



**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

**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Gary Hall, Seat A  
Daniel Kelly Jr., Seat B  
Brandon Wall, Seat C  
Doug Miller, Seat D  
Glenda Ledford, Seat E  
Clark Buswell, Chairman, Seat F  
Robert Webb, Seat G

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**WASILLA CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING AGENDA  
WASILLA MULTI-USE SPORTS COMPLEX  
1001 S. Mack Drive, Wasilla, AK 99654 (907) 373-9090**

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING**

**6 P.M.**

**MARCH 15, 2010**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. AGENCY REPORTS**

A. Gloria Yates, Partnership Specialist, U.S. Census Bureau

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Comprehensive Plan

a. Update on the comprehensive plan (*provided by USKH*)

b. Special Concerns/Issues/Opportunities

**VI. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

**VII. MAYOR, CLERK, AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the Wasilla City Council and Planning Commission was held on Monday, March 15, 2010, at the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Center, 1001 S. Mack Drive, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Verne E. Rupright called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the comprehensive plan update.

**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

Mayor Rupright noted that Mr. Kristofer Larson, Seat F, was absent and excused. No objection was noted.

Commissioners in attendance and establishing a quorum were:

Gary Hall, Seat A  
Daniel Kelly Jr., Seat B  
Brandon Wall, Seat C  
Doug Miller, Seat D  
Glenda Ledford, Seat E  
Clark Buswell, Chairman, Seat F  
Robert Webb, Seat G

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk  
Ms. Amanda E. Charles, Deputy Clerk  
Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director  
Mr. James Hastings, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager (*arrived at 7 p.m.*)  
Mr. Marvin Yoder, Interim Deputy Administrator  
Mr. Jim Holycross, City Planner

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Rupright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Rupright asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

**V. AGENCY REPORTS**

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Ms. Yates provided a brief overview of the upcoming 2010 Census.

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MOTION: Council Member Hall moved to enter into a Committee of the Whole at 6:18 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the comprehensive plan update.

VOTE: The motion to enter Committee of the Whole passed without objection.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- meetings that USKH held within the community during the past year;
- the March 9, 2010, draft framework for the Comprehensive Plan;
- transportation and zoning issues within the City;
- identifying and improving the downtown area of Wasilla; and
- areas of concentration for further work and investigation before the completion of the Comprehensive Plan.

MOTION: Commissioner Kelly moved to exit the Committee of the Whole at 8 p.m.

VOTE: The motion to exit of the Committee of the Whole passed without objection.

**V. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Ms. Margaret Heaven thanked the City Council, Planning Commission and USKH for holding the meeting.

**VI. MAYOR, CLERK AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Ms. Smithers thanked the bodies for turning in their APOC statements in a timely fashion.

Council Member Harris applauded the progress made with the Comprehensive Plan.

Deputy Mayor Holler:

- suggested that the City should look at moving and preserving the railroad depot; and
- expressed his concern with needing to develop alternate traffic patterns to divert traffic off of the Parks Highway.

Chair Buswell commented on the progress that had been made with the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Webb reiterated that tonight's meeting was successful.

Commissioner Hall thanked everyone for the discussion, especially the audience's input.

Council Member Hall:

- pointed out that the City needs to work out the issues with parking within the downtown area before allowing zero lot lines; and
- commented on a report provided last fall by Mr. Robert Gibbs, Gibbs Associates (subcontractor hired by USKH for work on the comprehensive plan).

Commissioner Ledford stressed the need to concentrate on trails within the City.

Council Member Woodruff:

- thanked everyone for the open discussion; and
- shared that she had extra Earthquake and Emergency Preparedness handouts to share with the public.

Commissioner Miller:

- reiterated Council Member Hall's comment regarding the quality of Mr. Gibb's report;
- explained that the plans for the railroad moving south are as of yet undetermined; and
- spoke to the success of the joint meeting.

Council Member Katkus noted her optimism for the future and moving forward with the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Kelly:

- emphasized that the City needs a convention center;
- added that the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center does not meet that need; and
- stressed that much work is needed on the City's road system.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

  
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VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: April 12, 2010