



MAYOR
Dianne M. Keller

COUNCIL
Howard O'Neil, Seat A
Diana L. Straub, Seat B
Noel H. Lowe, Seat C
Robert Sande, Seat D
Ron Cox, Seat E
Colleen Sullivan-Leonard, Seat F

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

REGULAR MEETING

7 P.M.

JUNE 9, 2003

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - A. Presentation Of Colors By Boy Scout Troop No. 300.
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 5. SPECIAL ORDERS**
 - A. Curtis C. Menard II Memorial Run Proclamation.
 - B. Certificate of Good Character: Wasilla High School Cheerleaders.
- 6. COMMISSION/AGENCY REPORT (Five minutes per agency.)**
 - A. Planning Commission
 - B. Parks And Recreation Commission
 - C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

D. Fraiser & Associates: Ms. Gina Paulson; Health Insurance Update.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: May 28, 2003.
2. Special Meetings: May 19, 2003 and June 2, 2003

B. Introductions:

(Public Hearing To Be Scheduled For: June 23, 2003 Regular Meeting And June 26, 2003, Special Meeting)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 03-33:** Repealing WMC Title 3 And Enacting A New Title 3 Relating To Personnel Management For The City Of Wasilla.

C. Introductions:

(Public Hearing To Be Scheduled For: June 23, 2003, Regular Meeting)

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2. **Ordinance Serial No. 03-35:** Amending The FY-03 Budget By Appropriating Funds To The CIP Fund To Close CIP Projects.
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 03-36:** Providing For The Amendment Of The Fiscal Year 2004 Budget By Appropriating Funds To The Capital Project And Enterprise Funds For Construction Projects.

D. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 03-16:** Repealing Resolution Serial No. 02-14 And Establishing The Mayor's Salary At \$73,246 Effective July 1, 2003 In Accordance With WMC 2.16.070. (Requested By The City Council)

E. Council Memorandums

1. **CM No. 03-23:** Contract Amendment for Raven Engineering in the Amount of \$97,128 for Bumpus Water Transmission Main Construction Services.

8. PUBLIC HEARING (Three minutes per person.)

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 03-18(AM):** Amending WMC 13.04.010 Through 13.04.140 And WMC 13.04.190, Enacting WMC 13.04.075, Repealing WMC 13.04.150 Through 13.04.180, And Repealing Ordinance Serial No. 99-27, Concerning The City Water Service System. (Public Hearing Continued From April 28, 2003 and May 12, 2003)
- B. **Ordinance Serial No. 03-19(AM):** Amending WMC 13.08.010 And WMC 13.08.050 Through 13.08.080, Enacting WMC 13.08.065, And Repealing Ordinance Serial No. 99-28, Concerning The City Sewer Service System. (Public Hearing Continued From April 28, 2003 and May 12, 2003)
- C. **Ordinance Serial No. 03-24:** Amending The FY-03 Budget By Appropriating \$15,000 For The Garden Of Reflection.
- D. **Ordinance Serial No. 03-31:** Amending WMC 10.16.020, Presumption Of Abandonment Relating To Abandoned Vehicles And Property.
- E. **Ordinance Serial No.03-32:** To Transfer Funds In The Amount Of \$40,000 From The General Fund's, Fund Balance For The Purpose Of Granting Funds To Wasilla Area Seniors (WASI) For The Wasilla Area Nutrition Center. (Requested By Council Member Sullivan-Leonard)

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

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. COMMUNICATION

- A. Draft Wasilla Planning Commission Meeting Minutes: May 27, 2003.

13. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (Three minutes per person.)

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. A Policy On Waiving Or Reducing Penalties In Connection With Settling Claims For Delinquent Sales Tax. (Matters, The Immediate Public Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The City Or Potential Litigation To Which The City May Become Or Is A Party)

15. **MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS**
16. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**
17. **ADJOURNMENT**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, June 9, 2003, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Keller 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, Deputy Mayor
Ms. Diana Straub, Seat B
Mr. Noel Lowe, Seat C
Mr. Rob Sande, Seat D
Mr. Ron Cox, Seat E
Ms. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard, Seat F

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Jamie Newman, Acting Clerk
Mr. Ted Leonard, Finance Director
Mr. Don Shiesl, Public Works Director
Mr. Don Savage, Police Chief
Mr. Tim Krug, City Planner

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Presentation Of Colors By Boy Scout Troop No. 300.

Boy Scout Troop No. 300 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Keller requested the following additions to the agenda:

- To add Curtis C. Menard II Memorial Run Proclamation as Item A under Special Orders and to move the Certificate of Good Character presentation to the Wasilla High School Cheerleaders to item B under Special Orders; and
- To add Fraiser & Associates, Health Insurance Update, as Item D under Commission and Agency Reports

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as amended. No objection was raised.

5. SPECIAL ORDERS

- A. Curtis C. Menard II Memorial Run Proclamation.

Mayor Keller:

- Read a proclamation in support of the memorial run and the legacy of Curtis C. Menard II.

- B. Certificate of Good Character: Wasilla High School Cheerleaders.

Mayor Keller:

- Presented a Certificate of Good Character to Wasilla High School Cheerleader Lindsey Davis who was present; and
- Recognized Wasilla High School Cheerleaders Kristina Rasmussen, Jessica Kofoid, Jessica Alderman, Julia Paddon, and Lisa Pontius with Certificates of Good Character although they were not present to receive them.

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

- A Planning Commission

Commissioner Dorothy (Peaches) Hamilton:

- Informed the council of a site plan requirement work-session to be held in the fall of 2003;
- Spoke about the conditional use permit for WASI Senior Center addition;
- Reported on the junk yard litigation ruling in favor of the city; and
- Mentioned the upgrade to Wasilla Fishhook scheduled for 2005

- B. Parks And Recreation Commission

No report was presented

- C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Borough Mayor Tim Anderson:

- Thanked the council for their continued attendance at Assembly meetings;
- Reported on state budget matters and the impact to the borough;
- Spoke about the proposed Borough Parks & Recreation bond package; and
- Responded to Mayor Keller's requests for clarification about bonding eligibility of city projects

- D. Ms. Gina Paulson, Fraiser and Associates And Ted Leonard, Finance Director: Health Insurance Update.

Ms. Paulson:

- Spoke about the plan options available to the city in FY-04;
- Discussed the industry wide increased in health insurance rates; and
- Responded to questions raised by the Council.

Mr. Leonard:

- Discussed the health insurance options available to the city in FY-04; and
- Spoke about how each plan would financially impact the city.

After much discussion the council generally spoke in support of Blue Cross Option B and directed Administration to go forward with Option B in FY-04. No objection was raised.

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MOTION: Council Member Sullivan Leonard moved to adopt the Consent. Agenda

GENERAL CONSENT: The Consent Agenda passed without objection.

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The public works director spoke about amendments made to the ordinance as adopted by the council on May 12, 2003.

Mayor Keller re-opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 03-18(AM) and 03-19(AM). (Public hearings continued from April 28 and May 12, 2003 City Council Meetings.)

The following people spoke in opposition to the Ordinances: Ms. Ann Kilkenny and Ms Kim Robinson.

There being no other others who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 03-18(AM).

Discussion moved to the council and the city public works director answered questions for the council.

VOTE: The motion passed with Council Members Cox, Lowe, Sande, and Straub, in favor and Council Members O'Neil and Sullivan-Leonard opposed.

MOTION: Council Member Straub moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 03-19(AM).

Discussion by the council followed.

VOTE: The motion passed with Council Members Cox, Lowe, Sande, and Straub, in favor and Council Members O'Neil and Sullivan-Leonard opposed.

- C. **Ordinance Serial No. 03-24:** Amending The FY-03 Budget By Appropriating \$15,000 For The Garden Of Reflection.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 03.24.

The following spoke in favor of the ordinance and stated that the Garden of Reflection is moving forward: Ms Wendy Hale

There being no other others who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 03-24.

Discussion followed by the council.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

- D. **Ordinance Serial No. 03-31:** Amending WMC 10.16.020, Presumption Of Abandonment Relating To Abandoned Vehicles And Property.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 03.31 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Sullivan-Leonard moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 03-31.

Discussion followed by the council.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

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The following spoke in favor of the ordinance: Mr. Elmer Phelps, President of WASI Board of Directors; Mr. Wayne Kalfsbeek, cook at WASI; Ms. Margie Campbell, WASI Board Member; and Ms. Mary Haley, Deputy Director of WASI.

Mr. Tim Anderson, Executive Director of WASI answered questions from the council.

Ms. Anne Kilkenny spoke in opposition to the city subsidizing a non-profit agency that is in competition with local for profit businesses.

MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 03.32.

Discussion followed by the council.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

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

No one spoke under persons to be heard.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

10. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

12. COMMUNICATION

A. Draft Wasilla Planning Commission Meeting Minutes: May 27, 2003.

No action was taken on the communication item.

13. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (Three minutes per person.)

Ms. Anne Kilkenny:

- Stated that the city should raise the property tax to pay for the sewer and water capital improvements rather than ask ratepayers to absorb rate increases.

Mr. John Dewer

- Thanked the council for their personal interest in the Susitna Avenue boat launch and reiterated his concerns for the area.

Council requested a ten-minute recess and no objection was raised.

The council recessed at 9:30 p.m. and reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. A Policy On Waiving Or Reducing Penalties In Connection With Settling Claims For Delinquent Sales Tax. (Matters, The Immediate Public Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The City Or Potential Litigation To Which The City May Become Or Is A Party)

The council requested that the Executive Session be postponed to the June 23, 2003 regular city council meeting. No objection was raised.

15. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mayor Keller:

- Informed council that Governor Murkowski will be in Wasilla on June 11 to sign Veterans Bills at the Honor Garden;
- Stated that she will meet with Lt. Governor Leman the morning of June 11;
- Spoke about her upcoming meeting with Triad officials regarding the proposed hospital;
- Reported that lots are available for lease at the Wasilla Airport;
- Informed the council that a work-session is scheduled for July 17 concerning public access to Lake Lucille;
- Thanked the finance director and staff for their work on the budget;
- Spoke about the selection process for the Economic Development Director position; and

The mayor reported that she received requests to purchase city owned property on Riley Avenue adjacent to the Wasilla Assembly of God Church. She discussed land disposal options available in accordance with the code and requested direction from the council on how to proceed with land disposal.

After discussion the general consensus of the council was to direct administration to enter into negotiations with the party who made the first formal offer to the city and to dispose of the land in a manner that provides the greatest financial benefit to the city.

16. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Lowe:

- Stated that he will be out of town June 25 through July 9 and requested that the council excuse him from city council meetings held during his absence. No objection was raised.

Council Member Sande:

- Commended the council for attending borough assembly meetings, and
- Stated that he would be out of town from June 23 through June 26 and requested that the council excuse him from city council meetings held during his absence. No objection was raised.

Council Member Sullivan-Leonard:

- Thanked the council for supporting Ordinance Serial No. 03.32, and
- Inquired about notification to property owners during city road construction.

Council Member O'Neil:

- Expressed his concerns about the water and sewer rate increases and the effect on those on a fixed income; and
- Spoke in support of a need-based grant program to assist those adversely impacted by the water and sewer rate increases.

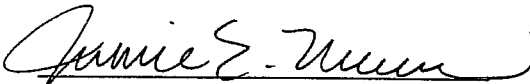
- **17. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.



HOWARD O'NEIL, Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:



JAMIE E. NEWMAN, CMC
Acting City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on June 23, 2003.