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  - B. Parks And Recreation Commission
  - C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough
  - D. Valley Residential Services: Swanson Street Project Report

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12. **COMMUNICATION**
  - A. **IM No. 04-04:** Expenditure Report: January Thru February 2004.
  - B. **IM No. 04-05:** Revisor of Ordinance: WMC 16.12.020.D, Appeal and WMC 16.04.070, Definitions.
  - C. **Draft Meeting Minutes:**
    1. **Planning Commission:** March 9, 2004
    2. **Parks And Recreation Commission:** March 10, 2004
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, March 22, 2004 at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Keller 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, Seat A, Deputy Mayor  
Ms. Diana L. Straub, Seat B  
Mr. Rob Sande, Seat D  
Mr. Ron Cox, Seat E  
Mr. Verdie Bowen, Seat F

Council Member Noel Lowe was absent and excused.

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk  
Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk  
Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director  
Mr. Tom Klinkner, City Attorney  
Mr. Ted Leonard, Director of Finance and Administrative Services  
Mr. Don Savage, Police Chief  
Mr. Bruce Urban, Cultural and Recreation Services Manager

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Deputy Mayor O'Neil led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Keller requested to add under the consent agenda AM No. 04-22; Appointment of Jesse Elkins to the Wasilla Planning Commission.

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

## 5. SPECIAL ORDERS

### A. Character Awards:

#### 1. Jr. Iditarod Winners

Mayor Keller read five Character Awards into the record recognizing the 2004 Jr. Iditarod winners.

### B. Proclamation Presentation In Honor of Verdie Bowen

Mayor Keller presented Council Member Bowen with a Proclamation recognizing his 23 years of service and accomplishments in the United States Air Force.

### C. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce Presentation to City

Mr. Robert Baker, President Elect:

- presented the City with a \$250 check from a "split-the-pot" fund raiser held during the grand opening of the Multi-Use Sports Complex.

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

### A. Planning Commission

Commissioner Stan Tucker:

- spoke positively about the Multi-Use Sports Complex grand opening;
- spoke favorably about the newly appointed city planner;
- noted that the commission is working on hotel development issues;
- announced Lowe's Home Warehouse applied for a land use permit;
- thanked those that have volunteered to staff the City's booth at the Home Show on April 3 thru 4;
- stated that the commission continues to review the Alaska Planning Handbook;
- reported a joint meeting with the Palmer Planning Commission is scheduled for April 8; and
- spoke in favor the City hiring a Code Compliance Officer to address enforcement issues.

B. Parks And Recreation Commission

Commissioner Maureen McCombs:

- noted festivities planned for Arbor Day;
- commented on the City's designation as Tree City USA;
- stated that the commission continues to review park rules and regulations;
- noted June 5 is National Trails Day;
- spoke about the progress made to the Bumpus Equestrian Trails; and
- encouraged the City to purchase a parcel of land currently for sale adjacent to the Bumpus Recreational Site.

C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Assembly Member Mary Kvalheim:

- spoke about the Borough's CIP list;
- announced that the Borough recently appointed Northstar Consultants as their Federal Lobbyist;
- reported that the Borough Mayor and Manager are currently in Washington DC on business; and
- thanked Mayor Keller for a productive "Mayor's Meeting" with borough officials.

D. Valley Residential Services: Swanson Street Project Report

Mr. Jaime Rodriguez spoke about Valley Residential Services and presented the conceptual development plan for Yenlo Square to be constructed on Swanson Street in Wasilla.

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

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

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Mayor Keiler opened the public hearing.

The following spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 04-20: Mr. Steve Stoll.

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

MOTION: Council Member O'Neil moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-20.

Discussion moved to the Council and Chief Savage clarified how the grant funds will be used.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

- C. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-21:** To Amend The FY-04 Police Department Budget By Appropriating \$5,000 From The State Of Alaska Department Of Public Safety For Police Training.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 04-21 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Straub moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-21.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

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MOTION: Council Member O'Neil moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-18(AM).

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

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

*There were no persons to be heard.*

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*There was no unfinished business.*

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*No action was taken on the communication items.*

### 13. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

#### City Clerk:

- thanked the Council for the productive work session and the direction on the taxicab ordinance;
- announced her recent appointment to the Education and Personal Growth Development Committee for the International Institute of Municipal Clerks; and
- noted the next Borough Assembly Meeting will be held at Talkeetna Elementary School.

#### City Attorney:

- spoke about the service area boundary agreement between the cities of Wasilla and Palmer currently under review by the Regulatory Commission of Alaska;
- noted that a public hearing on the service area boundary agreement will be held on March 30 in the Borough Assembly Chambers; and
- reported on the developments in the Eminent Domain case; and
- clarified that the City holds claim to the property that the Multi-Use Sports Complex is constructed on.

#### Mayor Keller:

- noted City Hall is closed on March 29 in observance of Seward's Day;
- thanked the Council for their input regarding taxicab regulations;
- supports the City participating in the Home Show;
- reported that the Garden of Reflection is near completion;
- spoke about the Arbor Day Celebration planned;
- noted Clean Up days are scheduled for May 3 through 8 with the staging area at Wal-Mart;
- announced the Museum is scheduled to open April 1;
- noted a Memorial Day celebration is scheduled for May 29 to honor World War II Veterans;
- reported on activities at the Multi-Use Sports Complex;
- reported on the Library remodel project;
- highlighted infrastructure projects underway by the City;
- commented on Airport lease lots and the need to revise the platting process relating to the Airport;
- reported that staff is busy preparing their FY-05 budgets; and
- stated that the City continues to analyze the proposed State Sales Tax Bill and its impact to the City.

### 14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (Three minutes per person.)

Mr. Steve Stoll commented on Ordinance Serial No. 04-26 and encouraged the Council to disclose any interest they may have in the matter.

Mayor Keller introduced Jesse Elkins as the newly appointed Planning Commissioner.

**15. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*No Executive Session was held.*

**16. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Sande:

- spoke favorably about the Character Awards recipients;
- thanked Council Member Bowen for his years of military service; and
- recognized Officer Dave Eller for being named "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" by the Frontiersman.

Council Member Bowen:

- thanked Jesse Elkins for volunteering to serve on the Wasilla Planning Commission.

Council Member Straub:

- welcomed Jesse Elkins to the Wasilla Planning Commission; and
- congratulated the City Clerk on her appointment to the International Institute of Municipal Clerks Educational Committee; and
- commented on the productive time she spent in Juneau representing the Parent Teachers Association (PTA).

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

  
DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
KRISTIE L. SMITHERS, CMC  
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on April 12, 2004.