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Diana L. Straub, Seat B
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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

REGULAR MEETING

7 P.M.

JUNE 13, 2005

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - A. Presentation Of Colors By Cub Scout Troop 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

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7. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-46:** Amending WMC 13.08.100 Sewer Extensions By Private Developers To Increase To Eight Years The Period During Which Other Connecting Properties Must Reimburse Their Pro Rata Share Of The Cost Of A Sewer Extension.
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12. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-51:** Amending The FY-05 Budget By Amending The Special Assessment Paving Budget Fund For \$165,000.
13. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-52:** Amending WMC 3.55.100.D; Pay For Special Types Of Appointments/Assignments (Shift Differential) To Provide That A Shift Differential Of 2.5 Percent Shall Be Paid For Any Shift Starting Between 12:00:00 Hours And 19:59:00 Hours And A Shift Differential Of 5.0 Percent Shall Be Paid For Any Shift Starting Between 20:00:00 Hours And 03:59:00 Hours.
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C. Resolutions

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2. **Resolution Serial No. 05-26:** Supporting The Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority Right-Of-Way Lease Application.
3. **Resolution Serial No. 05-28:** Adopting The FY-06 Salary Structure And Pay Ranges In Accordance With WMC 3.55.040 And Repealing Resolution Serial No. 04-23(AM).

D. Action Memorandums

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

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- B. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-38:** To Amend The FY-05 Police Department Budget By Appropriating \$3,240.82 From The State Of Alaska Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities For Click It Or Ticket Enforcement 2005.

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

- A. Ms. Nancy Sault: Cannon Hill Cemetery.
- B. Ms. Colleen Cottle: Village Heights Property Purchase.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Employee Health Insurance and Health Reserve Accounts
 1. Ted Leonard, Director of Finance and Administrative Services

12. COMMUNICATION

- A. **IM No. 05-09:** April 2005 Expenditure Report.
- B. **IM No. 05-10:** Expenses Greater Than \$5,000 For January Through March 2005.
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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, June 13, 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
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, Manager of Recreation and Cultural Services

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The deputy clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Keller noted the following corrections to the agenda:

- to correct a typographical error in the title of Ordinance Serial No. 05-39 to read \$45,950;
- to correct a typographical error in Ordinance Serial No. 05-42, Section 2, fourth sentence, as follows, to delete the word either and insert the word eight:
- to remove from persons to be heard, Ms. Colleen Cottle; and
- to add under persons to be heard, Ms. Colleen Corrigan and Mr. John Brautigan, regarding the Cannon Hill Cemetery.

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

Commissioner Bill McCain:

- spoke about a joint work session between the Planning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission;
- noted that the commission is discussing the possibility of developing a greenbelt near the Wasilla Police Department and Cottonwood Creek;
- reported on an appeal that has been filed with the planning office; and
- noted a conditional use permit is under consideration by the planning commission.

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

No report was presented. The recreation and cultural service manager noted that the commission had not met since its last report to the council.

C. Airport Advisory Commission

No report was presented. The public works director noted that the commission had not met since its last report to the council.

D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

No report was presented.

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

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

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Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 05-37 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-37.

The police chief answered questions from the council.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

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MOTION: Council Member Sande moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-38.

The police chief answered questions from the council.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

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

- A. Ms. Nancy Sault, Friends of Old Knik Cemetery Association: Cannon Hill Cemetery.

Ms. Sault:

- requested that the city correct an old platting error and return Lot 23, Block 3, Century Park Subdivision to cemetery status;
- shared historical information on the Cannon Hill Cemetery; and
- encouraged the city to work with other governmental bodies to recognize the historical Cannon Hill Cemetery.

B. Ms. Colleen Carrigan: Cannon Hill Cemetery.

Ms. Carrigan:

- spoke about her great-great uncle who is buried in the Cannon Hill Cemetery;
- requested that the city protect the cemetery from development; and
- encouraged the city to deny construction of a tri-plex on the property.

C. Mr. John Brautigan: Cannon Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Brautigan:

- encouraged the city to find a solution to the Cannon Hill Cemetery issue;
- noted that the original survey of the area has not been located; and
- stated no one is sure how many graves are located in the Cannon Hill Cemetery.

The city planner reported an appeal of the decision of the city planner to approve Use Permit U05-12, approving construction of a tri-plex at 851 S. Check Street, Block 3, Lot 23, Century Park Subdivision, has been filed, and is scheduled on the June 28, 2005 Regular Planning Commission Meeting Agenda.

The city planner outlined the appeal process and answered questions from the council.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Employee Health Insurance and Health Reserve Accounts

1. Ted Leonard, Director of Finance and Administrative Services

The director of finance and administrative services reported that after meeting with approximately 84 of 93 employees regarding proposed plan changes to the city's health insurance benefit plan through Premera Blue Cross, no negative comments were received regarding the proposed plan.

MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to direct the mayor to sign a health insurance contract with Premera Blue Cross with a \$1,000 deductible plan to be combined with a Healthcare Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) with a reserve of \$1,750 for single coverage; \$3,500 for employee/spouse coverage; \$5,250 for employee/child coverage, and \$5,250 for employee/family coverage; and to bring back an action memorandum for concurrence during the June 27th Regular Council Meeting.

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:

- noted a special council meeting has been scheduled for June 20, 2005 to discuss the CIP Budget;
- asked the council if they wished to schedule an additional public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 05-54 during the June 20th special council meeting;
- requested direction from the council regarding mailing notices to city business owners regarding Ordinance Serial No. 05-54 (Clerk note: no direction was given to the clerk);
- noted the filing period dates for the upcoming election; and
- reported on the ballot proposition deadline for the upcoming election.

Mayor Keller:

- distributed a written report regarding the activities of various city departments; and
- reported she assisted Valley Performing Arts to obtain a grant from Dell Computers for a new computer; and
- noted upcoming disaster preparedness training available to city staff members.

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (Three minutes per person.)

Mr. Steve Stoll:

- announced his candidacy for the office of mayor in the upcoming city election;
- shared his observation of the joint work session with the planning and parks and recreation commissions; and
- noted he looks forward to a hardy campaign season.

Ms. Cindy Betinne, Chair, Wasilla Chamber of Commerce, City Enhancement Committee:

- thanked the mayor for including funding for the Iditarod Sled Dog Race and snow removal in the downtown core area in the CIP budget; and
- thanked the director of finance and administrative services for attending a meeting of the city enhancement committee to explain the city's budget process.

Discussions moved to the council about keeping the Iditarod Sled Dog Race re-start in Wasilla.

The economic development director spoke about a meeting held with the Executive Director of the Iditarod and city officials regarding the re-start of the race. He stated that factors considered in determining where to re-start the race include: safety of dogs and safety of racers. He reported that weather conditions in Wasilla have prevented the re-start in prior years and ultimately the decision of the location of the re-start is made by the Iditarod Sled Dog Committee.

Mr. Garvan Bucaria:

- expressed the need for public participation in the governmental process;
- spoke about the need to address future global energy needs; and
- expressed his concern about irresponsible development and the impact to the environment.

Ms. Nancy Sault:

- cited state law regarding the desecration of burial sites or cemeteries; and
- requested the police investigate sign removal from the Cannon Hill Cemetery.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

16. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Ewing:

- wished good luck to candidates filing for the office of mayor in the upcoming election;
- spoke in support of preserving the Cannon Hill Cemetery; and
- encouraged the city to purchase property on Wasilla Lake for the development of an RV Park and boat launch.

Council Member Lowe:

- offered support of the Cannon Hill Cemetery;
- noted that through the public process issues raised about the Cannon Hill Cemetery will be addressed; and
- congratulated all candidates running for office in the upcoming election.

Council Member Straub:

- requested support from the council to direct the clerk to revise the agenda format to allow for audience participation at the beginning of each meeting;
- requested that the clerk revise the agenda to clarify what the consent agenda is used for;
- requested that the clerk purchase a lap top computer for council members to use on an as needed basis; and
- spoke in support of the Cannon Hill Cemetery.

Discussion followed on purchasing a lap top computer for council use. Council Member Ewing volunteered to check with MTA to see if they would donate surplus computers for council use. No objection was raised.

Council Member Cox:

- supports the Cannon Hill Cemetery.

Council Member Ewing:

- stated he does not intend to run for office in the upcoming city election.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.



DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE L. SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on June 27, 2005.