



B. Introductions (Public Hearing To Be Scheduled For: June 28, 2004)

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12. **COMMUNICATION**
  - A. Planning Commission Minutes: May 25, 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, June 14, 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:

Ms. Diana Straub, Seat B  
Mr. Noel Lowe, Seat C  
Mr. Rob Sande, Seat D  
Mr. Verdie Bowen, Seat F

Deputy Mayor O'Neil, Seat A and Council Member Cox, Seat E were absent and excused.

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk  
Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk  
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**

Boy Scout Troop 300 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Keller suggested the following amendments to the agenda:

- to reschedule the museum presentation by Tonya Cribb, Museum Registrar to the next regular city council meeting;
- to remove Ordinance Serial No. 04-46 from the agenda; and
- to correct the dollar amount referenced in Ordinance Serial No. 04-47 from [\$74,968] to \$10,000.

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

## 5. SPECIAL ORDERS

There were no special orders.

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

### A. Planning Commission

Sandra Garley, City Planner:

- reported that the commission has finalized the city's hazard mitigation list; and
- noted that the commission recently approved a rezone request for a 22 acre parcel along the Parks Highway near Mission Hills Subdivision from rural residential to commercial;

### B. Parks And Recreation Commission

Commissioner Maureen McCombs:

- spoke about landscaping improvements at the Multi-Use Sports Complex;
- noted that the commission supports improving parks for the safety of children;
- commented on fund raising activities under consideration by the commission;
- reported that the equestrian trail project at the Bumpus Recreation Area is complete; and
- noted that the commission is looking into the possibility of creating a dog park at Iditapark.

### C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

No report was presented.

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. Minutes of Preceding Meeting:

1. Regular Meeting: May 24, 2004
2. Special Meetings: May 17 and May 26, 2004

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Council Member Lowe requested clarification on AM No. 04-31.

The public works director satisfied the inquiry made by Council Member Lowe.



The clerk noted that AM No. 04-39 was substituted with a copy presented to the council for review.

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

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

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

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-37:** Amending WMC 2.44.080 To Require Action Of A Commission To Be Taken By A Majority Of Its Authorized Membership.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 04-37 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Sande moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-37.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

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GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

- C. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-40:** Providing For The Amendment Of The Fiscal Year 2005 Budget By Appropriating Funds To The Capital Project And Enterprise Funds For Construction Projects.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 04-40.

Mr. Steve Stoll stated his belief that FY-05 Capital Projects are more operational in nature and should not be included in the capital budget. Examples raised include: the city web site and traffic control signs.

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

MOTION: Council Member Bowen moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-40.

Discussion moved to the council.

The finance director and public works director answered questions from the council and spoke about new accounting procedures set by GASB 34 (Governmental Accounting Standards Board).

Discussion continued by the council.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

**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**

- A. **AM No. 04-34:** Approval Of A New Beverage Dispensary Tourism Liquor License For The Trophy Room Bar And Grill.

MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to adopt AM No. 04-34.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

- B. **AM No. 04-36:** Appeals to Council By WMC 3.90.020.A.7.b

The city clerk noted that no appeals in relation to AM No. 04-36 were filed with the clerk's office.

MOTION: Council Member Sande moved to postpone AM No. 04-36 indefinitely.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

**12. COMMUNICATION**

- A. Planning Commission Minutes: May 25, 2004

No action was taken on the communication item.

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

#### City Clerk:

- spoke on the cost to the city of Appeal No. 04-01;
- noted Council Member Bowen is the borough assembly meeting representative for the month of June;
- commented on a letter before the council regarding the proposed borough-wide one-percent sales tax and requested that the council execute the letter to be read into the record by Council Member Bowen at the June 15 borough assembly meeting.

Discussion followed on the absence of communication from the borough regarding the proposed one-percent borough-wide sales tax to be placed on the October 5, 2004 regular borough election ballot. Concerns were raised regarding the implementation of a sales tax collection process within the borough and the borough's ability to responsibly manage funds.

The clerk read the letter dated June 15, 2004 addressed to the borough mayor and assembly into the record.

**MOTION:** Council Member Bowen moved to approve the June 15, 2004 letter drafted by the finance director and city clerk regarding the introduction of borough Ordinance Serial Nos. 04-122 and 04-132, regarding a one-percent borough-wide sales tax with a public hearing to be held on June 29, 2004.

**GENERAL CONSENT:** The motion passed without objection.

The clerk inquired as to whether the council supports placing the question of exempting campaign disclosure and/or finance disclosure as a requirement to hold city office on the October 5, 2004 regular city election ballot.

The council discussed the matter and chose not to pursue exemption from campaign disclosure and/or finance disclosure.

#### Mayor Keller:

- noted that administration is reviewing and submitting comments regarding the coal bed methane ordinance currently under review by the borough;
- informed the council that administration is working to produce a 2 minute video highlighting the city of Wasilla as a tool to further economic development in the city;
- noted a tax comparison table drafted by the planning office is available for review;
- reported dispatcher positions are being filled;
- updated the council on road construction projects that are underway in the city;

- reported on activities at the multi-use sports complex;
- noted that the parks and recreation commission is considering supporting a no camping policy at the Bumpus Recreational site;
- spoke about summer activities at the museum and old town site;
- noted that administration is looking into home rule status for the city; and
- reported on a grant awarded to Mat-Su Youth Court for office equipment.

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

Mr. Steve Stoll:

- spoke about need to have each city department budget funds for city-wide web site development and enhancements;
- stated that the city has traditionally opposed the borough enacting a sales tax; and
- cautioned the council about electioneering as the election season is fast approaching.

Ms. Chris Tyree:

- commented on her negative experience with an officer of the Wasilla Police Department; and
- requested that the mayor respond to correspondence submitted by Ms. Tyree.

#### **15. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session was held.

#### **16. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Sande:

- Commented on the closure of the Brett Memorial Ice Arena; and
- questioned when a fence will be constructed at the boat launch on Lake Lucille.

Council Member Lowe:

- spoke about the need for the borough to build consensus regarding taxation issues; and
- expressed his disappointment with the borough and their lack of consensus building.

Council Member Straub:

- spoke about her frustration with other governmental bodies in adopting legislation that directly impacts the city without consulting with the city;
- encouraged other governmental agencies to adopt the city's budgetary philosophy; and
- supports exploring home rule status for the city.

Council Member Bowen:

- questioned the funding it actually takes to operate the borough;
- spoke about continued tax increases imposed by the borough;
- supports exploring home rule status for the city;
- supports the appellant paying the majority of fees associated with an appeal; and
- spoke positively about the animal control services provided by the city of Houston.

## 17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

  
DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
KRISTIE L. SMITHERS, MMC  
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on April 28, 2004.