

WASILLA CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING MONDAY DATE: 04/14/97 TIME: 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL WORK SESSION 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

2. ROLL CALL:

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes 03/24/97; Recommend: Approval as presented.
- B. Special Meeting Minutes 03/27/97; Recommend: Approval as presented.
- C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; Nuance Application for a new liquor license & Restaurant Designation Application; Recommend: Non objection to the application and restaurant designation for Nuance.
- D. CM No. 97-20; Matanuska-Susitna Borough Platting Division; Vacation of Easements for Wasilla Estates, Lots 9, 10 and 11, Block 8; Recommend: Approval of the vacation.
- E. Ordinance Serial No. 97-24; Amending the FY-97 Budget; Early payment Southside Water Bond (83W1) and payoff of Overlook Sewer Bond (86S1); Recommend: Introduction and schedule for public hearing and action at the next regular meeting, 04/28/97.
- F. CM. No. 97-19; Professional Services for Insurance Brokerage Services; Recommend: Award a 3 year contract to Willis Corroon, Insurance Brokerage Services for a minimum contract fee of \$5,000 with required services beyond 50 hours billed on an hourly basis per Section 6 of the Professional Insurance Services Proposal.
- G. Alcoholic Beverage Control Board; Godfather's Pizza Liquor License Transfer; Recommend: Non objection to the transfer of liquor license for Godfather's Pizza.
- H. Resolution No. WR97-13; Approving Personnel Policy No. 97-01, Health Insurance Premiums and Repealing Resolution No. WR96-35; Recommend: Adoption.
- I. Ordinance Serial No. 97-25; Amending the FY97 Budget by Appropriating Additional Funds to the Agency Fund; Recommend: Introduction and schedule for public hearing at the next regular meeting, 04/28/97.

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. Ordinance Serial No. 97-21; Amending the FY97 Budget by Appropriating Additional Funds to the Water Utility Fund for the Capitol Improvement Project for the Knik-Goosebay Water Line Extension.
- B. Ordinance Serial No. 97-22; Amending the FY97 Budget by Appropriating Funds to the Employment Feasibility Study for Valley Residents with Disabilities (Community Block Grant)
 - 1. CM. No. 97-16; Community Block Grant (Employment Feasibility Study)
- C. Ordinance Serial No. 97-23; Amending the FY97 Budget by Appropriating Funds to the General Fund (State Pass Through Grant; Valley Crisis Pregnancy Center)

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

- A. Melanie Avenue Residents; - CIA DREVES, Jerry Gay, Richard Blackwell, Kelly Allen
- B. Ron Wendt; Skateboard Park
- C. Eric Poetzsch;
- D. Jim Messick; Bed & Breakfast Establishments + Harvey Bowers
- E. Doug Smith; RC & D Annual Report
- F. Barbara Poetzsch;

7. COMMISSION REPORTS:

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION (NONE SCHEDULED)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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- G. Wasilla City Council Meeting Minutes 03/10/97;

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Railroad Depot Report
- B. CM. No. 97-21; Community Development Block Grant
 - 1. Resolution No. WR97-14; Fair Housing Resolution
 - 2. Plan of Proposed Action to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing

11. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Wasilla Planning Commission; Regular meeting minutes
- B. IM. No. 97-15; Planning Commission Resolution No. 97-12

12. STAFF REPORTS:

13. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

14. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

15. ADJOURNMENT:



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1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Palin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilman Fuller lead The Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Palin introduced the newly appointed Chief of Police DuWayne Fannon and stated he will be starting work on Wednesday, April 16, 1997. Mr. Fannon attended the Council Meeting of his own volition and was not in attendance in a professional capacity.

2. ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL:

STAFF:

Mr. Carney	Mrs. Keller	Mayor Palin	Mrs. Harris-Clerk
Mr. Chappel	Mrs. Langill	Mr. Cramer-Deputy Admin.	Mrs. Newman-Deputy Clerk
Mr. Fuller	Mrs. Patrick	Mr. Felton-City Engineer	Mr. Dvorak-Planner
		Mr. Deuser-Attorney	
		Mr. Nelson-Finance Dir.	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Councilwoman Langill was considering adding CM. No. 97-22; Driveway Paving Variance to the agenda. Prior to the addition, Councilwoman Langill asked Mr. Felton for clarification of the issue on the Kilkenny driveway permits. Councilwoman Langill asked if the permits have been issued. Mr. Felton stated they are in the process of being issued now, Mr. Bridge has to inspect them. Councilwoman Langill stated she will not bring forth CM. No. 97-22, since the issue is being taken care of. **The agenda was approved with no changes.**

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

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Motion/Second: Chappel/Patrick

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. Ordinance Serial No. 97-21; Amending the FY97 Budget by Appropriating Additional Funds to the Water Utility Fund for the Capitol Improvement Project for the Knik-Goosebay Water Line Extension.

Mayor Palin opened the hearing to the public.

Tim Anderson, Director of Wasilla Area Seniors (WASI); Mr. Anderson spoke in favor of the Knik-Goosebay Water Line Extension. Everything with the Senior Housing project is running smooth, all of the papers have been signed with the Alaska Finance Housing Corporation. Mr. Anderson stated there have been no protests to the grant and he hopes to begin construction in late May.

Ann Kilkenny; Mrs. Kilkenny spoke in favor of the Knik-Goosebay Water Line Extension and urged Council to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 97-21.

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

- B. Ordinance Serial No. 97-22; Amending the FY97 Budget by Appropriating Funds to the Employment Feasibility Study for Valley Residents with Disabilities (Community Block Grant)
 1. CM. No. 97-16; Community Block Grant (Employment Feasibility Study)

Mayor Palin opened the hearing to the public.

John Cannon, Program Director Mat-Su Services for Children and Adults; Mr. Cannon urged Council to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 97-22. Mr. Cannon spoke on behalf of the Mat-Su residents with developmental disabilities, stating this ordinance will make a substantial difference in their lives. Mr. Cannon also introduced Sue Gilbert and indicated she would like to speak in support of the ordinance as well.

Sue Gilbert; Mrs. Gilbert hopes the feasibility study becomes a working document and urged Council to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 97-22.

John Cannon, Program Director Mat-Su Services for Children and Adults; In response to Mrs. Gilbert's concern, Mr. Cannon stated Mat-Su Services has every intention (once the study is completed) to implement one or two businesses to create employment for people with disabilities.

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

- C. Ordinance Serial No. 97-23; Amending the FY97 Budget by Appropriating Funds to the General Fund (State Pass Through Grant; Valley Crisis Pregnancy Center)

Mayor Palin opened the hearing to the public. No comments were made. Mayor Palin closed the hearing to the public.

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

A. Cia Dreves; Melanie Avenue Residents; Mrs. Dreves reiterated her health and safety concerns regarding Melanie Avenue. Mrs. Dreves stated the Melanie Residents are choking on dust as well as being afraid to allow their children to play outside due to the high speeds in which traffic travels on Melanie Avenue. Mrs. Dreves introduced Jerry Gay, the Project Manager for the State Air Quality Monitoring Section of the D.E.C., who will be speaking on behalf of the Melanie Residents.

1. Jerry Gay; Department of Environmental Conservation; Mr. Gay stated how harmful dust particles are, dust particles can go deep into your lungs and pose a health risk, especially for young children and those with respiratory problems. He stated the Federal Government may help with a grant to improve the road conditions on Melanie Avenue since the dust conditions are so poor. Mr. Gay indicated that although he is not budgeted to monitor Melanie Avenue, he will do so and will install a monitor next week.

2. Richard Blackwell; Melanie Resident; Mr. Blackwell stated concerns with the speed of vehicles traveling on Melanie Avenue. He feels this is the main cause of the dust problem and he is afraid to have his children walk to the bus stop because of the dangerous traffic conditions. He asked for Council's help with the problems. Mr. Blackwell stated he has not seen an increased level of police patrolling the area, to help with the traffic problems.

3. Kelly Allen; Melanie Resident; Ms. Allen stated due to the dust factor on Melanie Avenue, she does not allow her children to play outside. She has lived in Alaska all her life and has never seen so much dust. She asked for Council's help in controlling the dust problems.

4. Cia Dreves; Melanie Resident; Mrs. Dreves spoke again on the Melanie Avenue Road Condition. Mrs. Dreves thanked Larry Bridge of the Public Works department for his efforts in controlling the dust problems. She stated many of her neighbors on Melanie Avenue are tired of coming before Council to speak on the issue, since they have been speaking to Council for the last five years and no action has been taken. She again asked Council to close Melanie Avenue to through traffic.

Motion/Second: Keller/Patrick

To place the Melanie Avenue road issue under New Business, Item C. Motion tied with Councilman Carney, Councilman Chappel, and Councilwoman Langill dissenting. Mayor Palin broke the tie, voting yes causing the motion to pass, placing the Melanie Avenue road issue under New Business tonight.

B. Ron Wendt; Skateboard Park; Mr. Wendt, spoke on the proposed site location of the Skateboard Park. He stated that although he appreciates Wasilla Wonderland Park, the noise level is becoming a problem. People are not adhering to the posted rules at the Park and the residents in the surrounding areas are being affected by the increasing noise levels. He is concerned that if the Skateboard Park is placed in the currently proposed location, this will only increase the level of noise. Mr. Wendt suggested perhaps placing the Skateboard Park across the Old Airport Site, closer to the Parks Highway.

C. Eric Poetzsch; Mr. Poetzsch, is concerned about the bike path on Glenwood Avenue. He stated there is a lot of gravel on the bike path and questioned whether the City of Wasilla maintained the path. Larry Bridge, Public Works department stated the City started sweeping Saturday and should be in Glenwood sometime

is week. Mr. Poetzsch also stated he is against the Managerial Form of Government and would like to see the Skateboard Park effort more organized in their fund raising activities.

D. Jim Messick; Bed & Breakfast Establishments; Mr. Messick, is a member of the Bed & Breakfast Association of the Matanuska - Susitna Valley. Mr. Messick presented a copy of a map published by the Bed & Breakfast Association to aid tourists within the Matanuska - Susitna Valley. Mr. Messick requested the Council's support in the project.

1. Harvey Bowers; Bed & Breakfast Association of the Matanuska - Susitna Valley; Mr. Bowers, requested Council's support in the printing cost of the maps. He stated the Association is a non-profit organization and is not trying to use the maps to raise money.

E. Doug Smith; RC & D Annual Report; Mr. Smith, stated that the RC & D, is a regional non-profit economic development organization. They have a board of directors comprising of about twenty people from "every walk of life represented in the borough". The RC & D, tries to bring a common sense approach to development in the Matanuska - Susitna Borough. Mr. Smith invited any interested Council member to sit on the Board of the RC & D as a representative of the City of Wasilla.

F. Barbara Poetzsch; Mrs. Poetzsch, presented ducks she is making and selling in an effort to raise money for the Skateboard Park. She stated she has raised approximately \$500.00, to date. She feels the Skateboard Park volunteers should be doing more fund raising activities. Mrs. Poetzsch also stated she feels the Matanuska - Susitna Bridge is a health risk and has spoke with Senator Halford on the issue.

otion/Second: Fuller/Keller

To take a five minute recess. No objection, so ordered.

Intermission: 8:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

7. COMMISSION REPORTS:

A. Pandora Willingham; Wasilla Planning Commission; Mrs. Willingham, reported that the Wasilla Planning Commission has had five meetings and two work-sessions since they last reported to Council. The March 18th work-session was with the Soils & Water Conservation Commission and the topic discussed was soils information for the City of Wasilla. There has been a comprehensive report issued by the Soils & Water Conservation Commission, and the Planning Commission has found this report very informative and should help with future development plans within the City of Wasilla. At the last regular meeting, the Planning Commission discussed "D-4", which is the eighty acre tract off of Glenwood. The public hearing has been continued until the meeting of 4/15/97. The work-session held on 3/22/97, addresses the issues of agenda format, minutes, and the public hearing announcements. A resolution is forthcoming establishing procedural guidelines for the agenda format, minutes and public hearing announcements. Mrs. Willingham reported that at the meeting of 4/15/97, the Planning Commission will be reviewing the leasing proposal for Lot 1, New Wasilla Airport Site Subdivision. The Planning Commission has scheduled a work-session with the Parks and Recreation Commission prior to the regular meeting of 4/15/97.

B. John Cannon; Wasilla Planning Commission; Mr. Cannon, stated that the volume of business for the Planning Commission has tripled within the two years he has been on the Commission, and requests Council take this into consideration when approving the proposed budget. Mr. Cannon believes the full compliment of staff is needed and requests Council approve the \$10,500.00 for the visioning. He believes there is a lot of community support for this process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (NONE SCHEDULED)

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. **CP. No. 97-02**; L.I.D. Prioritization

Motion/Second: Chappel/Keller

To adopt CP. No. 97-02.

Motion/Second: Langill/Chappel

To amend CP. No. 97-02 by striking the word “may” and replace with “will” in the 2nd paragraph, last sentence.

Amendment withdrawn.

Motion/Second: Langill/Fuller

To amend CP. No. 97-02, paragraph 2, to read “The Council will direct a re-survey if the revised cost estimate is 10% or more over the original estimate”. Motion passed.

Motion/Second: Langill/Fuller

To amend by striking the words, “and air quality”, on page 2, under, Environmental. Motion passed with Councilman Fuller dissenting.

Main Motion to adopt CP. No. 97-02, passed with Councilman Carney dissenting.

B. **Ordinance Serial No. 97-18**; Amending WMC 6.04.080, Adjusting the Personal Property Tax Structure to the Tax Structure of the Borough and thereby exempting personal property, except motor vehicles, aircraft and business inventory in excess of \$250,000.00, from the levy of the Wasilla Personal Property Tax. **(Adoption)**

Motion/Second: Carney/Chappel

To delay action on Ordinance Serial No. 97-18, until either a work-session, with the Borough Assembly or borough action, giving a commitment to reimburse the City of Wasilla for fees lost from revenues derived from the increased vehicle license fee. Motion passed.

C. **Ordinance Serial No. 97-19**; Amending Section 16.43.602, District Use Chart, (Require Public Facility Developments to follow the Conditional Use Permit Process). **(Adoption)**
1. **CM. No. 97-11**; Planning Commission recommendation on the Conditional Use Permit Process.

Motion/Second: Langill/Chappel

To adopt Ordinance Serial No. 97-19. Motion failed with Councilman Chappel assenting.

D. **Ordinance Serial No. 97-20**; Amending the FY-97 Budget (Police Dispatch). **(Adoption)**

1. CM. 97-12; Police Dispatch Costs

Motion/Second: Carney/Fuller

To adopt Ordinance Serial No. 97-20.

Motion/Second: Langill/Chappel

To amend Ordinance Serial No. 97-20 by striking the dollar amount of “\$110,810.00” and inserting “\$99,757.00”. Motion passed with Councilwoman Patrick dissenting.

Main motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 97-20 passed.

- E. Ordinance Serial No. 97-21; Amending the FY97 Budget by Appropriating Additional Funds to the Water Utility Fund for the Capitol Improvement Project for the Knik-Goosebay Water Line Extension. (Adoption)

Motion/Second: Carney/Keller

To adopt Ordinance Serial No. 97-21. Motion passed.

- F. Ordinance Serial No. 97-23; Amending the FY97 Budget by Appropriating Funds to the General Fund (State Pass Through Grant; Valley Crisis Pregnancy Center). (Adoption)

Motion/Second: Patrick/Keller

To adopt Ordinance Serial No. 97-23. Motion passed.

- G. Wasilla City Council Meeting Minutes 03/10/97;

Motion/Second: Langill/Carney

To adopt the Wasilla City Council Meeting Minutes of 3/10/97, with the corrections and verbatim transcripts. Motion passed.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Railroad Depot Report

Mayor Palin reported that Administration will bring forth information at the next regular Council Meeting, 4/28/97.

- B. CM. No. 97-21; Community Development Block Grant
 1. Resolution No. WR97-14; Fair Housing Resolution
 2. Plan of Proposed Action to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing

Motion/Second: Langill/Keller

To adopt Resolution No. WR97-14 and the Plan of Proposed Action to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing. Motion passed.

- C. Melanie Avenue Residents;

Motion/Second: Keller/Patrick

To close Melanie Avenue to through traffic as soon as possible.

Motion/Second: Chappel/Carney

To refer the Melanie Avenue issue to the Planning Commission, then to the Wasilla Police Department for a report on the increased patrols of the area and then to the Public Works department for a report on the dust control.

Motion to refer the Melanie Avenue issue, passed with Councilwoman Keller and Councilwoman Patrick dissenting.

11. COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Wasilla Planning Commission; Regular meeting minutes
- B. IM. No. 97-15; Planning Commission Resolution No. 97-12

12. STAFF REPORTS:

John Cramer; Administration; Mr. Cramer reported that there has been a 12% return rate of the library survey, surveys are continuing to come in, those submitted after April 7th, will not be in the drawing of the free pizza. Architects Alaska expects results to be tabulated by late April or early May and then, Mary Ellen Emmons will prepare a report and it will be presented to Council at that time.

Duane Dvorak; Planning Department; Mr. Dvorak reported the Planning department is gearing up for their busy season. There will be a public hearing on the WASI property re-zone at the Planning Commission meeting, May 6th.

Jack Felton; Public Works; Mr. Felton reported that Mr. Cramer and himself, are just about done with a lease agreement with the Alaska Live Steamers, that should be coming forth shortly, and the permit for the air-show is just about done. The Public Works department has began their street cleaning and there is some modifications being made at the Spruce tank site with Alaska Pure Water. Alaska Pure Water is putting the City of Wasilla in there national campaign as their sole source of water. Mr. Felton has reviewed some of the preliminary campaign work, and it looks very positive for the City.

Mr. Deuser; City Attorney; Mr. Deuser reported that there has been another law suite brought against the City, there is a \$10,000 deductible on the AML/JIA policy. Mr. Deuser indicted that the City is just one of a number of agencies this suite is against and his is unsure where Wasilla fits into this suite.

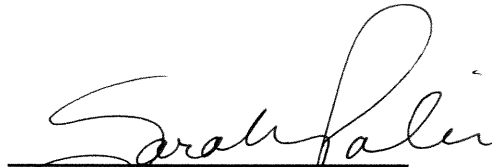
13. AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

14. COUNCIL COMMENTS:

5. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

APPROVED:


MARJORIE D. HARRIS, CMC
City Clerk


SARAH H. PALIN, Mayor

(seal)