

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Preceding Meeting:

1. Regular Meeting: July 26, 2004

B. Introductions (Public Hearing To Be Scheduled For: August 23, 2004)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-50:** Repealing WMC 2.60.020, Officers, Relating To The Election Of Officers For The Wasilla Planning Commission.
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-54:** To Amend The FY-05 Youth Court Budget By Approving And Accepting The Revision Of The Revenue And Expenditures Fund To The Actual Granted Amount From Various Grants And Contributions.
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-55:** To Amend The FY-05 Police Department Budget By Appropriating \$139,440 From The State Of Alaska Homeland Security Passed Through The Matanuska-Susitna Borough For Communication Equipment.
4. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-56:** To Amend The FY-05 Police Department Budget By Rolling Forward The Balance Of The FY-04 Impaired Driving Grant.
5. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-57:** To Amend The FY-05 Police Department Budget By Rolling Forward The Remaining Grant Funds And City Match For The Motorcycle Grant.
6. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-58:** To Amend The FY-05 Police Department Budget By Rolling Forward The Balance Of The FY-04 Cops Technology Dispatch Phase 2 And The Cops Technology Equipment Grants.
7. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-59:** Amending The FY-05 Museum Budget By Rolling Forward The Balance Of The FY-04 Conservation Assessment Program Grant.
8. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-60:** To Amend The FY-05 Museum Budget By Rolling Forward The Balance Of The FY-04 Exhibit Development Workshop Grant.
9. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-61:** To Amend The FY-05 Multi-Use Sports Complex Budget By Rolling Forward The Balance Of The FY-04 Rate Analysis Marketing Study Grant.

10. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-62:** Accepting And Appropriating A Tourism Infrastructure Grant From The Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Department Of Community Development For Upgrades To The HVAC System At The Museum.

C. Resolutions

D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 04-55:** Approval Of 20-Year Lease Agreement For Lot 5, New Wasilla Airport Lease Lots.

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

A. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-46:** Amending WMC 3.65.020.J, Coverage, Use, Accrual, And Other Aspects Of Paid Time Off ("PTO") To Provide For The Mayor To Offer 100 Percent Cash Payment For Paid Time Off Yet To Be Accrued In A Fiscal Year.

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

A. Ms. Kelly Marre: Light The Night Walk.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **AM No. 04-56:** Approval of Wasilla Multi-Use Sports Complex Business Plan.

12. **COMMUNICATION**

A. Draft Meeting Minutes:

1. Planning Commission: July 13 and July 27, 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, August 9, 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
Ms. Diana Straub, Seat B
Mr. Noel Lowe, Seat C (arrived at 7:20 p.m.)
Mr. Rob Sande, Seat D
Mr. Ron Cox, Seat E
Mr. Verdie Bowen, Seat F

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 requested to add Mr. Kelly Marre, Light the Night Walk, under persons to be heard.

5. SPECIAL ORDERS

There were no special orders.

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

A. Planning Commission

Ms. Sandra Garley, City Planner:

- reported that the commission is reviewing draft policies and procedures to govern conduct of the planning commission.

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

1. Garden of Reflection.

Ms. Kelly Marre:

- reported on the construction of the Garden of Reflection;
- noted that the Garden of Reflection dedication will be held on September 10, 2004 in conjunction with the Walk the Night Walk; and
- thanked Mr. Ken Langlois, Parks Technician, for his dedication to the Garden of Reflection project.

C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Ms. Mary Kvalheim:

- reported on the Deep Draft Dock opening ceremony held at Port McKenzie on August 4, 2004;
- spoke about challenges in addressing the erosion problem on the banks of the Matanuska River;
- reported that Federal funds for local transportation projects are unavailable until next construction season; and
- stated her support for placing the sales tax ballot proposition on the ballot for the upcoming October 5, 2004 borough election.

Mayor Keller and Members of the Council encouraged Assembly Member Kvalheim to work with borough officials and members of the assembly to better educate the public on the need for a borough wide sales tax before placing the question before voters.

Council Member Bowen stated that he has spoke with over 150 city residents who oppose the proposed borough wide sales tax without a property tax cap tied to the question.

Discussion on the merits of a borough wide sales tax continued.

Council Member Noel Lowe arrived at 7:20 p.m.

D. Wayland Baptist University: Mr. Eddie Campoamor and Dr. Jeff Anderson

Mr. Campoamor and Dr. Anderson spoke about the mission of Wayland Baptist University and the educational opportunities offered.

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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. 04-46:** Amending WMC 3.65.020.J, Coverage, Use, Accrual, And Other Aspects Of Paid Time Off ("PTO") To Provide For The Mayor To Offer 100 Percent Cash Payment For Paid Time Off Yet To Be Accrued In A Fiscal Year.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 04-46 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member O'Neil moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-46.

The finance director presented an analysis of Ordinance Serial No. 04-46 and answered questions from the council.

The council requested a five minutes recess. No objection was raised.

The council recessed at 8:08 p.m. and reconvened 8:12 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Straub moved a primary amendment to Section 2 of Ordinance Serial No. 04-46 (second to the last sentence) to read: Employees electing to receive cash payment for their accrued PTO shall be required to retain at least 80 hours of PTO for future use, **and shall only receive payment for actual hours accrued during the designated period.** *(Bold and underline is language added.)*

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion, as amended, passed unanimously.

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

A. Kelly Marre: Light The Night Walk.

Ms. Marre:

- encouraged participation in the second annual Mat-Su Valley Light the Night Walk sponsored by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, to be held on September 10, 2004;
- noted that the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is dedicated to finding a cure for blood related cancers; and
- reported that funds generated from the Light the Night Walk will be used for cancer research and patient advocacy.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. **AM No. 04-56:** Approval of Wasilla Multi-Use Sports Complex Business Plan.

MOTION: Council Member Straub moved to adopt AM No. 04-56.

Mr. Bruce Urban, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager:

- spoke about the development of the Wasilla Multi-Use Sports Complex business plan and invited questions from the council.

The council requested that detailed information be added to the business plan to validate/support the projected revenue. No objection was raised.

MOTION: Council Member Bowen moved to postpone AM No. 04-56 to the August 23, 2004 regular city council meeting.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion to postpone passed without objection.

12. COMMUNICATION

A. Draft Meeting Minutes:

1. Planning Commission: July 13 and July 27, 2004

13. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

City Clerk:

- inquired as to when the council would like to meet with Mr. Dan Bockhorst, Local Boundary Commission, to learn more about Home Rule Status;
- suggested that the council submit written questions prior the meeting with Mr. Bockhorst to allow time for research;
- noted that a newly developed commission application was prepared by clerk's office staff;
- reported that the telephone system conversion is complete;
- stated that State Absentee Voting for the Primary Election is being held August 9, through August 24, 2004;
- announced candidates for upcoming city election;
- reported that a Rasmuson grant is not available this year for the cemetery marker project, however, staff continues to pursue additional grant opportunities; and
- reviewed the councils' upcoming meeting schedule.

The council directed the clerk to schedule a work session on September 13, 2004 beginning at 6 p.m. to discuss home rule status for the city of Wasilla. The council also requested that the clerk extend an invitation to attend the work session to members of city commissions. No objection was raised.

Mayor Keller:

- reported on the conversion to the SERSI system at the Wasilla Library;
- noted that circulation was down in July 2004 from the previous year at the library;
- reported that staff continues to address network connectivity issues between the library, museum, and city hall;
- noted that landscaping improvements at the sports complex are underway;
- stated that signalization at the intersection of Church Road and the Parks Highway is near completion;
- commented that museum staff continues to explore grant opportunities for the Dorothy Page Museum;
- highlighted the progress of local private sector development projects;
- spoke about the progress of city construction projects; and
- updated the council on the work of various city departments.

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (Three minutes per person.)

No comments were made.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

16. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Sande:

- apologized for not attending the July 27, 2004 Borough Assembly Meeting;
- thanked the public works director for responding to concerns about animals at the Wasilla Municipal Airport; and
- announced that he may reside outside city limits for a couple of weeks due to new home construction delays.

Council Member Lowe:

- inquired about the home rule presentation made by Mr. Dan Bockhorst at the July 26, 2004 City Council Meeting.

Council Member Straub:

- congratulated Council Member Lowe on his recent nuptial;
- express her pride in city staff members for their hard work and dedication;
- spoke favorably about animal control services provided by the city of Houston; and
- commented on the success of a skateboard competition held at Iditapark.

Council Member Cox:

- mentioned the Founders Day celebration will be held in the city of Houston the weekend of August 13.

Council Member Bowen:

- thanked clerk's office staff for preparing the commission application packet;
- requested that staff prepare a supplemental budget appropriation to compensate commissioners for attendance at council meetings when giving an official commission report to the city council; and
- encouraged the borough to educate the public on the need for additional taxes.

MOTION: Council Member Bowen moved to direct the clerk to draft legislation to compensate commission members for attendance at city council meetings when presenting an official report to the council.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion passed with Council Member Lowe opposed.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.


DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE L. SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on August 23, 2004.