



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
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REGULAR MEETING

6 P.M.

AUGUST 22, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA¹

V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

- A. Matanuska-Susitna Borough
- B. Planning Commission
- C. Parks and Recreation Commission
- D. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

- 1. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-29:** Amending WMC 3.60.060, Holidays with pay, to allow for both eight and ten hours of compensatory time.

¹ Ordinance Serial No. 11-30 was removed from the Consent Agenda and addressed separately under New Business.

- B. Persons to be Heard

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:
 - 1. Regular Meeting: August 8, 2011
- B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on September 12, 2011:
- C. Resolutions
- D. Action Memorandums
 - 1. **AM No. 11-24:** Contract award to Bristol Construction in the amount of \$227,720 for Airport Access Pioneer Road.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Resolution Serial No. 11-30:** Authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Jonesers for leased space in the Meta Rose Square in the amount of \$2,100 for twelve (12) months. *(Continued from the August 8, 2011, Regular City Council Meeting.)*

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on September 12, 2011:
 - 1. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-30:** Amending WMC 16.28.110, Variance, to include sign variances; and add WMC 16.32.260, Variance Provisions, to allow variances to the sign code and create sign variance criteria and process requirements.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Informational Memorandums
 - 1. **IM No. 11-12:** Monthly financial reports for the period ending June 2011 to include the month-to-date expenditure report, expenditures greater than \$5,000, and the quarterly report of businesses receiving a penalty waiver for sales tax.
- B. Commission Minutes

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, August 22, 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, MMC, City Clerk
- Ms. Amanda E. Charles, CMC, Deputy City Clerk
- Mr. 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 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 Woodruff requested that Ordinance Serial No. 11-30 from the Consent Agenda and to place it 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

Mr. Mark Ewing, Assembly Member, District 4:

- reported that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough (MSB) Assembly is considering revising the make-up of the Board of Ethics;
- provided an update on Port MacKenzie; and
- spoke to the importance of running a clean and ethical electoral campaign.

B. Planning Commission

Mr. Doug Miller, Commissioner:

- spoke to points of discussion during the joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission on August 9, 2011, regarding the Parks and Trails Master Plan;
- informed the Council that the City of Wasilla Comprehensive Plan had passed the MSB Planning Commission;
- commented on areas of interest that the MSB Planning Commission is working on; and
- briefed the Council on Ordinance Serial No. 11-30, regarding sign variances.

C. Parks and Recreation Commission

Mr. James Hastings:

- briefed the City Council on the August 9, 2011, regular meeting; and
- touched briefly on the August 9, 2011, special meeting with the Planning Commission.

D. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Lyn Carden, Executive Director:

- informed the Council that Value Village is opening later this week;
- commented on upcoming political campaign forums; and
- briefed the Council on other Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce events.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-29:** Amending WMC 3.60.060, Holidays with pay, to allow for both eight and ten hours of compensatory time.

MOTION: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-29.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-29 passed unanimously.

B. Persons to be Heard

Ms. Kelly Dau expressed her discontent with Alaska Live Steamers, their members and the lease of City owned property to the Alaska Live Steamers.

Ms. Anne Killkenny spoke to her concerns with Ordinance Serial No. 11-30, regarding sign variances.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: August 8, 2011

B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on September 12, 2011:

C. Resolutions

There were no resolutions.

D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 11-24:** Contract award to Bristol Construction in the amount of \$227,720 for Airport Access Pioneer Road.

MOTION: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as read into the record by the Clerk.

Council Member Woodruff noted for the record that the City Council had received amended August 8, 2011, minutes with changes to the comments under Persons to be Heard.

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

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. **Resolution Serial No. 11-30:** Authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Jonesers for leased space in the Meta Rose Square in the amount of \$2,100 for twelve (12) months. *(Continued from the August 8, 2011, Regular City Council Meeting.)*

MOTION: Council Member Harris moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 11-30.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Resolution Serial No. 11-30 passed unanimously.

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-30:** Amending WMC 16.28.110, Variance, to include sign variances; and add WMC 16.32.260, Variance Provisions, to allow variances to the sign code and create sign variance criteria and process requirements.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to introduce Ordinance Serial No. 11-30 and set it for public hearing on September 12, 2011.

Discussion moved to the Council.

VOTE: The motion to introduce Ordinance Serial No. 11-30 and set it for public hearing on September 12, 2011, passed unanimously.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Informational Memorandums

1. **IM No. 11-12:** Monthly financial reports for the period ending June 2011 to include the month-to-date expenditure report, expenditures greater than \$5,000, and the quarterly report of businesses receiving a penalty waiver for sales tax.

B. Commission Minutes

There were no commission minutes.

There was no action taken on the communication item.

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. John Dewer

- expressed his concern over the events of the last week regarding the actions of a single council member; and
- opined that Council Member Menard was not fit for office.

Ms. Anne Killkenny:

- suggested that the Council adopt an ordinance banning the consumption of any alcohol while on City business; and
- applauded Council Member Menard for attending this evening's meeting.

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

No comments were provided.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Katkus:

- noted that she had a petition circulating regarding a firing range which is to be located in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and
- invited the Council to review the petition.

Council Member Menard:

- apologized for his actions in Sitka, and
- stated that through the grace of God he will redeem himself.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Holler moved to enter into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion.

Mayor Rupright noted that the entire Council, the Mayor, Finance Director, City Clerk and himself would be present to discuss the subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion.

Mayor Rupright called for a brief recess prior to entering into executive session.

[CLERK'S NOTE: The regular meeting recessed at 6:31 p.m. and reconvened at 6:39 p.m. at which time they immediately entered into executive session.]

VOTE: There was no objection noted and the Council entered into executive session at 6:39 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard moved to exit the executive session.

VOTE: The motion passed and the executive session exited at 7:22 p.m.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Holler moved to require Council Member Menard to repay the City of Wasilla in the amount of \$1,404.90, which is the amount of the City paid on his behalf for him to travel to the City of Sitka as a council member, and to sanction any paid travel through the City of Wasilla for the remainder of his term (*ending 2013*).

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Mayor Rupright adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

ATTEST:



VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: September 12, 2011