

WASILLA CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY 05/29/96 7:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

2. ROLL CALL:

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes 05/13/96; Recommend: Approval as Presented.
- B. Ordinance Serial No. 96-24; FY-96 Budget Amendment; Traffic Enforcement Equipment and Training; Recommend: Introduction and schedule for public hearing at the next regular meeting, 06/10/96
- C. Resolution No. WR96-30; Authorizing the participation in the American Family Life Assurance Company; Recommend: Adoption
- D. CM. No. 96-53; Architect Selection; Public Safety Building; Recommend: Council approve the selection of GDM Inc. and authorize the Administration to negotiate a professional services agreement for the proposed services, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. FY-97 Operating Budget;
 - 1. Ordinance Serial No. 96-23;

6. COMMISSION REPORTS:

7. PERSONS TO BE HEARD: (NON AGENDA ITEMS 5 MINUTE LIMIT)

A. Marilyn McCurt

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION (NONE SCHEDULED)

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Woodcrest Paving Assessment Area;
 - 1. CM. No. 96-52; City Engineer's Report
 - 2. Resolution No. WR95-31; Creating Paving Assessment Area 96P1; Providing a method of assessment on the property specially benefited and providing for the levying of an assessment thereon
 - 3. Resolution No. WR96-32; Declaring its intent to issue road local improvement district bonds from which it will reimburse itself for expenditures incurred prior to the issuance of the bonds
- B. FY-97 Operating Budget;
 - 1. Ordinance Serial No. 96-23;
 - 2. Proposed Budget Amendments (**Under separate cover**)
- C. Sewer Loan/Grant Program; (Under separate cover)

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Site selections:

1. CM. No. 96-55

B. Library Painting Bid Award:

1. CM. No. 96-54 (Under Separate Cover, bid opening 05/24/96, 2:00 p.m.)

C. Position re-classification:

1. CM. No. 96-56

D. *CM 96-57 CIP/BID status*

11. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Wasilla Planning Commission: Meeting Minutes 05/07/96

B. IM. No. 96-15: Finance Department Work Schedule

C. Alaska Live Steamers, Inc.: 1995 Annual report

12. CITY REPORTS: *MATI - Request now by for vacation of Neusen Drive*

13. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

14. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

15. ADJOURNMENT:



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Mayor Stein called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL:

Mr. Carney Ms. Hjellen
Mr. Chappel Mr. Lockwood
Mr. Hartrick Mrs. Palin

STAFF:

Mayor Stein Mr. Cooper-Museum Dir.
Mr. Felton-City Engineer Mrs. Harris-Clerk
Mr. Deuser-Attorney Mr. Baugh-Sr. Accountant
Mr. Stambaugh-Chief-Exc. Mr. Dvorak-Planner
Mr. Nelson-Finance Dir. Mrs. Brower-Deputy Clerk
Mrs. Emmons-Library Dir. Officer Achee

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with the following addition: New Business Item D. CM. No. 96-57; CIP/LID Status; and City Reports, MATI Request non objection to the vacation of Neuser Drive.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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Motion/Second: Carney/Hjellen

That the Consent Agenda comprising the foregoing items be and the same are hereby approved as written and that the various Officials of the City are hereby authorized and directed to take such action as may be necessary to give effect to the recommendations as therein contained. Motion passed.

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. FY-97 Operating Budget;
 1. Ordinance Serial No. 96-23;

The Finance Department presented a 5 year slide show of revenues and expenditures, FY-92 - FY-97.

Mayor Stein opened the hearing to the public.

Don Rucker; Stated he generally agrees with the Mayor's budget and spoke of the steady progression in growth, spoke in favor of the additional position in Museum & Recreational Services, development of the remainder of the Old Airport, development of pocket parks, Smith Ball Fields, the Skate Boarding Facility and the indoor recreational facility. Mr. Rucker also spoke of the Recreational Program and supported its funding.

Bill Bear; MATI President, requested the option to use up to \$30,000 of the proposed \$45,000 grant to MATI as operating funds, State and Federal funding has been cut and there will not be sufficient funds to cover the 2 full time employee's salaries without this help.

Delores Kohring; Has lived in Wasilla 19 years and spends all their money here, spoke of the Senior program and its importance and requested there be no cut in the funding to the Seniors and that the City also grant an additional \$5,000 to fix the furnace which caught fire once this winter and has been worked on several times.

Brooks Stanford; Requested funding for the skate board park on the Old Wasilla Airport site near the Wasilla Wonderland. Mr. Stanford indicated that the older kids need some place for recreation and requested Council give \$5,000 toward start up for a skate board park.

Elmer Phelps; Senior Board member, spoke of the efforts being made to raise funds through quilt making, garage sales, craft fairs and a 5K run. He was present when the disappointment was felt throughout the Seniors when they first heard of the proposed cut of funding.

Johanna Munson; Parks & Recreation Commission Member, supported the Parks & Recreation Budget agreeing with the Chair's comments. Ms. Munson also spoke of increases in juvenile crime reported in the news paper and stated that a good parks and recreation program could help combat this problem. Ms. Munson also supported the need for good administrative staff.

Will Elder; OPAG Board Member, spoke of the submission of a letter from OPAG requesting a grant from the City in the amount of \$10,000 and spoke of the importance of the program.

LeRoi Heaven; President, Wasilla-Knik-Willow Creek Historical Society, Supported the Museum budget and the need for a parks assistant and the CIP funding for the Railroad Depot.

Tim Anderson; Executive Director Senior Center, asked for support for the Center, spoke of the OPAG program. Mr. Anderson spoke of State and Federal funding cuts and the efforts the Seniors have been making towards independence. Mr. Anderson presented Council with a petition of 70 signatures supporting an increase in the mill rate designated to the Senior Center. Mr. Anderson requested that Council move and support the funding for the Senior Center at \$25,000, \$20,000 for operations and \$5,000 designated to fix the furnace.

Steve Glos; Appreciates the sealant placed on the gravel roads to cut dust and smooth out the road, would like to see more of that done, supported advertising and the skate board park.

Ron Rucker; continued his support for the parks and recreation budget.

LeRoi Heaven; Spoke in favor of a skate board park and spoke of the one he and his son built 10 years ago and how it helped keep track of neighborhood kids.

No other comments were made. Mayor Stein closed the hearing to the public.

6. COMMISSION REPORTS:

Scott Sterling; Mat-Su Borough Assemblyman, reported that the Borough budget has been concluded and the area wide mill rate has been set at 12.25, funding went through for libraries, road service areas, fire service areas and the full time position for the library Dynix System. A couple of things that were not funded were the Chief Animal Control Officer and the \$25,000 planning grant for Wasilla. Mr. Sterling also stated that he has filed for a seat on the Alaska Legislature, and he will not be running for the Borough Assembly again.

Council had no objection to adding Marilyn McGuire to Persons To Be Heard.

7. PERSONS TO BE HEARD: (NON AGENDA ITEMS 5 MINUTE LIMIT)

A. Marilyn McGuire: Secretary for the Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry requested Council have no objection to the vacation of the west end of Neuser Drive, the property to the north of this was recently purchased by MATI, this will give almost 2 more acres of usable space for development of the MATI site.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION (NONE SCHEDULED)

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Woodcrest Paving Assessment Area:

1. CM. No. 96-52; City Engineer's Report
2. Resolution No. WR95-31; Creating Paving Assessment Area 96P1; Providing a method of assessment on the property specially benefited and providing for the levying of an assessment thereon
3. Resolution No. WR96-32; Declaring its intent to issue road local improvement district bonds from which it will reimburse itself for expenditures in incurred prior to the issuance of the bonds

Motion/Second: Carney/Chappel

To adopt Resolution No. WR96-31 and WR96-32.

INTERMISSION: 8:50—9:03 PM

There was no objection from Council to amend the dollar amount in Section 2 of Resolution No. WR96-32 to \$112,276, so ordered.

Motion/Second: Palin/Carney

To send a courtesy letter to the property owners within this proposed assessment area indicating the new dollar amount. Motion passed with Mr. Chappel dissenting.

B. FY-97 Operating Budget:

1. Ordinance Serial No. 96-23;
2. Proposed Budget Amendments (**Under separate cover**)

Motion/Second: Carney/Hjellen

To approve the salary plan interpretation changes in accounts 1101 through 1206.

Motion/Second: Carney/Hjellen

To appropriate additional funding for the health insurance increase, approving the Blue Cross Preferred Provider Care program, with the employees paying 20% of the premium.

Motion/Second: Chappel/Palin

To amend the percentage half time employees pay for health insurance to 40%. Motion failed with Mr. Chappel and Mrs. Palin assenting.

The motion to appropriate additional funds for health insurance passed with Mrs. Palin dissenting.

The motion to approve the salary plan interpretation changes in the amount of \$19,550 passed with Mr. Hartrick abstaining. This motion affects amendment pages 4, 11, 25, 27, 29, 35, 38, 41, 48, 52, 55, 57 & 59.

Amendment #1

Motion/Second: Palin/Hjellen

To amend the property tax mill rate down to 1.7. Motion failed with Ms. Hjellen and Mrs. Palin assenting.

Amendment #5

Motion/Second: Palin/Chappel

To reduce Administration Contingency, 410.2700 by \$500 leaving a balance of \$3,000. Motion tied with Mr. Carney, Mr. Hartrick and Ms. Hjellen dissenting. Mayor Stein broke the tie voting in favor of the motion, causing the motion to pass.

Amendment #6

Motion/Second: Carney/Hartrick

To reduce Administration Economic Development, 410.3101 by \$7,500 leaving a balance of \$42,500, eliminating grants to the Iron Dog and Gold Star snowmobile races. Motion passed with Ms. Hjellen dissenting and Mrs. Palin abstaining.

Amendment #12

Motion/Second: Chappel/Carney

To reduce Council/Clerk Advertising, 411.2200 by \$3,000 leaving a balance of \$7,500. Motion passed with Mr. Hartrick and Ms. Hjellen dissenting.

Amendment #14

Motion/Second: Chappel/Palin

To reduce Council/Clerk Continuing Education, 411.2505 by \$2,350 leaving a balance of \$2,000. Motion tied with Mr. Chappel, Mr. Lockwood and Mrs. Palin assenting. Mayor Stein chose not to vote. The Motion failed.

Amendment #16

Motion/Second: Chappel/Hartrick

To reduce Council/Clerk Contingency, 411.2700 by \$5,000 leaving a balance of \$15,000. Motion tied with Mr. Chappel, Mr. Hartrick and Mr. Lockwood assenting. Mayor Stein chose not to vote. The Motion failed.

Amendment #17

Motion/Second: Hartrick/Carney

To increase Council/Clerk WASI Grant, 411.4901 by \$15,000 leaving a balance of \$25,000, \$5,000 of which is specifically designated to fix the furnace. Motion passed with Mr. Chappel dissenting.

Amendment #19

Mr. Carney stated that his mother will be benefiting from this program and expressed his conflict of interest and stepped away from the table.

Motion/Second: Hartrick/Hjellen

To establish a new grant in Council/Clerk OPAG Grant, 411.4907 in the amount of \$10,000. There was no objection from Council to reserve the transfer until OPAG has supplied the City with a budget, so ordered. Motion passed with Mr. Carney abstaining.

Amendment #20

Motion/Second: Chappel/Hartrick

To increase Council/Clerk Dorothy Saxton Shelter, 411.4923 by \$3,000 leaving a balance of \$3,000. Motion tied with Mr. Carney, Mr. Lockwood and Mrs. Palin dissenting. Mayor Stein broke the tie voting in favor of the motion, causing the motion to pass.

Amendment #21

Motion/Second: Chappel/Palin

To reduce Planning Salaries and Benefits, 419.1101 - 1206 by \$45,920 eliminating the new planning position leaving a balance of \$119,505. Motion tied with Mr. Chappel, Mr. Hartrick and Mrs. Palin assenting. Mayor Stein chose not to vote. The Motion failed.

Amendment #23

Motion/Second: Chappel/Palin

To reduce Planning Contingency, 419.2700 by \$6,000 leaving a balance of \$5,000. Motion passed with Ms. Hjellen dissenting.

Amendment #24

Motion/Second: Chappel/Palin

To reduce Planning Contractual Services, 419.2907 by \$7,000 leaving a balance of \$5,000. Motion tied with Mr. Chappel, Mr. Hartrick and Mrs. Palin assenting. Mayor Stein chose not to vote. The Motion failed.

Motion/Second: Palin/Chappel

To reduce Planning Contractual Services, 419.2907 by \$5,000 leaving a balance of \$7,000. Motion tied with Mr. Carney, Ms. Hjellen and Mr. Lockwood dissenting. Mayor Stein broke the tie voting in favor of the motion, causing the motion to pass.

Amendment #26

Motion/Second: Chappel/Hartrick

To reduce Finance Travel, 420.2501 by \$2,299 leaving a balance of \$3,200. Motion failed with Mr. Chappel and Mrs. Palin assenting.

Amendment #30

Motion/Second: Chappel/Palin

To reduce Engineer Salaries-Special, 429.1102 by \$14,009 leaving a balance of \$-0-. Motion failed with Mr. Chappel and Mrs. Palin assenting.

Amendment #31

Motion/Second: Chappel/Palin

To reduce Engineering Travel, 429.2501 by \$1,500 leaving a balance of \$1,500. Motion failed with Mr. Chappel and Mrs. Palin assenting.

Amendment #32

Motion/Second: Carney/Chappel

To reduce Engineering Professional Fees, 429.2602 by \$10,000 leaving a balance of \$10,000. Motion passed with Mr. Hartrick dissenting.

Amendment #33

Motion/Second: Chappel/Palin

To reduce Engineering Computer Hardware, 429.5307 by \$8,000 leaving a balance of \$-0-. Motion tied with Mr. Chappel, Mr. Lockwood and Mrs. Palin assenting. Mayor Stein chose not to vote. The Motion failed.

Motion/Second: Carney/Palin

To extend the meeting an additional 15 minutes. No objection, so ordered.

Council had no objection to take care of New Business Item D at this time, so ordered.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

D. CIP/LID Status; Glenwood Avenue;

1. CM. No. 96-57

Motion/Second: Carney/Hjellen

To approve CM. No. 96-57, committing to fund project shortfalls as listed in CM. No. 96-57 and authorize Administration to sign a the Glenwood Avenue Paving Contract. Motion passed.

The council meeting was recessed at 11:15 p.m., the meeting will re-convene at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 31, 1996.

WASILLA CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING CONTINUATION, FRIDAY 05/31/96 TIME: 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Stein called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL:

STAFF:

Mr. Carney	Ms. Hjellen	Mayor Stein	Mr. Cooper-Museum Dir.
Mr. Chappel	Mr. Lockwood	Mr. Felton-City Engineer Exc.	Mrs. Harris-Clerk
Mr. Hartrick	Mrs. Palin	Mr. Deuser-Attorney	Mr. Baugh-Sr. Accountant
		Mr. Stambaugh-Chief - 7:10	Mr. Dvorak-Planner
		Mr. Nelson-Finance Dir.	Mrs. Brower-Deputy Clerk
		Mrs. Emmons-Library Dir.	Mr. Bill Harvey - Public Works

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

B. FY-97 Operating Budget:

1. Ordinance Serial No. 96-23;
2. Proposed Budget Amendments (**Under separate cover**)

Amendment #3

Motion/Second: Palin/Chappel

To increase health insurance all funds, 1201 in the amount of \$27,456. Motion passed with Mr. Hartrick abstaining.

Amendment #37

Motion/Second: Chappel/Palin

To reduce Property Maintenance Staff Development, 430.2506 by \$500 leaving a balance of \$500. Motion tied with Mr. Carney, Mr. Chappel and Mrs. Palin assenting. Mayor Stein chose not to vote. The Motion failed.

Amendment #39

Motion/Second: Carney/Palin

To reduce Road Maintenance Street Light Install, 431.5024 by \$10,000 leaving a balance of \$6,000. Motion passed with Mr. Chappel and Ms. Hjellen dissenting.

Amendment #40

Motion/Second: Carney/Chappel

To reduce Recreation Services Salaries and Benefits by \$42,252.73 eliminating the new position, leaving a balance of \$172,976.27. Motion failed with Mr. Chappel and Mr. Lockwood assenting.

Amendment #43(A)

Motion/Second: Hjellen/Hartrick

To increase Recreational Services Health Insurance, 450.1201 by \$3,505 increasing the balance of \$15,497. Motion failed with Ms. Hjellen assenting.

Amendment #43(B)

Motion/Second: Hjellen/Hartrick

To increase Recreational Services Water, 450.2306 by \$1,500 increasing the balance to \$2,000. Motion passed.

Amendment #45

Mr. Carney indicated that his company has the contract for refuse disposal, those fees are paid out of this account and asked to abstain.

Motion/Second: Chappel/Palin

To reduce Recreational Services Contractual Services by \$5,000 leaving a balance of \$10,000. Motion passed with Ms. Hjellen dissenting and Mr. Carney abstaining.

Amendment #50

Motion/Second: Chappel/Hartrick

To reduce Museum Contractual Services, 451.2907 by \$5,000 leaving a balance of \$5010. Motion failed with Mr. Chappel and Mrs. Palin assenting.

Motion/Second: Carney/Palin

To adopt Ordinance Serial No. 96-23 as amended.

Mr. Hartrick asked for a ruling on his voting on the budget as a whole since his wife works for the City. There was no objection for Mr. Hartrick to vote on the budget as a whole.

Motion passed with Ms. Hjellen dissenting.

C. Sewer Loan/Grant Program; (Under separate cover)

Council directed that this item be brought back to the next meeting.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Site selections;

1. CM. No. 96-55

Motion/Second: Palin/Hartrick

To approve CM. No. 96-55, authorizing Administration to table the ice arena planning project, to direct administration to work with the Mat-Su Borough and Nugent/Menard to support development of Meridian Ice Center; and approve Architects Alaska option for a mini downtown master plan and site selection process using the \$4,000 now available from the tabled ice arena project. Site selection and master plan will explore the issue of a City facility "campus". Motion passed.

B. Library Painting Bid Award;

1. CM. No. 96-54 (Under Separate Cover, bid opening 05/24/96, 2:00 p.m.)

Motion/Second: Carney/Hartrick

To approve CM. No. 96-54, authorizing the Director of Public Works to seek alternate methods to paint the library building to include sole source and allow him to complete the project within the current project budget. Motion passed.

C. Position re-classification;

1. CM. No. 96-56

There was no objection to delay this issue to the next regular meeting, 06/10/96, so ordered.

D. CIP/LID Status; Glenwood Avenue;

1. CM. No. 96-57

This item was previously taken care of in the meeting.

E. Summer Recreation Program;

1. CM. No. 96-58

There was no objection to the plan outlined in CM. No. 96-58, so ordered.

F. Neuser Drive Vacation;

Council had no objection to supporting the vacation of Neuser Drive street vacation.

11. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Wasilla Planning Commission; Meeting Minutes 05/07/96

B. IM. No. 96-15; Finance Department Work Schedule

C. Alaska Live Steamers, Inc.; 1995 Annual report

Motion/Second: Carney/Hjellen

To suspend the rules and introduce Ordinance Serial No. 96-25 and schedule for public hearing and action at the next regular meeting, 06/10/96. No objection, so ordered.

12. CITY REPORTS:

Mr. Harvey; reported that the budget for roads has been utilized with the calcium project. The lines which were frozen this winter are now functioning.

Chief Stambaugh; thanked the Council for passing the budget items pertaining to his department.

Mrs. Emmons; thanked Council for the support on the budget and spoke of the Borough Comprehensive Plan for the Knik-Fairview area.

Mr. Cooper; thanked the Council for their support and passing the budget which concerns the Recreational Services Department. He hopes to change some of the opinions which were non-supportive.

Mr. Baugh; thanked the Council for the Finance Department as well as the employees concerning the insurance issue.

Mr. Bridge; informed the Council that the calcium is gone and it has been a tough two weeks due to the dry weather. The water truck was on the go constantly and the contractual portion of the road department will be in the red at the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Dvorak; expressed his appreciation on the Council's efforts on the budget. The next planning meeting will be on June 4. Mr. Dvorak ask that the Commission and Council have a joint meeting to plan for the City.

Ms. Zwahlen; thanked Council for passing the budget and their consideration on the insurance issue.

Mrs. Harris; informed the Council that she would be out of the office from June 13th, until July 1st.

Mayor Stein ; announced there will be a joint meeting with Palmer and Houston on the 17th of June at Palmer City Hall at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Stein thanked Marilyn McGuire for her time and effort toward the vacation of streets for the benefit of gaining 2 acres for MATI. It's time for a City News Letter. He also spoke about getting a time clock for

speakers at the meetings and the possibility of changing the ordinance to reflect no jake brakes within the City limits.

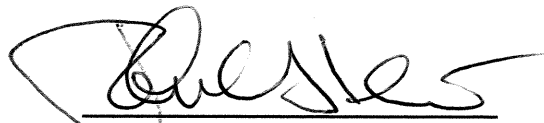
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14. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

15. ADJOURNMENT:

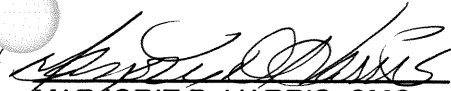
There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED:



JOHN C. STEIN, Mayor

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



MARJORIE D. HARRIS, CMC
City Clerk