



**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. Herning Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654  
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**REGULAR MEETING**

**6 P.M.**

**NOVEMBER 14, 2011**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**

A. A Proclamation Honoring Anthony Keller for Lifesaving Efforts

1. Mayor Rupright
2. Mr. Anthony Keller
3. Taylia Harding Family
4. Knik Tribal Council
5. Kenai Borough Fire Chief

## VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

- A. Matanuska-Susitna Borough
- B. Planning Commission
- C. Parks and Recreation Commission
- D. Friends of Wasilla Public Library

## VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-36:** Amending the FY2012 Police Department budget by accepting and appropriating funds from the Alaska Department of Transportation and Alaska Highway Safety Office in the amount of \$10,656.20 for Operation Glow; an educational and traffic safety program held on Halloween night.
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-37:** Amending the FY2012 budget by appropriating \$130,000 from the Vehicle Replacement Fund to replace three vehicles for the Wasilla Police Department.
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-38:** Accepting a three-year grant from the Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, 2011 COPS Hiring Grant, in the amount of \$315,384; amending the FY-2012 Wasilla Police Department Patrol budget by appropriating \$101,033 of said monies; and designating said funds for the purpose of hiring one additional police officer.
4. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-39:** Amending WMC 2.16.070, Salary of Mayor, adopting 2.16.075, Benefits of Mayor, amending WMC 3.45.010, Definition Of Confidential/Managerial Employee, and amending WMC 3.85.060, Benefits Of Confidential/ Managerial Employee.
5. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-40:** Amending WMC Chapter 3.65 in relation to paid time off for employees of the City and repealing WMC 3.55.105, Pay Adjustments Due to Absence.

### B. Persons to be Heard

## VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: October 24, 2011

B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on November 14, 2011:

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-41:** Amending WMC 12.04, Street Classifications.
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-42:** Amending FY2012 Budget by appropriating \$16,317 to hire a consulting firm to perform a rate structure review of the City's water and sewer utility rates.
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-43:** DCCED Main Street Couplet grant #12-DC-434 in the amount of \$5,000,000.

C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 11-44:** Amending the FY2012 budget by redirecting funds within an accounting fund in the amount of \$50,450 to purchase a folder-inserter and foundry switch.

D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 11-30:** 2012 Council Meeting Schedule.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**XI. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Informational Memorandums

1. **IM No. 11-14:** 2012 City Holidays.

B. Commission Minutes

1. Planning Commission: October 25, 2011

**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 to discuss correspondence between Council Members. *(Requested by Council Member Katkus.)*
  
- ~~B. Subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion to discuss a sales tax issue. *(Requested by Council Member Harris.)*~~

## **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, November 14, 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
- Ms. Leone Harris, Seat C
- Ms. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard, Seat D
- Ms. Dianne Woodruff, Seat E
- Mr. Steve Menard, Seat F (*via teleconference, arrived via teleconference at 6:07 p.m.*)

Mayor Rupright noted that Deputy Mayor Douglas Holler, Seat B, was absent and excused, unless objection was noted. No objection was noted.

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 Mr. Anthony Keller to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Council Member Harris requested that Executive Session, Item B, regarding subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion to discuss a sales tax issues be removed from the agenda.

There was no objection noted.

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

## **V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **A. A Proclamation Honoring Anthony Keller for Lifesaving Efforts**

1. Mayor Rupright
2. Anthony Keller
3. Taylia Harding Family
4. Knik Tribal Council
5. Kenai Borough Fire Chief

Mayor Rupright presented a proclamation to Mr. Anthony Keller thus honoring him for his lifesaving efforts of Miss Taylia Harding.

Miss Harding's mother expressed her heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Keller for saving her daughter's life.

Mr. Kevin Toothaker, Knik Tribal Council Employment and Training Director, spoke regarding CPR training Mr. Keller had recently received and how they came into use shortly thereafter when he saved Miss Harding's life.

Mr. Mike Tilly, Kenai Borough Fire Chief, spoke regarding Mr. Keller's heroic actions.

*(In honor of Mr. Keller's actions Mayor Rupright called for a recess of the regular meeting at 6:17 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 6:34 p.m.)*

## **VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS**

### **A. Matanuska-Susitna Borough**

There was no report provided.

### **B. Planning Commission**

Commissioner Doug Miller reported on the last Planning Commission regular meeting of November 8, 2011, and spoke to the upcoming agenda items for the November 22, 2011, regular meeting.

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

Mr. Hastings reported on the Parks and Recreation Commission regular meeting of November 9, 2011.

D. Friends of Wasilla Public Library

Ms. Jeanne Troshynski, President:

- commented on the availability of eReaders for check-out at the Wasilla Meta-Rose Public Library;
- spoke to upcoming events at the library; and
- noted that a resolution regarding the deeding of land to the City of Wasilla from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is on the Assembly's agenda for November 15, 2011.

**VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-36:** Amending the FY2012 Police Department budget by accepting and appropriating funds from the Alaska Department of Transportation and Alaska Highway Safety Office in the amount of \$10,656.20 for Operation Glow; an educational and traffic safety program held on Halloween night.

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 11-36. There being no one present who wished to speak, Mayor Rupright closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-36.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-36 passed unanimously.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-37:** Amending the FY2012 budget by appropriating \$130,000 from the Vehicle Replacement Fund to replace three vehicles for the Wasilla Police Department.

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 11-37. There being no one present who wished to speak, Mayor Rupright closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-37.

Discussion moved to the Council.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-37 passed unanimously.

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-38:** Accepting a three-year grant from the Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, 2011 COPS Hiring Grant, in the amount of \$315,384; amending the FY-2012 Wasilla Police Department Patrol budget by appropriating \$101,033 of said monies; and designating said funds for the purpose of hiring one additional police officer.

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 11-38. There being no one present who wished to speak, Mayor Rupright closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Council Member Katkus moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-38.

Discussion moved to the Council.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-38 passed unanimously.

4. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-39:** Amending WMC 2.16.070, Salary of Mayor, adopting 2.16.075, Benefits of Mayor, amending WMC 3.45.010, Definition of Confidential/Managerial Employee, and amending WMC 3.85.060, Benefits of Confidential/ Managerial Employee.

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 11-39. There being no one present who wished to speak, Mayor Rupright closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Council Member Katkus moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-39.

Discussion moved to the Council.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved a primary amendment to WMC 2.16.075.B to strike the words "20 hours per month for the second term" and to replace them with "any subsequent term" to read as follows:

B. The accrual of personal time off for the office of mayor shall not begin to accrue until the first day of the first full month following taking the oath of office. The accrual rate for the mayor shall be 16 hours per month for the first term and any subsequent term. The mayor is also subject to the provisions of WMC 3.65.020.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Council Members Harris, Katkus, Sullivan-Leonard opposed and Council Members Woodruff and Menard in favor. *[CLERK'S NOTE: Four affirmative votes shall be required to carry any measure before the Council. WMC 2.04.130.A]*

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-36 passed with Harris, Katkus, Sullivan-Leonard and Woodruff in favor and Council Member Menard opposed.

5. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-40:** Amending WMC Chapter 3.65 in relation to paid time off for employees of the City and repealing WMC 3.55.105, Pay Adjustments Due to Absence.

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 11-40. There being no one present who wished to speak, Mayor Rupright closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-40.



Discussion moved to the Council.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-40 passed unanimously.

B. Persons to be Heard

There was no one present who wished to speak.

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: October 24, 2011

B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on November 28, 2011:

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-41:** Amending WMC 12.04, Street Classification and Design Standards, to revise the street classification and design standards for streets within the City limits.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-42:** Amending FY2012 Budget by appropriating \$16,317 from the water and sewer fund's fund balance for a utility rate analysis.

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 11-43:** Accepting and appropriating \$5 million in FY2012 State Legislative Grant Funding for the Main Street Couplet.

A. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 11-44:** Amending the FY2012 budget by redirecting funds within an accounting fund in the amount of \$50,450 to purchase a folder-inserter and foundry switch.

B. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 11-30:** 2012 Council Meeting Schedule.

MOTION: Council Member Harris 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 amended.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

## **XI. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **A. Informational Memorandums**

#### **1. IM No. 11-14: 2012 City Holidays.**

### **B. Commission Minutes**

#### **1. Planning Commission: October 25, 2011**

There was no action taken on the communication item.

## **XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

There were no comments provided.

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

Ms. Smithers spoke to the upcoming City Council meeting schedule.

## **XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Woodruff:

- thanked Assemblymember Colligan and School Board Member Gattis for their attendance at the City Council meeting this evening;
- clarified that the Mayor's salary would be retroactively adjusted to 16 hours for his first term and kept at 20 hours of accrual during his second term; and
- requested clarification on whether a motion for reconsideration could be seconded by a member who was not on the prevailing side.

Ms. Smithers stated that Roberts Rules of Order is silent on the matter, so that it would appear that a member not from the prevailing side could second a motion for reconsideration.

Council Member Harris spoke positively of Mr. Keller's character.

Council Member Sullivan-Leonard echoed Council Member Harris' comments.

Council Member Katkus:

- echoed Council Member Harris' comments; and
- commented on the 2011 Alaska Municipal League Fall Conference.

Council Member Menard commented on the procedures for a motion for reconsideration.

Mayor Rupright commended Mr. Keller on his heroic efforts in saving the life of Miss Harding.

#### **XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion to discuss correspondence between Council Members. *(Requested by Council Member Katkus.)*

MOTION: Council Member Katkus 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 to discuss correspondence between Council Members.

Discussion moved to the Council.

VOTE: The motion to enter into executive session failed with Council Members Katkus, Menard and Woodruff in favor and Council Members Harris and Sullivan-Leonard in opposition. *[CLERK'S NOTE: Four affirmative votes shall be required to carry any measure before the Council. WMC 2.04.130.A]*

~~B. Subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion to discuss a sales tax issue. *(Requested by Council Member Harris.) [CLERK'S NOTE: This item was removed from the agenda by the requestor at the approval of the agenda.]*~~

#### **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business at hand, Mayor Rupright adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

  
VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: November 28, 2011