



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.

SEPTEMBER 24, 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. Mat-Su Borough Assembly Member Steve Colligan
- B. Parks & Recreation Commission
- C. Planning Commission
- D. Friends of the Wasilla Public Library

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Public Hearings
 - 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.

B. Persons to be Heard

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: September 10, 2012
2. Special Meeting: September 10, 2012

B. Introduction of Ordinances for Public Hearing on October 8, 2012:¹

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 12-32:** Accepting and appropriating funds from Target in the amount of \$2,000 for the 2013 Summer Reading Program.
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 12-33:** Accepting and appropriating funds from the Alaska Library Association in the amount of \$1,029 for the Youth Services Librarian Pacific Northwest Library Association travel expenses.
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 12-34:** Amending the FY2013 Budget by appropriating \$2,337 from the capital improvement program fund for road maintenance equipment purchase.
4. ~~**Ordinance Serial No. 12-35:** Amending WMC 5.16.035 and 5.16.100b.2, to change the cap per transaction that is subject to sales tax from \$500 to \$1,000 effective January 1, 2013. (Sponsored by Council Member Katkus)~~

C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 12-27:** Supporting the Mat-Su Borough deeding land located at Swanson Avenue and Crusey Street in Wasilla for construction of a new Wasilla Library.
2. ~~**Resolution Serial No. 12-29:** Supporting the State of Alaska filing suit against Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) challenging new fuel standards in Alaska. (Sponsored by Council Member Sullivan-Leonard)~~

¹ Ordinance Serial No. 12-35 and Resolution No. 12-29 was moved to New Business during the approval of the agenda.

- D. Action Memorandums

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 12-35:** Amending WMC 5.16.035 and 5.16.100b.2, to change the cap per transaction that is subject to sales tax from \$500 to \$1,000 effective January 1, 2013. (Sponsored by Council Member Katkus)
- B. **Resolution Serial No. 12-29:** Supporting the State of Alaska filing suit against Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) challenging new fuel standards in Alaska. *(Sponsored by Council Member Sullivan-Leonard)*
- C. Committee of the Whole
 - 1. Discussion regarding the Ethics Task Force

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Informational Memorandums
- B. Commission Minutes
 - 1. Parks and Recreation Commission: August 8, 2012
 - 2. Planning Commission: September 11, 2012

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Labor Negotiations With An Employee Bargaining Unit Or Its Representative for Teamsters Local 959 (Resolution Serial No. 12-28).
 - 1. **Resolution Serial No. 12-28:** Ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Wasilla and Teamsters, Local 959 dated June 1, 2012 thru May 31, 2015. *(Action on resolution will be taken after the Executive Session)*

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, September 24, 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
- Ms. Leone Harris, Seat C
- Ms. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard, Seat D
- Ms. Dianne Woodruff, Seat E (arrived at 6:01)
- Mr. Brandon Wall, Seat F

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

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. 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.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff requested that Resolution Serial No. 12-29 be removed from the Consent Agenda and addressed separately under New Business.

There was no objection noted.

MOTION: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard requested that Ordinance Serial No. 12-35 be removed Consent Agenda and addressed separately under New Business.

There was no objection noted.

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. Mat-Su Borough Assembly Member Steve Colligan

Mr. Colligan:

- Provided a detailed report from the Mat-Su Borough's Emergency Operation's Center (EOC) and provided details on the emergency meeting held at the Borough;
- Noted that the Governor declared a state of emergency;
- Thanked the City of Wasilla for their efforts in keeping the public informed;
- Spoke on the Borough budget and thanked the City for working together on project funding;
- Provided details on plans for the Park's Highway;
- Spoke on five priorities pertaining to Valley projects;
- Spoke on libraries and how funds are allocated; and
- Provided details on the financial liabilities of the ferry.

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

Mr. Giddings:

- Reported that the Commission discussed the Pop Warner Football needs; and
- Informed the Council that a plaque was installed at Iditapark.

C. Planning Commission

There was no report provided.

D. Friends of the Wasilla Public Library

Ms. Jeanne Troshynski:

- Spoke regarding Target donating funds to the Summer Reading Program; and
- Provided details on their recent book sale.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

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.

Mr. Gene Belden provided a staff report on Ordinance Serial No. 12-31.

Mayor Rupright opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 12-31. There being no one present who wished to speak, Mayor Rupright closed the public hearing and discussion moved to the Council.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 12-31.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 12-31 passed unanimously.

B. Persons to be Heard

Mr. Patrick Johnson spoke in opposition to Resolution Serial No. 12-29.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: September 10, 2012
2. Special Meeting: September 10, 2012

B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on October 8, 2012:

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C. Resolutions

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D. Action Memorandums

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

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection noted.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Resolution Serial No. 12-29:** Supporting the State of Alaska filing suit against Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) challenging new fuel standards in Alaska. *(Sponsored by Council Member Sullivan-Leonard)*

Council Member Sullivan-Leonard provided a report on Resolution Serial No. 12-29.

Mayor Rupright provided an overview of gas production in Hawaii and Alaska.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 12-29.

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

- B. **Ordinance Serial No. 12-35:** Amending WMC 5.16.035 and 5.16.100b.2, to change the cap per transaction that is subject to sales tax from \$500 to \$1,000 effective January 1, 2013. *(Sponsored by Council Member Katkus)*

Council Member Katkus spoke in favor of Ordinance Serial No. 12-35.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard moved to introduce Ordinance Serial No. 12-35 and set for Public Hearing on October 8, 2012.

VOTE: The motion to introduce Ordinance Serial No. 12-35 and set for Public Hearing on October 8, 2012, failed with, Harris, Sullivan-Leonard, Woodruff, Wall, in opposition and Katkus in favor.

C. Committee of the Whole

MOTION: Council Member Katkus moved to enter into Committee of the Whole to discuss the Ethics Task Force.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection noted.

1. Discussion regarding the Ethics Task Force

Ms. Smithers provided a brief report on the history of the Ethics Task Force.

Discussion ensued regarding a code of ethics and the Ethics Task Force.

There was no objection on exiting the Committee of the Whole.

MOTION: Council Member Harris moved to repeal Ordinance Serial No. 12-02, creating an Ethics Task force and Prescribing its Duties.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection noted.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Wall moved to postpone further discussion of Ethics until the January 13, 2013 meeting.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection noted.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Informational Memorandums

B. Commission Minutes

1. Parks and Recreation Commission: August 8, 2012

2. Planning Commission: September 11, 2012

There was no action taken on the communication items.

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no audience comments.

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Ms. Smithers:

- Reminded the Council that early voting is currently underway;
- Welcomed and introduced Ms. Bonnie Baker, new Administrative Aide; and
- Reminded the Council that the next Alaska Municipal League (AML) conference is in November.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Katkus:

- Welcomed Ms. Baker;
- Spoke on the sales tax cap decision;
- Reported she attended a conference on fruit growing; and
- Reported on the agriculture community.

Council Member Sullivan-Leonard:

- Thanked the Mayor, Administration, Mat-Su Borough, and Emergency Responders in their emergency response efforts;
- Commented on the sales tax cap; and
- Suggested exploring ways to be financially efficient in each department.

Council Member Woodruff:

- Welcomed Ms. Baker and thanked Ms. Whiteley;
- Spoke regarding Bogard Extension East;
- Commented on budget efficiencies and staffing levels; and
- Spoke on budget cuts and reports from Administration and Council.

Council Member Harris:

- Spoke regarding the sales tax cap; and
- Suggested examining areas to cut spending instead of taxing the public.

Council Member Wall:

- Welcomed Ms. Baker;
- Thanked Administration for helping with the emergency response;
- Spoke on the sales tax cap; and
- Spoke on efficiencies in the City budget.

Mayor Rupright:

- Commented on opening the Sports Center as a Red Cross Shelter;
- Thanked Council Member Sullivan-Leonard and the public for donations to the shelter;
- Spoke on the candle light vigil held for the 19-month child, and expressed condolences to the family;

- Reported on Mr. Jared Metcalf's Eagle Scout project; and
- Reported on the dam predicament at Lake Lucille.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Labor Negotiations With An Employee Bargaining Unit Or Its Representative for Teamsters Local 959 (Resolution Serial No. 12-28).

1. Resolution Serial No. 12-28: Ratifying the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Wasilla and Teamsters, Local 959 dated June 1, 2012 thru May 31, 2015. (Action on resolution will be taken after the Executive Session)

MOTION: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard moved to enter into executive session to discuss Labor Negotiations with an Employee Bargaining Unit or its representative for Teamsters Local 959.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection noted and the Council, Mayor, City Attorney, Police Chief, Finance Director, and City Clerk entered into executive session at 7:55 p.m. in the Council Office.

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

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed with no objection and the executive session exited at 8:35 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 12-28.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Resolution Serial No. 12-28 passed unanimously.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Mayor Rupright adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.


VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk