



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
Mark A. Ewing, 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.

FEBRUARY 14, 2005

- 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**
- 6. COMMISSION/AGENCY REPORT (Five minutes per agency.)**
 - A. Planning Commission
 - B. Parks and Recreation Commission
 - C. Airport Advisory Commission
 - D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Preceding Meeting:

1. Regular Meeting: January 24, 2005

B. Introductions (Public Hearing To Be Scheduled For: February 28, 2005)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-13:** Approving A Rezone Request From RR - Rural Residential To RM - Multi-Family Residential For An Approximately 4.78 Acre Parcel Known As Matanuska-Susitna Borough Tax Parcel A-5 Within Section 4, T17N, R1W, Seward Meridian, Alaska.
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-15:** Amending The Official Zoning Map Of The City To Reflect A Change In Zoning Districts From RR—Rural Residential To RM-Multi-Family Residential For Tract A-1 Indian Hills 1 Resubdivision, And Lot 1, Block 3, Of Indian Hills Subdivision.
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-16:** Amending WMC 2.04.040, Vacancy On Council.
4. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-17:** To Amend The FY-05 Police Department Budget By Reducing The Balance Of The FY-05 DUI Holiday Enforcement Grant From The State Of Alaska Highway Safety Office To The Actual Cost.
5. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-18:** Requesting Acceptance Of A Training Grant In The Amount Of \$5,000 From The State Of Alaska Department Of Public Safety's Alaska Police Standards Council.
6. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-20:** Amending WMC Chapter 5.16 Sales Tax Regarding The Application Of Sales Tax Payments, And Reductions In Penalties For Late Filing And Payment Of Sales Tax.

C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 05-04:** Transferring Funds Within An Accounting Fund In The Amount Of \$15,504 For The Sewer Treatment Plant Storage Building.
2. **Resolution Serial No. 05-05:** Adopting A Fee For Aircraft Tie-Down Spaces With Electrical Service At The Wasilla Municipal Airport.
3. **Resolution Serial No. 05-06(SUB):** Establishing Library Card Fees For Non-City And Non-Borough Residents At The Wasilla Library.

D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 05-05:** Contract Amendment For Wilder Construction In The Amount Of \$64,095.09 For The Tommy Moe Storm Drain System.
2. **AM No. 05-06:** Contract Award To Hattenburg Dilley And Linnell In The Amount Of \$90,000 For The Airport Apron Project Phase 1C Initial Design Services.
3. **AM No. 05-07** Contract Amendment To Big Dipper Construction For The City's Equipment Rental Contract In The Amount Of \$30,000 For Snow Removal And Road Maintenance At The Wasilla Airport.

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

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

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **AM No. 05-04:** Extension Of Legal Services Contract With Birch, Horton, Bittner And Cherot From July 1, 2005 Through June 30, 2006.
- B. **Resolution Serial No. 05-09:** Supporting The 2006 Capital Improvement Program Legislative Funding Request For Fiscal Year 2006.
- C. **AM No. 05-08:** Confirmation Of Catherine Bowen To The Wasilla Parks And Recreation Commission.

12. COMMUNICATION

A. **IM No. 05-04:** Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Calendar.

B. **Draft Commission Meeting Minutes:**

1. Planning Commission: January 25, 2005
2. Parks and Recreation Commission: January 12, 2005
3. Airport Advisory Commission: January 27, 2005

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, February 14, 2005 at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Dianne M. 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. Ron Cox, Seat E
Mr. Mark Ewing, Seat F

Council Members Noel Lowe, Seat C and Rob Sande, Seat D were absent and excused. No objection was raised by the council.

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. Bill Harvey, Deputy Public Works Director
Mr. Ted Leonard, Director of Finance and Administrative Services
Mr. Don Savage, Police Chief
Mr. Ron Singel, Economic Development Director
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 the following adjustments to the agenda:

- to remove Ordinance Serial No. 05-14 from the agenda;
- to move Resolution Serial No. 05-08 by substitution; and
- to move AM No. 05-04 from the consent agenda to new business.

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

Ms. Sandra Garley, City Planner:

- noted the planning commission is in the process of drafting legislation recommending to the council various intersections within city limits that require future traffic signalization.

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

Commissioner Joan Matthews:

- noted the Iditarod re-start is planned to begin at the Wasilla Multi-Use Sports Complex;
- reported the commission supports trail development around the Wasilla Multi-Use Sports Complex;
- stated the commission will request funds in FY-06 for trail development;
- reported the commission is interested in establishing a newspaper recycling center in the city;
- noted the commission looks forward to the council making an appointment to the vacant commission seat.

Council Member Ewing requested further information from Commissioner Matthews regarding the proposed recycling facility and questioned the possible acquisition of property on Wasilla Lake for the purpose of public access.

Commissioner Matthews noted the commission is not actively pursuing property acquisition on Wasilla Lake at this time.

C. Airport Advisory Commission

No report was presented.

D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Assembly Member Mary Kvalheim:

- reported on Federal grant funds received for recreational trail development from Wasilla to Big Lake; and
- noted the Borough will begin their FY-06 budget process soon.

Mayor Keller requested support from Assembly Member Kvalheim to ensure the grant funds for the Wasilla to Big Lake trail are passed through from the Borough to the City.

Council Member Ewing requested clarification on the Wasilla to Big Lake trail development. Mayor Keller clarified the inquiry.

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The city clerk read the consent agenda into the record.

Council Member Ewing requested to move Resolution Serial No. 05-09 and AM No. 05-08 from the consent agenda to new business. No objection was raised.

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

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

8. PUBLIC HEARING (Three minutes per person.)

No public hearings were scheduled.

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

There were no persons to be heard.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **AM No. 05-04:** Extension Of Legal Services Contract With Birch, Horton, Bittner And Cherot From July 1, 2005 Through June 30, 2006.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to adopt AM No. 05-04.

Mr. Tom Klinkner, City Attorney:

- spoke about a waiver of conflict granted by the council (see AM No. 05-03, adopted on January 24, 2005); however, the waiver was denied by the Mat-Su Borough. As a result, Mr. Klinkner is precluded at this time from representing the City in the transfer of the Wasilla Public Library operations from the City to the Borough. Mr. Klinkner stated he wishes to continue to serve as city attorney and will strive to minimize conflict occurrences in the future.

Discussion followed by the council and questions were answered by the city attorney.

MOTION: Council Member Straub moved to postpone AM No. 05-04 until the March 21, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting.

Discussion continued.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

- B. **Resolution Serial No. 05-09:** Supporting The 2006 Capital Improvement Program Legislative Funding Request For Fiscal Year 2006.

MOTION: Council Member Straub moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 05-09.

Council Member Ewing requested further information on the East Susitna Road Extension and the Police Department Communication Improvements and Building Improvements as noted in the resolution.

Staff answered questions and discussion continued by the council.

Council Member Cox requested more information on the funds requested for the Multi-Use Sports Complex.

Staff answered questions and discussion continued.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved a primary amendment to add the following project to the Now Therefore Be It Resolved clause of the resolution: **Substandard Roads in the amount of \$1,000,000** (1 million dollars).
(Clerk Note: bold and underline is language added)

GENERAL CONSENT: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion as amended passed without objection.

- C. **AM No. 05-08:** Confirmation Of Catherine Bowen To The Wasilla Parks And Recreation Commission.

MOTION: Council Member Straub moved to adopt AM No. 05-08.

Discussion followed by the council. The council requested to review the resume submitted by the applicant (Ms. Catherine Bowen).

MOTION: Council Member Straub moved to postpone AM No. 05-08 until the February 28, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting.

Council Member O'Neil objected to the postponement and debate ensued.

The council requested to review the communication items while staff distributed the application and resume submitted by the applicant.

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No action was taken on the communication items.

Continuation of New Business

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The clerk distributed the application and resume submitted by the applicant.

Discussion and debate continued by the council.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion to postpone passed without objection.

13. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

City Clerk:

- noted upcoming meetings of the council;
- reminded council that Alaska Public Officials Statements are due to the clerk's office by March 15, 2005; and
- reported on events at the Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks Conference held in Juneau.

City Attorney:

- spoke about ordinances that are being drafted and reviewed to ensure enforceability.

Mayor Keller:

- updated the council on recent activities of various city departments;
- reported on projects underway by city staff;
- highlighted the official start of the Iron Dog, which was held in Big Lake; and
- spoke about plans for the Iditarod re-start in Wasilla.

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (Three minutes per person.)

Mr. Steve Stoll:

- questioned how the capital improvement program federal funding request is compiled;
- expressed opposition to funding improvements to the Multi-Use Sports Complex;
- encouraged the city to address its inadequate sewer treatment plant; and
- requested a report on the activities of the economic development director.

Mr. Benny Cottle:

- reported KTUU Channel 2 produced a segment featuring local emergency services.

Ms. Anne Kilkenny:

- requested that consumers of city water are charged for actual consumption;
- spoke in opposition to funding improvements to the sewer treatment plant; and
- requested that the city assess utility improvements to all consumers equally.

Mr. Garvan Bucaria:

- raised concern about the impact of population growth on the environment;
- spoke about the need to control motorized uses on pedestrian trails; and
- raised questions about the location of the Wasilla Police Department.

Mr. John Dewer:

- commented on welcome to Wasilla signs.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

16. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Ewing:

- thanked the audience for their participation in the meeting;
- noted enrollment figures at Mat-Su College appear to be declining;
- supports land acquisition on Wasilla Lake to provide public access to the lake;
- supports public awareness regarding trail development and uses;
- inquired about the permit process for parades within the city; and
- supports allowing motorized vehicles on local lakes.

Council Member Straub:

- wished everyone a Happy Valentines Day.

Council Member Cox:


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17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.


DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE L. SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on February 28, 2005.