



CITY OF WASILLA

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MAYOR Sarah Palin COUNCIL

Norman Fuller, Seat A
Dianne M. Keller, Seat B
David W. Chappel, Seat C
Judy Patrick, Seat D
Colleen G. Cottle, Seat E
Domonic L. Carney, Seat F

WASILLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

7 P.M.

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 1998

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Minutes Of Preceding Meetings:
 1. Regular Meeting Minutes: December 8, 1997
 2. Special Meeting Minutes: December 19, 1997
 - B. Introductions (Suggested Hearing: January 26, 1998)
 - C. Council Memorandums
 1. CM No. 98-01: Purchase Of Replacement Vehicle: Public Works Water Division.
 2. CM No. 98-02: Purchase Of A Printer For The Clerk's Office.

5. PUBLIC HEARING (Three minutes per person.)

- A. Ordinance Serial No. 97-75: "An Ordinance Amending Section 16.43.704 Of The Wasilla Development Code To Allow Shoreline Setback Exceptions For Structures Constructed Prior To January 1, 1987, And/Or Have Received A Land Use Permit Prior To October 28, 1997."
- B. Ordinance Serial No. 97-76: "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14.24. Parking Regulations By Enacting Section 14.24.20 Unauthorized Use Of Handicapped Parking."
- C. Resolution Serial No. 97-49: "A Resolution Requesting The State Of Alaska Department Of Corrections, Include In Their Consideration The City Of Wasilla As A Potential Site For The Youth Detention Facility."
 - a. Marty Grossman, Project Manager, State Of Alaska, Department Of Health And Social Services.

6. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (Three minutes per person.)

- A. Bill Byers, Susitna Avenue Improvements
- B. A Representative Of Weber Drive
- C. Scott Schwartzbauer, President of M.A.H.A.

7. COMMISSION REPORTS

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance Serial No. 97-73: "An Ordinance Amending WMC 9.04, Business License General." (Requested By Council Member Keller) (Introduced on 11/24/97; Public Hearing Held on 12/8/97)
- B. IM No. 98-02: Report and Preliminary Drawings On Public Library Referenced in Resolution No. WR96-07(Substitute), Appendix A.
 - a. Gary Wolf, Architects Alaska

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. CM No. 98-06: 1998 Road Bond/Construction Projects.
- B. CM No. 98-07: Auditor Selection.
- C. CM No. 98-03: Audit.
- D. CM No. 98-04: Future Water And Sewer Infrastructure Projects.
- E. Resolution Serial No. 98-01: "A Resolution In Support Of The State Of Alaska's Area-Wide Leasing Program." (Requested By Council Member Patrick) (IM No. 98-05)

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

11. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Information Memorandums

- 1. IM. No. 98-01: Consideration Of Locating A Detention Facility In The Wasilla Area.
- 2. IM. No. 98-03: Expenses Between \$5,000 And \$10,000 For September Through December 1997.
- 3. IM. No. 98-04: Support Letter For Annexation To The City Of Wasilla.

B. Proclamation Applauding The 15th Annual Running Of The Iron Dog Gold Rush Classic.

C. Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes: December 16, 1997.

12. STAFF REPORTS

13. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (Three minutes per person)

14. COUNCIL COMMETS

15. ADJOURNMENT

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, January 12, 1998, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Sarah Palin called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council Members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Nick Carney
Mr. Dave Chappel
Mrs. Colleen Cottle

Mr. Norman Fuller
Mrs. Dianne Keller
Mrs. Judy Patrick

Staff in attendance were:

Mrs. Kristie VanGorder, City Clerk
Mrs. Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk
Mr. Ken Jacobus, City Attorney
Mr. Dean Baugh, Senior Accountant
Mr. John Cramer, Deputy Administrator
Ms. Mary Ellen Emmons, Library Director
Mr. Charlie Fannon, Chief of Police
Mr. Tim Krug, City Planner
Mr. Erling Nelson, Director of Finance
Mrs. Cindy Roberts, Director of Public Works

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Palin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Palin noted the following changes:

- Add Scott Schwartzbauer, President of MAHA to persons to be heard.
- Move CM No. 98-03 and CM No. 98-04 from the consent agenda to new business as items C, and D.

Council Member Carney requested:

- To move Resolution Serial No. 98-01 from the consent agenda to new business as item E.

There was no objection to the agenda as amended.

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2. CM No. 98-02: Purchase Of A Printer For The Clerk's Office.

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved, Council Member Keller seconded, to adopt the consent agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

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Mayor Palin opened the public hearing. There being no persons wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed.

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- C. Resolution Serial No. 97-49: "A Resolution Requesting The State Of Alaska Department Of Corrections, Include In Their Consideration The City Of Wasilla As A Potential Site For The Youth Detention Facility."
- a. Marty Grossman, Project Manager, State Of Alaska, Department Of Health And Social Services.

Mayor Palin opened the public hearing, and requested that Mr. Grossman be allowed to speak in excess of three minutes. There was no objection.

Marty Grossman, Project Manager, State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services:

- Requested that the council support Resolution No. 97-49.
- Stated the proposed youth detention facility will house 15 beds.
- Reported that there is a great need for this type of facility in the area to primarily support the overcrowding that is occurring at the McLaughlin Facility in Anchorage, and many of the juveniles at the McLaughlin facility are from the Matanuska Susitna Valley.
- Stated the proposed facility is not a prison, it will have a "campus like" appeal.
- Reported that the local legislatures have been very supportive of a plan to construct a youth detention facility in the area.
- Stated that the State does not fund for land, as there are definite community benefits that will arise from a youth detention facility being constructed in the area. Food and laundry services will be contracted with outside companies.
- Reported that if the project is approved, construction could begin in the spring of 1999.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the proposed youth detention facility being located within the New Wasilla Airport boundary, generally located in the Church Road and Parks Highway area: Mr. Bob Seims, Mr. Rich Erickson, and Mr. Tom Moe.

7. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

A. Bill Byers, Susitna Avenue Improvements:

- Requested the council support the Susitna Avenue paving project.
- Encouraged the city to also pave the 200 feet between Susitna Avenue and Boundary Street, connecting the asphalt.
- Stated that the Matanuska Telephone Association is in favor of the project.

B. Gary Weber, Weber Drive Improvements:

- Requested that the council support the paving of Weber Drive.
- Stated all parties involved are pleased with the design.
- Urged the city place the Weber Drive paving project first on their list.

C. Scott Swartzbauer, President of MAHA:

- Stated the city needs another sheet of ice.
- Reported that there are currently 2,500 to 3,000 children utilizing one sheet of ice in the city.
- Thanked the city of providing the ice at Wasilla Lake.
- Requested the council support the recreational needs of the area, realizing the current and continued population growth.

8. COMMISSION REPORTS

Denise Loyer, Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission:

- Stated the Parks and Rec. Commission supports CM No. 97-03.

Steve Glos, Wasilla Planning Commission:

- Reported that the planning commission has selected area 4, for the siting of a public safety building.
- Stated the planning commission is addressing the Airport Master Plan.
- Invited the council to attend a work session on January 13, 1998, which will address the Wasilla Development Code.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ### A. Ordinance Serial No. 97-73: "An Ordinance Amending WMC 9.04, Business License General." (Requested By Council Member Keller) (Introduced on 11/24/97; Public Hearing Held on 12/8/97)

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved, Council Member Chappel seconded, to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 97-73.

Council Member Carney moved, Council Member Chappel seconded, a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 97-73 by adding "For any licensed business showing no sales tax delinquency payments for the previous twelve months." to the ordinance.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Council Member Keller opposed.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion, as amended, passed with Council Members Carney and Fuller opposed.

- B. IM No. 98-02: Report and Preliminary Drawings On Public Library Referenced in Resolution No. WR96-07(Substitute), Appendix A.
 - a. Gary Wolf, Architects Alaska

Mr. Gary Wolf gave an overview of the project drawings. No action was taken on Information Memorandum 98-02.

The council recessed at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:34 p.m.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A. CM No. 98-06: 1998 Road Bond/Construction Projects.

MOTION: Council Member Patrick moved, Council Member Chappel seconded, to schedule a public hearing on the six projects outlined in CM No. 98-06, at the next regular meeting on January 26, 1998.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved, Council Member Chappel seconded, to allow Council Member Keller to draft a letter of support for any borough resident to sign, supporting paving of Spruce Avenue with the boroughs assistance.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion passed with Council Member Carney opposed.

B. CM No. 98-07: Auditor Selection.

MOTION: Council Member Carney moved, Council Member Fuller seconded, to extend the audit engagement with Cook-Haugeberg for three years.

VOTE: The motion failed with Council Members Carney and Fuller in favor.

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved, Council Member Chappel seconded, to approve option #3 in CM No. 98-07 and to solicit, in a newspaper, letters of interest within a 100 mile radius of Wasilla.

VOTE: The motion passed with Council Member Carney opposed.

C. CM No. 98-03: Audit.

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved, Council Member Keller seconded, to discuss CM No. 98-03.

VOTE: The motion passed with Council Member Carney opposed.

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved, Council Member Chappel seconded, to approve CM No. 98-03.

MOTION: Council Member Patrick moved, Council Member Carney seconded, to postpone action on CM No. 98-03 until the next regular meeting.

VOTE: The motion failed with Council Members Carney and Fuller in favor.

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved, Council Member Keller seconded, to direct administration to present a dollar amount on the cost of networking the city hall building only.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection.

MOTION: Council Member Carney moved, Council Member Fuller seconded, to direct administration to bring back the capital improvement list from last year.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection.

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved, Council Carney seconded, to postpone action on CM No. 98-03 until the next regular meeting and to direct administration to bring back cost estimates on the projects.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

D. CM No. 98-04: Future Water And Sewer Infrastructure Projects.

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved, Council Member Keller seconded, to adopt CM No. 98-04, stating that infrastructure projects be constructed using a combination of loans, general funds, and local improvement districts.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

E. Resolution Serial No. 98-01: "A Resolution In Support Of The State Of Alaska's Area-Wide Leasing Program." (Requested By Council Member Patrick) (IM No. 98-05)

MOTION: Council Member Patrick moved, Council Member Keller seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 98-01.

VOTE: The motion passed with Council Member Carney opposed.

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The communication items were presented and no comments were given.

13. STAFF REPORTS

Kristie VanGorder, City Clerk:

- Stated that the scheduled budget pre-hearing is not required by code, and requested direction from the council.
- Announced that the clerk/council budget work session has been scheduled at 6 p.m., on January 26, 1998.

Mayor Palin, Administration:

- Stated she will meet tomorrow with the public works water division to discuss the estimated costs of the easterly and westerly water expansions.
- Advised that Wasilla Lake is on a draft list prepared by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conversation (ADEC) as a pollution source caused by road run-off. She indicated that Representative Kohring is pushing for more ADEC monitoring of Wasilla Lake.
- Commented that the Department of Transportation has informed the city that the upgrade and improvements to the Parks Highway, from mile 27 to 44, will include raising the highway in front of Wasilla Lake to help the accumulation of snow on the road way.
- Stated that the storm drainage outlet near Pizza Hut may be removed and rerouted under the Parks Highway and into a ditch across the highway in the railroad right of way. The project is slated for the year 2001.
- Reported that public works is working on the East West Point Drive water extension.

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

15. COUNCIL COMMENTS

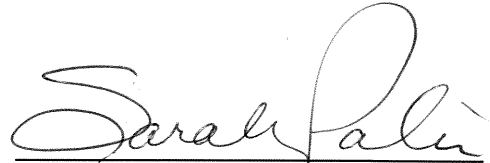
16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Attest:



KRISTIE L. VANGORDER, CMC/AE



SARAH PALIN, Mayor

Minutes Approved January 28, 1998.