



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

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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.**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 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. Friends of Wasilla Public Library

**VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 12-27:** Amending the official zoning map of the City of Wasilla, Alaska to change the zoning district from Rural Residential (RR) to Commercial (C), for Lots 1-6, Pioneer Bluff Subdivision, Township 17 North, Range 1 West, Section 10, Seward Meridian, Alaska totaling approximately 8.52 acres. Generally located on the south side of the Palmer-Wasilla Highway between the Parks Highway and Knik-Goose Bay Road. *(Public hearing continued from August 27, 2012. Need a motion to adopt.)*

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 12-28:** Amending the FY2013 budget by appropriating an amount not to exceed \$100,000 and creating the Hermon Road Sewer Connection Special Assessment District; approving the improvement plan for the district, authorizing the City to proceed with the improvement, and establishing a method of assessment for the benefited property, Lot 1 and Tract E, Creekside Town Square.
  - a. **AM No. 12-36:** Contract Award to Big Dipper Construction in the amount of \$88,750 for the Hermon Road Sewer Connection Project.
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 12-29:** Amending the FY2013 budget for Hewlett and Packard Blade Servers and Storage Area Network (SAN) switch maintenance, hardware, and software support, in the net amount of \$14,000.

B. Persons to be Heard

### VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: August 27, 2012

B. Introduction of Ordinances for Public Hearing on September 24, 2012:

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 12-31:** Amending the Wasilla Police Department's FY 2013 budget for acceptance of Federal Asset Forfeiture Funds in the amount of \$64,300 for the purchase of a new fully-equipped Wasilla Police Department K-9 vehicle.

C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 12-25:** Accepting an FY 2013 Designated Legislative Grant in the amount of \$500,000 for wastewater utility improvements.
2. **Resolution Serial No. 12-26:** Transferring funds within an accounting fund in the amount of \$17,184 for equipment purchase.

D. Action Memorandums

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**XI. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Informational Memorandums

1. **IM No. 12-14:** New Library Building Update

B. Commission Minutes

**XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

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

**XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Annual Evaluation of City Clerk (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, September 10, 2012, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Verne E. Rupright called the meeting to order at 6:15 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. Sarah Whiteley, Deputy Clerk
- Mr. Bert Cottle, Interim Deputy Administrator
- 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

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Rupright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Rupright inquired about any modifications 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. Friends of Wasilla Public Library

Ms. Jeanne Troshynski, President of the Friends of Wasilla Library:

- spoke in favor of building and maintaining a new Wasilla Public Library; and
- provided details on benefits to the community;
- noted that on September 17<sup>th</sup> they will have a meeting with the Foraker Group;
- announced that the next used book sale will be held on September 20th.

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Ms. Tina Crawford, City Planner, provided a detailed report on Ordinance Serial No. 12-27. Discussion followed.

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 12-27.

Ms. Lenora Niesen, and Mr. Greg Niesen, petitioners, spoke in favor of the ordinance.

Ms. Diana Straub, citizen, spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Discussion ensued regarding Ordinance Serial No. 12-27.

Mayor Rupright closed the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 12-27 and discussion moved to the Council.

**MOTION:** Council Member Sullivan-Leonard moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 12-27.

**MOTION:** Council Member Sullivan-Leonard moved to amend Ordinance Serial No. 12-27, striking lot 4 and including lots 1,2,3,5, and 6.

**VOTE:** The motion to amend Ordinance Serial No. 12-27 passed with Katkus, Harris, Sullivan-Leonard, Woodruff, Wall, in favor and Holler opposed.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 12-27, as amended, passed with Katkus, Harris, Sullivan-Leonard, Woodruff, Wall, in favor and Holler opposed.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 12-28:** Amending the FY2013 budget by appropriating an amount not to exceed \$100,000 and creating the Hermon Road Sewer Connection Special Assessment District; approving the improvement plan for the district, authorizing the City to proceed with the improvement, and establishing a method of assessment for the benefited property, Lot 1 and Tract E, Creekside Town Square.

a. **AM No. 12-36:** Contract Award to Big Dipper Construction in the amount of \$88,750 for the Hermon Road Sewer Connection Project.

Mr. Archie Giddings provided a staff report and an overview of Ordinance Serial No. 12-28.

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 12-28. 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. 12-28 and AM No. 12-36.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 12-28 and AM No. 12-36 passed unanimously.

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 12-29:** Amending the FY2013 budget for Hewlett and Packard Blade Servers and Storage Area Network (SAN) switch maintenance, hardware, and software support, in the net amount of \$14,000.

Mr. Tankersley provided a staff report and an overview of Ordinance Serial No. 12-29.

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 12-29. 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. 12-29.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 12-29 passed unanimously.

B. Persons to be Heard

Ms. Diana Straub, resident, voiced approval of a new library.

Ms. Kera Thompson, announced that she opened a new bistro across from the Valley of Performing Arts. She invited the City Council to an opening reception on September 18 at 5:30 p.m.

### **VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

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#### D. Action Memorandums

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

GENERAL CONSENT: The Consent Agenda was adopted with no objection.

### **IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **X. NEW BUSINESS**

### **XI. COMMUNICATIONS**

#### A. Informational Memorandums

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2. Commission Minutes

There was no action taken on the communication items.

## **XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Mr. John Dewer, citizen, commented that he is constantly outraged.

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

Ms. Smithers:

- Spoke regarding the installation and training of the new Sire software.
- Noted that special elections need to be set 75 days in advance of the date of election.

## **XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

MOTION: Council Member Katkus moved to schedule a Joint Borough and Tri Cities (Palmer, Houston, and Wasilla) meeting on emergency preparedness.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection.

Council Member Sullivan-Leonard:

- spoke in regard to Ordinance Serial No. 12-28 and asked for maps to be included in future packets;
- thanked the City Council for their approval of the rezone; and
- inquired about the report from the Deputy Administrator regarding the SART meeting. Mr. Cottle provided a report.

Mayor Rupright commented on the SART program and on the hardship of the victims.

Council Member Wall:

- welcomed back the Mayor; and
- thanked the public for their comments.

Council Member Woodruff:

- thanked the Friends of the Library for their patience;
- requested an update of the sports complex budget;
- thanked the Mayor and Mr. Cottle for attending the Alaska Mobility meeting;
- commented that the City Council needs to be more understanding to the public; and
- suggested being kinder to the audience when they are speaking.

Mayor Rupright:

- voiced approval of his return; and
- thanked the City Council on their compromise regarding the rezoning.



Mr. Tankersley:

- announced that he had requested a Request for Proposal (RFP) for investment advisors; and
- invited the City Council to attend the interviews.

Mayor Rupright turned the gavel over to Deputy Mayor Holler for the remainder of the meeting.

## **XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Annual Evaluation of City Clerk (Subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion.)

MOTION: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard moved to enter into executive session to discuss the annual evaluation of the City Clerk.

VOTE: There was no objection noted and the Council entered into executive session at 7:09 p.m. in the Council Conference Room.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to exit the executive session.

VOTE: The motion passed and the executive session exited at 7:32 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard moved to increase the annual salary of the City Clerk by 3.5 percent, retroactive to July 1, 2012.


VOTE: The motion to increase the annual salary of the City Clerk by 3.5 percent retroactive to July 1, 2012, passed unanimously.

## **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business at hand, Deputy Mayor Holler adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

  
VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: September 24, 2012