



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. Hering Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654 (907) 373-9090

REGULAR MEETING

7 P.M.

AUGUST 24, 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. Planning Commission

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

C. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Dave Baker

D. Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. – Ms. Sondra Kaplan

E. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-59:** Amending the fiscal year 2010 budget by accepting and appropriating E-911 surcharge funds as an alternate revenue source for dispatch services.
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-61:** Amending the fiscal year 2010 Police Department budget by accepting and appropriating funds from the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Highway Safety Office, in the amount of \$54,200 for the purchase of radar equipment.

B. Persons to be Heard

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: August 10, 2009

B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on September 14, 2009:

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C. Resolutions

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D. Action Memorandums

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2. **AM No. 09-41:** Contract amendment to USKH in the amount of \$40,000 for Lucille Street construction engineering services.
3. **AM No. 09-42:** Contract award to QAP in the amount of \$748,748 for Lucille Street repaving.
4. **AM No. 09-43:** Approving the use of the City website for an online survey regarding the use of all-terrain vehicles within City limits.
(Requested by Council Member Woodruff)

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-56(AM)(SUB):** Amending WMC 2.16.070, Salary of Mayor. *(Requested on 08/10/09)*

X. NEW BUSINESS

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- B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on September 14, 2009:
1. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-60:** Amending the fiscal year 2010 budget by appropriating \$34,940 in support of an increase to the salary of the Mayor.

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1. Library Steering Committee: June 2, 2009

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 24, 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
- Ms. Gwen Brew, Human Resource Specialist

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.

Council Member Woodruff requested that Resolution Serial No. 09-25 be removed from the consent agenda and addressed separately under new business.

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

Commissioner Dan Kelly reported on the last Planning Commission meeting of August 11, 2009.

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

Ms. Randy Robinson:

- spoke regarding possible pricing changes at the Sports Center; and
- commented on upcoming events at the Sports Center.

C. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce – Mr. Dave Baker

There was no report provided.

D. Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. – Ms. Sondra Kaplan

Ms. Sondra Kaplan:

- spoke regarding a flyer entitled "Food Bites";
- spoke to the make-up of the residents at the Senior Center; and
- commented on the administrative and ambulatory staff at the Senior Center.

E. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Assemblymember Mark Ewing, District 4:

- spoke to a vacation of City land near McKinley Street and Illiamna Street;
- reported on Borough spending; and
- noted the upcoming Borough meeting schedule.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-59:** Amending the fiscal year 2010 budget by accepting and appropriating E-911 surcharge funds as an alternate revenue source for dispatch services.

Mayor Rupright 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 Cox moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-59.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-59 passed unanimously.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-61:** Amending the fiscal year 2010 Police Department budget by accepting and appropriating funds from the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Highway Safety Office, in the amount of \$54,200 for the purchase of radar equipment.

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MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-61.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-61 passed unanimously.

B. Persons to be Heard

Mr. Roy Burkhart, Valley Veterans Coalition:

- spoke regarding the Valley Veterans Coalition's presence at the intersection of Main Street and the Parks Highway;
- commented on the support they have received; and
- opined that the City should entertain the idea of creating a sign regarding its patriotism.

Ms. June Burkhart spoke regarding patriotic support from the citizens of the City of Wasilla.

Ms. Dianna Michaelson:

- spoke regarding paving issues near the intersection of East Valley Side Circle and Valley Loop;
- asked the City of Wasilla to support and request a Local Improvement District from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and
- explained that part of that area is within the Borough and a small portion is within Wasilla city limits.

Ms. Colleen Cottle spoke regarding her support for an increase to the salary of the Mayor.

Mr. Mark Ewing spoke against the utility rate increase and against the proposed Matanuska-Susitna Borough sales tax.

Ms. Anne Killkenny:

- commented on the proposed Matanuska-Susitna Borough sales tax;
- spoke against Resolution Serial No. 09-25;
- spoke against the utility rate increase without supporting documents to show when the replacements will take place; and
- requested the Council to support a resolution in support of no further rate increases until the utility rates show three years of profit.

Mr. Richard Bay:

- spoke against an increase in sales tax;
- spoke regarding the increase to the salary of the Mayor; and
- requested a pedestrian light on Crusey Street near Napa Auto Body.

Mr. Steve Menard spoke regarding the proposed increase to the salary of the Mayor.

Mr. Steve Stoll:

- noted his support for an increase to the salary of the Mayor;
- spoke against the proposed Matanuska-Susitna Borough sales tax; and
- commented on the well maintained city streets and parks.

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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

Mayor Rupright passed the duties of the Chair to Deputy Mayor Holler at 8:00 p.m. and exited the meeting.

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-56(AM)(SUB):** Amending WMC 2.16.070, Salary of Mayor. *(Requested on 08/10/09)*

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-56(AM)(SUB).

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Larson moved a primary amendment to WMC 2.16.070.A. to strike the word "shall" and replace it with "may" to read as follows: "The council shall determine the salary for the mayor by resolution at least 90 calendar days prior to the regular election for the office of mayor using the salary grade and step matrix. When determining the appropriate step for the mayor's salary, council *may* base the wage on prevailing wages in similar sized Alaskan Municipalities. A mayor who is elected to a second term of office will not be subject to a new placement on the salary grade and step matrix and shall progress to the next step effective on November 1 of each year. If a special election for the office of mayor is held to fill an unexpired term of office, the salary shall be at the first step of the salary grade and step matrix."

Discussion ensued.

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

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-56(AM)(SUB) as amended passed unanimously.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Resolution Serial No. 09-26:** Establishing the salary of the Mayor as provided by WMC 2.16.070.

MOTION: Council Member Harris moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-26.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff made a primary amendment to adjust range and step matrix so that range 26 begins at Step A, \$85,779 through Step M, \$114,113. [CLERK'S NOTE: Ranges 25 and 26 are monetarily equivalent.]

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Larson called for the question (*to stop debate*).

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection noted.

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

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to amend the third WHEREAS clause to strike "Step D" and insert "Step A", to amend the NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED clause to strike "Step D" and insert "Step A" and to strike the amount of "\$101,803" and to replace it with "\$85,779".

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

VOTE: The motion to adopt Resolution Serial No. 09-26 as amended passed with Deputy Mayor Holler, Council Members Hall, Harris, Larson, and Woodruff in favor and Council Member Cox in opposition.

(The Council recessed at 9:06 p.m. and reconvened at 9:17 p.m.)

B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on September 14, 2009:

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-60:** Amending the fiscal year 2010 budget by appropriating \$34,940 in support of an increase to the salary of the Mayor.

Ms. Smithers:

- spoke to the amendments needed to Ordinance Serial No. 09-60 due to the salary being set in Resolution Serial No. 09-26; and
- stated that a new substitute ordinance is needed due to the amendments and that the new title would read as follows: **Ordinance Serial No. 09-60(SUB):** Amending the fiscal year 2010 budget by appropriating \$14,050 in support of an increase to the salary of the Mayor.

MOTION: Cox moved to introduce Ordinance Serial No. 09-60(SUB) and to set the public hearing for September 14, 2009.

VOTE: The motion to introduce Ordinance Serial No. 09-60(SUB) and to set the public hearing for September 14, 2009, passed unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Holler stepped down and Mayor Rupright resumed the duties of the Chair at 9:24 p.m.

- C. **Resolution Serial No. 09-25:** Opposing the proposed areawide three percent Borough sales tax.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 09-25.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Cox called for the question (*to stop debate*).

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection noted.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Resolution Serial No. 09-25 passed unanimously.

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B. Commission Minutes

1. Library Steering Committee: June 2, 2009

There was no action taken on the communication items.

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no comments provided.

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mayor Rupright spoke regarding the City's responsibility to its constituents.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Hall:

- spoke regarding her constituents lack of support for the Borough's proposed sales tax; and
- noted her lack of support for the proposed Borough sales tax.

Council Member Larson spoke regarding the Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc., business structure.

Council Member Woodruff:

- spoke regarding the upcoming comprehensive plan update meetings in September;
- thanked Target for their support of the library;
- commented on the requirements of the historical inventory grant;
- noted that past Council had set the fees for the Sports Center by resolution and suggested that this be changed so that fees are set administratively;
- spoke regarding the Borough's proposed gravel ordinance and provided language which could be offered as an amendment to that ordinance; and
- opined that it is in the best interest of the City and its constituents to work collaboratively with the Borough regarding its sales tax ordinance.

Council Member Harris:

- expressed her appreciation for the work that the Burkharths do for the representation of the veterans; and
- stated that Assemblymember Ewing tried to make amendments to Borough Ordinance Serial No. 09-114 and advised that he was unsuccessful in getting the amendments to pass.

Deputy Mayor Holler thanked the public for their attendance.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Potential or pending litigation to which the City of Wasilla may become or is a party

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Holler moved to enter into Executive Session for potential or pending litigation to which the City of Wasilla may become or is a party.

VOTE: There was no objection noted and the Council moved into Executive Session at 10:22 p.m. Those in attendance were the entire Council, Mayor Rupright, the Clerk, the Finance Director, the Interim Deputy Administrator and the City Attorney.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Holler moved to exit executive session.

VOTE: There was no objection noted and the Council exited Executive Session at 10:48 p.m.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Mayor Rupright, adjourned the meeting at 10:48 p.m.



VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: September 14, 2009