

1. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, June 6, 2005 at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Deputy Mayor O'Neil called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Dianne M. Keller was absent and excused with no objection 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 (arrived at 6:15 p.m.)
- Mr. Rob Sande, Seat D
- Mr. Ron Cox, Seat E
- Mr. Mark Ewing, Seat F

Staff in attendance were:

- Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk
- Mr. Ted Leonard, Director of Finance and Administrative Services

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Deputy Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to approve the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Health Insurance Benefit Plan.

Director of finance and administrative services:

- spoke about FY-06 premium quotes for health insurance;
- discussed the health insurance plan available to the city;
- explained what an employee health insurance reserve account (HRA) is; and

- noted options available to assist employees with increased out of pocket healthcare expenses.

Discussion followed and the director of finance and administrative services answered questions from the council.

Ms. Gina Bosnakis of Blue Cross answered questions from the council.

Discussion continued.

MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to direct administration to implement a health reimbursement account (HRA) based health insurance plan with employee incentives and to direct administration to bring back to the council a detailed accounting of the incentive program.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

6. MAYOR, CLERK AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to direct the clerk to prepare an ordinance for introduction at next regular council meeting to prohibit smoking in public places.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

Council Member Ewing:

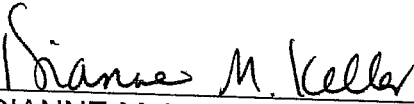
- wished everyone a good day.

Council Member Straub:

- requested that the council discuss at a future meeting how to forward comments to the Alaska Municipal League; and
- announced she is exploring the idea of running for mayor in the upcoming city election.


7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.



DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on June 27, 2005