



**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 (907) 373-9090

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**5 P.M.**

**NOVEMBER 14, 2011**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Committee of the Whole**

**1. Discussion of Matanuska-Susitna Borough and City of Wasilla Joint Priorities**

**a. Introduction of Newly Elected Assembly Member Steve Colligan, District 4**

**VI. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

**VII. MAYOR, CLERK, COMMISSION, AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, November 14, 2011, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska, to discuss the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and City of Wasilla joint priorities. Mayor Verne E. Rupright called the meeting to order at 5:10 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*)

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

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Rupright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

MOTION: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard moved to enter into Committee of the Whole to discuss the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and City of Wasilla joint priorities.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection noted and the Council moved into Committee of the Whole at 5:11 p.m.

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Discussion of Matanuska-Susitna Borough and City of Wasilla Joint Priorities

a. Introduction of Newly Elected Assembly Member Steve Colligan, District 4

Mayor Rupright introduced Newly Elected Assembly Member Steve Colligan, District 4.

Assemblymember Colligan spoke regarding the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Federal and State Legislative Priorities for the calendar year 2012.

State Legislative Priorities (Matanuska-Susitna Borough Resolution Serial No. 11-141):

- Rail Extension to Port MacKenzie;
- 2011 Road Bond Package;
- Bogard Road Extension East;
- Reserve Funding for KABATA;
- Substandard Roads and Bridges;
- Port Mackenzie Ferry Dock, Phase 2;
- Hatcher Pass Ski Area;
- South Denali Visitor Center;
- Palmer Hay Flats Natural Science Center;
- South Gateway Tourism;
- Statewide Transportation Improvement Program; and
- Caswell Lakes Fire Station 13-1.

Capital Priorities (this list is not in priority order) (Matanuska-Susitna Borough Resolution Serial No. 11-134):

- Funding for roads and bridges;
- Ferry Landing;
- Hatcher Pass Ski Area;
- Agricultural Food Processing and Product Development Center;
- South Denali Visitor Center;
- Fish Passage Improvements; and
- Palmer Hay Flats Natural Science Center.

Legislative Priorities (Matanuska-Susitna Borough Resolution Serial No. 11-134):

- Reauthorization of the Highway Trust Fund; and
- Port MacKenzie Rail Extension.

The City of Wasilla identified the following areas for discussion and consideration by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly:

- Borough Septic Waste Dump;
- New public library;
- Shoot Range (Alcantra)
- Lake Lucille Park Transfer;
- Expansion of Borough Offices;
- Iditarod Elementary School; and
- Jake Wright Fire Station.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to exit Committee of the Whole at 5:46 p.m.

There was no objection noted.

#### VI. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ms. Lynn Gattis, Matanuska-Susitna School Board Member, introduced herself and stated that she would be running for the new House District Seat 9.

#### VII. MAYOR, CLERK AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

There were no comments provided.

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Mayor Rupright adjourned the special meeting at 5:47 p.m.

  
VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: November 28, 2011