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 - B. Ms. Lisa Makar: Mat-Su Youth Court.
 - C. Mr. Kelsey Gray: Alaska Arena Coropration.
 - D. Miss Tonya Gaston: Archery World Champaion.
 - E. Ms. Alita Ryen: Wasilla Skateboard Park.
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 - B. CM No. 98-22: Repeal of Council Policies.
11. EXECUTIVE SESSION
12. COMMUNICATIONS
 - A. IM No. 98-37: Proposed Canine Program.
 - B. Wasilla Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of March 24, 1998.
13. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS
14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (Three minutes per person)
15. COUNCIL COMMENTS
16. ADJOURNMENT

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, April 27, 1998, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla Alaska. Mayor Sarah Palin called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Palin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Council Members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Dave Chappel	Mrs. Dianne Keller
Mrs. Colleen Cottle	Mrs. Judy Patrick
Mr. Norman Fuller	

Council Member Carney was absent.

Staff in attendance was:

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Palin requested the following changes:

- Add Mr. Kelsey Gray, Miss Tonya Gaston, Ms. Alita Rien, and Mr. Allen Rien, under persons to be heard.

Council Member Chappel requested the following change:

- Move CM No. 98-22 from the consent agenda to new business.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection to approving the agenda as amended.

5. COMMISSION REPORTS

Borough Assembly Member John Hartrick:

- Informed the council that the proposed borough budget is \$135,223,666 and \$104,429,000 of it is for school operation, \$5.6 million for debt service, 16.7 for borough operation, with the rest of the dollars going to the various fire and road service areas.
- Encouraged the council to contact their legislatures to voice opposition to the proposed 5 percent cut to municipal assistance and revenue sharing.
- Reported that there is approximately a \$45,000 total increase in block grants to the cities.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes: April 13, 1998

B. Introductions (Suggested Public Hearing: May 11, 1998)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 98-20: "Providing For The Adoption Of The Operating, Enterprise And Debt Service Budgets For The Fiscal Year 1999, And Appropriating Funds To Carry Out Said Budgets."
2. Ordinance Serial No. 98-21: "Amending The FY-98 Budget By Appropriating Additional Funds To The General Fund For The Highway Safety Planning Grant Received By The Police Department." (IM No. 98-38)
3. Ordinance Serial No. 98-22: "Amending The FY-98 Budget, By Appropriating Additional Funds To The Capital Improvement Fund For The Skate Park Facility." (IM No. 98-42)
4. Ordinance Serial No. 98-23: "Authorizing Annexation And Zoning Of Certain Properties (T17N, R1W, Section 11, Olson Extension Lots 1 Through 5 And T17N, R2W, Section 12, Lot 4) Into The Corporate Boundaries Of The City Of Wasilla In Conjunction With Zoning Of T17N, R1W, Section 11, Tax Parcel B1 And Hurley Loop Right-Of-Way." (IM No. 98-40)
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C. Resolutions

D. Council Memorandums

1. CM No. 98-23: Auditors Selection FY 1998-2000.

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

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

7. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Resolution Serial No. 98-09: "Opposing A Youth Detention Facility Being Located In The Vicinity Of Mile 2 Of Knik Goose Bay Road." (Requested by Council Member Chappel)

Mayor Palin opened the public hearing.

The following individuals spoke in support of the resolution: Mrs. Kelly Dau, Mrs. Lorri Dyess, Mr. Charles Costello, Mrs. Tina Costello, Mr. Roger Rassmauson, and Mrs. Vinolla Vinette.

Mr. Marty Grossman, State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services:

- Stated that paragraphs two and four in the resolution are misleading and should be removed.

Assembly Member John Hartrick:

- Encouraged the city to select a site for the youth detention facility.
- Stated that the borough has tried to remain neutral and allow the facility to be located in either Palmer or Wasilla.
- Reported that borough land is available if Palmer and Wasilla are not able to site the facility.

George Buhite, State of Alaska, Department of Health and Social Services:

- Reiterated that the State of Alaska does not wish to place this facility in an area that does not support it.

There being no other persons wishing to be heard the public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Council Member Fuller moved, Council Member Keller seconded, to adopt Resolution Serial No. 98-13.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion passed with Council Member Fuller in opposition.

- B. Resolution Serial No. 98-13: "Authorizing The Mayor To Negotiate For Purchase Real Property Near The Wasilla Airport And Offering The State Of Alaska Department Of Health And Social Services Up To Ten Acres Of Land To Locate A Youth Detention Facility In An Industrial Zoned Area In The City Of Wasilla." (Requested by Council Member Fuller)

Mayor Palin opened the public hearing.

The following individuals spoke in favor of the resolution: Mrs. Deb Remus, Mr. George Buhite, Mr. Jim Messick, Mrs. Carol Matley, Mrs. Kelly Dau, Mrs. Carolyn Crusey, and Mr. Dean Dyess.

The following individuals spoke in opposition to the resolution: Mr. Rich Erickson, and Mr. Doug Millard.

There being no other persons wishing to be heard the public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Council Member Fuller moved, Council Member Keller seconded, to adopt Resolution Serial No. 98-13.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened at 8:40 p.m.

- C. Ordinance Serial No. 98-19: "Adopting Title 18, Elections, And Repealing Title 4, Elections." (IM No. 98-35)

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

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved, Council Member Keller seconded, to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 98-19.

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved a primary amendment, Council Member Keller seconded, to insert in section 18.30.020 (A), after the first sentence the following: "Nor may any person conduct other political activities that may pertain to any future election or potential ballot proposition."

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed unanimously.

VOTE: The main motion as amended passed unanimously.

8. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

- A. Margaret Voltz, and Dr. Cathy Boldwin-Johnson, Children's Advocacy Center:
- Requested financial support from the city to fund the Children's Advocacy Center.
 - Stated that they plan to place the center inside city limits.
 - Informed the council that they have been applying for Federal and State grants, as well as, requesting support from the borough and city of Palmer.
- B. Lisa Makar, Mat-Su Youth Court:
- Requested continued support from the city for the youth court program in the valley.
- C. Mr. Kelsey Gray:
- Requested \$25,000 from the city to conduct a feasibility study on the construction of a sports complex in the valley.

- D. Miss Tonya Gaston, Archery World Champion:
- Requested financial support from the city to attend a tournament in California.

The council recessed at 9:20 p.m. and reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

- E. Ms. Alita Ryen, Wasilla Skateboard Park:
- Requested support from the city in the construction of a Skateboard Park in Wasilla.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. CM No. 98-17: Grant Request For Non-Profit Organizations. (IM No. 98-39)

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved, Council Member Patrick seconded, to approve CM No. 98-17.

Discussion followed.

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved a primary amendment, Council Member Patrick seconded, place Friends of Wonderland request in the economic development line item to discuss during the budget cycle.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection.

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved, Council Member Fuller seconded, a primary amendment, to grant Mr. Kelsey Gray \$25,000 to conduct a feasibility study.

VOTE: The motion failed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved, Council Member Patrick seconded, a primary amendment, to fund the request from the Alaska State Fair in the amount of \$15,000 - \$20,000.

VOTE: The motion failed with Council Members Cottle and Patrick in favor.

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved, Council Member Patrick seconded, to introduce the request from the Children's Advocacy Center and schedule it for public hearing.

VOTE: The motion failed with Council Members Chappel, Cottle and Keller in favor.

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved, Council Member Patrick seconded, to commit to supporting the Children's Advocacy Center and to discuss the issue during the FY-99 budget process.

VOTE: The motion failed with Council Members Chappel, Cottle, and Patrick in favor.

The meeting recessed at 10 p.m. and reconvened at 10:10 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Patrick moved, Council Member Chappel seconded, to postpone action on CM No. 98-17 indefinitely.

VOTE: The motion passed with Council Member Keller opposed.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. CM No. 98-21: Area Location For A Public Safety Building.

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved, Council Member Keller seconded, to approve CM No. 98-21.

MOTION: Council Member Patrick moved a primary amendment, Council Member Keller seconded, to select Area 1 for the placement of the proposed public safety building.

Discussion followed.

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

VOTE: The main motion as amended passed unanimously.

B. CM No. 98-22: Repeal of Council Policies.

MOTION: Council Member Chappel moved, Council Member Keller seconded, to adopt CM No. 98-22.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

A. IM No. 98-37: Proposed Canine Program.

B. Wasilla Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of March 24, 1998.

No action was taken on the communication items.

13. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Ken Jacobus, City Attorney

- Stated that he personally feels the city should not fund grant requests, however, he recognizes and respects the fact that it is a council decision.

Mrs. Kristie VanGorder, City Clerk

- Informed the council that a work session has been scheduled for Monday, May 4, 1998, beginning at 7 p.m., to discuss the proposed FY-99 Budget.

Mayor Palin

- Reported that the clean up day/week was successful and thanked the local business and organizations for contributing prizes for the event.
- Stated that the Wasilla Middle School PTA has donated \$500 to the Skateboard Organization.
- Stated that a pre bid meeting for the airport paving was held.
- Thanked Cindy Roberts, Public Works Director for attending an airport managers conference in Seattle, and noted that Mrs. Roberts personally funded the excursion.

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mrs. Deb Remus

- Stated that a car wash will be held on May 3, 1998, to raise money for the Wasilla High Volleyball Team.

Mr. Mike Lamb, Palmer Police Chief

- Requested continued support from the council on the Youth Court Program in the valley.
- Urged the council to support the Children's Advocacy Center in the valley.

Assembly Member Jay Nolfi

- Mentioned that the borough has looked at the issue of a public safety building and the issue is likely to be discussed during the budget process.

15. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Fuller

- Reported on the various issues discussed at the borough assembly meetings for the month of April.

Council Member Cottle

- Objected to meetings beginning at 6 p.m. and feels it infringes on the dinner hour.
- Reported that the city was able to save approximately \$9,000 by selecting a new auditor.

Council Member Keller


- Thanked administration for placing a "children at play" sign on Glenwood Avenue.
- Thanked the police department for all of their efforts in controlling the traffic on Glenwood Avenue.
- Urged the council to adopt a policy prohibiting the funding of grant requests by the city.

Council Member Chappel

- Suggested that the city form an airport commission to conduct studies of the New Wasilla Airport.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11 p.m.


SARAH PALIN, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE L. VANGORDER, CMC/AEE
City Clerk

Minutes Approved: May 11, 1998