



MAYOR
Verne E. Rupright

COUNCIL
Taffina Katkus, Seat A
Douglas W. Holler, Deputy Mayor, Seat B
Leone Harris, Seat C
Vacant, 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.

AUGUST 9, 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. Parks and Recreation Commission
- D. Library Needs Committee

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

- 1. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-21:** Amending the FY11 Library Budget by accepting and appropriating \$6,005 from the Alaska State Library Interlibrary Cooperation Grant funded by federal monies from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-22(SUB):** Directing the City Clerk to submit the question of exemption from the Alaska Public Offices Commission Financial Disclosure Law (AS 39.50) to the qualified voters of the city at the October 5, 2010, regular City election and providing for local adoption of a City of Wasilla disclosure and conflict of interest law.
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-23:** Amending the FY 2011 budget by appropriating \$31,748 in expenditures to fund cleaning and property tax of the Meta Rose Square.
4. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-24:** Amending the FY 2011 budgets for the General Fund and the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center (the Sports Center) by removing the funding and authorization of two vacant positions totaling \$153,587 and appropriating \$95,189 for a new Events Production and Facility Supervisor at the Sports Center.

B. Persons to be Heard

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

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2. Special Meeting: July 6, 2010; July 16, 2010

B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on August 23, 2010:

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2. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-26:** Accepting and appropriating State of Alaska Department of Transportation Funding in the amount of \$450,000 for Knik-Goose Bay Road and Fern Street Improvements.
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-27:** Accepting and appropriating State of Alaska Legislative Grants in the amount of \$1,476,900 for City Capital Projects.
 - a. **Resolution Serial No. 10-25:** Accepting State of Alaska Legislative Grants in the amount of \$2,043,436 for City Capital Projects and transferring funds within an accounting fund for the projects.

C. Resolutions

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2. **Resolution Serial No. 10-24:** Transferring funds within an accounting fund in the amount of \$20,000 for a Nunley Park Railroad Caboose.

D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 10-20**²: Authorization of a four year contract and award of bid for banking service to Wells Fargo beginning August 1, 2010, through July 31, 2014.
2. **AM No. 10-21:** Appointment of J. Dan King to the Wasilla Planning Commission.
3. **AM No. 10-22:** Contract amendment to USKH, Inc., in the amount not to exceed of \$169,766 for Wasilla Airport Apron D Phase 1 Construction Engineering Services.
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IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

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2. **IM No. 10-22:** Monthly funding progress report for June 2010, submitted by the Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc.

B. Commission Minutes

1. Parks and Recreation Commission: June 9, 2010
2. Planning Commission: June 13, 2010; June 27, 2010

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Annual Evaluation of City Clerk (*Subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion.*)

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, August 9, 2010, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Verne E. Rupright called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Council Members present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Taffina Katkus, Seat A
Deputy Mayor Doug Holler, Seat B
Vacant, Seat D
Ms. Dianne Woodruff, Seat E
Mr. Kristofer Larson, Seat F

Mayor Rupright noted that Ms. Leone Harris, Seat C, 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, Controller
Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director
Mr. Michael Hughes, 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 asked if there were any changes to the agenda.

Deputy Mayor Holler requested that Resolution Serial No. 10-23 be removed from the Consent Agenda and addressed separately under New Business.

Council Member Woodruff requested that AM No. 10-20 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.

VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

A. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

There was no report provided.

B. Planning Commission

Mr. Dan Kelly, Commissioner:

- spoke regarding the July 2010 meetings of the Planning Commission;
- noted public concern with the sign ordinances;
- advised that the Planning Commission will be touring the City on August 10, 2010, at 6 p.m. to view non-conforming signs; and
- provided an overview of their upcoming agendas.

Mayor Rupright stated that a new City Planner was hired, Ms. Tina Crawford, highlighted her background; and advised that she will be starting on August 30, 2010.

C. Parks and Recreation Commission

There was no report provided.

D. Library Needs Committee

Ms. Jeanne Troshynski, Chair:

- noted that their last meeting was on August 3, 2010;
- advised that a sub-committee had been formed to review 14 potential sites for a new library;
- reported that their next meeting is August 31, 2010, at 5:45 p.m.; and
- commented on the summer reading program statistics at the Wasilla Meta Rose Public Library.

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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 Larson moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 10-21.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 10-21 passed unanimously.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-22(SUB):** Directing the City Clerk to submit the question of exemption from the Alaska Public Offices Commission Financial Disclosure Law (AS 39.50) to the qualified voters of the city at the October 5, 2010, regular City election and providing for local adoption of a City of Wasilla disclosure and conflict of interest law.

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 Woodruff moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 10-022(SUB).

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved a primary amendment to WMC 2.10.040, to remove the language, "However, notwithstanding the aforementioned, a municipal official need only make an affirmative good faith effort to obtain the required information to be disclosed. If the spouse, domestic partner, or dependent of the municipal official refused to provide such information, the municipal official is only required to disclose the information they are aware of or within his power or control." And to insert a portion of that language in as a new WMC 2.10.050 and renumbering the rest of the sections accordingly, to read as follows:

A municipal official need only make an affirmative good faith effort to obtain the required information to be disclosed. If the spouse, domestic partner, or dependent of the municipal official refused to provide such information, the municipal official is only required to disclose the information they are aware of or within his power or control.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed unanimously.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 10-22(SUB) as amended passed unanimously.

[CLERK'S NOTE: The amendment and associated language was added into Ordinance Serial No. 10-22(SUB) as WMC 2.10.050(E).]

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-23:** Amending the FY 2011 budget by appropriating \$31,748 in expenditures to fund cleaning and property tax of the Meta Rose Square.

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing.

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MOTION: Deputy Mayor Holler moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 10-23.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 10-23 passed unanimously.

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Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing.

Ms. Nicki Taysom:

- spoke against the salary of this position; and
- cautioned against spending tax dollars on such a highly paid position.

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

Mr. Tankersley provided a breakdown of the funds and how they will be divided.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 10-24.

Mr. Hastings provided further explanation on the breakdown of funds.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 10-24 passed unanimously.

B. Persons to be Heard

Mr. John Luburger spoke regarding his concerns with Resolution Serial No. 10-23.

Ms. Nicki Taysom:

- noted her concerns at the public library, specifically to posters and recent purchases of youths' books;
- expressed her concerns with the community and what the youth are being exposed to; and

- added her concerns regarding the late business hours and merchandise available at these businesses.

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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

1. **Resolution Serial No. 10-23:** Transferring funds within an accounting fund in the amount of \$50,000 for a Lake View Avenue connector road to Riley Avenue.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Holler moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 10-23.

Deputy Mayor Holler noted for the record that the new road would directly affect the neighborhood where he resides.

Council Member Woodruff asked if Mr. Giddings believed he could get a gravel road in for \$50,000.

Mr. Giddings said that by using on site materials it could be done and briefly touched upon the available routes.

MOTION: Council Member Larson moved a primary amendment to build option no. 2.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Resolution Serial No. 10-23, as amended, passed unanimously.

2. **AM No. 10-20:** Authorization of a four year contract and award of bid for banking service to Wells Fargo beginning August 1, 2010, through July 31, 2014.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to adopt AM No. 10-20.

Council Member Woodruff asked Mr. Tankersley to clarify the action memorandum.

Mr. Tankersley explained the delineation of costs.

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

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There was no action taken on the communication items.

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. John Dewer spoke regarding being fiscally responsible.

Ms. Nicki Taysom:

- commented on setting standards within the community which inspire children;
- noted that public servants should be paying their own benefits, that it should not be added to their wages; and
- asked for the Council's consideration on her comments this evening.

Mr. Dan Kelly:

- commented on the foul language of the youth within the community; and
- spoke regarding measures that could be taken against the offenders for subjecting the public to such language.

Mr. John Luberger asked the Mayor to direct staff to draft an ordinance regarding profanity.

Mayor Rupright directed the attorney to research the subject.

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mayor Rupright:

- thanked the Council for a good meeting and welcomed everyone back; and
- noted the executive session for the Clerk's Annual Evaluation.

Ms. Smithers spoke regarding the August 30, 2010, Special Joint Meeting between the City of Wasilla and the City of Palmer, regarding library issues; and noted that the application period for Seat D closes on August 13, 2010, at noon.

Mr. Payne noted his excitement for Resolution Serial No. 10-24, which adds a caboose to Nunley Park.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Katkus expressed her appreciation for community involvement and for setting standards.

Council Member Woodruff:

- noted that she had spoke with Chief Hughes regarding signage and potential traffic violations as it pertains to speeding violations; and
- commented on the progress she's made with the City's first neighborhood watch.

Deputy Mayor Holler expressed his and his neighbors' appreciation for the staff's forthrightness in addressing the congestion problems at the intersection of Knik Goose Bay Road and Lakeview Avenue.

Mayor Rupright passed the duties of the Chair to Deputy Mayor Holler at 7:56 p.m. and exited the meeting.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Annual Evaluation of City Clerk (*Subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion.*)

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Holler moved to enter executive session for subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion, specifically the annual evaluation of the City Clerk.

The City Clerk declined a public discussion so the entire Council and City Clerk entered executive session in the Council Conference Room beginning at 7:09 p.m. The executive session exited at 7:57 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Larson moved to postpone the annual evaluation of the City Clerk to a time certain, August 23, 2010.

VOTE The motion to postpone to a time certain passed without objection.


XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Deputy Mayor Holler, adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.



VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: August 23, 2010