



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
TENTATIVE MEETING AGENDA
WASILLA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Wasilla City Hall, 290 E. Herning Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654 (907) 373-9090

WORK SESSION

6 P.M.

APRIL 11, 2005

1. Bert Cottle, Mayor of the City of Valdez and Vice Chair of the Alaska Gasline Port Authority and Dave Cobb, Secretary for Alaska Gasline Port Authority
Re: Presentation on All-Alaska Gasline Project.

REGULAR MEETING

7 P.M.

APRIL 11, 2005

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - A. Presentation Of Colors By Cub Scout Pack 369.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
5. **SPECIAL ORDERS**
 - A. City Of Wasilla Proclamation In Support Of National Telecommunicator's Week
 - B. City Of Wasilla Proclamation In Support Of National Library Week

- C. City Of Wasilla Proclamation In Support Of National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

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

- A. Planning Commission
- B. Parks and Recreation Commission
- C. Airport Advisory Commission
- D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough
- E. Alaska Railroad: John McPhearson, HDR Consultants Re: Wasilla Area Railroad Projects. (15 minutes presentation)

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Minutes of Preceding Meeting:
 - 1. Regular Meeting: March 21, 2005
 - 2. Special Meeting: March 31, 2005
- B. Introductions (Public Hearing To Be Scheduled For: April 25, 2005)
 - 1. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-27:** Amending The FY-05 Budget By Appropriating \$250,000 In Federal Aviation Administration Grant Funding And \$6,579 In Alaska Department Of Transportation Grant Match Funding For The Wasilla Airport Apron Phase 1C Engineering Design.
 - 2. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-28:** Amending The FY-05 Budget By Appropriating \$1,040,000 In Federal Transit Administration Grant Funding And \$200,000 In Mascot Match Funding For The Mascot Transit Building Design And Construction.
 - 3. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-30:** Amending The FY-05 Budget By Appropriating \$6,096 In Department Of Commerce, Community And Economic Development Grant Funds And Transferring \$3,904 In Matching City Funds Totaling \$10,000 For Bumpus Ballfield Complex.

4. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-31:** Amending The FY-05 Budget By Appropriating \$500,000 In City Funding From The Capital Reserve For The Palmer-Wasilla Highway Water System Improvements Phase 3.

C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 05-07:** Supporting The Development Of Moose Escape Routes By The Alaska National Guard And/OR Other Organizations.
2. **Resolution Serial No. 05-14:** Supporting The Alaska Gasline Port Authority's All-Alaska Gasline Project. (Sponsored By Council Member Straub)
3. **Resolution Serial No. 05-15:** Amending The City Of Wasilla Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) Plan To Allow For The Inclusion Of The Library Director Of Wasilla, Alaska In The City Of Wasilla PERS Of Alaska Plan Pursuant To AS 39.35.

D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 05-12:** Council Policy Setting FY-06 Budget Goals And Initiatives.
2. **AM No. 05-13:** Renewal Of Animal Control Contract With The City Of Houston In The Amount Of \$50,000 To Provide Animal Control Services Effective July 1, 2005 Through June 30, 2006.
3. **AM No. 05-14:** Contract Award To R&M Consultants, Inc. In The Amount Of \$65,000 To Establish The City's Mapping, Survey Control, And Geographic Information Systems Database.
4. **AM No. 05-15:** Contract Award To CH2MHill In The Amount Of \$85,000 For The Palmer Wasilla Highway Water Improvements Phase 3 Design Services.

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

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-25:** Amending The FY-05 Police Department Budget By Appropriating Funds From The State Of Alaska Forfeiture Fund To The Police Department Other Purchased Services Fund To Cover Vaccination Expenses For The Wasilla Police Department.
- B. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-26:** Approving A Rezone Request From RR— Rural Residential To RM-Multi-Family Residential For Tract A, Center Point Phase II Subdivision And MSB Tax Parcel A5, Both Within Section 16, Township 17 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska And Amending The Official Zoning Map.

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

- A. Ms. Cindy Bettine, Wasilla Chamber of Commerce: City Enhancements.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-14(AM):** 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. (Main motion to adopt, as amended, pending from the March 21, 2005 Regular City Council meeting.)

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Resolution Serial No. 05-17:** Supporting The Governor's Proposed Use Of The Amerada-Hess Settlement Funds To Improve The Local And State Transportation System And Other State And Municipal Capital Improvements. (Sponsored by Council Member Sande)
- B. **AM No. 05-10:** Council Policy On The City Clerk Evaluation And Goal Setting.
- C. **Resolution Serial No. 05-16:** Supporting PERS Early Funding Needed For The City Of Wasilla To Avoid Local Tax Increases.

12. COMMUNICATION

A. Commission Meeting Minutes

1. Planning Commission: March 8, 2005 and March 22, 2005
2. Parks and Recreation Commission: March 9, 2005
3. 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, April 11, 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. 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
Mr. Tom Klinkner, City Attorney
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

A. Presentation of Colors By Cub Scout Pack 369.

Cub Scout Pack 369 presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Keller inquired as to adjustments to the agenda.

Mayor Keller noted that Ms. Cindy Bettine, Wasilla Chamber of Commerce, requests to be added to the agenda, under Persons to be Heard.

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

5. SPECIAL ORDERS

- A. City Of Wasilla Proclamation In Support Of National Telecommunicator's Week

Mayor Keller read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Ms. Gina Wheeler, Records and Communications Manager for the Matanuska-Susitna Regional Communications Center (MATCOMM).

- B. City Of Wasilla Proclamation In Support Of National Library Week

Mayor Keller read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Ms. Jeanne Troshensky, President, Friends of Wasilla Public Library.

- C. City Of Wasilla Proclamation In Support Of National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Mayor Keller read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Wasilla Police Chief Don Savage on behalf of Alaska Family Resource Center.

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

- A. Planning Commission

Commissioner Dorothy Hamilton:

- reported on the success of the Wasilla Home Show, April 1 – 3, 2005;
- spoke favorably about the code compliance officer and his assistance with the Home Show;
- noted rezone application statistics; and
- announced the commission plans to form a focus group to review the city's landscaping standards.

- B. Parks and Recreation Commission

Commissioner Dave Tuttle:

- noted that the commission had not met since its last report to the city council; and
- discussed the rationale used to draft Ordinance Serial No. 05-14.

- C. Airport Advisory Commission

Archie Giddings, Public Works Director:

- noted the commission is reviewing airport lease lot proposals.

D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Assembly Member Mary Kvalheim:

- noted the assembly is moving forward with the FY-06 budget process;
- spoke in support of designating May as methamphetamine awareness month; and
- noted the assembly will reconsider the real estate transfer fee at an upcoming meeting.

E. Alaska Railroad: John McPhearson, HDR Consultants Re: Wasilla Area Railroad Projects. (15 minutes presentation)

Mr. McPhearson presented an overview of the following studies recently completed by the Alaska Railroad: 1) Wasilla Railroad Realignment; 2) Knik-Goosebay Grade Separation; 3) Wasilla Intermodal Facility.

Discussion moved to the council and questions were asked of Mr. McPhearson and Mr. Bruce Carr of the Alaska Railroad.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

The city clerk noted a technical correction to Resolution Serial No. 05-16, in the Now Therefore Be It Resolved clause, 2.b, as follows: To initiate an amended participation agreement between the City of Wasilla and the State of Alaska, Department of Administration, [PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF WASILLA, ALASKA THIS 11TH DAY OF APRIL, 2005 AND] effective May 1, 2005. (Clerk note: Caps and brackets is language deleted).

No objection was raised to the technical correction noted by the city clerk.

Council Member Ewing requested to move Resolution Serial No. 05-16 from the consent agenda to new business.

The council did not object to the request by Council Member Ewing.

The city clerk read the consent agenda into the record.

A. Minutes of Preceding Meeting:

1. Regular Meeting: March 21, 2005
2. Special Meeting: March 31, 2005

B. Introductions (Public Hearing To Be Scheduled For: April 25, 2005)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-27:** Amending The FY-05 Budget By Appropriating \$250,000 In Federal Aviation Administration Grant Funding And \$6,579 In Alaska Department Of Transportation Grant Match Funding For The Wasilla Airport Apron Phase 1C Engineering Design.
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-28:** Amending The FY-05 Budget By Appropriating \$1,040,000 In Federal Transit Administration Grant Funding And \$200,000 In Mascot Match Funding For The Mascot Transit Building Design And Construction.
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-30:** Amending The FY-05 Budget By Appropriating \$6,096 In Department Of Commerce, Community And Economic Development Grant Funds And Transferring \$3,904 In Matching City Funds Totaling \$10,000 For Bumpus Ballfield Complex.
4. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-31:** Amending The FY-05 Budget By Appropriating \$500,000 In City Funding From The Capital Reserve For The Palmer-Wasilla Highway Water System Improvements Phase 3.

C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 05-07:** Supporting The Development Of Moose Escape Routes By The Alaska National Guard And/OR Other Organizations.
2. **Resolution Serial No. 05-14:** Supporting The Alaska Gasline Port Authority's All-Alaska Gasline Project. (Sponsored By Council Member Straub)
3. **Resolution Serial No. 05-15:** Amending The City Of Wasilla Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) Plan To Allow For The Inclusion Of The Library Director Of Wasilla, Alaska In The City Of Wasilla PERS Of Alaska Plan Pursuant To AS 39.35.

D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 05-12:** Council Policy Setting FY-06 Budget Goals And Initiatives.

2. **AM No. 05-13:** Renewal Of Animal Control Contract With The City Of Houston In The Amount Of \$50,000 To Provide Animal Control Services Effective July 1, 2005 Through June 30, 2006.
3. **AM No. 05-14:** Contract Award To R&M Consultants, Inc. In The Amount Of \$65,000 To Establish The City's Mapping, Survey Control, And Geographic Information Systems Database.
4. **AM No. 05-15:** Contract Award To CH2MHill In The Amount Of \$85,000 For The Palmer Wasilla Highway Water Improvements Phase 3 Design Services.

GENERAL CONSENT: No objection was raised to adopt the consent agenda.

8. PUBLIC HEARING (Three minutes per person.)

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-25:** Amending The FY-05 Police Department Budget By Appropriating Funds From The State Of Alaska Forfeiture Fund To The Police Department Other Purchased Services Fund To Cover Vaccination Expenses For The Wasilla Police Department.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 05-25 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-25.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

- B. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-26:** Approving A Rezone Request From RR—Rural Residential To RM-Multi-Family Residential For Tract A, Center Point Phase II Subdivision And MSB Tax Parcel A5, Both Within Section 16, Township 17 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska And Amending The Official Zoning Map.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 05-26 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-26.

VOTE: The main motion passed with Council Members Cox, Ewing, Lowe, and O'Neil in favor and Council Members Sande and Straub opposed.

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

A. Ms. Cindy Bettine, Wasilla Chamber of Commerce: City Enhancements

Ms. Bettine:

- noted she serves on a subcommittee of the Community Affairs and Development Committee of the Wasilla Chamber of Commerce; and
- discussed the mission and objectives of the subcommittee.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-14(AM):** 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. (Main motion to adopt, as amended, pending from the March 21, 2005 Regular City Council meeting.)

MOTION: Council Member Straub moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-14. (Clerk note: the main motion, as amended, pending from the March 21, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting)

Discussion followed by the council.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved a primary amendment to add the words up to \$250 to the fine schedule in Section 2 of the ordinance. (Clerk note: bold and underline is language added)

Debate ensued.

The city attorney and staff answered questions from the council.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to withdraw his primary amendment to Section 2 of the ordinance.

GENERAL CONSENT: No objection was raised to withdraw the primary amendment.

Discussion continued.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved a primary amendment to refer the ordinance back to committee to define the fee schedule and to group the fines into minor and major offenses.

Debate ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to withdraw his primary amendment to refer the ordinance back to committee.

GENERAL CONSENT: No objection was raised.

MOTION: Council Member Sande moved the previous question.

VOTE: The motion to move the previous question passed with Council Members Lowe, O'Neil, Sande, and Straub in favor and Council Members Cox and Ewing opposed.

VOTE: The main motion, as amended, passed with Council Members Cox, Lowe, O'Neil, Sande, and Straub in favor and Council Member Ewing opposed.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Resolution Serial No. 05-17:** Supporting The Governor's Proposed Use Of The Amerada-Hess Settlement Funds To Improve The Local And State Transportation System And Other State And Municipal Capital Improvements. (Sponsored by Council Member Sande)

MOTION: Council Member Sande moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 05-17.

Discussion moved to the council.

MOTION: Council Member Straub moved to postpone the motion to the April 25, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

- B. **AM No. 05-10:** Council Policy On The City Clerk Evaluation And Goal Setting.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to adopt AM No. 05-10.

Discussion by the council followed.

MOTION: Council Member Straub moved a primary amendment to amend the effective date of AM No. 05-10 to July 1, 2005 with the caveat that all council members participating in the evaluation process attend a training session on the focal review process.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed unanimously.

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

- C. **Resolution Serial No. 05-16:** Supporting PERS Early Funding Needed For The City Of Wasilla To Avoid Local Tax Increases.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 05-16.

Discussion moved to the council and the finance director spoke on the resolution.

MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved the previous question.

GENERAL CONSENT: No objection was raised to move the previous question.

VOTE: The main motion passed unanimously.

12. COMMUNICATION

A. Commission Meeting Minutes

1. Planning Commission: March 8, 2005 and March 22, 2005
2. Parks and Recreation Commission: March 9, 2005
3. Airport Advisory Commission: February 15, 2005.

No action was taken on the communication items.

13. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

City Clerk:

- spoke about the upcoming council meeting schedule; and
- inquired about re-scheduling the parliamentary procedure training session currently scheduled for April 26, 2005.

The consensus of the council was that the majority of the council did not wish to participate in a parliamentary procedure training session as they were comfortable with their level of expertise. No objection was raised.

Mayor Keller:

- highlighted her written report to the council on the happenings of various city departments;
- invited the council to attend Volunteer Appreciation night on April 27 at Sports Complex; and
- noted further information on focal review training opportunities will be forwarded to the council.

City Attorney:

- reported there have been no new developments in the eminent domain case since the last report to the council; and
- noted he will update the council on the eminent domain case as information becomes available.

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (Three minutes per person.)

Ms. Yvonne Sumner:

- spoke in opposition to the Northern Route as defined in the Railroad Relocation Study prepared by the Alaska Railroad.

Mr. Gary Olson, Founder and Chair, Alaska Moose Federation:

- thanked the council for adopting Resolution Serial No. 05-07;
- briefly commented on the accomplishments of the Alaska Moose Federation; and
- encouraged moose mitigation when approving development permits in the city.

Mr. Verdie Bowen:

- raised concern about recent articles published in the newspaper;
- spoke in opposition to forced annexation;
- supports library services and the development of an expanded library;
- spoke in favor of the city renewing its animal control contract with the city of Houston; and
- commented on his experience with parks rules and the enforcement of the fine schedule in the Wasilla Municipal Code.

No other comments were made.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

16. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Ewing:

- commented on the success of the Home Show at the sports complex;
- recognized the code compliance officer for his assistance at the Home Show;
- reported on positive comments received on the city's traffic signalization map;
- noted he was sorry the museum registrar submitted her resignation;
- thanked the city for sending bereavement flowers to his father's funeral; and
- noted he will attend the volunteer appreciation festivities.

Council Member Cox:

- expressed appreciation in the reports presented to the council;
- spoke in favor of the concept of music in the parks; and
- stated he is unable to attend the volunteer appreciation celebration.

Council Member Straub:

- thanked the mayor for distributing her written comments to the council;
- spoke on the success of the Home Show;
- shared her positive experiences with the police department, youth court, and the dispatch center;
- noted she would like to attend focal review training with the MBL Group;
- noted she is able to attend the volunteer appreciation event;
- thanked the council for adopting Resolution Serial No. 05-14;
- commented on her disappointment with a newspaper article written by Council Member Ewing; and
- noted the article placed a great stress on the decorum of the council as a whole.

Council Member Lowe:

- spoke favorably about the productive meeting this evening;
- commented on a newspaper article written by Council Member Ewing and the stress it placed on the council as a whole;
- encouraged Council Member Ewing to bring up issues at the council table; and
- noted he will not attend the April 25th council meeting as he will be out of the country.

Council Member O'Neil:

- expressed his dismay with a newspaper article written by Council Member Ewing; and
- read his response letter which was recently submitted to the Anchorage Daily News.

Council Member Sande:

- noted he will attend a daytime training session with the MBL Group;
- noted he is unable to attend the volunteer appreciation celebration;
- commented on the issue of a mill rate phase out;
- inquired about a schedule to resolve the eminent domain case;
- requested a strategy session to be held in executive session at the May 23rd council meeting in regard to the eminent domain case;
- encouraged all council members to participate in the evaluation process for the clerk; and
- encouraged participation in the ride-along program with the police department.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.


DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE L. SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on May 9, 2005