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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.

JULY 23, 2001

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
5. **SPECIAL ORDERS**
 - A. Presentation Of City of Character Proclamations.
6. **COMMISSION/AGENCY REPORT (Five minutes per agency.)**
 - A. Planning Commission
 - B. Parks And Recreation Commission
 1. Multi-Use Sports Complex Committee Report.
 - C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough
 - D. Friends of Mat-Su: Visual Preference Survey

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of Preceding Meeting:
 - 1. Regular Meeting: June 25, 2001
 - 2. Special Meeting: July 11, 2001.

- B. Introductions (Public Hearing To Be Scheduled For: August 13, 2001)
 - 1. **Ordinance Serial No. 01-42:** Amending The FY-02 Budget By Appropriating Funds From The Land Acquisition Fund To Purchase Block 2, Lot 1A Wasilla Airpark Industrial Subdivision For Storm Drainage Facilities. (IM No. 01-53)
 - a. **Resolution Serial No. 01-24:** Authorizing The Purchase Of Block 2, Lot 1A, Wasilla Airpark Industrial Subdivision For A Storm Drain Facility.
 - b. **Resolution Serial No. 01-25:** Transferring Funds Within An Accounting Fund For The Purchase Of Block 2, Lot 1A, Wasilla Airpark Industrial Subdivision For A Storm Drain Facility.
 - 2. **Ordinance Serial No. 01-43:** Amending The Official Zoning Map Of Wasilla In Accordance With WMC 16.16.070 Rezoning Of The Wasilla Development Code To Rezone Lots 1-9, Iditaway Subdivision And A Minimum Of 200' Of The Southern Portion Of PJC Subdivision From RR-Rural Residential To R-1 Single Family Residential. (IM No. 01-54)

- C. Resolutions
 - 1. **Resolution Serial No. 01-26:** In Support Of Moving The Alaska State Legislative Sessions To The Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

- D. Council Memorandums
 - 1. **CM No. 01-42:** Confirmation of Election Officials for the October 2, 2001 Regular City Election.
 - 2. **CM No. 01-43:** Contract Award For Engineering Services To Lounsbury And Associates, Inc. In The Amount Of \$62,000 For Lucille Street Water And Sewer Extensions.

3. **CM No. 01-44:** Contract Award For Engineering Services To USKH, Inc. In The Amount Of \$26,000 For Nelson Avenue Street Improvements.
4. **CM No. 01-45:** Contract Award For Construction Of Bored Casing Under Alaska Railroad And Parks Highway To Provide Future Water Service To Hallea Lane.
5. **CM No. 01-46:** Contract Award For Construction Of Prospector Hills And Wasilla Villa Condos Subdivisions Paving Local Improvement District.
6. **CM No. 01-47:** Contract Amendment For Alaska Road Builders In The Amount Of \$11,500 For GVC/GGL Street Improvements.
7. **CM No. 01-48:** Approval Of Work Order In The Amount Of \$11,200 For MEA To Install Power For Bumpus Well House.
8. **CM No. 01-50:** Contract Award For Engineering Services During Construction To Raven Engineering In The Amount Of \$42,000 For Palmer-Wasilla Highway Water And Sewer Main Extensions.
9. **CM No. 01-51:** Contract Award For Engineering Services During Construction To Raven Engineering In The Amount Of \$72,000 For West Parks Highway Water Main Extension.
10. **CM No. 01-53:** Contact Award For East Centaur Fence Installation To AAA Fence Incorporated In The Amount Of \$21,221.
11. **CM No. 01-54:** Destruction Of Ballots 1996 – 2000 Regular City Election.

8. PUBLIC HEARING (Three minutes per person.)

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 01-40:** Amending WMC 16.24.020, Density Chart, In Order For The Density Chart To Coincide With The Land Use Key On The Official City Map. (IM No. 01-50)
- B. **Ordinance Serial No. 01-41:** Designating Portions Of Wasilla Street And Park Avenue As A Pedestrian Trail For Access Between Wasilla And Lucille Lakes. (IM No. 01-52)

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

- A. Ley Schleich: Friends of Wasilla Library.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Proposed Sports Complex

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **CM No. 01-41:** Federal Lobbyist Services.
- B. **CM No. 01-49:** Approval Of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Nomination For Lucille Street Upgrade To A Five Lane Facility.
- C. **CM No. 01-52:** Teleconferencing Unit For Council Chambers.

12. COMMUNICATION

- A. Wasilla Planning Commission Minutes: June 26, 2001

13. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (Three minutes per person.)

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Executive Evaluation.

16. COUNCIL COMMENTS

17. ADJOURNMENT

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, July 23, 2001, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Sarah Palin called the meeting to order at 7:05 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
Ms. Judy Patrick, Council Seat D
Ms. Colleen Cottle, Council Seat E
Mr. Don Bennett, Council Seat F

Council Member Lowe was absent and unexcused.

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Kristie VanGorder, City Clerk
Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk
Mr. Tom Klinkner, City Attorney
Mr. John Cramer, Deputy Administrator
Mr. Charlie Fannon, Police Chief
Mr. Archie Giddings, City Engineer
Mr. Tim Krug, City Planner
Mr. Don Shiesl, Public Works Director
Mr. Chester Simton, Library Director

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Palin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Palin:

- Announced that two City of Character Proclamations will be presented under Special Orders.
- Requested to add Ray McCarthy, Jr. Iditarod, under Commission/Agency Reports.

Council Member Bennett:

- Requested to move CM No. 01-41 from the Consent Agenda to New Business.

Council Member Patrick:

- Requested to move CM Nos. 01-49 and 01-52 from the Consent Agenda to New Business.

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

5. SPECIAL ORDERS

Mayor Palin presented Christy Healy with a Proclamation of Good Character for her act of heroism in assisting a neighbor whose life was in danger.

Mayor Palin presented a Proclamation to Darin Markwardt for his outstanding performance in the Mount Marathon race.

6. COMMISSION/AGENCY REPORT

A. Planning Commission

No report was given.

B. Parks And Recreation Commission

1. Multi-Use Sports Complex Committee Report.

Dr. Curtis Menard Sr., Committee Member:

- Spoke about the decision of the committee to continue to explore funding options for the Multi-Use Sports Complex.
- Reported that the committee is planning to have a proposed ballot question for possibly a spring special election.

Dave Tuttle, Parks and Recreation Commissioner:

- Announced that the commission is in support of a multi use sports complex in the range of approximately five million, but that they would like to continue to explore additional options.

C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

No report was given.

D. Jr. Iditarod

Ray McCarthy:

- Presented the city of Wasilla with a plaque of appreciation and thanked the city for continuing to support the Jr. Iditarod.

E. Friends of Mat-Su: Visual Preference Survey

Sarah Wilson Doyle, Land Design North:

- Presented the results of the visual preference survey that was conducted by the Friends of Mat-Su.

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

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

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

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 01-40.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

- B. **Ordinance Serial No. 01-41:** Designating Portions Of Wasilla Street And Park Avenue As A Pedestrian Trail For Access Between Wasilla And Lucille Lakes. (IM No. 01-52)

Mayor Palin opened the public hearing.

The following spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 01-41: Kip Roberts, President of Mat-Su Motor Musers.

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

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 01-41.

The city planner answered questions from the council.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

9. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

- A. Ley Schleich: Friends of Wasilla Library.

Ms. Schleich:

- Thanked the council for supporting the library through the budget process.
- Spoke favorably about the new library director.
- Thanked administration for beginning to address space options for the library.
- Presented the council with a history and overview report of the Wasilla Library.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Proposed Sports Complex

Mayor Palin thanked the committee for their hard work and encouraged city and non-city residents to be a part of the city's projects and programs.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. **CM No. 01-41:** Federal Lobbyist Services.

MOTION: Council Member Bennett moved to adopt CM No. 01-41.

The deputy administrator answered questions from the council.

Mayor Palin announced that the city is expecting to receive 1.5 million for water and sewer projects, 1.6 million for a regional dispatch center, and 2.5 million for the railroad relocation, in grant funds from the Federal Government.

Chief Fannon spoke about the proposed regional dispatch center.

MOTION: Council Member Bennett moved a primary amendment to reduce the contract amount to \$38,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed unanimously.

VOTE: The main motion as amended passed unanimously.

B. **CM No. 01-49:** Approval Of State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Nomination For Lucille Street Upgrade To A Five Lane Facility.

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved to adopt CM No. 01-49.

Discussion followed.

The public works director answered questions from the council.

MOTION: Council Member Patrick moved a primary amendment to the last sentence of CM No. 01-49 to read: This project is intended to upgrade Lucille Street to a [A FIVE LANE LANDSCAPED BOULEVARD] **four lane with center median and turn lane** that can handle large volumes of traffic and be aesthetically pleasing with bike paths and street lighting.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection to the primary amendment.

VOTE: The main motion as amended passed unanimously.

C. **CM No. 01-52:** Teleconferencing Unit For Council Chambers.

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved to adopt CM No. 01-52.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion failed with Council Members Bennett, Cottle, and O'Neil in favor and Council Members Keller and Patrick opposed. (Four votes are required to pass a motion)

12. COMMUNICATION

A. Wasilla Planning Commission Minutes: June 26, 2001

No action was taken on the communication item.

13. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

City Clerk:

- Announced that as directed by the council, a letter to Senator Stevens will be drafted.
- Spoke about the candidate filing period that will close on July 27, 2001.

Mayor Palin:

- Reported on various water, sewer, and road construction projects underway by the city.

City Attorney:

- Reported that a number of complaints have been filed against the redistricting plan and that a decision has been made to only name the redistricting board, as a whole, as defendants.
- Assured the council that they will be kept apprised of developments in the redistricting case.

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Steve Stoll:

- Requested that the city standardize how right-of-way is purchased for road projects.
- Commented on the need to balance ascetics with practicality when design roads.

Karen Walton, Executive Director of Mat-Su Community Transit:

- Introduced herself and stated that she looks forward to working with the city.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Executive Evaluation.

Mayor Palin requested to postpone the executive evaluation to the August 27, 2001 regular city council meeting. No objection was raised.

16. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member O'Neil:

- Clarified on call status at the public safety building which the council funded.

Council Member Cottle:

- Commented on the hazardous parking lot at Wal-Mart.
- Found the Visual Preference Survey interesting.
- Requested copies of the Water Master Plan.

Council Member Keller:

- Commented on the Visual Preference Survey.
- Stated for the record that she attended the Mat-Su Borough Assembly Meeting on July 17, as a member of the public, not in her official capacity as council member.

Council Member Patrick:

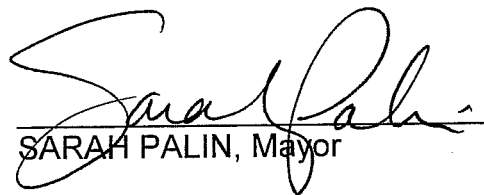
- Thanked the council for supporting her amendment to CM No. 01-49.

Council Member Bennett:

- Commented on need for a teleconferencing unit in council chambers.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.


SARAH PALIN, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE L. VANGORDER, CMC
City Clerk

Adopted this 13 day of August, 2001