



**MAYOR**  
Sarah Palin

**COUNCIL**  
Howard O'Neil, Seat A  
Dianne M. Keller, Seat B  
Noel H. Lowe, Seat C  
Judy Patrick, Seat D  
Ron Cox, Seat E  
Colleen Sullivan-Leonard, Seat F

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**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.**

**NOVEMBER 26, 2001**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**5. SPECIAL ORDERS**

A. Wasilla High School Volleyball State Champions Presentation.

**6. COMMISSION/AGENCY REPORT (Five minutes per agency.)**

A. Sports Arena Presentation/Airport Master Plan

B. Annual Audit Report

C. Planning Commission

D. Parks And Recreation Commission

E. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. Minutes of Preceding Meeting:

1. Regular Meeting: October 22, 2001
2. Special Meeting: November 5, 2001

### B. Introductions (Public Hearing To Be Scheduled For: December 10, 2001)

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### C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 01-48:** Transferring Funds Within An Accounting Fund For The Funding Of The Transportation Master Plan.
2. **Resolution Serial No. 01-49:** Supporting A Pedestrian Under-Crossing On Knik Goose Bay Road Near Park Avenue.
3. **Resolution Serial No. 01-50:** Transferring Funds Within An Accounting Fund For The Sewage Lagoon Aeration Improvements.

4. **Resolution Serial No. 01-51:** Accepting ADEC Loan Offers From The Alaska Drinking Water Fund And Alaska Clean Water Fund.

D. Council Memorandums

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5. **CM No. 01-89:** Re-appointment Of Ray McCarthy And William McCain To The Wasilla Planning Commission.

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

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

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

12. **COMMUNICATION**

- A. **IM No. 01-79:** Expenses Greater Than \$5,000 for July Through September 2001.
- B. **IM No. 01-80:** September 2001 Expenditure Report.
- C. Draft Wasilla Planning Commission Meeting Minutes: October 23, 2001.
- D. Memorandum Re: Wasilla Reserve Unit.
- E. Letter from Rudolph W. Giuliani, Re: World Trade Center Disaster.

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, November 26, 2001, 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. Howard O'Neil, Seat A
- Ms. Dianne Keller, Seat B
- Mr. Noel Lowe, Seat C
- Ms. Judy Patrick, Seat D
- Mr. Ron Cox, Seat E
- Ms. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard, Seat F

Staff in attendance were:

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

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Webelo Scout Pack 359 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Palin:

- Requested to add CM No. 01-89, Appointment of Planning Commissioners, to the consent agenda.

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

## 5. SPECIAL ORDERS

- A. Wasilla High School Volleyball State Champions Presentation.

Mayor Palin presented the Volleyball team with a plaque in recognition of holding the title of 2001 State Volleyball Champions.

## 6. COMMISSION/AGENCY REPORT

- A. Sports Arena Presentation/Airport Master Plan

Scott Hattenburg, Hattenburg and Dilley, LLC:

- Discussed the airport master plan.
- Reported space has been reserved in the Airport Master Plan for a Multi-Use Sports Complex.
- Spoke about developing the airport area into more of a business, commercial, and recreational area.
- Commented on the industrial uses that have been explored for the airport site.
- Spoke about the need for utilities at the airport site.

Jim Blair, GDM Group:

- Presented an overview of the multi-use sports complex project.
- Discussed the goals and objectives of the steering committee.

Bert Lent, Group Three Design:

- Spoke about the recreational potential at the airport site.

Dr. Curtis Menard Sr., Chair, Multi-Use Sports Complex Steering Committee:

- Spoke about the role of the steering committee.
- Requested support from the council in placing a bond proposition to construct the multi-use sports complex before the voters.

Dick Smith, President, Alaska State Hockey Association:

- Stated that the valley needs more ice to accommodate the demand.
- Spoke about the positive impacts a multi-use sports arena would have on the valley.

Shell Ewing, Mat-Su Youth Football Program:

- Encouraged the council to place a bond proposition to construct a multi-use sports complex before the voters.
- Discussed the benefits of youth programs to the community.

Charlie Huggins, Multi-Use Sports Complex Steering Committee Member:

- Encouraged the council to place a bond proposition to construct a multi-use sports complex before the voters.
- Supports the airport site as the location for the multi-use sports complex.

Steve Cole:

- Supports placing the issue of constructing a multi-use sports complex before the voters.
- Commented on the economic benefits a multi-use sports complex would bring to the city.

Ruby Church, Wasilla Area Seniors:

- Supports the construction of a multi-use sports complex.
- Spoke about community pride and the economic benefits of convention space to the city.

Dwight Coppock and John Klapperich: Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce:

- Reported on a major "shop the valley" promotion they are working towards, which will be presented to the council at a later date.
- Spoke about the need for the private and public sector to work together to the benefit of the entire community.

#### B. Annual Audit Report

John Bost, Mikunda-Cottrell:

- Presented an overview of the FY-01 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and answered questions from the council.
- Reported that the city overall is doing well financially.

#### C. Planning Commission

Commissioner Ray McCarthy:

- Reported that the commission supports city administration pursue the Park Avenue Trail for access between Wasilla and Lucille Lakes.
- Announced that the commission selected the name "Wasilla Airport" for the airport.

#### D. Parks And Recreation Commission

No report was given.

E. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Assembly Member Dan Kelly:

- Spoke about the special election that will be held to address redistricting within the borough.
- Spoke in favor of a multi-use sports complex, but does not support locating the complex at the airport.
- Recommended that the city allow borough residents to vote on the proposed sales tax increase because non-city residents generate the majority of the sales tax revenue.

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

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

**8. PUBLIC HEARING**

There were no public hearings scheduled.

**9. PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

No comments were made under persons to be heard.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

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No action was taken on any communication item.

## 13. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mayor Palin:

- Introduced the newly appointed police chief Don Savage to the council.
- Spoke about the grant funds received for the dispatch center.
- Spoke about grant funds received for utility construction and upgrades.
- Commented on the tragic death of Trooper Hans Roelle, which occurred the valley.

City Clerk:

- Reported that the hearing officer has issued his final report in the appeal case recently filed.
- Spoke about the AML Conference.
- Inquired about a council work session to discuss the FY-03 clerk/council budget.

The council directed the clerk to schedule a budget work session on January 21, 2002, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. No objection was raised.

City Attorney:

- Requested that the council enter executive session to receive an update on the State Redistricting Litigation.

## 14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

(See item 17, Audience Comments continued below)

## 15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Council Member Keller moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of potential or pending litigation to which the city of Wasilla may become or is a party.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection.

The entire council, city attorney, and mayor entered the executive session at 8:56 p.m. in the council conference room, to discuss the State Redistricting litigation, which the city is party. The executive session was exited at 9:12 p.m.

## 16. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Keller:

- Welcomed Police Chief Savage.
- Thanked the council for supporting Resolution Serial No. 01-49.

Council Member Patrick:

- Commented that she was pleased with the turn out for the multi-use sports complex open house this evening.

Council Member Lowe:

- Thanked Mayor Palin and Chief Savage for meeting with his Boy Scout troop.

Council Member Sullivan-Leonard:

- Commented that she was pleased that the multi-use sports complex open house was well attended this evening.
- Inquired as to the mayor's bid for Lieutenant Governor.

Mayor Palin requested to reopen Audience Comments. No objection was raised.

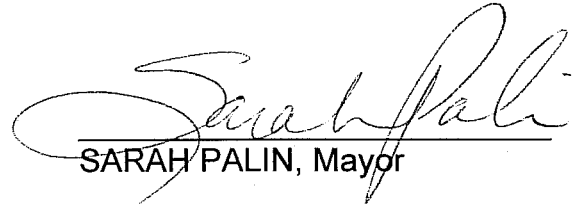
## 17. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (Continued)

Kit Roberts, President, Mat-Su Motor Musers:

- Spoke in support of a multi-use sports complex.
- Commented on the positive growth in the city.


**18. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.



SARAH PALIN, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE L. VANGORDER, CMC  
City Clerk

Adopted December 10, 2001