



**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

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**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.**

**AUGUST 23, 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. Proclamation In Honor Of DuWayne "Charlie" Fannon.
6. **COMMISSION/AGENCY REPORT (Five minutes per agency.)**
  - A. Planning Commission
  - B. Parks and Recreation Commission
  - C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes of Preceding Meeting:

1. Regular Meeting: August 9, 2004

B. Introductions (Public Hearing To Be Scheduled For: September 13, 2004)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-63:** Amending Wasilla Municipal Code 2.44.060, Compensation, To Provide Compensation For Commission Members Attendance At City Council Meetings.
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-64:** Amending The FY-05 Budget By Appropriating Funds In The Amount Of \$2,000 From The General Fund To Compensate Commission Members For Attendance At City Council Meetings.
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-65:** Amending The FY-05 Budget By Appropriating \$90,000 Of Matanuska-Susitna Borough Match Funding For South Mack Drive Paving.

C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 04-35:** Recognizing September 9, 2004 As International Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) Awareness Day.

D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 04-57:** Authorization For MEA To Install The Electrical Service For The Tommy Moe Storm Drain System In The Amount Of \$33,000.

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

A. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-50:** Repealing WMC 2.60.020, Officers, Relating To The Election Of Officers For The Wasilla Planning Commission.

B. **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.

C. **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.

- D. **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.
- E. **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.
- F. **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.
- G. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-59:** Amending The FY-05 Museum Budget By Rolling Forward The Balance Of The FY-04 Conservation Assessment Program Grant.
- H. **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.
- I. **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.
- J. **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.

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

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. **AM No. 04-56:** Approval of Wasilla Multi-Use Sports Complex Business Plan. (Postponed from August 9, 2004; Motion on floor for adoption.)

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

12. **COMMUNICATION**

- A. **IM No. 04-08:** Expenditure Report: April And May 2004.
- B. **IM No. 04-09:** Expenses Greater Than \$5,000 For April Thru June 2004.
- C. **IM No. 04-10:** Wasilla Planning Commission Bylaws.

D. Draft Commission Meeting Minutes:

1. Planning Commission: August 10, 2004.
2. Parks And Recreation Commission: August 11, 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 23, 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. Rob Sande, Seat D  
Mr. Ron Cox, Seat E  
Mr. Verdie Bowen, Seat F

Council Member Noel Lowe, Seat C, is 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. 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 under Special Orders, a proclamation presentation for DuWayne "Charlie" Fannon.

## **5. SPECIAL ORDERS**

### **A. Proclamation In Honor of DuWayne "Charlie" Fannon.**

Mayor Keller presented a Proclamation to Charlie Fannon recognizing him for his outstanding service to the city of Wasilla. Mr. Fannon is retiring August 31, 2004.

Mr. Fannon thanked the mayor, city council, and the residents of the city for their unwavering support of the Wasilla Police Department and expressed his gratitude for the opportunities provided to him by the city of Wasilla.

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

### **A. Planning Commission**

Ms. Sandra Garley, City Planner:

- reported that the commission is reviewing the capital improvement process; and
- noted that the commission is looking forward to the joint work session with the city council on home rule status.

### **B. Parks and Recreation Commission**

Commissioner Joan Matthews:

- reported that the commission will forward revised park rules to the planning commission for consideration;
- announced that the Garden of Reflection dedication is scheduled for September 10, 2004 in conjunction with the Light the Night Walk; and
- reported that construction of an amphitheater in Iditapark continues.

### **C. Matanuska-Susitna Borough**

Mayor Keller shared the following information related to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough:

- announced that the Department of the Interior is awarding revenue sharing payments that the borough may be eligible to receive;
- reported that the borough is holding an open house on September 5, 2004 regarding long range transportation plans for the Valley; and
- noted that the borough continues to improve recreational trails within the borough.

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

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion to adopt the consent agenda passed without objection.

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

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-50:** Repealing WMC 2.60.020, Officers, Relating To The Election Of Officers For The Wasilla Planning Commission.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 04-50 and there being no one who wished to present testimony, the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Straub moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-50.

GENREAL CONSENT: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-50 passed without objection.

- B. **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.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 04-54 and there being no one who wished to present testimony, the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-54.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-54 passed unanimously.

- C. **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.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 04-55 and there being no one who wished to present testimony, the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Bowen moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-55.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-55 passed unanimously.

- D. **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.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 04-56.

The following spoke in favor of Ordinance Serial No. 04-56: Mr. Steve Stoll.

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

MOTION: Council Member Bowen moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-56.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-56 passed unanimously.

- E. **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.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 04-57.

The following spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 04-57: Mr. Steve Stoll.



The following spoke in favor of Ordinance Serial No. 04-57: Mr. Mark Ewing and Ms. Connie Shuey.

MOTION: Council Member O'Neil moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-57.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-57 passed unanimously.

- F. **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.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 04-58 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-58.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-58 passed unanimously.

- G. **Ordinance Serial No. 04-59:** Amending The FY-05 Museum Budget By Rolling Forward The Balance Of The FY-04 Conservation Assessment Program Grant.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 04-59 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. 04-59.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-59 passed unanimously.

- H. **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.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 04-60 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Bowen moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-60.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-60 passed unanimously.

- I. **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.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 04-61.

The following spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 04-61: 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. 04-61.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-61 passed unanimously.

- J. **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.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 04-62 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Bowen moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-62.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-62 passed unanimously.

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

No one spoke under persons to be heard.

## 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **AM No. 04-56:** Approval of Wasilla Multi-Use Sports Complex Business Plan. (Postponed from August 9, 2004; Motion on floor for adoption.)

PREVIOUS MOTION: Council Member Straub moved to adopt AM No. 04-56. (Motion On The Floor From The August 9, 2004 Regular City Council Meeting)

Mr. Bruce Urban, Recreation and Cultural Services Manger, spoke about adding detailed information regarding FY-05 projected revenue, under the Financial Review in the Wasilla Multi-Use Sports Complex Business Plan.

Discussion by the council followed.

VOTE: The motion to adopt AM No. 04-56 passed unanimously.

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

## 12. COMMUNICATION

- A. **IM No. 04-08:** Expenditure Report: April And May 2004.
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No action was taken on the communication items.

## 13. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

City Attorney:

- reported that he has been working on routine matters for the City.

City Clerk:

- spoke about the primary election to be held on August 24, 2004 at city hall;
- noted that the Cottonwood Creek Mall is not available as an absentee voting location for the upcoming regular city election;
- commented on plans to enhance the city web site, clerk 's office page;
- reported that staff is pursuing new recording equipment for council chambers;
- requested that the council submit written questions prior to the September 13, 2004 work session on home rule work status;
- reported that Wendy Golter, temporary clerk's office staff member's, last day of work for the season is August 27, 2004; and
- reported on upcoming council meetings.

Mayor Keller:

- shared her excitement about exploring home rule status for the city;
- shared a trail map and the valley road map, published by the Mat-Su Borough, which will be on sale at city hall with proceeds made from the sale to benefit Youth Court;
- shared her vision for "catch a kid doing something good" outreach program;
- shared a publication from the Alaska Municipal League titled Candidates Guide to Alaska's Municipalities, Revenue Sharing and Community Dividend;
- shared a positive article published in the Frontiersman regarding the newly appointed code compliance officer;
- reported on the activities of various city departments; and
- reported on upcoming city events.

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

Mr. Steve Stoll:

- inquired as to the ownership of property that the multi-use sports complex is located on;
- raised concerns over the increased operating cost of the multi-use sports complex and the seemingly inflated revenue projections; and
- encouraged the council to fund needed infrastructure before funding non essential projects.

Miss Darcy Straub:

- raised concerns about traffic not yielding to emergency vehicles.

Ms. Connie Shuey:

- noted that home school parents support and appreciate the multi-use sports complex.

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

No executive session was held.

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

Council Member Bowen:

- thanked Charlie and Johnnie Fannon for their dedication to the city;
- thanked the city clerk for preparing the cost analysis for Appeal No. 04-01;
- spoke about the positive improvements to the museum;
- encouraged diversity of the multi-use sports complex;
- expressed his sadness over the lack of public education by the borough regarding the need for a one percent sales tax.

Mayor Keller reported that Mayor Cooper of Palmer expressed interest in having a meeting with the cities of Houston and Wasilla to discuss standardizing sales tax exemptions.

Council Member Sande:

- thanked Charlie and Johnnie Fannon for service to the city.

Deputy Mayor O'Neil:

- thanked Charlie Fannon and family for their dedication to the city;
- thanked Wendy Golter for her assistance during her tenure in the clerk's office this summer;
- reported that he received positive feedback from visitors to the multi-use sports complex.

MOTION: Council Member O'Neil moved to direct staff to prepare a report on all options for adjusting sewer rates for irrigation.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

Council Member Straub:

- supports conversation between cities of Houston, Palmer and Wasilla regarding sales tax; and
- received information regarding the City and Borough of Juneau funding a new state capitol building.

MOTION: Council Member Straub moved to direct the clerk to prepare a resolution to bring forward to the council in regard to the Capitol Building issue and its relationship to the yes vote to move the legislative body to another area of the State.

Discussion followed.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

## 17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

  
DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
KRISTIE L. SMITHERS, MMC  
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on September 13, 2004.