



CITY OF
WASILLA
ALASKA

MAYOR

Verne E. Rupright

COUNCIL

Taffina Katkus, Seat A
Leone Harris, Seat C
Dianne Woodruff, Seat E

Douglas W. Holler, Deputy Mayor, Seat B
Colleen Sullivan-Leonard, Seat D
Brandon Wall, 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.

JUNE 11, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

- A. "My House" – Geri McCann
- B. Parks and Recreation Commission
- C. Planning Commission
- D. Friends of Wasilla Public Library

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 12-16:** Amending the FY2012 budget by appropriating \$2,000 in grant funding from the Alaska Community Forestry Program.

B. Persons to be Heard

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

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2. **Ordinance Serial No. 12-18:** Amending WMC 9.04.010, Definitions, and WMC 9.04.030, Action to Abate Lewd Conduct.
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 12-19:** Amending the FY2012 budget by appropriating \$25,000 for the sewer utility fund.
4. **Ordinance Serial No. 12-20:** Amending provisions of WMC Title 4, Elections, regarding Definitions, Powers and Duties of the Clerk, Voter Qualifications, Candidates, Administration of the Elections, Methods of Voting, Voting Procedures, and Ballot Counting.

C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 12-17:** Declaring that the City of Wasilla is officially a Purple Heart City.
2. **Resolution Serial No. 12-18:** Adopting the updated Wasilla All Hazard Mitigation Plan Phase I – Natural Hazards.
3. **Resolution Serial No. 12-19:** Supporting current provisions of law in SAFETEA-LU that treats the Alaska Railroad in a fair and equitable manner the same as other public transportation providers.

D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 12-22:** Contract Amendment for Big Dipper Construction in the amount of \$478,150 for FY2013 Equipment Services Contract.
2. **AM No. 12-23:** Contract amendment for USKH, Inc., to extend contract time for the airport access road and Airport Master Plan engineering services.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Informational Memorandums

1. **IM No. 12-09:** Monthly financial reports for the period ending April 2012 to include the month-to-date expenditure report and disbursements greater than \$5,000.
2. **IM No. 12-12:** Update to Council regarding employee health benefit arrangements for FY2013.

B. Commission Minutes

1. Airport Advisory Commission: November 17, 2011; February 16, 2012
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XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Contract negotiations for Local 959, Teamsters
- B. For subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion (*Requested by Council Member Katkus*)
- C. Potential or pending litigation to which the City of Wasilla may become or is a party (*Requested by Council Member Woodruff*)
- D. Matters pertaining to personnel (*Requested by Council Member Woodruff*)

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, June 11 2012, 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
- Mr. Douglas Holler, Deputy Mayor, Seat B
- Ms. Leone Harris, Seat C
- Ms. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard, Seat D
- Ms. Dianne Woodruff, Seat E
- Mr. Brandon Wall, Seat F

Staff in attendance were:

- Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk
- Ms. Amanda E. Charles, Deputy Clerk
- Mr. Troy Tankersley, Finance Director
- Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director
- Mr. John Combs, Recreation and Cultural Services Director
- Mr. Gene Belden, Interim Police Chief
- Mr. Richard Payne, City Attorney
- Mr. Bert Cottle, Deputy Administrator

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rupright asked Captain Bob Moore to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no special orders of the day.

VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

A. ~~"My House"~~ Geri McCann¹

There was no report provided.

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

Mr. John Combs:

- spoke regarding the first phase of the community garden being implemented;
- commented on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall which is on display at the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center;
- added that they had received a flatbed rail car at the Sports Center which can be used as a stage at future date;
- asked for volunteers for the July 4, 2012, Independence Day Celebration which will take place at Iditapark.

C. Planning Commission

Mr. Rob Webb, Commissioner:

- noted that the Sign Code Focus Group has been meeting and they will review their recommendations upon completion of their report;
- noted that they have been reviewing many conditional use permits; and
- added that they will soon be receiving training on Roberts Rules of Order.

D. Friends of Wasilla Public Library

Ms. Jeanne Troshynski, President:

- commented on the summer reading program;
- spoke to a marionette show that took place at the old school house;
- thanked local sponsors for their donations;
- spoke to the Matanuska Susitna Borough "Race for Technology" event; and
- queried the status of the land transfer from the MSB to the City for the public library.

Mr. Cottle responded.

¹ The report by "My House" was postponed until the meeting of June 25, 2012, at the request of Ms. McCann.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 12-16:** Amending the FY2012 budget by appropriating \$2,000 in grant funding from the Alaska Community Forestry Program.

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 12-16. 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. 12-16.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 12-16 passed unanimously.

B. Persons to be Heard

Mayor Rupright saluted and then extended his appreciation to the members of the Order of the Purple Heart.

Ms. Anne Killkenny:

- spoke regarding the pollution of plastic bags around the community;
- stated she would write an ordinance requiring retail sales stores to charge for plastic bags; and
- asked for a sponsor for the ordinance.

Mr. Brad Laybourn:

- commented on the misuse of the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center by the Anchorage racing group; and
- asked who had issued the permit to them.

Mayor Rupright requested that Mr. Combs follow up with Mr. Laybourn regarding their reserved schedule at the Sports Center.

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Mayor Rupright asked Mr. Ron Siebels to speak regarding Resolution Serial No. 12-17, pertaining to the City of Wasilla becoming the first city in Alaska to be a Purple Heart City.

Mr. Ron Siebels stated that if Wasilla passed this resolution then they would be the 27th city in the nation and the first city in the State of Alaska to become a Purple Heart City and spoke to the honor of the designation and what it stands for.

MOTION: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard moved to adopt the consent agenda as read into the record by the City Clerk.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection noted.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no new business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

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3. Planning Commission: May 8, 2012; May 22, 2012

There was no action taken on the communication items.

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Clint Spencer, Vice President of Pop Warners South Central queried the status of phase two at the Sports Center for the football ball fields.

Mr. Payne responded that the property was currently under litigation so no development will be occurring at this juncture.

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mayor Rupright stated that he was honored to have Wasilla be the first Purple Heart City in Alaska.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Woodruff queried the status of painting the caboose at Nunley Park.

Mr. Giddings responded that he has a vendor coming in to remove the lead based paint and once that is finished the City can proceed to paint the caboose.

Council Member Harris noted her appreciation for being the first Purple Heart City in Alaska.

Council Member Katkus:

- spoke to how patriotic the City of Wasilla is;
- thanked the staff and Mayor Rupright for their work on and funding for the community garden;
- noted that she will be bringing forward a draft resolution regarding a City ethics policy; and
- commented on an Air Expo group that is forming and will be performing here in the City in the future.

Deputy Mayor Holler asked if any damage was done at the Curtis D. Menard Sports Center from the racing.

Mr. Combs stated that no damage was done.

Council Member Sullivan-Leonard

- stated that she is working on bringing forward an ordinance regarding forming a committee to honor the 40th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Wasilla; and
- noted her interest in Council Member Katkus' ethics policy.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Contract Negotiations for Local 959, Teamsters

MOTION: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard moved to enter into executive session to discuss contract negotiations for Local 959, Teamsters.

VOTE: No objection noted.

B. For subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. *(Requested by Council Member Katkus)*

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff 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.

Discussion ensued.

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

There was no objection noted.

VOTE: The motion to enter into executive session failed with Council Members Harris, Sullivan-Leonard and Wall in objection and Council Members Holler, Katkus and Woodruff in favor. *[CLERK'S NOTE: Mayor Rupright did not invoke his right to break the tie. Per WMC 2.04.130, four affirmative votes shall be required to carry any measure before the Council.]*

C. Potential or pending litigation to which the City of Wasilla may become or is a party *(Requested by Council Member Woodruff)*

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to enter into executive session to discuss potential or pending litigation to which the City of Wasilla may become or is a party.

Discussion ensued.

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

There was no objection noted.

VOTE: The motion passed with Council Members Harris, Holler, Katkus, Wall and Woodruff in favor and Council Member Sullivan-Leonard in objection.

D. Matters pertaining to personnel *(Requested by Council Member Woodruff)*

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to enter into executive session to discuss matters pertaining to personnel.

VOTE: The motion passed with Council Members Harris, Holler, Katkus and Woodruff in favor and Council Members Sullivan-Leonard and Wall in objection.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to enter into executive session to discuss:

- A. Contract negotiations for Local 959, Teamsters
- C. Potential or pending litigation to which the City of Wasilla may become or is a party (*Requested by Council Member Woodruff*)
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VOTE: There was no objection noted and the entire Council, Mayor, Attorney, Clerk, Deputy Administrator, Police Chief, Public Works Director, Finance Director and Recreation and Cultural Services Director moved into executive session at 6:40 p.m.

[CLERK'S NOTE: At 7 p.m. the Deputy Administrator, Police Chief, Public Works Director, Finance Director and Recreation and Cultural Services Director exited the executive session.]

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Holler moved to exit the executive session at 7:46 p.m.

There was no objection noted.


XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Mayor Rupright adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

[CLERK'S NOTE: Council Member Woodruff inquired if a motion was needed on a policy amendment. Mayor Rupright stated that the meeting was adjourned and he would take care of the policy change.]


VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: July 9, 2012