



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.

JUNE 14, 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. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

B. Planning Commission

C. Library Needs Committee

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

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.

2. **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.

B. Persons to be Heard

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: May 24, 2010

B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on June 28, 2010:

C. Resolutions

D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 10-14:** Notice of appeal and appointment of hearing officer in accordance with WMC 16.36.020

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Informational Memorandums

1. **IM No. 10-17:** Monthly financial reports for the period ending April 2010 to include the month-to-date expenditure report and expenditures greater than \$5,000.
2. **IM No. 10-18:** Library Needs Committee Report in response to Wasilla City Council Resolution Serial No. 10-10.

B. Commission Minutes

1. Library Needs Committee: May 4, 2010

- 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, June 14, 2010, at the Wasilla City Hall Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Deputy Mayor 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 Douglas Holler, Seat B
Ms. Nancy R. Hall, Seat D
Ms. Dianne Woodruff, Seat E
Mr. Kristofer Larson, Seat F

Deputy Mayor Holler noted that Mayor Rupright and Ms. Leone Harris, Seat C, were absent and excused. There was no objection.

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Kristie Smithers, MMC, City Clerk
Ms. Amanda E. Charles, Deputy City Clerk
Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director
Mr. Troy Tankersley, Finance Director
Mr. Marvin Yoder, Interim Deputy Administrator
Mr. Richard Payne, City Attorney
Mr. Michael Hughes, Police Chief

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.

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. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

There was no report provided.

B. Planning Commission

Mr. Doug Miller, Commissioner:

- spoke regarding recent discussions on upcoming plans for the Comprehensive Plan and related issues;
- stressed on the need for community involvement in the construction of the Comprehensive Plan;
- stated that Mr. Dave Tuttle, Chair for the Parks and Recreation Commission, was present at their last meeting to speak to the Planning Commission about the importance of developing parks and trails in the area;
- commented on Ordinance Serial No. 10-20, regarding a rezone from rural residential to commercial; and
- noted that they will be addressing the sign code in upcoming meetings.

C. Library Needs Committee

Ms. Randi Robinson, Committee Member, provided a presentation on the Library Needs Committee's initial report to the City Council in response to the direction requested within Resolution Serial No. 10-10 and the associated staff report.

Mr. Ralph Baldwin, Committee Member, spoke regarding how the next important step they should take is to identify an appropriate site and start their fund raising efforts. Jeanne Troshynski, chair, participated in the presentation by teleconference.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

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.

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 Woodruff moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 10-18.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 10-18 passed unanimously.

2. **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.

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 No. 10-20.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 10-20 passed unanimously.

B. Persons To Be Heard

Ms. Jeanne Troshynski (*via teleconference*) spoke to an \$11,500 grant available to the Friends of the Library from Wells Fargo to conduct a survey regarding a new library.

Mr. David Nyberg:

- spoke regarding his interest in Meta-Rose Square as a business owner there;
- noted that they would be signing leases with the City within the upcoming week;
- stated that sales for all the businesses within the Meta-Rose Square have fallen due to the fact that the public believes that the Meta-Rose Square is now a library;
- pointed out the discrepancies in the naming of the Meta-Rose Square and the Wasilla Meta-Rose Public Library; and
- suggested updating the signage to reflect the new library name.

Ms. Sondra Kaplan, Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc.:

- complimented the Library Needs Committee for thinking outside the box;
- spoke to upcoming events at the Wasilla Area Senior Center; and
- invited everyone to attend the grand opening for the Wellness Center on July 9, 2010, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ms. Carmen Summerfield:

- spoke to the importance of libraries; and
- noted the need for a community center.

Mr. John Katkus:

- spoke to the noise levels at the proposed firing range; and
- commented on issues with a recent archery competition which was held at the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: May 24, 2010

B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on June 28, 2010:

There were no introductions.

C. Resolutions

There were no resolutions.

D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 10-14:** Notice of appeal and appointment of hearing officer in accordance with WMC 16.36.020.

The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda into the record.

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

Council Member Katkus noted that her husband was an appellant on the appeal.

Deputy Mayor Holler asked Mr. Payne if he believed that Council Member Katkus had a Conflict of Interest.

Mr. Payne stated that his interpretation of the code applied to Ms. Katkus' situation results in a definite conflict of interest.

Deputy Mayor Holler stated that Council Member Katkus had a Conflict of Interest.

Council Member Katkus stated that she did not have a Conflict of Interest.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Larson moved to divide the question to remove AM No. 10-14 from the Consent Agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection noted to the division of the question.

VOTE: The motion to adopt the minutes of the preceding meeting on the Consent Agenda was passed without objection.

MOTION: Council Member Larson moved to adopt AM No. 10-14

Deputy Mayor Holler ruled in favor of the conflict of interest on the part of Council Member Katkus.

VOTE: The motion to adopt AM No. 10-14 passed unanimously. (*CLERK'S NOTE: Council Member Katkus did not participate in the vote.*)

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

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There was no action taken on the communication items.

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ms. Pam Ockerlander:

- noted her favor for the presentation that the Library Needs Committee presented this evening; and
- stressed their commitment to this project.

Mr. John Dewer, stated that he was a resident of the City of Wasilla and would like to see a firing range in Wasilla.

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Ms. Smithers:

- noted that the next regular City Council meeting would be held on June 28, 2010;
- advised that there is only one meeting scheduled for the month of July, which is July 26, 2010; and
- spoke regarding the upcoming filing period and seats which were open for the 2010 election year.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Larson:

- commented on the need for enforcement of the sign code;
- noted a need for clarity on whether a business is required to continue their pavement through the right-of-way to the street; and
- requested that a news item be added to the City's website regarding how the Meta Rose Square tenants will be continuing to stay within the building.

Council Member Katkus:

- opined that the City should build a library and not a firing range;
- spoke to community needs;
- stated that she wanted to work with the City Council and added that she did not have a Conflict of Interest with AM No. 10-14.

Council Member Hall stated that Alaska Industrial Hardware will be paving their parking lot.

Council Member Woodruff:

- noted that Commissioner Miller brought up the lack of funding for the Comprehensive Plan;
- commented on the necessity for finding funding;
- asked for a radio ad regarding the Meta-Rose Square; and
- opined her favor for not turning the Meta-Rose Square into a library and for moving forward with the site selection process.

Deputy Mayor Holler:

- thanked the Library Steering Committee for their hard work on this project;
- thanked the City and its citizens for their hard work on the triathlon that was held this past weekend; and
- noted need for Ink Spot to pave their parking lot.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session held.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Deputy Mayor Holler, adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.



VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: June 28, 2010