



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. Hering Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654 (907) 373-9090

REGULAR MEETING

7 P.M.

JUNE 27, 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**
6. **COMMISSION/AGENCY REPORT (Five minutes per agency.)**
 - A. Planning Commission
 - B. Parks and Recreation Commission
 - C. Airport Advisory Commission
 - D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

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

- A. Mr. H.T. Roach: Electrical Installation At Williwaw Manor, Wasilla Senior Center.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Residency Issue Regarding Council Member Noel Lowe.

12. COMMUNICATION

- A. Commission Meeting Minutes

- 1. Planning Commission: June 28, 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 27, 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, Manager of Recreation and Cultural Services

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Presentation of colors by Boy Scout Troop 300.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Ewing requested to move the Residency Issue Regarding Council Member Noel Lowe from New Business, to be acted upon before the Consent Agenda, and to discuss the topic of Wasilla Municipal Code 2.04.080.8, Vacancy on the Council, in an effort to prevent illegal voting.

The city attorney spoke on the issue and advised that allowing Council Member Lowe to participate in the meeting was not an illegal action.

The city attorney continued to speak on the issue of residency, voting qualifications for elected officials, and forfeiture of office.

Discussion continued and debate ensued between the city attorney and Council Member Ewing.

Council Member Ewing moved to accept the immediate resignation of Council Member Lowe. (Clerk note: This motion died due to the lack of a second.)

Mayor Keller requested to add under the Consent Agenda, Ordinance Serial No. 05-07. No objection was raised.

MOTION: Council Member Lowe requested to remove Ordinance Serial No. 05-54, Enacting WMC Chapter 8.16, Prohibiting Smoking In Public Places, And Amending WMC 1.20.030.C, To Establish Fines For Offenses Related To Smoking In Public Places, from the agenda and to postpone it indefinitely.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to move New Business, Item A (Residency Issue Regarding Council Member Noel Lowe) as the next item of business (before the consent agenda).

Council Member Sande objected. Debate ensued.

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

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

Mr. Sandra Garley, City Planner:

- noted the commission has requested a joint training session with the Palmer Planning Commission to review training modules developed by the American Planning Association.

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

Commissioner Maureen McCombs:

- reported on the recent activities of the Parks and Recreation Commission;
- noted recreational opportunities and enhancements around the city; and
- reported that the commission is unable to find suitable property on Wasilla Lake to develop as a public boat launch.

C. Airport Advisory Commission

Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director:

- noted the commission passed a resolution on how airport lease lots are awarded; and
- reported the commission is reviewing airport apron designs.

D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

No report was presented.

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MOTION: Council Member O'Neil moved to adopt the consent agenda.

Council Member Ewing requested clarification on AM No. 05-25. Additional information was presented by the public works director.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

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Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 05-39.

Mr. Steve Stoll requested information on the granting agency.

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

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-39.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

- B. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-41:** Amending WMC 3.65.020.M Donation Of PTO To Other Employees; And WMC 3.65.070.A Leave Without Pay To Provide That Donations Of PTO Or Banked Sick Leave, Or Leave Without Pay Shall Run Concurrently With And Shall Not Augment Any Other Period Of Unpaid Leave To Which The Employee Is Entitled.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 05-41 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-41.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

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Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 05-42 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-42.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

- D. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-43:** Approving The Yenlo Square Planned Unit Development For Approximately 7.5 Acres In A C-Commercial Zone Known As Tract A-1 Carney Wilson Estates Number 2 Phase 3 And Lots 2 And 3 Carney Wilson Estates Number 2 Phase 2.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 05-43.

Mr. Steve Stoll spoke in opposition to the ordinance due to size of the development in proportion to the size of the lot.

Mr. Andy Simasko, Architects Alaska, Project Architect, Yenlo Square Project: spoke about the design concept of the project.

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

MOTION: Council Member Straub moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-43.

Discussion followed and staff answered questions from the council.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

- E. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-44:** Amending The FY-05 Police Department Budget By Accepting And Appropriating Funds In The Amount Of \$50,000 From The State Of Alaska Department Of Transportation For Construction Zone Enforcement.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 05-44 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Straub moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-44.

Discussion followed by the council.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

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Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 05-45.

Ms. Anne Kilkenny questioned the rational of the ordinance.

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

Discussion followed by the council.

Council Member Sande stated that he may have a conflict because a member of his church requested that the reimbursement date in the ordinance be extended to an eight year period. He questioned whether he should recuse himself from voting on Ordinance Serial Nos. 05-45 and 05-46.

The council did not object to Council Member Sande participation because he does not have a personal financial interest in the ordinances.

MOTION: Council Member Straub moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-45.

Discussion and debate continued. Staff answered questions from the council.

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

- G. **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.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 05-46 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-46.

Discussion followed by the council.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

- H. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-47:** Amending The FY-05 Budget By Adjusting Capital Improvement Program Expenditure And Revenue Accounts To Closeout Fiscal Year End.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 05-47 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-47.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

I. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-48:** Establishing A Grant Program For Residential Irrigation Water Meters.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 05-48.

The following spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 05-48: Mr. Steve Stoll and Ms. Anne Kilkenny.

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

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-48.

Discussion and debate ensued by the council. Staff answered questions from the council.

MOTION: Council Member Sande moved a primary amendment to Section 3, first sentence of the ordinance as follows: ...a grant not to exceed \$1,000 **per household** for the cost of the installation of an irrigation meter. (Clerk note: bold and underline is language added.)

Discussion followed.

GENERAL CONSENT: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Council Member Sande moved a primary amendment to Section 3, last sentence of the ordinance as follows: Grants are subject to annual funding appropriations by the council, **not to exceed 10 households per year.** (Clerk note: bold and underline is language added.)

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed unanimously.

Council Member Lowe called for the previous question. No objection was raised.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-48, as amended, passed with Council Members Cox, Lowe, O'Neil, Sande, and Straub in favor and Council Member Ewing opposed.

J. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-49:** Providing For The Amendment Of The Fiscal Year 2006 Budget By Appropriating Funds To The Capital Project And Enterprise Funds For Construction Projects.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 05-49.

Mr. Jason Hamlen, Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce, spoke on the need for economic diversity within the city and encouraged the city to brand itself as the Home of the Iditarod and Home of Iron Dog.

Mr. Steve Stoll spoke about the need for infrastructure improvements in the city and supports annexation of commercial property.

Dr. Curt Menard spoke in support of recreational improvements in the city.

Mr. Lynn Follett spoke in support of the Wasilla to Big Lake Trail for preserving the restart of the Iditarod in Wasilla.

Ms. Anne Kilkenny requested repair of the voting board upgrade and sound system in the council chambers.

Ms. Colleen Cottle spoke in opposition to development outside city limits.

Mr. Merle Boone Thompson spoke in support of improvements to Smith Ballfields.

Ms. Cindy Wisdon, President of Wasilla Little League spoke in support of funding for Smith Ballfields.

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

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-49.

Council Member Straub requested a recess. No objection was raised.

The council recessed beginning at 9:17 p.m. and reconvened at 9:29 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved a primary amendment to reduce City Hall Air Conditioning CIP by \$30,000 and to increase Road Upgrading CIP in the amount of \$15,000 for Bayview Guardrail and to increase Iditpark to Completion CIP in the amount of \$15,000 for fencing.

Lowe disclosed that he owns property on Bayview Drive and questioned if he should recuse himself from participation.

The council did not objection to his participation because he does not have a substantial financial interest in the property upgrade.

Discussion followed.

GENERAL CONSENT: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved a primary amendment to reduce the FY-06 Road Contractual Services Operating Budget in the amount of \$15,000 and to increase Street Marking Vehicle CIP in the amount of \$15,000.

GENERAL CONSENT: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved a primary amendment to move the Mobile Data Network Project in the amount of \$986,643 and the Radio Tower Improvement Project in the amount of \$242,500 from the Dispatch Fund to the Capital Fund.

GENERAL CONSENT: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Council Member Straub moved a primary amendment to decrease Carter Park Equipment in the amount of \$15,000 for a balance of \$5,000 and to move the funds to another area of the Parks and Recreation budget.

Discussion and debate ensued and staff answered questions from the council.

MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to call the question on the primary amendment.

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

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Council Member Straub in favor and Council Members Cox, Ewing, Lowe, O'Neil, and Sande opposed.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-49, as amended, passed unanimously.

K. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-50:** Amending The FY-05 Budget By Appropriating \$3,820 In Institute Of Museum And Library Services Grant Funds For The Museum Assessment Program.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 05-50 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-50.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

- L. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-51:** Amending The FY-05 Budget By Amending The Special Assessment Paving Budget Fund For \$165,000.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 05-51 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-51.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

- M. **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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VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

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Clerk note: Removed from agenda and postponed indefinitely, please see action on page two of minutes.

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

- A. Mr. H.T. Roach: Electrical Installation At Williwaw Manor, Wasilla Senior Center.

Mr. Roach, resident of Williwaw Mannor expressed concern about an inadequate electrical system in the facility and encouraged the city to consider enacting building codes.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Residency Issue Regarding Council Member Noel Lowe.

MOTION: Council Member Lowe moved to offer his resignation from the city council effective at the adjournment of the June 27, 2005 Wasilla City Council Meeting.

Discussion followed.

The clerk requested a brief at-ease beginning at 10:17 p.m. No objection was raised.

The council reconvened at 10:19 p.m.

Discuss followed and the city attorney spoke on the matter.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to accept the resignation of Council Member Lowe effective at the adjournment of the June 27, 2005 Wasilla City Council Meeting.

VOTE: The motion to accept the resignation of Council Member Lowe passed unanimously with Council Member Lowe abstaining from the vote.

The city clerk spoke about the process for appointing a new council member as outlined in a memorandum to the council. The council did not object to the process and directed the clerk to accept applications until July 15 at noon and to schedule candidate interviews during the July 25, Regular City Council Meeting.

12. COMMUNICATION

- A. Commission Meeting Minutes

1. Planning Commission: June 28, 2005
2. Parks and Recreation Commission: June 15, 2005
3. Airport Advisory Commission: May 17, 2005.

No action was taken on the communication items.

13. MAYOR, CLERK, AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

City Clerk:

- noted the upcoming meeting schedule.

City Attorney:

- updated the council on the pending eminent domain litigation; and
- reported that tort litigation was filed against the city, however, the matter is being handled by the city's insurance carrier.

Mayor Keller:

- presented her written report;
- noted recent bills signed by Governor Murkowski;
- spoke about Independence Day festivities; and
- thanked Council Member Lowe for exemplary service, leadership skills, and ability to remove personal views from the decision making process.

14. AUDIENCE COMMENTS (Three minutes per person.)

Mr. Steve Stoll:

- commented on the benefits provided to city employees; and
- commented on the CIP budget requests by the Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Anne Kilkeny:

- thanked Council Member Lowe for his service;
- spoke in opposition to the sewer grant meter program;
- commented on a recent ruling by the United States Supreme Court on eminent domain; and
- encouraged the city to enact eminent domain legislation to protect property owners.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

16. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Ewing:

- thanked Council Member Lowe for his service to the city.

Council Member Cox:

- thanked Council Member Lowe for his contribution to the council.

Council Member Straub:

- thanked Council Member Lowe for his leadership; and
- spoke highly about his service on the city council.

Council Member Sande:

- spoke in support of Officer Eller's appointment as school resource officer;
- commented on local improvement district process; and
- thanked Council Member Lowe for his dedication and service to the city.

Council Member O'Neil:

- noted he has not attempted to get fire hydrants installed in Mission Hills; and
- thanked Council Member Lowe for his service.

Council Member Lowe:

- thanked everyone for the best wishes bestowed upon him; and
- spoke about his pleasure in serving on the city council.

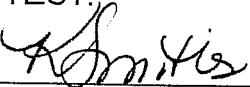
17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 p.m.



DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE L. SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on July 11, 2005.