



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.

MAY 9, 2005

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - A. Presentation Of Colors By Boy Scout Troop 300
- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 5. SPECIAL ORDERS**
 - A. Proclamation Recognizing Municipal Clerks Week
 - B. Proclamation Recognizing Arbor Day
 - C. Proclamation In Support of Methamphetamine Awareness Month
 - D. Proclamation In Support of the International Day of the Midwife
 - E. Proclamation In Support of Military Appreciation 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. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce
 - 1. Ms. Cindy Bettine: City Enhancements
- F. State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
 - 1. Mr. John Waisanen, Project Manager: Parks Highway Improvements, Summer 2005 Construction Update.

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- C. Kurt VanTosky, Advertising Director, Anchorage Daily News.
- D. Eddie Grasser: Alaska State Legislature House Bill 184.
- E. Roy Burkhart, Memorial Walk.

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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, May 9, 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 (exited the meeting at 8 p.m.)
Mr. Noel Lowe, Seat C
Mr. Ron Cox, Seat E
Mr. Mark Ewing, Seat F

Council Member Rob Sande, Seat D, was absent and excused. No objection was raised.

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

Mayor Keller noted the following adjustments to the agenda:

- to add under Special Orders, a proclamation supporting Military Appreciation Week;
- to remove Mr. John Klapperich from persons to be heard; and
- to add Mr. Chas St. George, Mr. Eddie Grasser, and Mr. Roy Burkhart under persons to be heard.

Council Member Ewing requested to move AM No. 05-21 from the consent to new business.

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

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Mayor Keller read the above listed proclamations into the record.

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

- A. Planning Commission

Sandra Garley, City Planner

- noted items on the May 10, 2005 Planning Commission Meeting Agenda.

- B. Parks and Recreation Commission

Commissioner Dave Tuttle:

- reported the commission is reviewing the fee structure for violations in city parks;
- noted the summer games are moving forward;
- discussed trail development at the Multi-Use Sports Complex; and
- reported the commission will hold a joint work session with the planning commission to discuss parks rules.

- C. Airport Advisory Commission

Archie Giddings, Public Works Director:

- noted the airport commission passed a resolution of support in favor of water and sewer infrastructure development at the airport; and
- reported the commission will review lease lots at the airport.

Council Member Ewing requested information on future development plans for the airport.

Staff answered questions as requested.

D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Assembly Member Mary Kvalheim was not present, however, she submitted a written report to the council.

E. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce

1. Ms. Cindy Bettine: City Enhancements

Ms. Bettine:

- spoke about the mission and goals of the Wasilla Chamber City Enhancement Committee; and
- requested financial assistance from the city to support the goals of the committee.

F. State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

1. Mr. John Waisanen, Project Manager: Parks Highway Improvements, Summer 2005 Construction Update.

Mr. Waisanen:

- spoke about the Parks Highway Improvement Project planned for the summer of 2005; and
- answered questions from the council.

Discussion ensued on trail development and pedestrian access between Wasilla Lake and Lake Lucille.

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The city clerk read the consent agenda into the record.

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

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

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MOTION: Council Member O'Neil moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-27.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

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MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-28 and AM No. 05-17.

Council Member Ewing requested that staff include the names of all bidders and the dollar amount bid on future AMs. No objection was raised.

Discussion moved to the council and the public works director spoke about the scoring process used to award AM No. 05-17.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

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MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-31.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

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

- A. Chas St. George, Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce: Chamber Update.

Mr. St. George:

- spoke favorably about the development of a "marketing brand" that will bring about a comprehensive blue print for sustainable economic and community development in the greater Wasilla area; and
- noted the need for the city and business community to partner to make Wasilla a destination spot; and
- encouraged the city and community to work toward a common vision to attract visitors to the community.

B. Kari Sleight, Publisher, Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman

Ms. Sleight:

- requested that the council decline the award of contract for advertising to the Anchorage Daily News because the Frontiersman was the lowest bidder. (Clerk Note: See AM No. 05-16 on page 8 of the meeting minutes)

C. Kurt VanTosky, Advertising Director, Anchorage Daily News

Mr. VanTosky:

- spoke in favor of the award of contract for advertising services to the Anchorage Daily News. (Clerk Note: See AM No. 05-16 on page 8 of the meeting minutes)

D. Eddie Grasser: Alaska State Legislature House Bill 184

Mr. Grasser:

- spoke about a newly adopted law (House Bill 184) that brings uniformity to the firearm laws throughout the state of Alaska.

Discussion moved to the council and Mr. Grasser answered questions.

E. Roy Burkhardt; Memorial Walk.

Mr. Burkhardt:

- encouraged the city to work with local veterans groups on the annual Memorial Day Walk; and
- suggested that the city streamline its permitting process and work towards better public education on the process.

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Council Member Straub exited the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Sande moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 05-17. (Motion on the floor from the April 11, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting)

Discussion followed by the council and debate ensued.

MOTION: Council Member O'Neil moved to postpone Resolution Serial No. 05-17 until the May 23, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting.

Debate ensued on the postponement.

VOTE: The motion to postpone failed with Council Members Cox, Lowe, and O'Neil in favor and Council Member Ewing in opposed.

VOTE: The main motion failed with Council Members Lowe and O'Neil in favor and Council Members Cox and Ewing opposed.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **AM No. 05-16:** Award Of RFP To The Anchorage Daily News For Newspaper Advertising.

MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to adopt AM No. 05-16.

Discussion and debate ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to postpone and enter on the minutes AM No. 05-16 and to direct staff to provide the scoring sheets to the council.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

- B. **AM No. 05-19:** Appointment Of Two Council Members To The Joint Tri-Cities Sub Committee On Transportation.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt AM No. 05-19.

Discussion followed and debate ensued on the process of appointment.

MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to postpone AM No. 05-19 until the next regular meeting.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

- C. **AM No. 05-21:** Contract Award To T. Bailey, Inc. For The East Susitna Water Reservoir Phase 1 In The Amount Of \$400,000.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt AM No. 05-21.

Council Member Ewing requested clarification from the public works director on AM No. 05-21.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

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No action was taken on the communication items.

13. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

City Clerk

- pointed out the new carpeting recently installed in council chambers; and
- noted a new voting board has been ordered.

Mayor Keller:

- reported on the activities of various city departments; and
- spoke about city projects planned for the summer of 2005.

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (Three minutes per person.)

Mr. Fred Schwaderer:

- requested the city enhance its notification process to the public on summer construction projects and road closures; and
- requested better coordination between the city, borough, and state on road construction projects.

Mr. Cheryl Mativa, Director, Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce:

- spoke in support of core area pedestrian improvements;
- spoke about her participation in clean-up days; and
- spoke highly of city staff members and cautioned the council about micro-managing.

Mr. Cindy Betinne:

- encouraged better planning efforts in the city.

Mr. June Burkhart:

- spoke favorably about a display board erected at the sports complex to honor armed forces service members past and present; and
- encouraged participation in Memorial Day activities.

Mayor Keller:

- shared a letter she will be sending to local veteran organizations regarding the annual Memorial Day Walk which will end at the Wasilla Aurora Cemetery; and
- pledged her support of the event.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

16. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Ewing:

- thanked Deputy Mayor O'Neil for pointing out his junior status on the council;
- noted he continues to learn about the process; and
- thanked the audience for their participation.

Deputy Mayor O'Neil:

- stated he will participate in the Memorial Day walk; and
- thanked the audience for their participation.

Council Member Cox:

- thanked the city for supporting the National Day of Prayer; and
- thanked the audience for their participation.

Council Member Lowe:

- echoed comments made regarding the professionalism and work ethic of city staff members.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.


DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:


JAMIE NEWMAN, CMC
Acting City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on May 23, 2005