



**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

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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.**

**MARCH 7, 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**
  - A. Character Awards
    1. Ms. Brittany Heck
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:
- B. Introductions (Public Hearing To Be Scheduled For: March 21, 2005)
  - 1. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-23:** To Amend The FY-05 Planning Budget By Accepting An Increase Of \$10,000 For The Hazard Mitigation Grant From The Department Of Military And Veterans Affairs Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management.
  - 2. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-24:** To Amend The FY-05 Police Department Budget By Appropriating \$30,430 From The State Of Alaska Highway Safety Office And Appropriating \$13,041 From City Match.
- C. Resolutions
- D. Action Memorandums

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

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-11:** Amending The FY-05 Budget By Appropriating City And Grant Funding In The Amount Of \$224,899 And Transferring Funds Within And Between Accounting Funds In The Amount Of \$589,618 For Palmer-Wasilla Highway Extension Water Improvements Phase 3 In The Amount Of \$814,517.
- B. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-19:** Amending The FY-05 Budget By Appropriating \$864,359 To The Capital Reserve Fund From The General Fund's Fund Balance Per Wasilla Municipal Code 5.04.025.
- C. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-21:** To Amend The FY-05 Library Budget By Accepting And Appropriating \$6,250 From The Alaska State Library Public Assistance Grant.
- D. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-22:** To Amend The FY-05 Youth Court Budget By Accepting The Increase Of \$16,000 From The Governors Drug & Violence Prevention Grant.

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

- A. Anne Kilkenny

**SPECIAL ORDERS (Continued)**

- A. Character Awards
  - 1. Ms. Katelyn Baldwin

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-14:** Amending WMC 1.20.030.C By Changing The Section Reference For Violation Of Park Rules In The Fine Schedule, And Amending WMC Chapter 12.24 Parks And Recreation Facilities By Adopting WMC 12.24.015 Definitions And WMC 12.24.025 General Rules, And Repealing WMC 12.24.020 General Rules In Its Entirety.
- B. **Resolution Serial No. 05-11:** Establishing An Official Traffic Signal Map Designating Critical Intersections On Major Arterials And Collectors In And Near The City Of Wasilla That Require Traffic Signals And Encouraging Monitoring Of These Intersections On A Routine Schedule.

**12. COMMUNICATION**

- A. Draft Commission Meeting Minutes:
  - 1. Planning Commission: February 22, 2005
  - 2. Airport Advisory Commission: February 15, 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, March 7, 2005 at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Deputy Mayor Howard O'Neil called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Mayor Dianne M. Keller was absent and excused. No objection was raised.

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  
Mr. Rob Sande, Seat D  
Mr. Ron Cox, Seat E  
Mr. Mark Ewing, 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. Ron Singel, Economic Development Director  
Mr. Bruce Urban, Director of Recreation and Cultural Services

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Boy Scout Troop 300 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Council Member Ewing requested the following adjustment to the agenda:

- to move Ordinance Serial No. 05-14 and Resolution Serial No. 05-11 from the consent agenda to new business.

Council Member Straub requested the following adjustment to the agenda:

- to remove AM No. 05-10 from agenda and schedule it for the March 21, 2005 regular city council meeting.

Deputy Mayor O'Neil noted that Ms. Anne Kilkenny requests to speak under persons the heard.

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

5. **SPECIAL ORDERS** (see page 5 for the continuation of special orders)

A. Character Awards

1. Ms. Brittany Heck

Deputy Mayor O'Neil presented Ms. Heck with a Character Award. Ms. Heck is the recipient of one of the State's top two youth volunteer awards for 2005 in the tenth annual Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism.

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

A. Planning Commission

The city planner noted that the commission had not met since its last report to the council.

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

No report was presented.

C. Airport Advisory Commission

No report was presented.

D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

No report was presented.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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C. Resolutions

D. Action Memorandums

The clerk read the consent agenda into the record.

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

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

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

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-11:** Amending The FY-05 Budget By Appropriating City And Grant Funding In The Amount Of \$224,899 And Transferring Funds Within And Between Accounting Funds In The Amount Of \$589,618 For Palmer-Wasilla Highway Extension Water Improvements Phase 3 In The Amount Of \$814,517.

Deputy Mayor O'Neil opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 05-11.

Mr. Steve Stoll requested an explanation regarding the purpose of Ordinance Serial No. 05-11.

The public works director explained the purpose of the ordinance, which is to consolidate existing grant funds that are eligible for water improvements, including an appropriation of city funding.

Ms. Anne Kilkenny requested an audit of the water and sewer utility going back at least 15 years and encouraged the council to adopt a consistent policy on utility assessments.

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

MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-11.

Discussion moved to the council and questions were asked of the public works director.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed unanimously.

- B. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-19:** Amending The FY-05 Budget By Appropriating \$864,359 To The Capital Reserve Fund From The General Fund's Fund Balance Per Wasilla Municipal Code 5.04.025.

Deputy Mayor O'Neil opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 05-19 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-19.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

- C. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-21:** To Amend The FY-05 Library Budget By Accepting And Appropriating \$6,250 From The Alaska State Library Public Assistance Grant.

Deputy Mayor O'Neil opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 05-21 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-21.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

- D. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-22:** To Amend The FY-05 Youth Court Budget By Accepting The Increase Of \$16,000 From The Governors Drug & Violence Prevention Grant.

Deputy Mayor O'Neil opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 05-22 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Sande moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-22

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

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

- A. Anne Kilkenny

Ms. Kilkenny:

- encouraged the council to review the rate structure for water and sewer;
- requested an audit of the water and sewer utility;
- requested that utility rates are based on actual consumption; and
- encouraged the council to establish a policy on utility assessments so all utility customers are treated fairly when hooking up to the utility system.

## **SPECIAL ORDERS** (continued from page 2)

Deputy Mayor O'Neil requested to suspend the rules in order to present a Character Award to Ms. Katelyn Baldwin who entered the meeting. No objection was raised.

### A. Character Awards

#### 1. Ms. Katelyn Baldwin

Deputy Mayor O'Neil presented Ms. Baldwin with a Character Award. Ms. Baldwin is one of two outstanding Alaskan students to be awarded the United States Senate Youth Program's Washington Week Scholarship sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation.

## **10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

- ### A. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-14:** Amending WMC 1.20.030.C By Changing The Section Reference For Violation Of Park Rules In The Fine Schedule, And Amending WMC Chapter 12.24 Parks And Recreation Facilities By Adopting WMC 12.24.015 Definitions And WMC 12.24.025 General Rules, And Repealing WMC 12.24.020 General Rules In Its Entirety.

**MOTION:** Council Member Ewing moved to introduce Ordinance Serial No. 05-14 and schedule for public hearing on March 21, 2005.

Council Member Ewing requested to discuss the ordinance and spoke in opposition to the fine schedule as presented in the ordinance. Council Member Ewing suggested that the fines be based on the infraction.

*(Clerk Note: The council did not object to the discussion held outside of the main motion.)*

The planning director and police chief answered questions from the council.



Discussion by the council continued and debate ensued on the proposed fine schedule.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

- B. **Resolution Serial No. 05-11:** Establishing An Official Traffic Signal Map Designating Critical Intersections On Major Arterials And Collectors In And Near The City Of Wasilla That Require Traffic Signals And Encouraging Monitoring Of These Intersections On A Routine Schedule.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 05-11.

Discussion followed by the council.

The planning director spoke about the process used to identify the areas designated in the resolution that require traffic signals.

Discussion by the council continued and debate ensued regarding the areas designated in the resolution that require traffic signals.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

## 12. COMMUNICATION

A. Draft Commission Meeting Minutes:

1. Planning Commission: February 22, 2005
2. Airport Advisory Commission: February 15, 2005

There was no new business.

## 13. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Finance Director:

- thanked the council for approving the refinance of paving bonds; and
- noted a gross savings of \$114,000 with an estimated net present savings of \$107,000 as a result of the bond refinance.

Public Works Director:

- clarified the process for awarding sewer connection grants;
- noted utility extensions into subdivisions are created through the local improvement district process; and
- reported mainline utility extensions are 100 percent funded by the city with either grants, loans, or city funds.

Recreation and Cultural Services Manager:

- noted staff is pursuing grant funds to construct a playground;
- spoke about program development at the multi-use sports complex;
- reported Lieutenant Governor Loren Lemman toured the multi-use sports complex;
- noted community events are being planned for Clean-Up Days and Arbor Day; and
- thanked the Valley Garden Club for donating books and videos to the library.

City Clerk:

- reported that APOC Financial Disclosure Statements are due to the clerk's office by March 15, 2005;
- noted she will be out of the office the week of March 14, 2005;
- commented on cemetery activity; and
- reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule for the council.

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

Ms. Colleen Cottle:

- requested information on the proposed extension of Susitna Avenue; and
- encouraged public participation in the prioritization of traffic signals identified in Resolution Serial No. 05-11.

The public works director spoke about the extension of Susitna Avenue.

Mr. Daniel Aldrick:

- encouraged the council to attend a public information meeting on March 9, 2005 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Teeland Middle School regarding the Seward Meridian Extension road project.

Ms. Anne Kilkenny:

- questioned the necessity of drilling a new city well;
- stated she is formally applying for a sewer connection grant;
- commented on the proposed extension of Susitna Avenue;
- encouraged participation in planning Seward Meridian road improvements;
- suggested the city hire a traffic engineer to identify intersections that require signalization; and
- spoke favorably about "roundabouts" as a way to efficiently move traffic.

Ms. Connie Shuey:

- spoke favorably about the multi-use sports complex; and
- noted staff is doing an outstanding job managing the facility.

## 15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

## 16. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Sande:

- spoke in appreciation of public participation during the council meeting this evening.
- thanked the council for excusing him from the retreat on March 5, 2005; and
- noted he plans to review the retreat presentation with the finance director.

Council Member Straub:

- thanked the audience for coming and participating in the council meeting this evening.

Council Member Cox:

- thanked the audience for participating in the council meeting this evening; and
- extended an apology to the police chief for comments made during the March 5, 2005 council retreat regarding the lack of police presence in Mission Hills.

Council Member Ewing:

- thanked the finance director for explaining the utility rate structure during the March 5, 2005 council retreat;
- spoke in support of exploring vacation rates for utility customers;
- thanked the city planner and planning commission for preparing the traffic signalization map in Resolution Serial No. 05-11;
- supports addressing traffic congestion immediately through the installation of traffic signals;
- commented on the borough meeting attended as a city representative;
- encouraged involvement in the Seward Meridian road improvement project; and
- thanked the public for attending and participating in the council meeting this evening.

Deputy Mayor Howard O'Neil:


- thanked the public for attending the council meeting this evening.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

  
DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
JAMIE NEWMAN, CMC  
Acting City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on March 21, 2005.