



**MAYOR**

Verne E. Rupright

**COUNCIL**

Taffina Katkus, 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**

**6 P.M.**

**NOVEMBER 23, 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. John Bost, Mikunda Cottrell Re: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (AM No. 09-52)
- B. Planning Commission
- C. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce
- D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough
- E. Wasilla Area Seniors, Incorporated

## VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-72:** Accepting and appropriating funds from the Governor's Drug and Violence Prevention Grant in the amount of \$51,000 to cover personnel services and supplies in the Mat-Su Youth Court Program.
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-73:** Amending the fiscal year 2010 Police Department budget by accepting \$40,213 and appropriating \$4,185 from the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for SECC after hours answering to be provided by Mat-Com Dispatch.
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-74:** Amending the fiscal year 2010 Police Department Budget by accepting and appropriating funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$13,927 for Wasilla Police Department Police Equipment.

### B. Persons to be Heard

## VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: November 9, 2009

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

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-75:** Amending the fiscal year 2010 budget by appropriating \$1,332,106 to the capital reserve fund from the general fund's fund balance per WMC 5.04.025.
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-76:** Amending the fiscal year 2010 budget by appropriating \$1,632,800 to the capital projects fund land acquisition account from the general fund, capital reserve fund and land bank fund to purchase Lot 5A, Block 1, Fred Nelson Subdivision Block 1E Resubdivision (Meta-Rose Square) and Lot 8, Block 1, Wasilla Townsite (Uss1175).

### C. Resolutions

D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 09-52:** Acceptance of the City of Wasilla's fiscal year 2009 Comprehensive Annual Finance Report for public record.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**XI. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Informational Memorandums

1. **IM No. 09-24:** Monthly funding progress report for October 2009, submitted by the Wasilla Area Seniors, Incorporated.

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, November 23, 2009, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Deputy Mayor Doug Holler called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Council Members present and establishing a quorum were:

- Ms. Taffina Katkus, 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

Mayor Rupright was absent and excused.

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
- Ms. Joan Miller, Controller
- Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director
- Mr. Larry Dickerson, Acting Police Chief
- Mr. James Hastings, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager
- Mr. Marvin Yoder, Interim Deputy Administrator

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Deputy Mayor Holler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Deputy Mayor Holler asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

Council Member Woodruff noted that Ms. Fran Seager-Boss was present to give a report under Agency Reports – Matanuska Susitna Borough.

**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. John Bost, Mikunda Cottrell Re: Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (AM No. 09-52)

Mr. Bost provided a report on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

- B. Planning Commission

Mr. Brandon Wall:

- provided a report of the Planning Commission meeting of November 10, 2009; and
- spoke to their November 24, 2009, regular meeting agenda.

- C. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Lyn Carden, Executive Director:

- provided an update of their 2010 election;
- spoke to bylaw amendments and to a recent State Chamber meeting; and
- commented on items the Chamber is focusing their efforts on.

- D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Ms. Fran Seager-Boss, Historian, spoke regarding the Mat-Su Borough's Preservation Commission and their support of identifying historic buildings and sites within Wasilla.

- E. Wasilla Area Seniors, Incorporated

There was no report provided.

- D. Park and Recreation Commission

Ms. Randy Robinson spoke regarding the upcoming holiday lighting and events within the city.

## VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### A. Public Hearings

Deputy Mayor Holler asked if there was any objection to taking Ordinance Serial Nos. 09-72, 09-73 and 09-74 together.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection noted.

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3. **Ordinance Serial No. 09-74:** Amending the fiscal year 2010 Police Department Budget by accepting and appropriating funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$13,927 for Wasilla Police Department Police Equipment.

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 Hall moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 09-72, 09-73 and 09-74.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 09-72, 09-73 and 09-74 passed unanimously.

### B. Persons to be Heard

The following persons spoke against the proposed annexation: Mr. Richard Smith, Ms. Myra Adney, Ms. Anne Killkenny, Mr. Jeff Arnst, Ms. Yoland Bryant, Ms. Kathy Fort, Mr. Rick Fort, Mr. Roger Bliss, Mr. Thomas Branton, Ms. Pam Gurlander, and Mr. Richard Smith.

The following persons spoke against the purchase of the Meta-Rose Square for the use as a library: Ms. Anne Killkenny; Ms. Lee Schleik; Ms. Jennifer Lesh; Ms. Jeanne Troshynski, President of the Friends of Wasilla Library; Ms. Marci Schmidt;

Ms. Annette Andres; Ms. Victoria Bayes-Moore; Ms. Pam Gurlander; and Ms. Jane Slaughter.

Ms. Sandra Kaplan, Wasilla Areas Seniors, Inc.:

- stated that there has been an eight percent increase within the past month;
- noted a fifty five percent increase in home-bound seniors who are needing their services;
- spoke to the increased need; and
- stated that they served 230 individuals for their Thanksgiving dinner on November 20, 2009.

Ms. Colleen Cottle:

- spoke to the discontent of the Library Steering Committee; and
- noted the immediate need for a new library and that the Meda-Rose Square was a good solution.

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C. Resolutions

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1. **AM No. 09-52:** Acceptance of the City of Wasilla's fiscal year 2009 Comprehensive Annual Finance Report for public record.

Council Member Woodruff moved to approve the Consent Agenda as read into the record by the Clerk.

There was no objection noted.

## **IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

## **XI. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. Informational Memorandums**

1. **IM No. 09-24:** Monthly funding progress report for October 2009, submitted by the Wasilla Area Seniors, Incorporated.

### **B. Commission Minutes**

There were no commission minutes.

There was no action taken on the communication items.

## **XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Mr. Thomas Brandton:

- noted his concern with the fact that the USKH representative stated that his company is under contract to only review area within the current City boundaries; and
- stated that the annexed area should be taken into consideration.

Ms. Anne Killkenny:

- spoke to the Stein administration;
- noted that the proposed annexation should go to a vote of the people and not forced upon the people; and
- stated that she does not have a culvert and that she wrote WMC 12.12.

Mr. Rob Meinhardt:

- stated that he is in favor for the annexation; and
- spoke to the students in the audience and noted that until they are City residents they have no say in what their tax payer money goes towards.



Ms. Sandra Kaplan:

- stated that she would like to see the reasons for and against any issue written down; and
- opined that if a matter is in the best interest of the citizens it should go to a vote.

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

Ms. Kristie Smithers reminded the Council of the special meeting on Goals and Initiatives on November 30, 2009.

### **XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Larson:

- thanked everyone for their attendance;
- commented on the previously annexed areas;
- thanked everyone for their questions;
- noted that since the questions have now been put forward to the Council, they can address them; and
- opined that there should be better communication with the Friends of the Library and the Library Steering Committee.

Council Member Harris:

- reiterated Council Member Larson's comments;
- noted that the public has the right to have their questions answered;
- stated that she would like to receive the documents that the public received at the annexation meeting; and
- stated that she would like to work out something with the library issue that makes everyone happy.

Council Member Katkus:

- noted that she was recently in the same position as the attendees, although on a different issue;
- commended everyone for speaking and stated that coming forward to speak does have an effect; and
- spoke to the need for cooperation between the City and the community as the City continues to grow.

Deputy Mayor Holler:

- recognized that it is frustrating to hear comments from the public and be unable to respond due to the necessary restrictions put forth under the Open Meetings Act;
- stated that he wants to get answers to the questions put forth this evening;
- encouraged the people to contact him regarding all issues;
- agreed that the library issue could have been handled differently; and
- extended this thanks for everyone's attendance.

Council Member Woodruff:

- noted that she had attended the annexation meetings;
- opined that there has been poor communication with the public;
- commented on misconceptions which were stated at the annexation meetings;
- stated that the City will work to more fully inform the public on those misconceptions;
- remarked that the City is not trying to force anything on the citizens;
- thanked Mr. Tankersley for his work on the audit;
- stated that the Council does receive monthly financial reports;
- spoke to the due diligence of the Council; and
- thanked the attendees for their presence at the meeting this evening.

Council Member Hall:

- spoke to her attendance at the Alaska Municipal League fall conference during the previous week;
- thanked everyone for their comments;
- noted that annexation of land into City boundaries is a long process;
- opined that change is never easy;
- spoke to the need for keeping each other informed;
- invited everyone to contact her; and
- stated that a new library is desperately needed and noted the need for better communication.


Ms. Smithers stated that the public has the ability to be notified regarding City Council meetings and other events via the e-notify feature on the City website.

**XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session held.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business at hand, Deputy Mayor Holler, adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

  
VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: January 11, 2010