



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.

JANUARY 10, 2011

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

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-01:** Amending the FY11 Police Department Budget by accepting and appropriating funds from the Alaska Department of Transportation and the Alaska Highway Safety Office in the amount of \$18,426 for the Law Enforcement Liaison Program.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-02:** Amending the FY11 Police Department Budget by accepting and appropriating funds from the Alaska Department of Transportation and the Alaska Highway

Safety Office in the amount of \$22,504 for the Alaska Strategic Traffic Enforcement Partnership Driving Under the Influence and Seatbelt Grant.

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-03:** Amending the FY11 Police Department Budget by accepting and appropriating funds from the multi-Jurisdiction Drug Task Force Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$107,239 with a City match requirement of \$35,747; totaling \$142,986.

B. Persons to be Heard

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: December 13, 2010

B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on January 24, 2011:

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-04:** Amending the FY11 Police Department budget by accepting and appropriating funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$14,735 for the purchase of protective vests for police officers.
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-05:** Amending WMC 2.04.035, Compensation and reimbursement, to specify an annual salary for council members. *(Sponsored by Council Member Menard)*
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-06:** Amending WMC 2.04.035, Compensation and reimbursement, to add compensation for special meetings for council members. *(Sponsored by Council Member Menard)*
4. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-07:** Accepting and appropriating \$228,992 in Federal Transit Administration grant funding through the Alaska Railroad Corporation for the Wasilla Intermodal Facility.
5. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-08:** Amending WMC 16.32.030, Definitions; and amending WMC 16.32.050, Signs Prohibited; to provide clarification regarding electronic message center signs.

C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 11-01:** Supporting the FY12 Capital Improvement Program State Funding Requests.

2. **Resolution Serial No. 11-02:** Transferring funds within an accounting fund in the amount of \$21,200 for the purchase of a new road grader.
 - a. **AM No. 11-01:** Authorization to purchase a Caterpillar 140M2 BR Motor Grader under the State of Alaska Contract in the amount of \$271,126.
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D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 11-02:** Confirming goals and initiatives for FY12.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Informational Memorandums

B. Commission Minutes

1. Library Needs Committee: November 30, 2010
2. Parks and Recreation Commission: November 10, 2010

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Land acquisition

B. Subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion.

C. Matters pertaining to personnel

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, January 10, 2011, 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
- Ms. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard, Seat D
- Ms. Dianne Woodruff, Seat E
- Mr. Steve Menard, Seat F

Staff in attendance were:

- Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk
- Ms. Amanda E. Charles, Deputy City Clerk
- Mr. Troy Tankersley, Finance Director
- Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director
- Mr. Kelly Swihart, Lieutenant
- 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 Menard to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Council Member Menard requested that Ordinance Serial Nos. 11-05 be removed from the Consent Agenda and addressed separately under new business.

Mayor Rupright requested that items A. Land Acquisition and C. Personnel Matters under XV. Executive Session be removed from the agenda.

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

1. District 4, Mark Ewing

Mr. Mark Ewing, Assemblymember:

- asked for the City's support with the Robertson Extension and spoke to concerns with that area;
- stated that on January 6, 2011, the Borough Recycling Center opened;
- noted that the Alaska Railroad is having an open house on Wednesday, January 12, 2011, at Evangelos and invited all to attend; and
- spoke to tomorrow's special Borough election regarding the election of the Borough Mayor.

Mayor Rupright asked Assemblymember Ewing to speak with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly regarding the dangers of Knik Goose Bay Road and the need to widen the road to four lanes from the Parks Highway to just past Settlers Bay.

B. Planning Commission

Ms. Glenda Ledford, Commissioner:

- provided a brief overview of the Planning Commission's previous meeting of December 14, 2010; and
- spoke to tomorrow's joint meeting regarding the Draft Comprehensive Plan.

C. Friends of the Library

Ms. Jeanne Troyshynski :

- informed the Council that their next meeting is at 7 p.m. on January 17, 2011;
- the next book sale is March 24 – 28, 2011, at the American Legion; and
- stated that the Friends of the Library were purchasing several eReaders (such as the Nook and Kindle) for the Wasilla Public Library.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

Mayor Rupright asked if there was any objection to taking Ordinance Serial Nos. 11-01, 11-02 and 11-03 together.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection noted.

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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 Katkus moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 11-01, 11-02 and 11-03.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 11-01, 11-02 and 11-03 passed unanimously.

B. Persons to be Heard

Ms. Anne Killkenny:

- spoke regarding Ordinance Serial No. 11-06; and
- stated that the effective date of the change in pay rate should take place after the next regular election.

Ms. Eileen Johnson:

- spoke regarding the “bottleneck” and safety issues near the intersection of E. Susitna Road and Knik Goose Bay Road; and
- asked that no further development take place in that area until the safety issues are corrected.

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D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 11-02:** Confirming goals and initiatives for FY12.

The 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 Clerk.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection noted and the Consent Agenda was approved as read into the record.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Informational Memorandums

There were no informational memorandums.

A. Commission Minutes

1. Library Needs Committee: November 30, 2010
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There was no action taken on the communication items.

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ms. Glenda Ledford:

- stated that she is speaking as a resident of the City, not as a Planning Commissioner;
- thanked the Mayor for his donation to the Governor's Inaugural Reception;
- invited everyone to attend the Reception; and
- stated that the Reception will take place on Saturday, January 15, 2011, from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Raven Hall in Palmer.

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mayor Rupright:

- spoke regarding the loss of Mr. Arylis Wayne (Art) Scates, and Ms. Bealuh Isabell (Boots) Thompson;
- informed the Council that he has the Police Department running numbers on the accidents that take place on Knik Goose Bay Road; and
- spoke regarding his favor for a percentage per capita formula for road funding from the State of Alaska.

Ms. Smithers:

- reminded the Council of the Alaska Municipal League winter legislative session taking place February 8 – 10, 2011, and asked the Council to inform her as soon as possible if they wanted to attend;
- added that Council Members Sullivan-Leonard and Katkus are already schedule to attend the winter session;
- reminded the Council of the Joint City Council and Planning Commission Joint Meeting, taking place on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, at 6 p.m.; and
- stated that she would be on vacation in the upcoming weeks.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Holler:

- noted that the new traffic pattern at the intersection of Knik Goose Bay Road and Railroad Avenue is not working;
- asked for additional signage in that area;
- spoke regarding safety concerns with the missing wiring around the upper deck at the ice arena; and
- asked that it be fixed or a temporary solution be put in place.

Council Member Woodruff spoke regarding concerns with Railroad Avenue, the traffic flow and the associated dangers.

Council Member Menard:

- spoke regarding the wires that surround the ice rink;
- spoke to frustration levels with council members not attending special meetings; and
- stated that he pulled Ordinance Serial No. 11-05 from the agenda.

Council Member Harris:

- spoke regarding concerns with the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Knik Goose Bay Road;
- stated that she had received an email to which the entire Council was copied; and
- cautioned the Council regarding serial meetings.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. ~~Land acquisition~~

B. Subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to enter into executive session for subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection noted and the entire Council, Mayor, City Attorney, and Clerk enter into executive session at 6:39 p.m.

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XVI. ADJOURNMENT

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



VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:



AMANDA E. CHARLES, Acting City Clerk

Minutes approved: January 24, 2011