



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.

JUNE 13, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA¹

V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY²

A. Certificates of Appreciation – Mr. Troy Tankersley, Mr. James Hastings and Mr. Archie Giddings.

VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

A. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

B. Planning Commission

C. Parks and Recreation Commission

D. Friends of Wasilla Public Library

E. Neighborhoods, USA 2011 Conference update by Taffina Katkus

¹ Resolution Serial No. 11-21 was removed from the Consent Agenda and addressed separately under New Business.

² The Special Order of the Day was added to the agenda during the meeting by Mayor Rupright.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

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B. Persons to be Heard

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3. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-24:** Approving a rezone from Rural Residential to Commercial for Lots A14, A15, A16, A17 and D10, Township 17 North, Range 1 West, Section 10, Seward Meridian, Alaska; generally located on the north side of Palmer-Wasilla Highway and south of the Parks Highway.

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XI. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Informational Memorandums
- B. Commission Minutes

1. Planning Commission: May 24, 2011

- 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, June 13, 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 (*via teleconference*)
- Ms. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard, Seat D
- Ms. Dianne Woodruff, Seat E
- Mr. Steve Menard, Seat F (*arrived at 6:11 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
- Ms. Tina Crawford, City Planner
- Mr. Richard Payne, City Attorney

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.

Council Member Woodruff moved to remove Resolution Serial No. 11-21 from the Consent Agenda and to address it under New Business.

There was no objection noted.

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

V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Certificates of Appreciation¹

Mayor Rupright presented Certificates of Appreciation to Mr. Tankersley, Mr. Hastings and Mr. Giddings for their work on the union contracts and associated negotiations.

VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

A. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

There was no report provided.

B. Planning Commission

Ms. Glenda Ledford, Commissioner:

- spoke regarding their previous meeting of May 24, 2011; and
- spoke to items of discussion for their next meeting of June 14, 2011.

C. Parks and Recreation Commission

Mr. Hastings:

- briefed the Council on the May 11, 2011, meeting, as well as the June 8, 2011, meeting;
- spoke to the July 4 Parade and picnic; and
- commented on work of the commissioners around the City.

D. Friends of Wasilla Public Library

Ms. Jeanne Troshynski, Director:

- thanked the City for the flowers outside the City library;
- commented on the summer reading program;
- spoke to summer programs at the library

E. Neighborhoods, USA 2011 Conference update by Taffina Katkus

Council Member Katkus provided a brief synopsis of the Neighborhoods, USA 2011 Conference which she attended in May 2011.

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Ms. Crawford provided a staff report.

Council asked clarification questions of Ms. Crawford.

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 11-11.

Mr. Kevin Baker:

- spoke to the process of adopting plans;
- noted that plans are every changing; and
- stressed that comprehensive plans are there to lend guidance to the City of Wasilla and its residents.

Mr. Brad Laybourn spoke to prior commitments of the City as it relates to the Curtis D. Menard Sports Center and concerns he has with placing a firing range there without it going to a vote of the people.

There being no others present who wished to speak, Mayor Rupright closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-11.

Discussion moved to the Council.

MOTION: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard called for the question (to stop debate).

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-11 passed with Council Members Harris, Holler, Menard, Sullivan-Leonard and Woodruff in favor and Council Member Katkus in opposition.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-21:** Accepting and appropriating the grant award balance of \$89,583 received from the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and the Alaska Highway Safety Office for the Alaska Strategic Traffic Enforcement Partnership, Driving Under the Influence and Seatbelt Grant.

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 11-21. There being no one present who wished to speak, Mayor Rupright closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-21.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-21 passed unanimously.

B. Persons to be Heard

Mr. Bill Dau expressed his concerns and opposition with Ordinance Serial No. 11-23, regarding a proposed rezone along the north side of Knik Goose Bay Road.

Ms. Kelly Dau:

- offered her support to Mr. Dau's statements; and
- spoke to concerns with a fence raised on City of Wasilla land that is leased to Alaska Live Steamers which thereby cuts off Trail 4, near Lake Lucille, which has been existence since the 1980s.

Ms. Ronnie McKenzie:

- supported Mr. Dau's statements; and
- spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 11-23, regarding a proposed rezone along the north side of Knik Goose Bay Road.

Mr. Brad Laybourn read a letter into the record on behalf of his wife who could not be present regarding her opposition to the proposed firing range at the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center and asked the City Council to draft a resolution stating their opposition to the proposition.

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The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda into the record.

MOTION: Council Member Katkus 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.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Resolution Serial No. 11-21:** Authorizing the Mayor to execute a two-year agreement with Meritain Health, Delta Dental, and Lifewise Assurance for group health, dental and life insurance benefits.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 11-21.

Mr. Tankersley provided a staff report.

Discussion moved to the Council.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Resolution Serial No. 11-21 passed unanimously.

X. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Informational Memorandums

There were no informational memorandums.

- B. Commission Minutes

1. Planning Commission: May 24, 2011

There was no action taken on the communication items.

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Kevin Baker:

- spoke to a fence along Lake Lucille which improved public access to the trails; and
- commented on problems with the proposed firing range plan to be located at the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center.

Mr. John Dewar spoke in support of the proposed firing range.

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mayor Rupright:

- stated that the fireworks in recognition of the 4th of July, Independence Day, will take place at 11 p.m. on July 3, 2011;
- commented on problems with homeless citizens within the City of Wasilla; and
- asked Mr. Payne to find the lawful property owner regarding the property in question.

Mr. Payne:

- stated that he is open to negotiations with the Law Offices of De Noble regarding the proposed firing range which is under appeal at the Superior Court;

- noted that this topic should not be discussed in-depth in a public forum because it is under appeal; and
- encouraged people to attend the Planning Commission Meeting of June 14, 2011, where they will be discussing sound.

Ms. Smithers spoke regarding the June 7, 2011, redistricting maps which depict the draft final plans.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Katkus:

- commented on the Neighborhoods, USA Conference,
- spoke to the Wasilla City Market taking place at Husky Electric;
- opined that the citizens need a firing range;
- noted that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is willing to work with the City on a location for an outdoor firing range;

(CLERK'S NOTE: Council Member Harris disconnected from the teleconference at 7:45 p.m.)

Deputy Mayor Holler

- spoke regarding concerns with the fence on the property leased to Alaska Live Steamers;
- noted that he would be talking to his constituents regarding the noise associated to a firing range; and
- addressed Mr. Baker and spoke to confusion regarding his statements during the meeting.

Council Member Sullivan-Leonard:

- stated that Governor Parnell is currently reviewing the State Capital Budget;
- noted that she has a letter to be signed by the Council requesting the Governor to not cut specific City projects; and
- asked for their support by signing the letter.

Council Member Menard:

- spoke to concerns with erosion at the Lake Lucille boat ramp;
- commented on the issues with the property being leased to Alaska Live Steamers and opined that a solution could be found; and
- touched briefly on the proposed firing range.

Council Member Woodruff:

- opined that the proposed firing range process was poorly done;
- offered her support for looking for a new location for the proposed firing range;
- noted a further need for sound studies;
- spoke to Ordinance Serial No. 11-23 which is up for public hearing at the June 27, 2011, Council Meeting;

- asked the City Planner to review the property owners surrounding the proposed rezone within Ordinance Serial No. 11-23;
- stated that she supports neighborhood plans; and
- noted that she had received complaints regarding the condition of the City of Wasilla sign next to Spenard Builders Supplies.

(CLERK'S NOTE: The Mayor took comments from the City Attorney and City Clerk after the conclusion of the Council Member's comments.)

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session held.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Mayor Rupright adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk



VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

Minutes approved: June 27, 2011