



**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.**

**JANUARY 11, 2010**

- 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 Meeting
  - C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough
  - D. Library Steering Committee
- VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
  - A. Public Hearings
  - B. Persons to be Heard

## VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: November 23, 2009 *(Brought forward from the December 14, 2009, regular meeting.)*
2. Special Meeting: November 30, 2009 *(Brought forward from the December 14, 2009, regular meeting.)*
3. Special Meeting: December 28, 2009

### B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on January 25, 2010:

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3. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-05:** Amending the FY10 budget by appropriating \$83,200 to payoff debt service related to the special assessment 83S1 and USDA Loan 92-05, regarding the 1987 Sewer Improvement District Bond Fund.

### C. Resolutions

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2. **Resolution Serial No. 10-01:** Supporting the FY2011 Capital Improvement Program Federal Funding Requests
3. **Resolution Serial No. 10-02:** Supporting the FY2011 Capital Improvement Program State Funding Requests
4. **Resolution Serial No. 10-03:** Accepting an Alaska Forestry Grant with an estimated value of \$25,000.

5. **Resolution Serial No. 10-04:** Amending the fiscal year 2010 library budget by accepting and appropriating \$1,000 from the Estate of Florence I. Sawby.
6. **Resolution Serial No. 10-05:** Authorizing the lease of space to the Arctic Predators Professional Indoor Football, LLC., within the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center to operate an indoor football team; authorizing the mayor to execute and deliver the lease; and providing for related matters.
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**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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**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, January 11, 2010, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Verne E. Rupright called the meeting to order at 6:02 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. Dianne Woodruff, Seat E  
Mr. Kristofer Larson, Seat F

Mayor Rupright noted that Ms. Nancy R. Hall, Seat D, was absent and excused. No objection was noted.

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk  
Ms. Amanda E. Charles, Deputy Clerk  
Mr. Troy Tankersley, Finance Director  
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**

Mayor Rupright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Rupright:

- stated that Ordinance Serial No. 10-04 regarding the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant and Resolution Serial No. 10-05 regarding the a lease of space within the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center to the Arctic Predators Professional Indoor Football, LLC, were being pulled from the agenda; and
- asked if there were any further changes to the agenda.

Council Member Woodruff requested that the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 28, 2009, and AM No. 10-02 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

Mr. Dan Kelly, Commissioner:

- provided an update on the Planning Commission's previous meeting;
- expressed concerns with the progression of the Waste Mitigation Plan within the Comprehensive Plan; and
- opined that the Comprehensive Plan needed more input from the Planning Commission.

### B. Parks and Recreation Commission

Mr. Dave Tuttle, Chair:

- provided an update on their last meeting;
- thanked Mr. Hastings for his work on the New Year's Eve fireworks display; and
- spoke to upcoming events.

### C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

No report was provided.

### E. Library Steering Committee

Ms. Jeanne Troshynski:

- reported that the meeting of January 5, 2010, was their last meeting;
- spoke to the time limits set forth within WMC 2.44.010(B);
- suggested a code change;
- stated that at the last meeting it was decided that Valley Performing Arts and the Library Steering Committee decided to split ways in the hopes that each would be more successful in their endeavors for new buildings; and
- thanked her fellow committee members and Ms. Kathleen Martin-Albright for their work and dedication to the Library Steering Committee.

## VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### A. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings held.

### B. Persons to be Heard

Ms. Rhonda Weinrich:

- spoke regarding her cat rescue efforts;
- reported on her work with the City regarding her desire to be allowed to run a pet rescue operation;
- opined that a cat rescue operation is different than a cattery; and
- asked for a review of the code to allow for a cat rescue operation in her zone.

Mr. Charles Mathews:

- spoke to Resolution Serial No. 10-05 regarding the a lease of space within the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center to the Arctic Predators Professional Indoor Football, LLC, and its removal from the agenda;
- noted that he is concerned for the community; and
- stated that he would like to resolve any issues at hand.

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There was no objection noted.



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MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to postpone Resolution Serial No. 09-30 indefinitely.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The motion to postpone indefinitely passed without objection.

## X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Special Meeting Minutes: December 28, 2009

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to adopt the Special Meeting minutes of December 28, 2009.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The motion to adopt the minutes of December 28, 2009, passed unanimously.

2. **AM No. 10-02:** Confirmation of Raymond Block and John Popecki to the Airport Advisory Commission, and Doug Miller and Glenda Ledford to the Planning Commission.

Deputy Mayor Holler stated for the record that Doug Miller is his brother-in-law.

Mayor Rupright ruled that Deputy Mayor Holler did not have a conflict of interest. There was no objection from the Council.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to adopt AM No. 10-02.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to divide the question to address the confirmation of Raymond Block and John Popecki to the Airport Commission in one motion, the confirmation of Doug Miller to the Planning Commission on a separate motion, and a third motion for the confirmation of Glenda Ledford to the Planning Commission.

VOTE: The motion to divide the question failed with Council Members Harris, Katkus, and Larson in opposition and Deputy Mayor Holler and Council Member Woodruff in favor.

Discussion ensued.

**VOTE:** The motion to adopt AM No. 10-02 passed with Council Members Katkus, Harris, Larson and Deputy Mayor Holler in favor and Council Member Woodruff in opposition.

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There was no action taken on the communication items.

## **XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Ms. Jeanne Troshynski, Friends of the Library, President:

- noted her shock at the Library Steering Committee ending;
- stated her concern with the Friends of the Library being removed from the agenda under Agency Reports; and
- spoke to concerns with the City rushing into some decisions and delaying others.

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

Mayor Rupright:

- spoke to the current weather conditions; and
- noted that if power goes out in large areas the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center will be opened as an emergency center for people to stay at.

Ms. Smithers:

- noted a scheduled meeting for Wednesday, January 27, 2010, at 6 p.m. to discuss issues associated with the library; and
- reminded the Council about the special meeting of January 18, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. regarding the Clerk and Council budget.

#### XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Larson:

- stated that he would like the Library Steering Committee brought back;
- stated that he would sponsor the ordinance; and
- opined that he would like to keep the Friends of the Library on the agenda under agency reports.

Deputy Mayor Holler:

- reiterated Council Member Larson's statements; and
- noted his concerns with a possibility of a lack of power at the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports as it relates to back-up generators.

Mr. Hastings reported on the generator and explained what functions could be supported off of the generator if there was no other power source.

Council Member Woodruff:

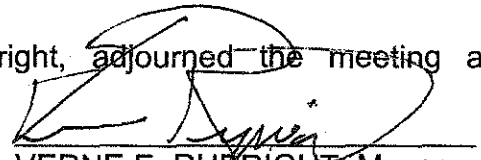
- asked the Council to consider asking the Planning Commission to tackle the second part of the Hazard Mitigation Plan;
- requested staff to prepare an ordinance to change WMC 2.44.010(B) from a one year term limit to a three year term limit;
- spoke to her concerns with the public process as it pertains to Ms. Weinrich's issue;
- spoke to a possible amendment to WMC 16.20.020 which could resolve Ms. Weinrich's issue; and
- commented on the appointment of the commissioners within AM No. 10-02.

#### XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session held.

#### XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Mayor Rupright, adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.



VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: January 25, 2010