



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
Verdie A. Bowen, 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.

APRIL 26, 2004

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. Certificates of Appreciation:

1. National Volunteer Appreciation Week.

B. Proclamations:

1. Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America: Light The Night Walk.

2. Curtis Menard II Annual Memorial Run.

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

- A. Planning Commission
- B. Parks And Recreation Commission
- C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough
- D. Mr. Ted Leonard and Mr. Bruce Urban: Proposed FY-05 Library Budget.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes of Preceding Meeting:

- 1. Regular Meeting: April 12, 2004.

B. Introductions (Public Hearing To Be Scheduled For: May 10, 2004)

- 1. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-31:** Amending The FY-04 Budget By Reducing The EPA Grant Budget For The Design Of The South Mack Drive Water Main Extension In The Amount Of \$74,643.
- 2. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-32:** Amending The FY-04 Budget By Reducing The EPA Grant Budget For The Construction Of The South Mack Drive Water Main Extension In The Amount Of \$82,206.58.
- 3. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-33:** Amending The FY-04 Budget By Transferring Capital Grant Funds In The Amount Of \$16,500 For Multi-Use Sports Complex Utilities.

B. Resolutions

- 1. **Resolution Serial No. 04-19:** Supporting Behavioral Health Services Of Mat-Su dba Mat-Su Health Services In Its Efforts To Become A Federally Qualified Community Health Center In The Greater Wasilla Area.
- 2. **Resolution Serial No. 04-20:** Supporting Federal Funding For The Matanuska Electric Association To Design And Construct A New Sub-Transmission Line To Service The Valley Hospital Medical Center (Formally Known As Valley Hospital).

D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 04-26:** Amending AM No. 04-25 To Award A Contract To Earthwork Inc. In The Amount Of \$1,037,432.50 For The Palmer-Wasilla Highway Water Main Extension.
2. **AM No. 04-27:** 25-Year Lease Agreement For Lot 1, New Wasilla Airport Lease Lots.

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

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-24(SUB):** Amending WMC Title 4, Elections.
- B. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-27(SUB):** Amending Ordinance Serial No. 02-25, To Provide For The Sale Of The Series Of Utility Revenue Bonds Authorized Therein To The State Of Alaska, Department Of Environmental Conservation.
- C. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-28:** Amending The FY-04 Police Department Budget By Appropriating Funds From The General Fund's Fund Balance To The Police Departments Administration Rentals.
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- E. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-30:** Amending The FY-04 Youth Court Budget By Appropriating Funds From The National Youth Court Center In The Amount Of \$250.

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

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

12. **COMMUNICATION**

A. Draft Meeting Minutes:

1. Planning Commission: April 13, 2004.
2. Parks And Recreation Commission: April 14, 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, April 26, 2004 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
Mr. Rob Sande, Seat D
Mr. Ron Cox, Seat E
Mr. Verdie Bowen, Seat F

Council Members Noel Lowe and Diana Straub were absent and excused.

Staff in attendance were:

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Boy Scout Troop 300 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Keller requested the following change to the agenda:

- to add under Agency and Commission Reports, item D: Ted Leonard and Bruce Urban regarding the proposed FY-05 library budget.

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

5. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. Certificates of Appreciation:

1. National Volunteer Appreciation Week.

Mayor Keller presented awards to members of the community who have donated time to various city efforts. Mayor Keller recognized 116 volunteers who donated a total of 5,524 volunteer hours to the city.

B. Proclamations:

1. Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of America: Light The Night Walk.

Mayor Keller presented a Proclamation to Kelly Marre in support of the Second Annual Light the Night walk to be held on September 9, 2004 in Wasilla.

2. Curtis Menard II Annual Memorial Run.

Mayor Keller presented a Proclamation to Dr. Curt Menard supporting the Third Annual Curtis Menard II Memorial Run to be held on June 5, 2004.

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

A. Planning Commission

Ms. Sandra Garley, City Planner:

- reviewed items scheduled on the April 27, 2004 planning commission meeting agenda that include: two conditional use permit applications submitted by Home Depot USA and Inlet View Suites.

B. Parks And Recreation Commission

Mr. Bruce Urban, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager:

- reported that the commission is reviewing parks rules and plan to bring forward possible code revisions relating to park rules.

C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Assembly Member Mary Kvalheim:

- discussed revenue loss issues facing the borough in FY-05;
- reported that she supports level funding for the Wasilla Library in FY-05;
- noted \$75,000 is available to the city to extend its utility line to new Valley Hospital site; and
- expressed her enjoyment with the Light of Hope event held at Iditapark April 24, 2004.

Council Members Bowen and Sande expressed their concern regarding proposed tax increases by the borough in FY-05.

The council requested the following information from Assembly Member Kvalheim: a copy of the ISO rating for the Wasilla Fire Service Area; the projected revenue from new construction in the FY-05 budget, the number of new homes built in the borough over the past year, and the property evaluation for the borough.

D. Mr. Ted Leonard and Mr. Bruce Urban: Proposed FY-05 Library Budget.

Mr. Leonard, Director of Finance and Administrative Services:

- stated that funding to the Wasilla Library from the borough is expected to decrease by \$150,000 in FY-05;
- presented an overview of the proposed FY-05 library budget; and
- noted three options for the council to consider in relation to library funding.

Mr. Bruce Urban, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager:

- reported on the history of the library funding formula; and
- expressed his concern regarding rule no. 4 in the borough's library funding formula.

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MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to approve the consent agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

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

A. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-24(SUB):** Amending WMC Title 4, Elections.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 04-24(SUB) and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Bowen moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-24(SUB).

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

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MOTION: Council Member O'Neil moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-27(SUB).

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

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MOTION: Council Member Bowen moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-28.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

- D. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-29:** Amending WMC 2.12.010, Conflict Of Interest, To Specify Standards For Conflict Of Interest Of City Officials And Employees. (Sponsored By Council Member Sande)

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 04-29.

Mr. Steve Stoll encouraged the council to consider what is in the best interest of the city when deciding land use issues and to think about all factors when determining a possible conflict of interest.

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

Discussion moved to the council.

The city attorney spoke on the issue of conflict of interest.

MOTION: Council Member Bowen moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-29.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

- E. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-30:** Amending The FY-04 Youth Court Budget By Appropriating Funds From The National Youth Court Center In The Amount Of \$250.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 04-30 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Bowen moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-30.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

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

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.

12. COMMUNICATION

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No action was taken on the communication items.

13. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

City Attorney:

- thanked the council for renewing the attorney services contract for an additional year;
- noted that work continues on the eminent domain case involving the Sports Complex property and a final resolution is expected in the near future; and
- stated he has been reviewing contracts and ordinances for various city departments.

City Clerk:

- thanked the council for adopting the election ordinance;
- stated staff has been busy working on Appeal No. 04-01;
- reported that the records management project is progressing; and
- reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule for the council.

Mayor Keller:

- commented on the proposed FY-05 budget;
- reported that the city is working on an ice allocation policy for the sports complex;
- announced that a traveling exhibit titled "Alaska Positive" will be featured at the Dorothy Page Museum, May 7 through September 15, 2004;
- shared the proposed "quote wall" plan for the sports complex;
- reported that the public works department is busy cleaning up city streets and parks for the upcoming summer season;
- shared code compliance statistics from the planning office; and
- spoke about improvements to the Wasilla Airport.

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (Three minutes per person.)

Mr. Steve Stoll:

- commented on airport lease lot agreements;
- noted that Council Member Lowe has missed 18 out of 40 council meetings;
- stated his opposition to a reduction in funding at the library;
- questioned the cost of legal fees for eminent domain litigation;
- stated his opposition to the motorcycle officer grant position; and
- noted he is looking forward to reviewing the sports complex budget.

Dr. Curt Menard:

- commented on alternative tax structures used in other states; and
- spoke about the balance between taxes and income from the Permanent Fund Dividend.

Ms. Randi Robinson:

- spoke in favor of closing the boat launch area on E. Susitna Avenue until the improvements to the boat launch are complete.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

16. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Rob Sande:

- thanked city volunteers for their community commitment.

Council Member Howard O'Neil:

- expressed his gratitude to city volunteers;
- thanked the audience for participating in the meeting; and
- encouraged residents to contact him with questions for concerns.

Council Member Ron Cox:

- thanked community volunteers for their service; and
- thanked the audience for their participation during the meeting.

Council Member Verdie Bowen:

- thanked community volunteers for their service;
- thanked the attorney for attending the meeting;
- stated his support for the library; and
- expressed his concern with increased property taxes.

Mayor Keller:

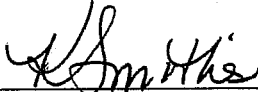
- announced upcoming clean up days; and
- noted Wal-Mart will be the collection site for clean up day this year.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.


DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE L. SMITHERS, CMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on May 10, 2004.