



MAYOR
Verne E. Rupright

COUNCIL
Taffina Katkus, Seat A
Douglas W. Holler, Deputy Mayor, Seat B
Leone Harris, Seat C
Colleen Sullivan-Leonard, Seat D
Dianne Woodruff, Seat E
Steve Menard, 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.

OCTOBER 25, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Swearing in Ceremony of Newly Elected Council Members

VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

A. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

B. Planning Commission

C. Parks and Recreation Commission

D. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce

E. Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

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B. Persons to be Heard

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

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2. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-39:** Amending the FY2011 Museum budget by accepting and appropriating \$4,000 from the Rasmuson Foundation.
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-40:** Amending WMC 2.12.020, Financial Disclosure, by clarifying when financial disclosure statements shall be filed by candidates for elected city office.
4. **Ordinance Serial No. 10-41:** Amending the FY2011 budget by appropriating \$24,000 for the Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc.

C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 10-31:** Consenting to the location of, and approving, the Coming Attractions Theatre project funded through the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority.

D. Action Memorandums

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Informational Memorandums

1. **IM No. 10-26:** Monthly financial reports for the period ending August 2010 to include the month-to-date expenditure report, expenditures greater than \$5,000, and the quarterly report of businesses receiving a penalty waiver for sales tax.

B. Commission Minutes

1. Parks and Recreation Commission: September 8, 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, October 25, 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 Luburger, 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 Members Larson and Luburger 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

Mayor Rupright presented a City Seal to Council Members Larson and Luburger recognizing their public service.

The City Clerk administered an Oath of Office to newly elected Council Members Steve Menard, Colleen Sullivan-Leonard and Dianne Woodruff. *(CLERK'S NOTE: Council Members Menard, Sullivan-Leonard and Woodruff participated in the meeting from this point forward and Council Member Luburger stepped down and took a seat in the audience while Council Member Larson exited the meeting.)*

VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

A. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Mr. Mark Ewing, Assemblymember, District 4:

- provided an update on the recent and upcoming Assembly schedule;
- commented on several ordinances which may effect the City of Wasilla;
- spoke to the selection process for a new Borough Manager;
- noted that they are looking at the possibility of having a Borough satellite office in the core area;
- spoke briefly on the expansion of Port Mackenzie; and
- welcomed the new council members.

B. Planning Commission

Mayor Rupright gave a brief report on the October 23, 2010, public meeting on the Comprehensive Plan Update.

C. Parks and Recreation Commissioner

Ms. Mary Champine, Commissioner:

- expressed a desire for the Commission's name to be changed to the Parks and Trails Committee;
- spoke regarding areas for improvement in communication with Public Works;
- noted areas for improvement for the 2011 Clean-Up days;
- added that they may be creating a sub-committee to specifically work on 2011 Clean-Up days;
- asked that a form to be placed on the City's website asking for volunteers for the 2011 Clean-Up days and other events; and
- noted her pleasure at the newly purchased train car being placed at Nunley Park.

D. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Lyn Carden, Executive Director:

- spoke to new memberships with the Chamber;
- noted that roughly 5,500 tourist packets have been mailed out for 2011;
- invited everyone to attend the third Thursday of the month open luncheons;
- commented on the upcoming schedule for the Chamber; and

- spoke to improvements to the train-depot where the Chamber of Commerce currently is housed.

E. Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc.

Ms. Diana Straub, Marketing Manager:

- thanked Public Works for aerating the septic system;
- thanked the City of Wasilla for supporting the Santa Cop Program and described the details of the program;
- commended Officer Chris McCormick on her great representation of the City; and
- provided information on the recent meal program at the senior center.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

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

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 Menard moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 10-36.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 10-36 passed with Deputy Mayor Holler and Council Members Harris, Katkus, Menard, and Sullivan-Menard in favor and Council Member Woodruff opposed.

B. Persons to be Heard

Ms. Niki Taysom spoke to governing in alignment with God and the Constitution of the United States and encouraged the Council to do so.

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D. Action Memorandums

There were no action memorandums.

Deputy Mayor Holler moved to approve the Consent Agenda as read into the record by the Clerk.

There was no objection noted.

Council Member Sullivan-Leonard stated for the record that her spouse works for Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority which is referred to in Resolution Serial No. 10-31.

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There was no unfinished business.

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There was no action taken on the communication items.

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Ted Leonard thanked the administration for being so promptly bringing forward Resolution Serial No. 10-31 to the Council and spoke to the benefits therein.

Ms. Niki Taysom:

- stated that she teaches emergency response and preparedness;
- noted concerns within the community should the need arise for her to use her training;
- asked the City to promote self-preparedness; and
- spoke to her dedication to the local youth and her country.

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mayor Rupright welcomed the new council members.

Ms. Smithers:

- spoke to the budget meeting schedule;
- noted that she is working with the City of Palmer to schedule another joint meeting regarding libraries; and
- welcomed the new council members.

Mr. Payne:

- welcomed the new council members;
- ensured them that his door is open should they need to discuss anything; and
- spoke his open door policy as it relates to city residents.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Sullivan-Leonard:

- noted that she is looking forward to working with the administration and the City Council; and
- added that she is honored to serve the City of Wasilla.

Council Member Menard:

- spoke to the extension railway at the airport and asked about the feasibility;
- noted his appreciation for having a local attorney, one with an open door policy;

- extended his pleasure for how the meeting had been run this evening and noted the difference from prior years; and
- stated that he will be absent from November 20, 2010, through December 1, 2010.

Council Member Woodruff noted that she attended the Palmer Elk's Lodge meeting in commemoration of the local public safety persons.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to direct staff to schedule a joint meeting between the Council and the Wasilla Area Seniors, Inc., Board of Directors prior to the next legislative session.

General Consent: There was no objection noted.

Council Member Katkus:

- thanked Chief Hughes and the Police Department for their dedication to the Santa Cop program;
- noted concerns with the Dorothy Page Museum's most recent exhibit "Brassieres to Nowhere;"
- expressed concerns with all-terrain vehicle users in the City; and
- welcomed and congratulated the new council members.

Council Member Harris welcomed the new council members.

Deputy Mayor Holler:

- welcomed the new council members;
- thanked all the candidates for putting their name forward for nomination; and
- spoke to the new traffic pattern at Railroad Avenue.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session held.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

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



VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: November 8, 2010