

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, April 18, 2011, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska, for continued discussions on the presentation of the fiscal year 2012 proposed operating and capital budgets. Mayor Verne E. Rupright called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Wasilla City 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 (*arrived at 5:31 p.m.*)
Ms. Dianne Woodruff, Seat E
Mr. Steve Menard, Seat F (*arrived at 5:42 p.m.*)

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Kristie Smithers, MMC, City Clerk
Ms. Amanda E. Charles, CMC, Deputy City Clerk
Ms. Troy Tankersley, Finance Director
Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director
Mr. Gene Belden, Interim Police Chief
Mr. James Hastings, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager
Mr. Bert Cottle, Temporary Deputy Administrator
Mr. Jean Achee, Lieutenant
Ms. Bethany Buckingham, Curator
Ms. Kathy Martin, Library Director

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.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Overview of Fiscal Year 2012 proposed Operating and Capital Budgets *(continued from April 11, 2011)*

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to enter into Committee of the Whole at 5:33 p.m. to further discussions on the fiscal year 2012 proposed operating and capital budgets.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection noted.

Mr. Tankersley walked the Council through the remaining portions on the fiscal year 2012 proposed operating and capital budgets to include the Dorothy G. Page Museum, Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center (Sports Center), Wasilla Meta-Rose Public Library, Public Safety, Wasilla Police Department, and Public Works.

Discussion ensued on:

- the increase in salaries at the Wasilla Meta-Rose Public Library;
- traffic during daytime hours at the Sports Center;
- additional signage featuring the amenities at the Sports Center;
- turning the small building at the Sports Center into a useable structure;
- insurance increases the Sports Center and possible mitigation measures;
- trail improvements at the Sports Center;
- the number of dispatch personnel;
- the possibility of cost sharing for the Youth Court;
- costs associated to lobbying in Washington D.C. for the Public Works Director;
- upkeep and scheduled improvements to Meta-Rose Square;
- insurance increases in the Public Works Department; and
- funding needed to address emergencies with the water and sewer lines.

(The special meeting recessed at 6:41 p.m. and reconvened at 6:50 p.m.)

Presentation of the fiscal year 2012 operating and capital budgets continued for Public Works, Capital Improvement Projects, and Debt Service.

Discussion ensued on:

- improvements to the municipal airport;
- improvements to the railroad crossing on Mach Drive; and
- the need for new signage for Nunley Park.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to exit out of the Committee of the Whole.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection noted and the Council exited out of Committee of the Whole at 7:26 p.m.

VI. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no comments provided.

VII. MAYOR, CLERK AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ms. Smithers:

- confirmed that the meeting for Wednesday, April 20, 2011, will be cancelled since it is no longer needed;
- stated that the redistricting maps are available for review in the Council Conference Room;
- spoke regarding Alaska Public Offices Commission reporting requirements when Lobbying; and
- noted that the Greater Chamber of Commerce meeting for April 26, 2011, has been cancelled.

Council Member Sullivan-Leonard thanked Mr. Tankersley and Mayor Rupright for their work on the budget.

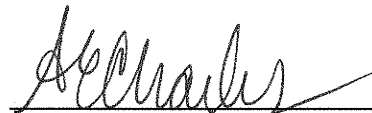
Mayor Rupright spoke briefly about the legislative session continuing for an additional thirty days.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Mayor Rupright adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.


VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:



AMANDA E. CHARLES, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

Minutes approved by Wasilla City Council: May 9, 2011