Winter Trail Subdivision (Senior Housing Project);
- D. Ordinance Serial No. 97-29; Rezoning a Portion of Tract D4, Section 10, T17N, R01W, Seward Meridian from RR-Rural Residential to C-Commercial

6. PERSONS TO BE HEARD: (NON AGENDA ITEMS 3 MINUTE LIMIT)

Persons to be Heard is an opportunity for public comment not scheduled on the Agenda for action by the Council.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- B. Ordinance Serial No. 97-24; FY-97 Budget Amendment; Early payment Southside Water Bond (83W1) and payoff of Overlook Sewer Bond (86S1) (**Adoption**)
 - 1. IM. No. 97-20; Approximate savings on early payments, conservative model
- C. Ordinance Serial No. 97-25; FY97 Budget Amendment; (Skateboard Park) (**Adoption**)
- D. Council Policy No. 97-04; Minute Format (**Delayed**)
 - 1. CP. No. 97-04 (Substitute);
 - 2. CP. No. 97-04 (Substitute #2);
- ~~E. Bumpus Ballfields; (Requested by Councilman Carney)~~

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9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Library:
 - 1. Friends of the Library; Summer Reading Report;
 - 2. IM. No. 97-21; Library Survey Summary;
 - 3. IM. No. 97-22; Library Funding Options Summarized by Councilman Carney
- B. IM. No. 97-23; Melanie Avenue Closure Review
- C. CM. No. 97-28; Knik-Goosebay (KGB) Water Line Funding
- D. CM. No. 97-31; Ballot Propositions
- E. CM 97-27
- F. CM 97-29 G. CM 97-30 H. CM 97-32 *Revaluation*

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION (SCHEDULED)

- A. Personnel; Clerk's Evaluation *I. Vacation of Lt. B K B Wasilla Estates*
- B. Matanuska Utility Company; Negotiations *J. Ord. 97-33 ~~Rezone on WAST Project~~*

11. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Wasilla Planning Commission; Regular meeting minutes 04/15/97
- B. Wasilla Parks & Recreation Commission; Regular meeting minutes 04/08/97
- C. IM. No. 97-13; Election Time Line
- ~~D. Bumpus Ballfields~~

12. STAFF REPORTS:

13. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

14. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

15. ADJOURNMENT:

NOTE: The next regular meeting of the Wasilla City Council will be
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1997 AT 7:00 P.M.



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**WASILLA CITY COUNCIL
 MINUTES**

REGULAR MEETING DATE: 05/12/97 TIME: 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Palin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL:

STAFF:

Mr. Carney	Mrs. Keller	Mayor Palin	Mr. Felton-City Engineer
Mr. Chappel	Mrs. Langill	Mr. Cramer-Deputy Admin.	Mr. Nelson-Finance Dir.
Mr. Fuller	Mrs. Patrick	Mr. Deuser-Attorney	Mrs. Harris-Clerk
		Mr. Dvorak-Planning	Mrs. Newman-Deputy Clerk
		Mrs. Emmons-Library Dir.	
		Mr. Fannon-Chief of Police	

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the following changes; **The verbal report given by Marion Ramono, Friends of the Library (New Business Item A,) to be given after the Public Hearing, Consent Agenda, Item E., F., & G. moved to New Business, Unfinished Business Item E. moved to Communications, Add to the Consent Agenda, Ordinance Serial No. 97-33; Amending the Official Wasilla Zoning Map to Reflect a Change of Zoning From RR-Rural Residential to RM-Residential Multifamily for Tracts A-1 and B-1, Wintertrail Subdivision and Tracts B24 and B25, Section 15, All Located Within T17N, R01W, Seward Meridian. Under New Business, add the Vacation Request L2/B6, Wasilla Estates Subdivision. Add under New Business, CM. No. 97-32; The Pavilion Project at Wonderland Park. No objection, so ordered.**

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

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- G. **Moved to New Business, Item G.**
- H. Ordinance Serial No. 97-33; Amending the Official Wasilla Zoning Map to Reflect a Change of Zoning From RR-Rural Residential to RM-Residential Multifamily for Tracts A-1 and B-1, Wintertrail Subdivision and Tracts B24 and B25, Section 15, All Located Within T17N, R01W, Seward Meridian; Recommend: Introduction and schedule for public hearing and to be placed under Unfinished Business at the next regular meeting, 05/28/97.

Motion/Second: Chappel/Patrick

That the Consent Agenda comprising the foregoing items be and the same are hereby approved as written and that the various Officials of the City are hereby authorized and directed to take such action as may be necessary to give effect to the recommendations as therein contained. Motion passed.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (AGENDA EXCEPTION)

- A. General Advisory on Ex Parte Contacts and Duty of Impartiality; Ordinance Serial No. 97-29; Re-Zone presented for introduction on 04/28/97;

Dick Deuser, City Attorney; Mr. Deuser requested Mr. Kevin Baker (representative of applicant, Global Investments) make a statement on behalf of the applicant as to what he perceives as the problem, and what he is asking for, so that the City clearly understands his position. Mr. Deuser stated it was a little unclear to him at the last Council Meeting on 04/28/97, and requested clarity on the developers and/or applicants position.

Mayor Palin; Mayor Palin gave a brief overview of the issue, and indicated questions have been raised as to the propriety of Council Member participation on both the Commission level, and the Council level on the proposed re-zone of land off of Glenwood Avenue.

Kevin Baker, Representative of the Applicant Global Investment; Mr. Baker stated his perception of Legislative vs. Quasi-judicial participation by Council Members, and requested those on the panel who have publicly disclosed partiality on this re-zone issue step down. If a Council Member or Members have spoke at public hearings of any kind regarding the re-zone, they should step down.

Councilman Chappel disclosed that he has not attended any public meetings on this issue. Mr. Chappel has inquired a couple of time as to the status of the issue, but has not tried to influence anyone in City Hall.

Councilwoman Keller disclosed she has attended public hearings on the issue at the Planning Commission level and has spoke to her neighbors on the issue. She believes she has the right to speak to her neighbors. She stated she has an "open mind on this issue", and if Mr. Baker has any facts to sway her towards the re-zone, she will vote in favor of the re-zone.

Councilwoman Patrick disclosed she has attended public hearings, and has spoke on the issue, and has had discussions with Councilwoman Keller as well as with neighbors.

Councilman Fuller disclosed he has discussed this issue with several of the Planning Commissioners, and with Mr. Dvorak of the Planning Department. He has not attended any public meetings, and has no other involvement with the issue.

Councilwoman Langill disclosed she participated in brief discussions with a couple of Council Members, however not to the merits of the proposed ordinance, and she had not attended any public meetings on this issue.

Councilman Carney disclosed he has had no "Ex Parte" discussions on the issue.

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Ordinance Serial No. 97-26; Adoption of the Budget for the Fiscal Year 1998, and Appropriating Funds to Carry Out Said Budget;

Mayor Palin opened the hearing to the public.

Grant Bates, President of Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. (WASI); Mr. Bates requested Council grant the request of \$17,000.00 in the FY-98 budget to WASI. The money is for insurance, maintenance, and utilities. The grant will not be used for any salaries or food costs.

Dolores Kohring, Member of the Wasilla Senior Center (WASI); Mrs. Kohring requested Council approve the \$17,000.00 request by WASI.

Debbie Rictor, Accountant, Wasilla Senior Center; Ms. Rictor stated that the funding is necessary. The funds requested are for maintenance, and do not go towards salaries or meals.

June Robinette, Secretary, Wasilla Area Seniors; Ms. Robinette stated WASI is working towards becoming self sufficient, and requests Council approve the budget request.

Elmer ^{Feltz} ~~Felps~~, Wasilla Area Seniors; Mr. Felps stated that WASI is working towards becoming self sufficient, and that is evident in their grant request for FY-98. The request this year is \$8,000.00 less than FY-97.

Al Doner; Mr. Doner stated the Senior Center is a wonderful facility, but requests Council consider the tax payers. The quicker WASI can fund themselves the better. The State of Alaska has become a "socialist" State, and Mr. Doner does not support the WASI grant request.

Cia Dreeves; Mrs. Dreeves stated she believes the Senior Center is an important part of the Community. WASI has cut their request by 1/3 from last year. She sees the Seniors' as doing things for themselves not standing in their hands out. The Seniors' are a great and precious resource. It is Council's task to balance all the needs of the entire community. Council is doing the best job they can, and she feels good about what Council is currently doing, and requested Council approve the WASI grant.

Katie Small, Board Member, WASI; Ms. Small requests Council approve the WASI grant request. She gave a brief overview on the successful fund raising efforts at WASI.

Dee Louchie; Ms. Louchie urges the inclusion of funding for WASI in the FY98 budget.

Marilyn McGuire, Secretary & Treasurer, Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry (MATI); On behalf of MATI, Ms. McGuire thanked Council for their consideration of the tourism development grant. Council asked if the grant request could be lowered by \$5,000.00, and MATI will comply with the request. The grant will allow the Museum to continue the preservation, and restoration of the collection for not only tourists, but local residents to enjoy. Since break-up, many tourists have visited the Museum, and last week they had over 200 children out on field trips. Ms. McGuire invited Council to visit the Museum.

Pat Hjellen; Ms. Hjellen noticed the transfer of \$996,345.00 from the General Fund, and hopes the City still has a balance (*Mr. Nelson, Finance Director stated the City still has a "healthy balance"*). The transfer still brings the total higher than it was a year ago, and Mrs. Hjellen understands most of the money is going to roads and debt services. She questioned the small changes in the Administration, Council, Finance, and Planning budgets. She spoke of legal services being spread throughout the budget and suggested a fund consolidation. *Councilwoman Langill invited Ms. Hjellen to attend the budget work-session on May 19th. Mrs. Langill appreciated Ms. Hjellen's input and is looking forward to working with her.*

Gandy Sumner, Chair, Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry (MATI); Mrs. Sumner requested Council support the Seniors' (WASI) and thanked Council for including the Museum in the budget process this year. MATI is taking a major risk with the air show, they have spent \$63,000.00 prior to selling one ticket, and hope the annual air show will allow MATI to become financially self sufficient.

Tim Anderson, Executive Director, Wasilla Area Senior Center; Mr. Anderson stated WASI has complied with all of Councils' prior grant reduction requests. They are making a sincere effort to become financially self sufficient. However, they still rely heavily on the grant from the City of Wasilla. Mr. Anderson requested Council make a budget amendment to introduce the WASI request for \$17,000.00 in the FY-98 budget.

Hal Eckols; Mr. Eckols requested Council support the WASI grant request.

No other comments were made, Mayor Palin closed the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 97-26.

B. Ordinance Serial No. 97-27; Amending WMC 14.12, Driveway Approach Construction;

Mayor Palin opened the hearing to the public.

Anne Kilkenny; Mrs. Kilkenny requested Council send Ordinance Serial No. 97-27 back to "whoever wrote it" for re-working to address the following issues:

1. *Separation of Commercial driveways.*
2. *Driveway approaches and their proximity to the property lines.*
3. *There was no consideration given to minimum line of sight or sight line obstructions (this should be in the code)*
4. *Reconsideration of some of the restrictions and requirements in the code*
5. *There should be some language included about driveway approach permits and the LID process. Specifically codifying whether or not driveway permit fees will be waived, when there is an LID, and at what point an LID is established, at what point the fees are waived, etc.*
6. *There is a need to establish a variance procedure. They should be allowed for locations, widths, file radius, lines of sight obstruction, and other requirements. There should be a procedure outlined and criteria determined as to when a variance may be granted and an identification of who grants the variance and how it is requested.*

The present document in Mrs. Kilkenny's opinion is a "patch up" of the existing document and there needs to be a complete comprehensive re-write.

No other comments were made, Mayor Palin closed the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 97-27.

C. Ordinance Serial No. 97-28; Authorizing the Disposal of Tract B-1, Winter Trail Subdivision (Senior Housing Project);

Mayor Palin opened the hearing to the public.

Betty Merser; Mrs. Merser is a resident of Chinook Villas, and requests support for the land to build the housing for Seniors'. It is very important, there is a 6 month waiting list for Chinook Villas, and over a one year waiting list at Williwaw Manor. 60 people are currently on the waiting list for the proposed housing project (20 units).

Katie Small, Mrs. Small supports Ordinance Serial No. 97-28, and stated the housing is desperately needed.

Al Doner; Mr. Doner is against Ordinance Serial No. 97-28, and believes it is in direct conflict with Title 29. The City or Borough has no authority to give away any property worth more than \$20,000.00 without a vote of the people. Mr. Doner suggested a long term lease agreement with WASI, and stated that disposing of the property, and turning it over to a private corporation is wrong. *City Attorney Dick Deuser stated he is not aware of any statute in Title 29 which precludes the City from granting the property to WASI without a vote of the*

people. Mr. Jack Felton, Director of Public Works stated Ordinance Serial No. 97-28 was drafted in accordance with the Wasilla Municipal Code.

Tim Anderson, Director of the Wasilla Area Senior Center; Mr. Anderson stated he is unaware of any regulation prohibiting government from disposing property. Wednesday is the deadline for AHFC funding loan, and the Knik-Goosebay Water Line Extension is supported by WASI. Mr. Anderson requested amending Ordinance Serial No. 97-28 by striking the words "mandatory hook-up" and inserting "mandatory hook-ups if available".

No other comments were made, Mayor Palin closed the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 97-28.

- D. Ordinance Serial No. 97-29: Rezoning a Portion of Tract D4, Section 10, T17N, R01W, Seward Meridian from RR-Rural Residential to C-Commercial

Mayor Palin opened the hearing to the public.

Kevin Baker, Representative of Global Finance; Mr. Baker requests the City of Wasilla rezone a Portion of Tract D4, from Rural Residential to Commercial. Mr. Baker does not feel there would be any impact because the property was zoned Intermediate under the old code, which allows various things including Commercial. The only wish of the property owner is to be able to continue utilizing the property for Commercial uses. The Commercial designation complies with the Comprehensive Plan recommendations. Mr. Baker spoke of areas being zoned Rural Residential with Commercial uses spread throughout the area. The owner does not currently have a site plan. The re-zone to Commercial will have little difference in the traffic volume in the area. Global Finance is willing to compromise by pushing commercial back to the 600 ft. rather than 500 ft. or 660 with no flag stem or 500 with a flag stem.

Mary Vopalensky; Mrs. Vopansky is a the owner of Village Heights, Tract D., and is opposed to the re-zone. Mrs. Vopalensky questioned whether she was entitled to grandfather rights ("RR property rights") since she has lived on the property for 24 to 25 years. *Dick Deuser, City Attorney stated the term "grandfather rights" is a different concept and it is not applicable to this discussion. Grandfather rights applies to a completely different point, this re-zone is about someone else's property, not Mrs. Vopalensky's property.*

Ester Baker; Mrs. Baker has adjoining property to Tract D4, and is against the re-zone. Mrs. Baker requests excluding a portion of Wasilla Heights L17A & B from the re-zone, *AND HAVE THAT PORTION REMAIN RR-RURAL-RESIDENTIAL*
TRACT D4 EQUAL TO THE SIZE OF

AL Doner; Mr. Doner is against the re-zone because it is being done improperly. Mr. Doner spoke of Title 16 requirements, there is no plan in place as required in Title 16. No roads are in place for access to the property. The northerly end of the property has some access but the southerly end does not have access. In all the meeting attended by Mr. Doner, only one property owner has spoke in favor of the re-zone. More than 51% of the property owners in the area are opposed to the re-zone. As outlined in 16.43.506, the criteria for a re-zone has not been met. *Mr. Doner read letters from Mr. & Mrs. Scott Winburn as well as Mr. & Mrs. John Shields whom oppose the re-zone (the letters are attached as part of the permanent record).*

Larry Vopalensky; Mr. Vopalensky is opposed to Ordinance Serial No. 97-29 and, stated he had never been notified about the change from RR to Commercial. *on his property.*

Ma Dreves; Mrs. Dreves spoke of a similar situation in her own neighborhood. The problem is compatibility/incompatibility. She believes one of the reasons neighbors are against the re-zone is because there is no development plan, and it may be more appropriate to request the re-zone when a development plan is available. Since the City is unable to please all of the people, all of the time, she suggested Mayor Palin

establish an Arbitration Board. Perhaps setting up a compatible use barrier would help from making enemies out of neighbors. We must find a way to settle the problems without "selling someone down the river".

Diana Strabb; Ms. Strabb is against Ordinance Serial No. 97-29. She thanked Councilwoman Keller for keeping her and others informed on this issue, *AND OTHER ISSUES IN THE AREA.*

No other comments were made, Mayor Palin closed the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 97-29.

6. PERSONS TO BE HEARD: (NON AGENDA ITEMS 3 MINUTE LIMIT)

Persons to be Heard is an opportunity for public comment not scheduled on the Agenda for action by the Council.

No person(s) spoke under Persons to be Heard this evening.

Marion Romano, Friends of the Library (Council allowed Mrs. Romano to speak to the issue early as she had a plane to catch); Mrs. Romano gave a report on the results of the library survey. She thanked Council for the \$5,000.00 donation, and reported that out of the 11,000 surveys sent out the return rate is about 14%. This is a high return rate as most surveys have a 5% response. Mrs. Romano indicated she will present this information to the Borough once the budget process is over.

Motion/Second: Langill/Fuller

To have a 10 minute recess.

Recess (Commencement 9:45 p.m. - 9:55 p.m.)

7. COMMISSION REPORTS:

Wasilla Planning Commission; No report given.

Wasilla Parks & Recreation Commission; No report given.

Borough Assembly; No report given.

Leroi Heaven, Historical Society; Mr. Heaven reported that Chain Reactions should be moving into the Teeland basement some time next week. They are in the process of finishing up the sheet-rock. Mr. Heaven passed out an activity report to the Council.

9. New Business:

A. Library

1. Friends of the Library; Summer Reading Report;
2. IM. No. 97-21; Library Survey Summary;
3. IM. No. 97-22; Library Funding Options Summarized by Councilman Carney

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~~Leigh Schlike~~, Friends of the Library; Mrs. Schlike reported on the Children's Program and the summer reading program. She suggested that when it comes to budget decisions, Council might to look at expanding a portion of the library's budget in order to better reflect their commitment in offering some basic reading programs that are functioning quit well. The cost is about \$9.00 per participant. Currently a City employee is spending a portion of her time soliciting for donations. She suggests the partnership is lopsided with the major share being from private donations and other sources. She requests Council consider increasing the library budget of up to \$10,000.00 for the children's program.

Motion/Second: Carney/Patrick

To discuss IM. No. 97-22. No objection so ordered.

Motion/Second: Langill/Chappel

To approve IM. No. 97-22, option 2; The library would stay open until approximately March 1, and would be closed when that money, plus the \$196,000 Borough appropriation runs out. The cost to the City for FY-98 would be \$222,720 (as currently proposed).

Kay Carney, President Friends of the Library; The Friends of the Library are leaning toward the option of being under the City not the Borough although they do not really like any of the options presented in IM. No. 97-22. The library patrons are very vocal and will make the Borough aware that they are opposed to the funding cuts. The Library Board wants a solution to the funding issue.

Motion passed with Councilman Fuller dissenting.

Motion/Second: Chappel/Carney

To request a work-session with the Borough, City of Palmer and the Wasilla City Council to discuss the long term plans for the library. Motion passed.

8. Unfinished Business

B. Ordinance Serial No. 97-24; FY-97 Budget Amendment; Early payment Southside Water Bond (83W1) and payoff of Overlook Sewer Bond (86S1) **(Adoption)**

1. IM. No. 97-20; Approximate savings on early payments, conservative model

Motion/Second: Chappel/Patrick

To adopt Ordinance Serial No. 97-24. Motion passed.

C. Ordinance Serial No. 97-25; FY97 Budget Amendment; (Skateboard Park) **(Adoption)**

Motion/Second: Carney/Keller

To adopt Ordinance Serial No. 97-25. Motion passed.

D. Council Policy No. 97-04; Minute Format **(Delayed)**

1. CP. No. 97-04 (Substitute);

2. CP. No. 97-04 (Substitute #2);

Motion/Second: Chappel/Patrick

To adopt CP. No. 97-04 (Substitute #2).

Motion/Second: Langill/Patrick

To amend the main motion by inserting the word "expanded" in the first paragraph, fifth line before "action minute style".

Motion passed with Councilwoman Keller dissenting.

E. Moved to Communications, Item D.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Moved after Commission Reports

B. IM. No. 97-23; Melanie Avenue Closure Review

Motion/Second: Keller/Patrick

To place a temporary barricade during the summer months and remove when the snow falls. Motion failed with Councilwoman Keller and Councilwoman Patrick assenting.

C. CM. No. 97-28; Knik-Goosebay (KGB) Water Line Funding

Motion/Second: Langill/Patrick

direct Administration to bring forward the required Ordinances and Resolutions necessary to issue fifteen, twenty year bonds, not to exceed \$500,000.00 from the Water Fund supported by ADEC to construct the KGB Water Line. Motion Passed.

D. CM. No. 97-31; Ballot Propositions

No action taken.

E. CM. No. 97-27; Public Access to Legislative History

Motion/Second: Langill/Patrick

To approve the funding in the amount \$1,375.00 for the Public Assess to Legislative History project. The motion does not include the \$150.00 for the gas barbecue. Motion passed.

F. CM. No. 97-29; Permit Authorization for MATI and AMVETS

Motion/Second: Langill/Keller

To discuss CM. No. 97-29. Motion passed.

Motion/Second: Chappel/Keller

extend the meeting to 11:30 p.m. Motion passed with Councilman Carney dissenting.

Motion/Second: Langill/Chappel

To issue vendor permits per the Wasilla Municipal Code. Motion failed with Councilman Fuller and Councilwoman Langill assenting.

Motion/Second: Carney/Keller

To authorize the AMVETS to sell liquor for 2 days at the air show, June 7th & 8th 1997. Motion passed with Councilman Fuller and Councilwoman Langill dissenting.

Motion/Second: Carney/Keller

To concur with the permit for MATI. Motion passed.

G. CM. No. 97-30; Professional Services for Computer Network Installation

Motion/Second: Carney/Patrick

To approve CM. No. 97-30, an exception to the competitive bidding requirements for the computer network project. Motion passed with Councilman Chappel dissenting.

H. CM. No. 97-32; The Pavilion Project at Wonderland Park

Motion/Second: Langill/Fuller

To approve CM. No. 97-32, to allow Mr. Luke Smith to proceed with construction of the pavilion. Motion passed.

I. Vacation of Easement L2/B6, Wasilla Estates Subdivision

Motion/Second: Langill/Carney

That the letter of objection written by the City Planner, regarding the vacation request L2/B6, Wasilla Estates Subdivision dated April 15th, 1997 be withdrawn by Official Letter from The City of Wasilla to the Mat-Su Borough Platting Department. The letter will be signed by the Mayor and hand delivered to the Mat-Su Borough, no later then May 14th, 1997.

Motion/Second: Keller/Patrick

To extend the meeting until 11:45 p.m. Motion passed with Councilman Carney and Councilwoman Langill dissenting.

Motion/Second: Patrick/Keller

To table Vacation of Easement L2/B6, Wasilla Estates Subdivision. Motion passed with Councilman Carney and Councilwoman Langill dissenting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (SCHEDULED)

- A. Personnel; Clerk's Evaluation
- B. Matanuska Utility Company; Negotiations

Motion/Second: Fuller/Chappel

To postpone the Executive Session until the next regular meeting, May 28th, 1997. Motion passed with Councilman Carney dissenting.

11. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Wasilla Planning Commission; Regular meeting minutes 04/15/97
- B. Wasilla Parks & Recreation Commission; Regular meeting minutes 04/08/97
- C. IM. No. 97-13; Election Time Line
- D. Bumpus Ballfields; (Requested by Councilman Carney)

Motion/Second: Langill/Fuller

To table the Bumpus Ballfields report. Motion tied with Councilman Chappel, Councilman Fuller, and Councilwoman Langill assenting. Mayor Palin broke the tie, by voting no causing the motion to fail.

Councilman Carney gave an overview of the Bumpus Ballfield issue. The Bumpus Ballfield project began by people coming before the Council and asking the Council for permission to build fields at Bumpus with volunteers. The Council agreed and said the City will plan for the development. The City also made the commitment that it would put forth the planning and the survey. The City made it very clear at that time that they were not interested in putting capitol improvements money into the Bumpus Ball Fields for two reasons:

- 1. It had to be considered along with all the others and it was not going to get preferential treatment; and
- 2. The City did not have clear title, the cloud of the Mental Health Lands issue is still over the top of that property.

There was no commitment to put Mystery through and no commitment for wells by the City. The whole idea was that the City would do the survey, lay out plots, and volunteers would come along and build those fields as they could get help, funds and materials. The community is under the false understanding that the City is going to go out and appropriate a bunch of money.

12. STAFF REPORTS:

13. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

In accordance with Council Policy No. 97-04, audience comments are only summarized when stated "for the record".

Cia Dreves; Mrs. Dreves stated for the record she would like to correct Councilman Carney's statement; "An LID was turned down for Vaunda Avenue paving not Melanie Avenue. You cannot use Vaunda if you use Melanie because that also stops access. Nobody discussed Councilwoman Keller's motion that the closing of Melanie would be just for the summer, a very temporary closure. It is because of the Bumpus Ballfields that the traffic on Melanie is so severe. The Melanie residents need help. Council did not discuss the temporary nature of the road closure. Mrs. Dreves reported that Public Works told her that Melanie Avenue does not have enough easement on either side of the road to do the normal road side sweeping, we do not have enough to change the direction of the existing road. I have worked for three solid months to keep the neighbor's from suing the City. I have done all I can do. There were four other families here at the last meeting who chose not to speak because Councilman Carney "intimidated them". I do not know what you expect from the citizens of Wasilla when business is conducted, like this. You go ahead and build your ballfields, you kill us with the dust, we do not have a problem, we really can move".

14. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

No Council comments were given.

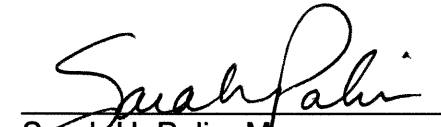
15. ADJOURNMENT: (11:45 p.m.)

Motion/Second: Keller/Patrick

(To adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.)

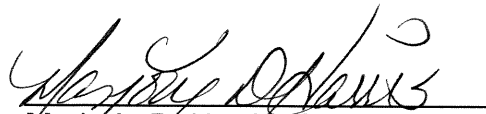
NOTE: The next regular meeting of the Wasilla City Council will be
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 1997 AT 7:00 P.M.

APPROVED:



Sarah H. Palin, Mayor

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Marjorie D. Harris, CMC
City Clerk

Memorandum

To: Wasilla City Council
From: Scott L. Winburn
Date: 05/12/1997
Subject: Rezone of Property along Glenwood Avenue from Residential to Commercial

I am opposed to the rezone of the property along Glenwood Avenue from residential to commercial. Following are the points to consider:

- ◆ When I purchased my home in Wasilla, I sought a quiet residential neighborhood in which to live. This is still my desire. I do not wish to have my neighborhood invaded by commercial development.
- ◆ If this rezone is approved, I believe that it will depress the value of my property, especially with my property being in such close proximity to the proposed rezone. My property's legal description is Lot 5, Block 1, Creekside Estates.
- ◆ Further, government appears not to give ear to the voice of the people. I attended the planning commission meeting, with my family, in which public hearings were conducted on this issue. At that meeting, the only person in favor of the rezone was the person representing the owner of the property which has petitioned for rezone. ***In spite of this overwhelming public testimony against the rezone, the planning commission voted to recommend approval and then submitted the action to the City Council for action.***

Sincerely,



Scott L. Winburn

We live at 700 Creekside Lane
and are very opposed to
the property on Glenwood
being zoned as commercial
property. The commercial
traffic would be much more
than this neighborhood needs.
It already has too much
traffic going through the
area since so many
people use Glenwood as a
"shortcut" between Erik
& the Parks as it is.

There are a lot of children,
as well as my own, in
the neighborhood and I feel
that having commercial traffic
running through the neighborhood
is unsafe.

- John & Beth Shields

PO Box 870858
Wasilla, AK 99687

to be read and Submitted! (Thanks! CBU.)
May 12th, 1997

Mrs. Scott Winturn

States, in We (myself) feels this project across the street, in is really drug out and am not impressed with this town's City Commissioners Office and the part played by them in Okay-ing what all opposed in (even) the 1st meeting of voice of the people the only one for 'it was the representative of the owner of the property - I, Mrs. Winturn state I am very much opposed to this being Commercial - the main drag of town shopping should be steered towards Nye Ford area - and all/important Parks Highway/frontage going down Knik - We, I have 7 Beautiful Children (which is to me a Children)

great Contribution to this city are Beloved city of Wasilla - ~~This~~ Let us create a miles long city (like Denver, Colorado) a city to be proud of for these kids and all their friends the children of Wasilla. Sincerely - Mrs. Scott Winturn