



CITY OF
WASILLA
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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.

JULY 9, 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. Parks and Recreation Commission

B. Planning Commission

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 12-21:** Honoring the 100th Anniversary of the City of Wasilla which was founded in 1917, by creating a committee to pay tribute to the occasion. *(Sponsored by Council Member Katkus)*

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 12-22:** Creating a City of Wasilla 40th Anniversary of Incorporation Celebration Committee. *(Sponsored by Council Member Sullivan-Leonard)*

B. Persons to be Heard

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: June 11, 2012 *(Postponed from June 25, 2012)*
2. Regular Meeting: June 25, 2012

B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on August 13, 2012:

C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 12-20:** Opposing Ballot Measure Two, Coastal Zone Management Program, to be voted upon at the upcoming State Primary Election On August 28, 2012. *(Sponsored by Council Member Sullivan-Leonard)*

D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 12-26:** Ordering agreement with Crowley Petroleum, through Mat-Su Borough Contract #11-095A, in the amount of \$60,500 to purchase generator diesel fuel.
2. **AM No. 12-27:** Authorization to award a purchase order for six months of janitorial services by Pridgen Janitorial Services in the amount of \$42,881.
3. **AM No. 12-28:** Awarding contract to Yukon Equipment in the amount of \$57,673 to purchase a 74HP tractor and loader.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee of the Whole

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 12-23:** Amending Wasilla Municipal Code 5.16.030, 5.16.100 and 5.16.210 to increase the rate of the City sales tax by one percent (1%) to three percent (3%) beginning on January 1, 2013; amending Wasilla Municipal Code 5.16.210 to allocate one half (0.5%) of the sales tax increase to a special account to finance major capital improvements; and submitting the question of such sales tax rate increase to the qualified voters of the City at the October 2, 2012, Regular City Election.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Informational Memorandums

1. **IM No. 12-11:** Monthly financial reports for the period ending May 2012 to include the month-to-date expenditure report and disbursements greater than \$5,000.

B. Commission Minutes

1. Planning Commission: June 26, 2012

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 9, 2012, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Verne E. Rupright called the meeting to order at 6:03 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. Brandon Wall, Seat F

Mayor Rupright asked if there was any objection to Deputy Mayor Douglas Holler, Seat B, being absent. There was no objection noted and Deputy Mayor Holler was excused.

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
- Ms. Kathy Martin Albright, Library Director
- Ms. Bethany Buckingham, Museum Curator
- Ms. Tina Crawford, City Planner

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rupright asked Ms. Amanda Charles, Deputy Clerk, 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 Resolution Serial No. 12-20, AM Nos. 12-26 and 12-27 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. Parks and Recreation Commission

Mr. John Combs commented on the 4th of July celebrations and complimented Ms. Joanna Gray, Events Coordinator and Facility Supervisor, for her efforts in making the day a success.

B. Planning Commission

Ms. Tina Crawford, City Planner, stated that the Planning Commission had worked on the downtown area plan at their last meeting of June 26, 2012, and noted they would continue those discussions at the July 10, 2012, regular meeting.

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A. Public Hearings

- 1. Ordinance Serial No. 12-21:** Honoring the 100th Anniversary of the City of Wasilla which was founded in 1917, by creating a committee to pay tribute to the occasion. *(Sponsored by Council Member Katkus)*

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 12-21. There being no one present who wished to speak, Mayor Rupright closed the public hearing and discussion moved to the Council.

MOTION: Council Member Katkus moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 12-21.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 12-21 passed unanimously.

- 2. Ordinance Serial No. 12-22:** Creating a City of Wasilla 40th Anniversary of Incorporation Celebration Committee. *(Sponsored by Council Member Sullivan-Leonard)*

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 12-22. There being no one present who wished to speak, Mayor Rupright closed the public hearing and discussion moved to the Council.

MOTION: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 12-22.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 12-22 passed unanimously.

B. Persons to be Heard

Ms. Randy Robinson:

- stated that she supported the sales tax ordinance on its face; and
- asked the Council how she and other members of the public could help educate the public and advocate for the ordinance.

Ms. Carolyn DeYoung:

- spoke regarding fields at the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center (Sports Center) and the need for youth football fields;
- queried the availability for land and funding for youth football fields for the public; and
- noted that they would be willing to maintain their own fields if the City could supply the land and funding to start the football fields.

Ms. Teresa Obermeyer spoke regarding the Alaska Permanent Fund.

Ms. Anne Kilkenny:

- spoke against Resolution Serial No. 12-20, opposing ballot measure two, coastal zone management program; and
- spoke regarding making informed decisions.

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1. **AM No. 12-28:** Awarding contract to Yukon Equipment in the amount of \$57,673 to purchase a 74HP tractor and loader.

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

- A. **Resolution Serial No. 12-20:** Opposing Ballot Measure Two, Coastal Zone Management Program, to be voted upon at the upcoming State Primary Election On August 28, 2012. *(Sponsored by Council Member Sullivan-Leonard)*

MOTION: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 12-20.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Dianne Woodruff moved to postpone Resolution Serial No. 12-20 to a time certain, August 13, 2012.

Discussion resumed.

VOTE: The motion to postpone Resolution Serial No. 12-20 to a time certain, August 13, 2012, passed with Council Members Katkus, Sullivan-Leonard, Wall and Woodruff in favor and Council Member Harris in opposition.

- B. **AM No. 12-26:** Ordering agreement with Crowley Petroleum, through Mat-Su Borough Contract #11-095A, in the amount of \$60,500 to purchase generator diesel fuel.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to adopt AM No. 12-26.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The motion to adopt AM No. 12-26 passed unanimously.

C. **AM No. 12-27:** Authorization to award a purchase order for six months of janitorial services by Pridgen Janitorial Services in the amount of \$42,881.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to adopt AM No. 12-27.

Discussion ensued.

VOTE: The motion to adopt AM No. 12-27 passed unanimously.

D. Committee of the Whole

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 12-23:** Amending Wasilla Municipal Code 5.16.030, 5.16.100 and 5.16.210 to increase the rate of the City sales tax by one percent (1%) to three percent (3%) beginning on January 1, 2013; amending Wasilla Municipal Code 5.16.210 to allocate one half (0.5%) of the sales tax increase to a special account to finance major capital improvements; and submitting the question of such sales tax rate increase to the qualified voters of the City at the October 2, 2012, Regular City Election.

MOTION: Council Member Katkus moved to enter into Committee of the Whole.

VOTE: The motion passed and the City Council entered into Committee of the Whole at 7:10 p.m. to discuss proposed Ordinance Serial No. 12-23.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for a new library and the proposed ordinance.

MOTION: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard moved to exit Committee of the Whole.

VOTE: The motion passed and the City Council exited Committee of the Whole at 9:02 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 12-23 indefinitely.

Discussion ensued regarding the postponement.

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

Council Member Woodruff objected to the call.

Discussion resumed.

VOTE: The motion to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 12-23 indefinitely passed with Council Members Harris, Sullivan-Leonard, Wall and Woodruff in favor and Council Member Katkus in opposition.

[CLERK'S NOTE: Council Member Katkus asked for clarification of the motion that was voted on, after receiving her answer she asked that her vote be recorded in the affirmative. The City Clerk explained that voting on the issue was closed and that her vote was recorded in the negative.]

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A. Commission Minutes

1. Planning Commission: June 26, 2012

There was no action taken on the communication items.

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ms. Julia Ede:

- explained the preexisting inadequacies of the Wasilla Public Library;
- spoke to the efforts of the Library Steering Committee to bring forth the needed documentation; and
- stressed the need for a new library.

Ms. Pam Ockerlander, Friends of Wasilla Public Library:

- invited Council Member Katkus to speak with Matanuska-Susitna Borough representatives and invite them to share the costs of a new library with the City;
- opined that a library is a need of the city, not a want; and
- invited the council members to speak with any of the committee members regarding the needs of the library.

Ms. Anne Killkenny:

- stressed that the need for a new library is not a new issue; and
- encouraged the City Council members to continue their discussions regarding the specifics for a new library and to find a way to fund the library.

Ms. Margaret Heaven:

- requested that the City not postpone this ordinance for very long; and
- spoke regarding the importance of the library to the City and its citizens.

Ms. Diana Straub spoke regarding the importance of asking the voters if they are willing to pay for a new library and to not make assumptions for the voters.

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Ms. Smithers:

- spoke to an error on page 5 of the packet;
- stated that there were two references to "City of Wasilla" which would be changed to "Wasilla"; and
- asked for direction from the Council regarding the three special meetings that are currently calendared for the City Council regarding proposed Ordinance Serial No. 12-23.

Discussion ensued regarding whether the meetings should remain on the calendar.

MOTION: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard moved to cancel all the special meetings scheduled for July 2012.

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

Ms. Smithers clarified that the special meetings scheduled for July 16, 23 and 30, 2012, would be cancelled.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Woodruff

- spoke regarding previous discussions with the Borough that have taken place regarding the library;
- commented on the need to make informed decisions;
- spoke regarding new full time employees being added to City staff; and
- asked for the upcoming capital improvement project list to include adding restroom facilities on the turf court at the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center.

Council Member Katkus spoke regarding the consequences of being a leader and the associated responsibility.

Council Member Sullivan-Leonard:

- spoke regarding the need to make informed decisions;
- commented on quality of life issues;
- commended the Library Needs Committee and the Friends Wasilla Public Library for the work they have done towards obtaining a new library; and
- spoke regarding Resolution Serial No. 12-20, regarding the Coastal Zone Management Plan.

Council Member Harris:

- commended the Library Needs Committee and the Friends Wasilla Public Library for the work they have done towards obtaining a new library;
- commented on taxation; and
- spoke in favor of Resolution Serial No. 12-20, regarding the Coastal Zone Management Plan.

Council Member Wall:

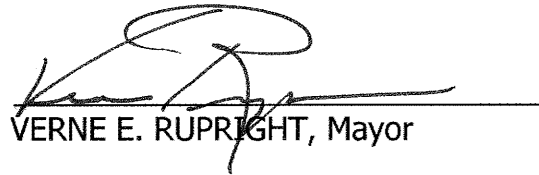
- spoke in favor a new library;
- spoke regarding the financial situations the City will be facing in 2014; and
- asked the attorney for a clear opinion regarding how the City of Wasilla can raise the sales tax, be it by a vote of the people or by council.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session held.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Mayor Rupright adjourned the meeting at 9:54 p.m.



VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: August 13, 2012