



MAYOR
Dianne M. Keller

COUNCIL
Howard O'Neil, Seat A
Diana L. Straub, Seat B
Steven Menard, Seat C
Marty Metiva, 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.

DECEMBER 12, 2005

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**
- VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS**
 - A. Planning Commission
 - B. Parks and Recreation Commission
 - C. Airport Advisory Commission
 - D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough
 1. Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager: Update On Hatcher Pass and Port Development.
 - E. John Bost, Mikunda, Cottrell & Co. Re: 2005 Audit of Financial Statements

- F. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce, City Enhancement Committee.
 - 1. Ms. Cheryl Metiva, Executive Director

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

- 1. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-84:** Amending The FY-06 Police Department Budget By Reducing The Appropriated Funds From The State Of Alaska, Alaska Highway Safety Office For The You Drink & Drive You Lose Crackdown 2005 DUI Funds By \$4,280 To The Actual Amount.
- 2. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-85:** Amending WMC 3.60.060 Holidays With Pay Concerning What Days Are Recognized As Holidays For City Employees.

B. Persons to be Heard

- 1. Mr. Rodney Cottle: Mat-Su Crime Stoppers Program.
- 2. Mr. Ben Schaafsma, Valley Mac Store.
- 3. Ms. Cheryl Metiva, Executive Director, Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Preceding Meeting

- 1. Regular Meeting: November 28, 2005
- 2. Special Meeting: November 17, 2005

B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended Public Hearing on January 9, 2006.

C. Resolutions

- 1. **Resolution Serial No. 05-40:** Supporting The Establishment A Fire Code Deferment Program For The Wasilla-Lakes Fire Service Area No 130.

D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 05-68:** Acceptance of the City of Wasilla's Fiscal Year 2005 Financial Statement for Public Record.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **AM No. 05-67:** Confirmation Of Greg Koskela, Dorothy "Peaches" Hamilton, Colleen Sullivan-Leonard and Gary Hall To The Planning Commission; Joan Matthews, Maureen McCombs, and Scott Norman To The Parks And Recreation Commission; And Gary L. McDaniel To The Airport Advisory Commission.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Information Memorandums

1. **IM No. 05-21:** August and September 2005 Expenditure Reports.

- B. Commission Minutes

XII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

XIII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, December 12, 2005 at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Dianne M. Keller called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Council Members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Howard O'Neil, Seat A, Deputy Mayor
Ms. Diana Straub, Seat B
Mr. Steve Menard, Seat C
Mr. Marty Metiva, 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. Don Savage, Police Chief
Mr. Ron Singel, Economic Development Director
Mr. Bruce Urban, Manager of Recreation and Cultural Services

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Leif Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Keller noted that Ms. Cheryl Metiva, Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce, City Enhancement Committee, requests to be added to the agenda under Commission and Agency Reports.

Council Member Straub requested to move AM No. 05-67 from the consent agenda to new business.

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

V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no special orders.

VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

The city planner noted that the commission has not met since its last report to the council.

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

The manager of cultural and recreational services noted that the commission has not met since its last report to the council.

C. Airport Advisory Commission

The public works director noted that the commission has not met since its last report to the council.

D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Assembly Member Mary Kvalheim wished everyone Happy Holidays.

1. Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager: Update On Hatcher Pass and Port Development.

Mr. Duffy:

- reported on Hatcher Pass development;
- reported on Port McKenzie improvements;
- noted the borough recently hired an Information Officer and an Economic Development Director; and
- stated the borough is looking forward to finalizing the 911 dispatch services contract.

The council asked a variety of questions related to Port McKenzie.

E. John Bost, Mikunda, Cottrell & Co. Re: 2005 Audit of Financial Statements

Mr. Bost reviewed the 2005 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Mayor Keller thanked Mr. Bost for attending the council meeting and thanked the finance department for their hard work and dedication.

Discussion moved to the council and questions were asked of Mr. Bost.

F. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce, City Enhancement Committee.

1. Cheryl Metiva, Executive Director

Ms. Metiva:

- introduced various members of the chamber of commerce who were present at the meeting;
- informed the council of chamber activities;
- requested a work session with the council to gather consensus regarding the direction of the chamber;
- noted the chamber would like to continue to work with the city on the following projects: 1) snow removal on sidewalks in the downtown area; 2) downtown planning to include the development of a historical district, development of the core area and the establishment of a downtown development authority; and 3) marketing the Iditarod year round.

Discussion moved to the council and questions were asked of Ms. Metiva.

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Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 05-84 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-84.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 05-85:** Amending WMC 3.60.060 Holidays With Pay Concerning What Days Are Recognized As Holidays For City Employees.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 05-85 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member O'Neil moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-85.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-85 passed unanimously.

B. Persons to be Heard

1. Mr. Rodney Cottle: Mat-Su Crime Stoppers Program.

Mr. Cottle:

- shared information about Mat-Su Crime Stoppers; and
- requested financial support from the city for the program.

Discussion moved to the council and questions were asked of Mr. Cottle.

Council Member Ewing stated he supports funding the organization in the amount of \$5,000 and requested that the item be considered at a future meeting.

Discussion by the council continued.

Discussion and debate ensued.

Council Member Menard requested a 3-minute recess. No objection was raised.

The council recessed beginning at 8:26 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

Discussion continued on the issue of awarding community grants.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to direct the clerk to schedule a work session prior the next regular council meeting to discuss the issue of community grants. (Clerk note: Work session was set for January 23, 2006 at 6 p.m., see page eight.)

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

2. Mr. Ben Schaafsma, Valley Mac Store

Mr. Schaafsma:

- noted his store was recently burglarized and approximately \$12,000 worth of inventory was stolen; and
- expressed his dissatisfaction with the Wasilla Police Officer who responded to the case.

Discussion moved to the council and questions were asked of Mr. Schaafsma.

3. Ms. Cheryl Metiva, Executive Director, Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Metiva:

- noted that the chamber of commerce is deeply concerned about crime to local businesses; and

- reported on proactive solutions discussed by the chamber of commerce related to criminal activities in the community.

Chief Savage spoke about community based policing and the partnerships created within the community.

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The city clerk read the consent agenda into the record.

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

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **AM No. 05-67:** Confirmation Of Greg Koskela, Dorothy "Peaches" Hamilton, Colleen Sullivan-Leonard and Gary Hall To The Planning Commission; Joan Matthews, Maureen McCombs, and Scott Norman To The Parks And Recreation Commission; And Gary L. McDaniel To The Airport Advisory Commission.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt AM No. 05-67.

Discussion moved to the council and debate ensued on the appointment process.

The council requested that each applicant come forward to address the council. No objection was raised.

1. Ms. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard

Ms. Leonard talked about her interest in serving on the commission.

Discussion followed by the council and questions were asked of Ms. Sullivan-Leonard.

MOTION: Council Member O'Neil moved to divide the question into individual appointments. Mayor Keller left her seat as the presiding officer went over to Deputy Mayor O'Neil and whispered in his hear and then returned to her seat as the presiding officer. (Clerk note: the council voted on each appointment separately.)

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion to divide the question passed without objection.

VOTE: The council unanimously voted in favor of confirming the appointment of Colleen Sullivan-Leonard to the Wasilla Planning Commission, Seat A.

2. Dorothy "Peaches" Hamilton

Ms. Hamilton was not present.

VOTE: The council voted in favor of confirming the appointment of Dorothy "Peaches" Hamilton to the Wasilla Planning Commission, Seat B with Council Members Cox, Ewing, Menard, Metiva, and O'Neil in favor and Council Member Straub opposed.

3. Gregory Koskela

Mr. Koskela was not present.

VOTE: The council voted in favor of confirming the appointment of Gregory Koskela to the Wasilla Planning Commission, Seat C with Council Members Cox, Ewing, Menard, Metiva, and O'Neil in favor and Council Member Straub opposed.

4. Gary Hall

Mr. Hall spoke about his interest in serving on the commission and answered questions from the council.

VOTE: The council voted unanimously in favor of confirming the appointment of Gary Hall to the Wasilla Planning Commission, Seat G.

5. Scott Norman

Mr. Norman was not present.

MOTION: Council Member Straub moved to postpone the confirmation of Scott Norman to the next regular council meeting or until he is able to attend a council meeting.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

6. Joan Matthews

VOTE: The council voted unanimously in favor of appointing Joan Matthews to the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission, Seat D.

7. Maureen McCombs

Ms. Combs was not present.

VOTE: The council voted unanimously in favor of appointing Maureen McCombs to the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission, Seat E.

8. Gary McDaniel

Mr. McDaniel spoke about his interest in serving on the commission and answered questions from the council.

VOTE: The council voted unanimously in favor of appointing Gary McDaniel to the Wasilla Airport Advisory Commission, Seat E.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

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B. Commission Minutes

No action was taken on the communication items.

XII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

City Clerk:

- Noted a sexual harassment training session is tentatively scheduled for the council and staff; and
- Inquired about specific dates for requested work sessions to include a work session with the chamber of commerce and a work session to discuss the issue of community grants.

The council directed the clerk to schedule a work session with the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce on January 9, 2006 at 5 p.m. No objection was raised.

The council directed the clerk to schedule a work session on January 23, 2006 at 6 p.m. to discuss the issue of community grants. No objection was raised.

Ms. Smithers exited the council meeting.

Mayor Keller:

- noted she distributed a written report to the council with the council packet;
- noted the city received 11 applications for the position of deputy police chief;
- reported the kennel issue will be heard in court on December 30, 2005; and
- requested that the council submit her name to the Mat-Su Borough for confirmation on the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LECP) by taking action either in the form of a resolution or a letter of support.

Council Member Ewing noted that he also submitted his name for consideration on the LEPC.

Discussion followed and debate ensued on the process committee appointments.

Discussion and debate continued.

(Clerk note: after much discussion and debate the council did not reach a consensus on supporting Mayor Keller in her appointment to the LEPC.)

XIII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Garvin Bucaria:

- voiced his opposition to the Main Street Study published by the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

Ms. Vicki Wehe:

- voiced concern with the lack of public notice regarding commission vacancies; and
- expressed disappointment that the vacancies were not posted on the city's website.

Ms. Anne Kikenny:

- commented on the continuing demand from non-profit agencies for funding; and
- supports a reduction in utility rates.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Ewing:

- thanked the audience for attending the meeting;
- challenged fellow council members to raise \$500 for Mat-Su Crime Stoppers;
- noted Mr. Elder Hulke's funeral will be held on December 13, 2005; and
- wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Council Member Straub:

- thanked the council for allowing additional public testimony under the agenda item persons to be heard.

Council Member Metiva:

- thanked the audience for attending the meeting; and
- questioned whether the city's brand continues as the Home of the Iditarod.

Council Member Menard:

- reported on the success of the State Small School Wrestling Tournament held at the Multi-Use Sports Complex December 9 – 11, 2005.

Council Member O'Neil:

- thanked the audience for attending the meeting; and
- wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Council Member Cox:

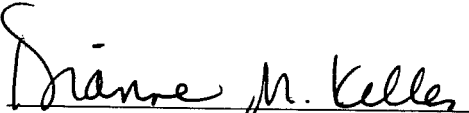
- thanked the audience for their participation;
- commented on the variety of ways available today to communicate with the public;
- encouraged personal responsibility in obtaining information; and
- wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

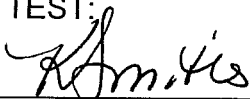
No executive session was held.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m.


DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on January 9, 2006.