



**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

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**WASILLA CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING AGENDA**  
WASILLA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
Wasilla City Hall, 290 E. Herring Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654  
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**REGULAR MEETING**

**6 P.M.**

**JULY 11, 2011**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA<sup>1</sup>**
- V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**
- VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS**
  - A. Matanuska-Susitna Borough
  - B. Planning Commission
  - C. Parks and Recreation Commission
  - D. Friends of Wasilla Meta-Rose Public Library
- VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
  - A. Public Hearings
  - B. Persons to be Heard

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<sup>1</sup> Resolution Serial No.11-27 was removed from the Consent Agenda and addressed separately under New Business.

## VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:
  - 1. Regular Meeting: June 27, 2011
- B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on August 8, 2011:
  - 1. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-25:** Amending the FY12 Police Department budget by accepting and appropriating the grant award from the Department of Transportation, Alaska Highway Safety Office in the amount of \$3,726.08 for the purchase of a Toughbook Ultra Computer.
- C. Resolutions
- D. Action Memorandums
  - 1. **AM No. 11-18:** Authorizing the Alaska Railroad to upgrade the crossings at Snider Road and South Mack Drive in the amount of \$162,600.
  - 2. **AM No. 11-19:** Contract award to Cascadia International and Bob's Services in the amount of \$236,394 for a new dump truck with a sander for road maintenance.

## IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Resolution Serial No. 11-27:** Establishing the salary of the mayor as provided by WMC 2.16.070.A and repealing Resolution Serial No. 09-26(AM).

## XI. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Informational Memorandums
- B. Commission Minutes
  - 1. Parks and Recreation Commission: April 27, 2011; May 11, 2011
  - 2. Planning Commission: June 28, 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, July 11, 2011, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Verne E. Rupright called the meeting to order at 6:02 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

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, Interim Deputy Administrator
- Mr. Richard Payne, City Attorney

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Rupright asked Mr. Michael Rovito, staff to Senator Linda Menard, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Council Member Woodruff asked that Resolution Serial No. 11-27 be removed from the Consent Agenda and addressed separately under New Business.

**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**

There was no report provided.

### **B. Planning Commission**

There was no report provided.

### **C. Parks and Recreation Commission**

Mr. Hastings stated that Parks and Recreation Commission worked on edits to the Parks and Trails Master Plan, and stated that they will be passing it onto the Planning Commission in the near future.

### **D. Friends of Wasilla Meta-Rose Public Library**

There was no report provided.

## **VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

### **A. Public Hearings**

There were no Public Hearings.

### **B. Persons to be Heard**

Mr. Ralph Swan, SubZero Motor Sports:

- spoke to the article in the Frontiersman regarding SubZero Motor Sports,
- introduced several of the SubZero Motor Sports board members;
- commented on their goals;
- informed the Council that many of the facts stated in the Frontiersman's article were incorrect;
- spoke to noise levels; and
- encouraged the Council to attend one of their events.

*[CLERK'S NOTE: The Mayor noted the arrival of Mr. Jim Hasbrouck, Regional Supervisor for the State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game, and asked him to come forward to make a presentation regarding Lake Lucille Dam.]*

Mr. Hasbrouck:

- provided a presentation regarding the construction and gradual deterioration of the Lake Lucille Dam; and
- spoke to remediation efforts.

Discussion ensued regarding Lake Lucille Dam.

Mr. Rod Cottle:

- stated that he moved to the Lake Lucille area in 1967;
- opined that more information is needed regarding reclamation of the dam; and
- asked for a public hearing on the matter when statistics had been gathered.

Mr. Pat Cookherts:

- stated that he is a new member of SubZero Motor Sports Club; and
- spoke to the importance of the club.

Ms. Kelly Dau:

- spoke to an article in the Frontiersman regarding the splitting of Trail 4, near Lake Lucille, by the property leased to Alaska Live Steamers; and
- spoke against leasing the City property to Alaska Live Steamers.

Ms. Colleen Cottle:

- spoke to two projects south of her property;
- spoke specifically to Erinwood Subdivision easements and the lack of an organized driveway for the subdivision;
- commented on the lack of permits by Alaska Live Steamers; and
- stated that she has spoken with the City Planning Office.

Mr. Garret Moore:

- stated that he is a member of the Alaska Sports Car Club;
- spoke regarding the article in the Frontiersman regarding SubZero Motor Sports and associated clubs;
- shared his discontent with the article; and
- commented on the benefits of local car clubs.

## **VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: June 27, 2011

B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on August 8, 2011:

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-25:** Amending the FY12 Police Department budget by accepting and appropriating the grant award from the Department of Transportation, Alaska Highway Safety Office in the amount of \$3,726.08 for the purchase of a Toughbook Ultra Computer.

C. Resolutions

There were no Resolutions.

D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 11-18:** Authorizing the Alaska Railroad to upgrade the crossings at Snider Road and South Mack Drive in the amount of \$162,600.
2. **AM No. 11-19:** Contract award to Cascadia International and Bob's Services in the amount of \$236,394 for a new dump truck with a sander for road maintenance.

MOTION: Council Member Menard 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**

*[CLERK'S NOTE: Mayor Rupright passed the duties of the chair to Deputy Mayor Holler due to the fact that Resolution Serial No. 11-27 is regarding the salary of the Mayor. Mayor Rupright exited the room and Deputy Mayor Holler assumed the duties of the chair for the remainder of the meeting.]*

1. **Resolution Serial No. 11-27:** Establishing the salary of the mayor as provided by WMC 2.16.070.A and repealing Resolution Serial No. 09-26(AM).

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 11-27.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 11-27 to strike all references to "Range 25" and to replace them with "Range 26."

Discussion ensued.



VOTE: The primary amendment passed unanimously.

*[CLERK'S NOTE: Due to the amendment administration was directed to correct the non-union salaried pay rates to include the salary of the Mayor at a Range 26, with the same compensation as the Range 25, as originally determined at the passage of Resolution Serial no. 09-26(AM). Furthermore, an ordinance is to be drafted striking the first line of WMC 2.16.070.A]*

VOTE: The motion to adopt Resolution Serial No. 11-27 passed unanimously.

## **XI. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. Informational Memorandums**

There were no Informational Memorandums.

### **B. Commission Minutes**

1. Parks and Recreation Commission: April 27, 2011; May 11, 2011
2. Planning Commission: June 28, 2011

There was no action taken on the communication items.

## **XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Mr. Rich Kihn:

- spoke to meetings held by the Valley Board of Realtors and the lack of proper parking;
- explained that cars are parking along either side of Susitna Ave.;
- remarked on the related safety concerns;
- spoke to incorrect taxations by the Alaska Club; and
- voiced his concern with traffic on Susitna Ave.

## **XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

*[CLERK'S NOTE: The Clerk and Attorney comments were provided with the Council's comments.]*

## **XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Woodruff:

- noted her support for SubZero Motor Sports; and
- added that she had walked Trail 4, near Lake Lucille, where it intersected the property leased to Alaska Live Steamers.

Council Member Menard:

- commended Mr. Hastings on his work with the events surrounding Independence Day;
- thanked the concerned citizens for attending the meetings and sharing their concerns with the Council; and
- expressed his pleasure at hearing from the SubZero Motor Sports Club members.

Council Member Harris:

- opined that the State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game, should pay to repair the Lake Lucille Dam; and
- confirmed that she had seen the Wasilla Police Department Officers ticketing drivers who turn left onto Railroad Ave. from Knik Goose Bay.

Ms. Smithers:

- stated that her office is busy with the election season;
- reported that the filing period will open on July 18, 2011; and
- informed the Council that the Declaration of Candidacy Packets will be available online.

Deputy Mayor Holler spoke to his concerns with possible damage to the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center's parking lot from use by the SubZero Motor Sports use.

Mr. Hastings stated that no damage was being done to the parking lot.

Council Member Sullivan-Leonard:

- explained that she had driven through the Lake Lucille Park;
- suggested that the park would need upkeep and maintenance; and
- queried if there was any planning in progress to take the park to its full potential.

Council Member Katkus:

- suggested that the City of Wasilla should work openly with the State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game;
- thanked Mr. Kihn for his comments; and
- noted that she would be bringing forward an ordinance proposing a senior sales tax exemption.

Mr. Payne:

- thanked Council Member Woodruff for her attentiveness; and
- informed the Council that he had agreed to a 60 day extension for filing the appellants' briefs at the Superior Court (regarding the firing range).

## **XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session held.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business at hand, Deputy Mayor Holler adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

  
VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: August 8, 2011

