



MAYOR

Dianne M. Keller

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Howard O'Neil, Seat A
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Marty Metiva, Seat D
Ron Cox, Seat E
Mark A. Ewing, Seat F

**WASILLA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

WASILLA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Wasilla City Hall, 290 E. Herning Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654 (907) 373-9090

SPECIAL MEETING

6 P.M.

JANUARY 23, 2006

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. **IM No. 06-03: History Of Community Grants From 1998.**

VI. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

VII. MAYOR, CLERK, AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, January 23, 2006 at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Dianne M. Keller called the meeting to order at 6:05 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. Ted Leonard, Director of Finance and Administrative Services

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Ron Cox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Keller inquired if there were amendments to the agenda as presented.

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

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. **IM No. 06-03:** History Of Community Grants From 1998.

Discussion by the council ensued regarding the reinstatement of community grants.

Questions were asked of staff and Mayor Keller shared information on how the community grant process worked in the past during her tenure on the city council.

The following points were brought up by various council members during the discussion of community grants:

- grants should benefit the city as a whole;
- conditions should be placed on any grant award and the organization requesting funds must present a five-year plan/budget;
- limit the amount of funding available
- establish a timeline in which grant applications are to be submitted to include a timeline for the distribution of the funds
- base grant awards on a point system;
- advertise the availability of grant funds;
- grants from the city to non-profit agencies should require matching funds;
- grants should be awarded for capital purchases only;
- the council should allocate funds (a community and economic development line item) through the budget process and award the funds during one meeting outside of the budget process;
- to designate November as grant month; grants would be awarded in "grant month" only;
- grants are to be awarded in \$1,000 to \$2,000 increments;
- the question of whether the city should grant funds to community organizations should be placed on the ballot for the voters to decide; and
- the council will continue with its practice of awarding \$10,000 to the Iditarod; \$10,000 to the Iron Dog; and \$5,000 to the Jr. Iditarod regardless of whether they chose to requests from other non-profit agencies.

VI. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ms. Anne Kilkenny:

- requested that the city consider in-kind donations when awarding grants;
- noted the issue of awarding community grants is complicated; and
- encouraged the city to consider lower utility rates for senior citizens on a fixed income before they award community grants.

VII. MAYOR, CLERK, AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Clerk:

- requested direction from the council on how to proceed with the issue of community grants.

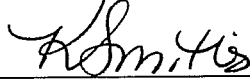
The general consensus of the council was to direct the clerk to schedule a special meeting from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, February 27, 2005 to discuss the matter of community grants.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.


DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE L. SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on February 13, 2006.