



MAYOR
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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 Herring Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654 (907) 373-9090

REGULAR MEETING

7 P.M.

APRIL 9, 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
 - D. Desi Mayo, Alaska Municipal Bond Bank
7. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Minutes of Preceding Meeting:
 1. Regular Meeting: March 12, 2001

B. Introductions (Public Hearing To Be Scheduled For: April 23, 2001)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 01-21:** Amending The FY-01 Budget By Transferring Funds From Various Water Construction Projects To The Sewer Utility Fund For The Septage Facility Phase B. (IM No. 01-28)
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 01-22:** Amending The FY-01 Budget For Funds That Will Not Be Received From The Matanuska-Susitna Borough For The Parks Highway West Water Main Extension. (IM No. 01-29)
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 01-23:** Amending The FY-01 Budget By Appropriating \$38,000 To The Right-Of -Way Acquisition Fund To Purchase Right-Of-Way Used In The Construction Of Spruce Avenue. (IM No. 01-31)

C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 01-10:** Accepting The Proposed Alternative "A"; Main Street Rehabilitation, A Rehabilitation Of The Existing Three (3) Lane Thoroughfare. (IM No. 01-27)
2. **Resolution Serial No. 01-11:** In Support Of Opening The Coastal Plain Of The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) To Responsible Exploration, Development And Production Of Any Existing Oil And Gas Resources.

D. Council Memorandums

1. **CM No. 01-18:** Grant To Museum Of Alaska Transportation And Industry (MATI) To Construct A Staging Area On Their Property.
2. **CM No. 01-20:** Contract Amendment For Montgomery Watson, Inc., In The Amount Of \$35,000 For The Storm Water Master Plan.

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

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 01-13:** Authorizing Annexation And Zoning Of Certain Properties Into The Corporate Boundaries Of The City Of Wasilla To Include Portions Of Carefree Acres Subdivision, Waiver Hill Subdivision, Silverleaf Estates Subdivision, Olson Subdivision, Lakebrook Subdivision, And Areas Near The Airport and Near Happy Mountain Estates. (IM No. 01-20)

- B. **Ordinance Serial No. 01-14:** Amending WMC 2.12.010, Compensation And Reimbursement, To Provide For An Increase In Council Compensation. (IM No. 01-23)
- C. **Ordinance Serial No. 01-15:** Amending WMC 2.12.010, Compensation And Reimbursement, To Provide For Health Insurance for Council Members. (IM No. 01-24)
- D. **Ordinance Serial No. 01-16(SUB):** Amending Section of Title 4, Elections. (IM No. 01-22(SUB))
- E. **Ordinance Serial No. 01-17:** Amending The FY-01 Budget By Appropriating \$421,875 Additional Funds From The Federal Aviation Administration And \$28,125 From The General Operating Fund To The Airport Enterprise Fund To Provide Funds To Complete An Airport Master Plan. (IM No. 01-21)

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

- A. Mary Gail: Community Concerns.
- B. Norman Fuller and Sally Anderson: American Red Cross Funding Request.
- C. Ley Schleich: Friends of Wasilla Library.
- D. Marian Romano, Library Building Committee Chair.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Multi Sports Use Complex.

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. COMMUNICATION

- A. **IM No. 01-30:** February 2001 Expenditure Report.
- B. Planning Commission: Regular Meeting Minutes March 13, 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, April 9, 2001, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Palin called the meeting to order at 7 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
Ms. Colleen Cottle, Council Seat E (participated telephonically)
Mr. Don Bennett, Council Seat F

Council Member Patrick 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. Tim Krug, City Planner
Mr. Ted Leonard, Finance Director
Mr. Don Shiesl, Public Works Director
Mr. Archie Giddings, City Engineer

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Girl Scout Troop 410 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Palin:

- Requested to add Marian Romano and Ley Schleich to the agenda under persons to be heard.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection from the council to approve the agenda as amended.

5. SPECIAL ORDERS

There were no special orders.

6. COMMISSION/AGENCY REPORT

A. Planning Commission

No report was presented.

B. Parks And Recreation Commission

No report was presented.

C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Assembly Member Kelly:

- Spoke in support of the proposed multi-use sports complex.
- Discussed issues under consideration by the assembly.

D. Desi Mayo, Alaska Municipal Bond Bank

Mr. Mayor:

- Presented information on the bond bank of Alaska.
- Stated the preliminary report indicates that Wasilla is in a position to bond between six to ten million dollars for a sports complex.
- Recommended that the city use the bond bank because of the advantages they have to offer.

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

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 01-13:** Authorizing Annexation And Zoning Of Certain Properties Into The Corporate Boundaries Of The City Of Wasilla To Include Portions Of Carefree Acres Subdivision, Waiver Hill Subdivision, Silverleaf Estates Subdivision, Olson Subdivision, Lakebrook Subdivision, And Areas Near The Airport and Near Happy Mountain Estates. (IM No. 01-20)

Mayor Palin opened the public hearing.

Kevin Baker requested that the city postpone adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 01-13 in an attempt to include additional properties in the annexation.

Katie Hurley spoke in favor of the ordinance. She stated that Fred Meyer would pay any fees, which may be incurred from the annexation of her property. Ms. Hurley also questioned who would maintain Hurley Court.

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

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 01-13.

Discussion followed.

The city clerk noted minor grammatical corrections that will be made to the ordinance.

Discussion continued.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

- B. **Ordinance Serial No. 01-14:** Amending WMC 2.12.010, Compensation And Reimbursement, To Provide For An Increase In Council Compensation. (IM No. 01-23)

Mayor Palin opened the public hearing.

The following spoke in favor of Ordinance Serial No. 01-14: Deb Remus and Dan Kelly.

The following spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 01-14: Steve Stoll.

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

MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 01-14.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO RECONSER: Council Member Keller moved for reconsideration of Ordinance Serial No. 01-14 at the next regular city council meeting of April 23, 2001.

- C. **Ordinance Serial No. 01-15:** Amending WMC 2.12.010, Compensation And Reimbursement, To Provide For Health Insurance for Council Members. (IM No. 01-24)

Mayor Palin opened the public hearing.

The following spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 01-15: Deb Remus, Dave Chappel, Steve Stoll, and Norm Fuller.

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

MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 01-15.

Discussion followed.

MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 01-15 to the April 23, 2001 city council meeting.

VOTE: The motion to postpone passed unanimously.

D. **Ordinance Serial No. 01-16(SUB):** Amending Section of Title 4, Elections. (IM No. 01-22(SUB))

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MOTION: Council Member Keller moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 01-16(SUB).

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MOTION: Council Member O'Neil moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 01-17.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

9. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

A. Mary Gail: Community Concerns.

Ms. Gail requested that the city prohibit the sale of drug paraphernalia within the city and also work to diminish sexual opportunities for the young people in the community.

B. Norman Fuller and Sally Anderson: American Red Cross Funding Request.

Dr. Fuller and Ms. Anderson spoke about the American Red Cross program and its benefits to the community. They also requested funding to purchase training material and supplies.

C. Ley Schleich: President, Friends of Wasilla Library.

Ms. Schleich requested that the friends' group and library staff be allowed to participate in all phases of the process to address library space options.

D. Marian Romano, Library Building Committee Chair.

Ms. Romano encouraged the city to look at library space options with a realistic approach and encouraged the city to utilize the expertise of all persons with a vested interest in the library.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Multi Sports Use Complex.

Mayor Palin announced that A & E proposals for a sports complex are due on Monday, April 16 at noon. She stated that the city plans to receive responses from four firms who would like to make presentations to the council on April 23, 2001.

11. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

12. COMMUNICATION

A. IM No. 01-30: February 2001 Expenditure Report.

B. Planning Commission: Regular Meeting Minutes March 13, 2001.

No action was taken on the communication items.

13. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

City Clerk:

- Spoke about the reapportionment process.

Mayor Palin:

- Announced that administration is finishing up the proposed FY-02 budget.
- Reported that the city is beginning to repair potholes in the city.
- Reported street sweeping efforts are underway.
- Discussed the lobbyist and the benefits brought to the city.

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

KB Tompkins, General Manager, Cottonwood Creek Mall: Mr. Tompkins apologized for any confusion caused by the library proposal he submitted to the city and stated that Rite-Aide is offering tenant improvement incentives.

Greg Hope, Wasilla Library Representative, Mat-Su Borough Library Board: Mr. Hope suggested that the city slow down and involve library experts in the process to address library needs.

Dave Chappel cautioned the council about supporting Ordinance Serial No. 01-15.

Deb Remus inquired about street painting in city neighborhoods and encouraged the council to listen to the opposition raised by constituents regarding Ordinance Serial No. 01-15.

Steve Stoll thanked administration for looking at all options for library space needs. Mr. Stoll also stated that insurance benefits would not increase interest in running for elected office and also offered his position on sales tax placed on groceries.

Ley Schleich spoke about the benefits of open communication and the public process.

Peggy Benkey raised concerns over the re-location of the Wasilla Library to the Cottonwood Creek Mall and how the location would impact the accessibility of the library to Wasilla Middle and High School students.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

16. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Cottle:

- Spoke about the need to respect opposing views of council members.

Council Member Bennett:

- Inquired about the supervisor training required in the MBL salary study.
- Inquired about the annual market move for salary compensation.

Council Member Keller:

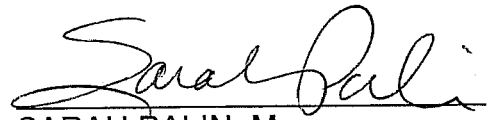
- Encouraged everyone to remain open to all library space solutions.
- Supports street painting improvements.

Council Member O'Neil:

- Encouraged the city to look at all options available for library space needs.
- Thanked the management of the Cottonwood Creek for the proposal submitted.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.



SARAH PALIN, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE L. VANGORDER, CMC
City Clerk

Adopted this 23rd day of April, 2001