

MAYOR
Sarah Palin

COUNCIL
Howard O'Neil, Seat A
Dianne M. Keller, Seat B
Noel H. Lowe, Seat C
Judy Patrick, Seat D
Colleen G. Cottle, Seat E
Don Bennett, Seat F

**WASILLA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA**
WASILLA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Wasilla City Hall, 290 East Herning Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654 (907) 373-9090

REGULAR MEETING

7 P.M.

JANUARY 22, 2001

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
5. **SPECIAL ORDERS**
6. **COMMISSION/AGENCY REPORT (Five minutes per agency.)**
 - A. Planning Commission
 - B. Parks And Recreation Commission
 - C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough
7. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Minutes of Preceding Meeting:
 1. Regular Meeting: January 8, 2001

B. Introductions (Public Hearing To Be Scheduled For: February 12, 2001)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 01-05:** Amending The FY-01 Budget By Appropriating Additional Funds To The General Fund For Acceptance Of Grant #01-DC-11 For An Automatic Defibrillator. (IM No. 01-04)
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 01-08:** Amending The FY-01 Budget By Appropriating Funds To The CIP Fund For The Renovation Of The Former Police Department Area At City Hall. (IM No. 01-11)

C. Resolutions

D. Council Memorandums

1. **CM No. 01-04:** Vacation of Utility Easement, Portion of Alleyway, and Cul-de-sac; Lot 1B, Block 1, Carter Subdivision.
2. **CM No. 01-05:** Contract Amendment For CH2MHill, In The Amount Of \$20,000 To Complete Engineering Services During Construction For The Septage Facility Improvements Phase A.
3. **CM No. 01-06:** Bid Award To Purchase Two Police Vehicles From Alaska Sales And Service In The Amount Of \$58,000.
4. **CM No. 01-07:** Intent To Award A Professional Services Contract To LCMF For The Wasilla Airport Master Plan Project.

8. **PUBLIC HEARING** (Three minutes per person.)

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 01-06:** Amending WMC 1.04.010, Definitions And Amending WMC 5.36.010, Disposal Of Personal Property, And Repealing WMC 5.36.020 – 040, Concerning Disposition Of City Owned Property. (IM No. 01-05)
- B. **Ordinance Serial No. 01-07:** Amending WMC 3.36.070 (B), Supervision Of Exempt Employees/Performance Appraisals. (IM No. 01-06)
- C. **Ordinance Serial No. 01-09:** Amending The FY-01 Budget By Appropriating Funds From The Vehicle Fund's Fund Balance In Order To Fund The Purchase Of Two Police Vehicles. (IM No. 01-10)

9. **PERSONS TO BE HEARD** (Three minutes per person.)

- A. Iditarod Sled Dog Race Representative: Race Report.
- B. Multi-Use Sports Complex

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Mat-Su Borough/City Participation In Gas Lids
 - 1. Letter Regarding Gas Lids.
 - 2. WMC 5.20, Special Assessments For Local Improvements.
- B. Home Rule: Informal Discussion with City Attorney.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Multi-Use Sports Complex Information.
 - 1. **CM No. 01-08:** Multi-Use Sports Complex.

12. COMMUNICATION

- A. Wasilla Planning Commission Meeting Minutes: January 9, 2001

13. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (Three minutes per person.)

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

16. COUNCIL COMMENTS

17. ADJOURNMENT

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, January 22, 2001, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Palin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council Members present and establishing a quorum were:

- Mr. Howard O'Neil, Council Seat A
- Ms. Dianne Keller, Council Seat B
- Mr. Noel Lowe, Council Seat C (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)
- Ms. Judy Patrick, Council Seat D
- Mr. Don Bennett, Council Seat F

Council Member Cottle was absent and excused.

Staff in attendance were:

- Ms. Kristie VanGorder, City Clerk
- Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk
- Mr. John Cramer, Deputy Administrator
- Mr. Charlie Fannon, Police Chief
- Mr. Tom Klinkner, City Attorney
- Mr. Tim Krug, City Planner
- Mr. Ted Leonard, Finance Director
- Mr. Don Shiesl, Public Works Director

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Girl Scout Troop No. 410 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Palin:

- Requested to add Ordinance Serial No. 01-08 under introductions.
- Requested to add CM No. 01-08 under new business.
- Requested to allow public testimony regarding the Multi-Use Sports Complex under persons to be heard.
- Noted that a corrected version of the planning commission meeting minutes of January 9, 2001 were provided to the council.

MOTION: Council Member Patrick moved to approve the consent agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection.

5. SPECIAL ORDERS

There were no special orders.

6. COMMISSION/AGENCY REPORT

A. Planning Commission

Commissioner Ray McCarthy:

- Announced that the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities will be hosting an open house on the Wasilla Fishhook Downtown Transportation Study on January 23, 2001 and invited the council to attend.

B. Parks And Recreation Commission

Commissioner Dave Tuttle:

- Stated that the commission voted unanimously in favor of the multi-use sports complex and that a resolution of support will be presented to the council soon.

C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Assembly Member Dan Kelly:

- Spoke about the school budget.
- Discussed economic development within the valley.
- Invited the council to attend a Transportation Advisory Board meeting on February 6, 2001 at 4 p.m.

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MOTION: Council Member Keller moved to approve the consent agenda.

The council requested further information on CM No. 01-06 and CM No. 01-07.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 01-06:** Amending WMC 1.04.010, Definitions And Amending WMC 5.36.010, Disposal Of Personal Property, And Repealing WMC 5.36.020 – 040, Concerning Disposition Of City Owned Property. (IM No. 01-05)

Mayor Palin opened the public hearing.

Mr. Steve Glos spoke in opposition to 5.36.010 (B) of the ordinance.

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

MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 01-06.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

- B. **Ordinance Serial No. 01-07:** Amending WMC 3.36.070 (B), Supervision Of Exempt Employees/Performance Appraisals. (IM No. 01-06)

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VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

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

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 01-09.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

9. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

- A. Iditarod Sled Dog Race Representative: Race Report.

Mr. Stan Hooley, Executive Director, Iditarod Trail Committee:

- Spoke about the race and how the current weather conditions could impact the restart in Wasilla.
- Discussed funding from the city for shuttle service to and from the race.
- Announced the restart is planned in Wasilla utilizing Mystery Avenue and the Bumpus Softball Complex.

- B. Multi-Use Sports Complex.

Ms. Gail Wilson-Phillips, Dr. Curtis Menard, Mr. Steve Wood, Mr. Shell Ewing, and Dr. Curtis Menard Jr. spoke in favor the of Multi-Use Sports Complex.

Mayor Palin read a letter of support for the project from Mr. Harold Newcomb.

Mr. Steve Stoll spoke in opposition to the city funding a Multi-Use Sports Complex.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Mat-Su Borough/City Participation In Gas Lids
 - 1. Letter Regarding Gas Lids.
 - 2. WMC 5.20, Special Assessments For Local Improvements.

MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to discuss the Gas LID petition from Mr. Mike Carson.

Discussion followed between the council and staff.

Mr. Mike Carson encouraged the council to approve his petition for a Gas LID in Mortgage Park Subdivision.

Discussion continued.

MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to direct staff to prepare a resolution authorizing the Mat-Su Borough to go forward with Gas Local Improvement Districts within the city.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Home Rule: Informal Discussion with City Attorney.

The city attorney spoke about the pros and cons of going Home Rule.

Discussion followed.

No action was taken by the council.

The council recessed at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened 8:35 p.m.

Ms. Kathleen Schaechterle, attorney with Birch, Horton, Bittner, and Cherot introduced herself to the council and spoke briefly about her legal expertise.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Multi-Use Sports Complex Information.
 - 1. **CM No. 01-08:** Multi-Use Sports Complex.

MOTION: Council Member Patrick moved to approve CM No. 01-08.

Discussion followed.

MOTION: Council Member Patrick moved a primary amendment to strike the following sentence from CM No. 01-08: "We support bringing this issue forward to a vote of the people in a special election to be held in the spring of this year."

Discussion continued.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed unanimously.

Discussion continued.

VOTE: The motion, as amended, passed unanimously.

12. COMMUNICATION

A. Wasilla Planning Commission Meeting Minutes: January 9, 2001

No action was taken on the communication item.

13. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Ms. VanGorder, City Clerk:

- Requested that the council schedule a work session on February 12, 2001 at 6 p.m. to discuss the FY-02 budget for the clerk/council.

There was no objection to the work-session.

Mr. Klinkner, City Attorney:

- Commented on the opinion he wrote regarding the exclusion of group homes from R-1 Single Family, R-2 Residential and RR Rural Residential land uses.

No other comments were made.

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

No comments were made.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

16. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Patrick:

- Commented on the economic gains to the city from the construction of a sports complex.

Council Member Lowe:

- Updated the council on the developments of the city's web page design.

Council Member Keller:

- Expressed her sympathy to the Teeland family for the loss of their father.

Council Member O'Neil:

- Supports the concept of a sports complex.
- Requested additional information on the group home issue.

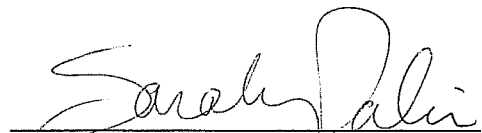
Council Members Lowe and O'Neil requested to meet with the attorney to discuss in detail the exclusion of group homes from various zoning districts within the city.

There was no objection from the council.

No other comments were made.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.


SARAH PALIN, Mayor


KRISTIE L. VANGORDER, CMC
City Clerk

Adopted this 12th day of February, 2001