



MAYOR

Dianne M. Keller

COUNCIL

Greg Koskela, Seat A

Douglas W. Holler, Seat B

Steve Menard, Seat C

Marty Metiva, Seat D

Ron Cox, Deputy Mayor, Seat E

Mark A. Ewing, Seat F

WASILLA CITY COUNCIL

MEETING AGENDA

WASILLA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Wasilla City Hall, 290 E. Herning Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654 (907) 373-9090

SPECIAL MEETING

6 P.M.

MAY 21, 2007

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

V. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

A. Salary Structure for the Position of Mayor

B. Funding Support for Wasilla Area Seniors (Requested by Council Member Ewing)

C. Possible Sales Tax Exemptions

VI. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

VII. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND CLERK COMMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, May 21, 2007 at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Deputy Mayor Cox called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Cox noted that Mayor Dianne M. Keller was absent and excused from the meeting unless there was objection, hearing none, Mayor Keller's absence was excused.

II. ROLL CALL

Council Members present and establishing a quorum were:

- Mr. Greg Koskela, Seat A
- Mr. Doug Holler, Seat B
- Mr. Steve Menard, Seat C
- Mr. Marty Metiva, Seat D
- Mr. Ron Cox, Deputy Mayor, Seat E
- Mr. Mark Ewing, Seat F

Staff in attendance were:

- Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk
- Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk
- Ms. Susan Colligan, Director of Finance
- Ms. Sandra Garley, Deputy Administrator

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Ewing led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Cox inquired if there were amendments to the agenda.

MOTION: Council Member Metiva moved to approve the agenda as presented.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

V. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION: Council Member Koskela moved to enter into a Committee of the Whole to discuss the items listed on the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

The Council entered into a Committee of the Whole at 6:05 p.m.

A. Salary Structure for the Position of Mayor

Discussion ensued regarding the salary structure for the position of mayor and a possible wage increase for the current mayor.

B. Funding Support for Wasilla Area Seniors (Requested by Council Member Ewing)

C. Possible Sales Tax Exemptions

Discussion ensued regarding funding support for the Floyd D. Smith Senior Center and senior sales tax exemptions.

MOTION: Council Member Koskela moved to exit the Committee of the Whole at 7:48 p.m.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

VI. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ms. Robin Hall, Executive Director, Floyd D. Smith Senior Center:

- talked about the financial issues faced by the Senior Center;
- talked about programs offered by the Senior Center; and
- requested funding to keep the Senior Center open.

Ms. Betsy Miller, Board of Directors, Floyd D. Smith Senior Center:

- talked about the activities offered at the Senior Center; and
- requested financial support of the Senior Center.

Mr. Bill Whitfield, Board of Directors, Floyd D. Smith Senior Center:

- thanked the Council for considering to financially support the Senior Center; ‘
- talked about the impact of inflation to the Senior Center budget; and
- stated that the Senior Center needs financial assistance to maintain programs.

Mr. Bob Brickel, Board of Directors, Floyd D. Smith Senior Center:

- expressed concern about rent increases at the Senior Center; and
- requested financial support for the Senior Center.

No additional comments were made.

VII. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk:

- asked which council members plan to attend the public employees retirement system (PERS) presentation; and
- asked for clarification on legislation preparation discussed earlier in the meeting.

The council directed the clerk to prepare the following: 1) a resolution increasing the mayor's salary to \$75,000; 2) an ordinance amending WMC 2.16.070, Salary of mayor; 3) a resolution directing the city's state lobbyist to lobby for the Floyd D. Smith Senior Center. No objection was raised.

Council Member Ewing requested that the subject of sales tax exemptions for senior citizens be placed on the next tri-joint cities meeting agenda. No objection was raised.

Council Member Metiva:

- thanked the audience for attending the meeting; and
- thanked his colleagues for a productive meeting.

Council Member Menard:

- thanked the audience for attending the meeting; and
- commended his colleagues on a fantastic meeting.

Council Member Holler:

- thanked the audience for attending the meeting.

Council Member Koskela:

- thanked the audience for attending the meeting;
- noted that the meeting was productive and many good ideas were discussed; and
- stated he is unable to attend the June 4, 2007, Special Meeting, as he will be out of town.

Discussion followed on the necessity of the June 4, 2007, Special Meeting.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to cancel the June 4, 2007, Special Meeting in regard to the budget and clerk evaluation, and to reschedule the clerk evaluation for June 25, 2007 at 6 p.m.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

Council Member Ewing:

- thanked the audience for attending the meeting;
- spoke positively about the discussion this evening;
- complimented the deputy mayor for running a good meeting;
- stated he is happy the council is considering financially supporting the senior center; and
- thanked staff for their comments this evening.

Deputy Mayor Cox:

- thanked the audience for attending the meeting;
- spoke about the history of grants given by the city;
- cautioned the council about the difficulty in awarding grants as so many worthy organizations exist;
- reiterated his support of senior citizens; and
- handed out a copy of a compliant filed against the city by Deborah Luper.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Deputy Mayor Cox adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.


DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on June 11, 2007.