



**MAYOR**  
Verne E. Rupright

**COUNCIL**  
Taffina Katkus, Seat A  
Douglas W. Holler, Deputy Mayor, Seat B  
Leone Harris, Seat C  
John Luburger, 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. Herring Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654 (907) 373-9090

**REGULAR MEETING**

**6 P.M.**

**OCTOBER 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. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

B. Planning Commission

C. Library Needs Committee

**VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-32:** Amending WMC 2.04, Vacancy on the Council, and WMC 2.16.050, Vacancy in Office of Mayor.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-33:** Amending WMC 2.04.020, Qualification of Council Members, and WMC 2.16.030, Qualification of Mayor.

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-34:** Amending WMC 4.12, Candidates, WMC 4.16.040, Ballots-Form, and WMC 2.12.020, Financial Disclosure, to provide for candidates for elective city office to file a Declaration of Candidacy instead of a Nominating Petition. *(Sponsored by Council Members Katkus and Larson)*
4. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-35:** Amending the FY2011 budget by appropriating \$25,508 to payoff debt service related to the Special Assessment 83W1 and United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Loan 94-04, regarding the 1986 Southside Water Improvement District Debt Service Fund.

B. Persons to be Heard

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: September 27, 2010

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

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-36:** Amending WMC 2.60.010(D) to clarify the duration of term limits for Planning Commissioners.

C. Resolutions

D. Action Memorandums

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Resolution Serial No. 10-30:** Accepting the Certificate of Canvass Board Results and certifying the October 5, 2010, Regular City of Wasilla Election. *(CLERK'S NOTE: This item will be a handout at the meeting.)*

**XI. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Informational Memorandums

B. Commission Minutes

1. Library Needs Committee: August 31, 2010
2. Planning Commission: September 28, 2010

**XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

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

**XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Land Acquisition

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, October 11, 2010, at the Wasilla City 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 Doug Holler, Seat B
- Ms. Leone Harris, Seat C
- Mr. John Luberger, Seat D
- Ms. Dianne Woodruff, Seat E
- Mr. Kristofer Larson, Seat F

Staff in attendance were:

- Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk
- Ms. Amanda E. Charles, Deputy City 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
- Mr. Richard Payne, City Attorney

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Rupright asked Council Member Larson to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

There were no amendments noted.

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:

- noted that the meeting for October 12, 2010, has been cancelled;
- added that their regularly scheduled meeting for October 26, 2010, is still in place;
- spoke to a public meeting regarding the Comprehensive Plan taking place on October 23, 2010, at the Wasilla City Hall, Council Chambers; and
- commented about work on WMC 16.32, regarding signs within the City.

### C. Library Needs Committee

There was no report provided.

## VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-32:** Amending WMC 2.04, Vacancy on the Council, and WMC 2.16.050, Vacancy in Office of Mayor.

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing. There being no persons 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. 10-32.

**MOTION:** Deputy Mayor Holler moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 10-32, specifically to WMC 2.04.040(A)(9) to delete the words "including regular and special meetings" to read as follows:

"Unless excused by the council, misses three consecutive meetings."

**VOTE:** The primary amendment passed unanimously.

Discussion ensued.

**VOTE:** The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 10-32 as amended passed unanimously.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-33:** Amending WMC 2.04.020, Qualification of Council Members, and WMC 2.16.030, Qualification of Mayor.

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing. There being no persons 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. 10-33.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 10-33 passed unanimously.

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-34:** Amending WMC 4.12, Candidates, WMC 4.16.040, Ballots-Form, and WMC 2.12.020, Financial Disclosure, to provide for candidates for elective city office to file a Declaration of Candidacy instead of a Nominating Petition. *(Sponsored by Council Members Katkus and Larson)*

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing. There being no persons 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. 10-34.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Harris moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 10-34 to WMC 4.12.030.E in its entirety *(in regard to paying a \$25 filing fee)*.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Deputy Mayor Holler, Council Members Harris, Katkus, Luburger, and Woodruff in favor and Council Member Larson opposed.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Holler moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 10-34 to WMC 4.12.030.B.1 and 2 to strike the words "three p.m." and replace them with the words "five p.m." to read as follows:

1. No earlier than eight a.m., seventy-eighth (78) calendar days, before a regular election, and no later than five p.m., sixty-seven (67) calendar days, before a regular election; and
2. No earlier than eight a.m., sixty-four (64) calendar days, before a special election, and no later than five p.m., fifty-three (53) calendar days, before a special election.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed unanimously.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 10-34, as amended, passed unanimously.

4. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-35:** Amending the FY2011 budget by appropriating \$25,508 to payoff debt service related to the Special Assessment 83W1 and United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Loan 94-04, regarding the 1986 Southside Water Improvement District Debt Service Fund.

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing. There being no persons 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. 10-35.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 10-35 passed unanimously.

B. Persons to be Heard

There was no one present who wished to speak.

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

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C. Resolutions

There were no resolutions.

D. Action Memorandums

There were no action memorandums.

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**

- A. **Resolution Serial No. 10-30:** Accepting the Certificate of Canvass Board Results and certifying the October 5, 2010, Regular City of Wasilla Election.

MOTION: Council Member Larson moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 10-30.

MOTION: Council Member Larson moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 10-30 to the "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED" clause to strike item 3 until proof is provided by Mr. Steve Menard that he resides within the City.

- ~~3. That Steve Menard was elected to Seat F, a three-year term ending October 2013, having received the greatest number of votes cast for Seat F.~~

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Deputy Mayor Holler and Council Members Harris, Larson, Luburger, and Woodruff in opposition and Council Member Katkus in favor.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Resolution Serial No. 10-30 passed unanimously.

**XI. COMMUNICATIONS**

- A. Informational Memorandums

There were no informational memorandums.

- B. Commission Minutes

1. Library Needs Committee: August 31, 2010
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There was no action taken on the communication items.



## **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

There were no comments provided.

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

Mayor Rupright:

- spoke to meeting with Mr. Jay Leno over the weekend; and
- thanked everyone for the expedited meeting

Ms. Smithers asked if there was any objection to scheduling a meeting regarding goals and initiatives for November 29, 2010.

There was no objection noted.

Mr. Payne:

- spoke to meeting Mr. Leno; and
- noted that the City's opening briefs will be due on November 1, 2010.

## **XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Luburger:

- asked the City to work with the Greater Chamber of Commerce to promote tourism possibilities in Wasilla; and
- thanked the Council for allowing him to fill the temporary seat on the City Council.

Mayor Rupright thanked Council Member Luburger for his time.

Deputy Mayor Holler spoke in favor of the new road off of Lakeview Drive.

Council Member Woodruff thanked Mr. Yoder for the clean up of the path on Riley Avenue near the Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc., building.

Council Member Katkus spoke to her recent trip.

Council Member Larson:

- spoke to his time on the Council over the last three years;
- divulged to the Council that he recently found out he will be a father; and
- thanked the staff for all the work they've done and the work they will do.

## **XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **A. Land Acquisition**

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to enter into executive session, specifically to discuss land acquisition.

GENERAL CONSENT: There being no objection the entire City Council along with the Mayor, City Clerk, Public Works Director, Interim Deputy Administrator, Finance Director, and Recreation and Cultural Services Manger moved into executive session at 6:55 p.m.

*[CLERK'S NOTE: The executive session was held in the Council Conference Room.]*

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to exit the executive session at 7:14 p.m.


GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection noted.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to have the Mayor direct staff to enter into a memorandum of agreement regarding the land acquisition as discussed in the executive session.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

#### **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business at hand, Mayor Rupright adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

  
VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: October 26, 2010