



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

**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.

MAY 24, 2010

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY¹**
- VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS**
 - A. Matanuska-Susitna Borough
 - B. Planning Commission
 - C. Parks and Recreation Commission
 - D. Library Needs Committee
 - E. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce
 - F. Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc.

¹ Ordinance Serial No. 10-10 was removed from the agenda under Approval of the Agenda.
Ordinance Serial No. 10-20 was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under New Business.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings²

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-02:** Amending the zoning map to change the zoning district from (RR) – Rural Residential to (I) – Industrial, for approximately 90 acres, consisting of a portion of New Wasilla Airport Addition No. 2 Subdivision and lots A14, B4 of Township 17 North, Range 1 West, Section 18, Seward Meridian, Alaska; generally located southwest of the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center.
2. ~~**Ordinance Serial No. 10-10:** Adopting WMC 9.24, Alarm Systems, setting forth standards for registration, response, fines and other related matters.~~
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-19:** Setting the sales tax rate at 2 percent with an effective date of July 1, 2010; and amending WMC 5.16.030, Levy of Tax and WMC 5.16.100, Collection of Sales Tax – Addition and Separate Statement; Exceptions.

B. Persons to be Heard

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: May 10, 2010
2. Special Meeting: May 3, 2010

B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on June 14, 2010:

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-18:** Amending WMC 5.04.025, Stabilization of Funds, by increasing the minimum unrestricted percentage required for the enterprise funds and updating the code to reflect current accounting law.

C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 10-19:** Amending the FY10 Library Budget by appropriating \$3,000 from the Wells Fargo Foundation.

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D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 10-13:** Confirmation of Karen Jennings as an Administrative Hearing Officer.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS³

A. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on June 14, 2010:

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-20:** Amending the zoning map to change the zoning district from (RR) - Rural Residential to (C) - Commercial, approximately 1.93 acres contiguous to the existing commercial zone, consisting of lots 1 and 2, block 1, Creste Foris Subdivision within township 17 north, range 1 west, section 3, Seward Meridian, Alaska; generally located approximately one mile north of the Parks Highway on the northwest corner of the intersection of North Wasilla-Fishhook Road and North Creste Foris Street.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Informational Memorandums

1. **IM No. 10-15:** Monthly funding progress report for April 2010, submitted by the Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc.

B. Commission Minutes

1. Library Needs Committee: April 27, 2010
2. Parks and Recreation Commission: April 14, 2010
3. Planning Commission: May 11, 2010

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

³ Ordinance Serial No. 10-20 was removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under New Business at Approval of the Agenda.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, May 24, 2010, at the Wasilla City Hall Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Verne E. Rupright 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 Douglas Holler, Seat B (*arrived at 6:08 p.m.*)
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. Amanda E. Charles, Deputy City Clerk
Ms. Tammy Ostrom, Secretary
Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director
Mr. Troy Tankersley, Finance Director
Mr. Marvin Yoder, Interim Deputy Administrator
Mr. James Hastings, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager
Mr. Richard Payne, City Attorney
Mr. Michael Hughes, Police Chief

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rupright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Rupright:

- requested that Ordinance Serial No. 10-10 regarding alarm systems be removed from the agenda; and
- asked if there were any further changes to the agenda.

Council Member Woodruff requested that Ordinance Serial No. 10-20 regarding a rezone be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed 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. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Mr. Mark Ewing, Assemblymember, District 4:

- stated that Assembly Ordinance Serial No. 10-17, regarding the Wasilla Planning District, was postponed until June 15, 2010, at which time the Assembly would like a member of City staff to attend their meeting to answer some questions;
- covered the Assembly's upcoming meeting schedule;
- briefed the Council on the Assembly's amendments and adoption to the fiscal year 2011 budget; and
- reminded the City Council to attend Borough Meetings to provide a report.

B. Planning Commission

There was no report provided.

C. Parks and Recreation Commission

Ms. Randi Robinson, Commissioner:

- reported on the success of the Wasilla Clean-Up days;
- asked Mr. Giddings to attend their next meeting, scheduled for June 9, 2010, at 6 p.m. at the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center; and
- commented on the upcoming Art on Fire Exhibit which is being held on June 26, 2010, at the Transportation Museum.

D. Library Needs Committee

Ms. Randi Robinson, Committee Member, stated that they had finished their report and would be sending it forward to the City Council for review at the June 14, 2010, regular meeting.

E. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Lyn Carden, Executive Director:

- spoke regarding the upcoming Chamber of Commerce sponsored events;
- noted that Mayor Rupright would be the luncheon speaker at their next meeting; and
- reported on their upcoming meeting schedule over the next month.

F. Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc.

Ms. Sondra Kaplan, Director:

- spoke about the 5K run taking place on July 3, 2010; and
- introduced her fellow Board Members.

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Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing.

Mr. Dan Kennedy:

- spoke in favor of Ordinance Serial No.10-02;
- noted that he was speaking on behalf of Mount Village, LLC, and the Stigar Family;
- thanked the Planning Commission and staff for their hard work; and
- commented on the possible annexation of his land.

There being no others present who wished to speak the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Council.

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

Council Member Woodruff declared a potential conflict of interest on behalf of Council Member Katkus stating that Council Member Katkus owned property abutting the land being rezoned within Ordinance Serial No. 10-02.

Council Member Katkus opined that she did not have a conflict of interested and spoke to the northern edge of her property which is already abutting an industrial zoned area.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Rupright ruled against the potential conflict of interest as declared by Council Member Woodruff.

Council Member Katkus remained in her seat and took part in the discussions and voted on the main motion.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 10-02 passed unanimously.

2. ~~Ordinance Serial No. 10-10: Adopting WMC 9.24, Alarm Systems, setting forth standards for registration, response, fines and other related matters. [CLERK's NOTE: Mayor Rupright requested that this item be removed from the agenda.]~~
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-19:** Setting the sales tax rate at 2 percent with an effective date of July 1, 2010; and amending WMC 5.16.030, Levy of Tax and WMC 5.16.100, Collection of Sales Tax – Addition and Separate Statement; Exceptions.

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 Hall moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 10-19.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 10-19 passed unanimously.

B. Persons To Be Heard

Ms. Sheila Walker:

- stated that she was the Programs Development Director for the Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc. (WASI);
- advised that she helps prepare the grant proposals;
- spoke to a partnership with the City;
- added that the money the City has given to WASI in the past has helped them leverage over \$500,000 from other entities;
- noted that the WASI budget is \$1.6 million;
- asked for continued support to WASI from the City; and
- stressed that WASI needs the City's support if they are to continue to leverage and receive monies from other entities.

Ms. Mary Sears:

- stated that she was the President of the WASI Board;
- informed the Council that it is common in other municipalities for the municipality to own their senior centers; and
- invited everyone to the May 28, 2010, tree planting ceremony being held in honor of those who have passed.

Ms. Katie Carney:

- stated that she was the Vice-President of the WASI Board;
- noted that she had joined the Board a year ago;
- spoke to the major changes she has seen over the past year;
- added that changes are still ongoing;
- said that WASI needed the monies from the City in order to continue leveraging it to receive funding from other entities.

Mr. Jim Vrooman:

- stated that he was the Treasure for the WASI Board;
- spoke to the multiplication of funding in regards to grant monies received from the City;
- spoke to the City's obligation towards the enhancement of the quality of life for its residents; and
- asked for monetary support from the City.

Dr. Andrea Greenfeld:

- stated that she was a member at large on the WASI Board;
- spoke to the greater percentage of her cliental which were seniors;
- advised on issues that afflict seniors;
- commented on the importance of healthy eating habits, and how WASI provides this to its members;
- commented on the increase in the elderly population; and
- asked for continued monetary support from the City.

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The Deputy City Clerk read the Consent Agenda into the record.

MOTION: Council Member Larson moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as read into the record by the Deputy City Clerk.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

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MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to introduce Ordinance Serial No. 10-20 and to set for public hearing on June 14, 2010.

Council Member Woodruff spoke to several corrections that needed to be made to Planning Commission Resolution Serial No. 10-08.

Mayor Rupright directed staff to make the revisions.

VOTE: The motion to introduce and set for public hearing Ordinance Serial No. 10-20 passed unanimously.

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There was no action taken on the communication items.

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. John Dewer commented on feeding the elderly.

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

[CLERK'S NOTE: The Mayor provided his comments after the Council concluded theirs.]

Mayor Rupright welcomed the new Police Chief, Michael Hughes.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Hall invited everyone to participate in the duct tape and cardboard boat regatta.

Deputy Mayor Holler:

- noted that he wanted to see the return of Ordinance Serial No. 10-10 within the near future;
- welcomed the new Police Chief; and
- commented on traffic issues at the intersection of Lakeview Avenue and Knik-Goosebay Road.

Council Member Woodruff:

- welcomed the new Police Chief;
- asked the Planning Commission to look at a way for how neighborhood plans can be created;
- noted that the WMC 16.32, Signs, needs improvement;
- asked that the annexation survey results be distributed to the City Council upon their completion; and
- informed the Council and Mayor that she was receiving a copy of the Borough's draft ethics code and would be giving a copy to the Clerk's Office in case anyone would like to receive a copy.

Council Member Katkus:

- thanked WASI Board and its members for their comments; and
- commented on the weather.

Council Member Harris:


- commented on the zoning changes;
- welcomed the new Police Chief; and
- commented on all terrain vehicles and speeding issues.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session held.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Mayor Rupright, adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.



VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: June 14, 2010