



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
TENTATIVE 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 30, 2006

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- V. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. General Counsel Legal Services Request for Proposal (RFP).
 - B. Clerk Council Proposed FY-07 Budget
 1. Committee of the Whole
- 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 30, 2006 at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Dianne M. Keller called the meeting to order at 6 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 (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)
- 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
- Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director
- Mr. Ted Leonard, Director of Finance and Administrative Services
- Mr. Bill Miller, Purchasing Officer
- Mr. Don Savage, Police Chief

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Keller invited Mr. Bill Miller, Purchasing Officer, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Keller inquired if there were adjustments to the agenda.

The council approved the agenda as presented with no objection raised.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. General Counsel Legal Services Request for Proposal (RFP).

The city clerk gave an overview of the draft RFP process.

The public works director and the purchasing officer spoke about the RFP process and noted that this RFP will serve as a boilerplate document for the city.

Discussion moved to the council.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to appoint Deputy Mayor O'Neil, Council Members Ewing, Menard, and Metiva, Ted Leonard, Director of Finance and Administrative Services; Archie Giddings, Public Works Director; Sandra Garley, City Planner and Bill Miller, Purchasing Officer to the Evaluation Committee.

Discussion followed and debate ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved the previous question.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion to move the previous questions passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion to appoint Deputy Mayor O'Neil, Council Members Ewing, Menard, and Metiva, Ted Leonard, Director of Finance and Administrative Services; Archie Giddings, Public Works Director; Sandra Garley, City Planner and Bill Miller, Purchasing Officer to the Evaluation Committee passed unanimously.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to schedule Evaluation Committee meetings on March 2 and 8, 2006 beginning at 6 p.m. and to schedule a Special City Council Meeting on April 13, 2006 beginning at 8:30 a.m. to conduct interviews.

The clerk inquired as to whether the council wished to amend the RFP as presented, particularly the scope of services section. No concerns or amendments were offered by the council.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion to schedule Evaluation Committee meetings on March 2 and 8, 2006 beginning at 6 p.m. and to schedule a Special City Council Meeting on April 13, 2006 beginning at 8:30 a.m. to conduct interviews, passed without objection.

The council recessed at 6:40 p.m. and reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

B. Clerk Council Proposed FY-07 Budget

1. Committee of the Whole

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to enter into a committee of the whole to discuss the Clerk/Council proposed FY-07 budget.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

The council entered committee of the whole at 6:50 p.m.

Discussion followed regarding the proposed FY-07 budget.

Discussion points included:

- to divide the city clerk and council budgets into two separate budgets;
- consideration of a flat rate for council compensation;
- health insurance benefits for council members;
- consideration of community grants; and
- the purchase of lap top computers for council members as a separate budget appropriation.

The council recessed at 8:17 p.m. and reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to exit the committee at 8:26 p.m.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

VI. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Karl Lund:

- noted the city needs to continue to expand its infrastructure to accommodate the rapid growth;
- supports the city establishing successful systems to carry out platting powers; and
- stated he and his wife submitted twelve proposed ordinance ideas to Council Member Straub for introduction, however, he did not propose any type of construction impact fee. (Clerk note: See IM No. 06-06 for the proposed ordinance ideas.)

Mr. William Imlach:

- stated he is a property owner within the city;
- chastised the council for authorizing the attorney to draft legislation that they had not read;
- noted a possible Open Meetings Act violation regarding the action of the council on January 23, 2006 whereby they voted to direct the attorney to draft ordinances relating to processes for platting, planning, and land use issues;
- expressed that the proposed legislation is discriminatory against property owners; and
- stated it is a waste of tax payers dollars to direct the attorney to draft legislation that is not supported by the council or community at large.

Ms. Debbie Harrison,

- voiced opposition to construction impact fees; and
- chastised the council for not reviewing the information prior to directing the attorney to draft legislation relating to processes for platting, planning, and land use issues.

Mr. Stan Tucker:

- noted the benefits to the city as a result of development;
- spoke in opposition to reducing the mayor's purchasing authority; and
- spoke in opposition to the draft legislation, brought forward by Council Member Straub at the January 23, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting, relating to processes for platting, planning, and land use issues.

Mr. Greg Koskela:

- expressed concern regarding the draft legislation, brought forward by Council Member Straub at the January 23, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting, relating to processes for platting, planning, and land use issues;
- noted the draft legislation should have been remanded to the planning commission for consideration; and
- questioned why the council would vote to direct the attorney to prepare legislation when they had not read the information.

Mr. Paul Gardner:

- noted he owns property within the city; and
- stated that construction impact fees would devastate development.

Mr. Clark Buzwell:

- stated he is a contractor and building inspector;
- suggested that the proposed legislation brought forward by Council Member Straub at the January 23, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting was an Open Meetings Act violation; and
- stated that if the council were to adopt the construction impact fees as proposed in the draft legislation, they would be the most expensive impact fees in the world.

(Clerk Note: see IM No. 06-06 for the proposed legislation related to processes for platting, planning, and land use issues referred to above.)

VII. MAYOR, CLERK, AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

City Clerk:

- reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule for the council.

The council recessed at 8:51 p.m. and reconvened at 8:53.

Mayor Keller:

- reported on the memorial service she attended for Alaska National Guardsmen killed in Iraq;
- introduced newly appointed Deputy Chief of Police John Glass;
- shared professional accomplishments of Deputy Chief Glass; and
- shared a letter from an applicant who applied for the position of deputy chief regarding the professionalism of city staff in the recruitment process.

Police Chief Don Savage:

- noted his pleasure with the applicants and the process used to select the most qualified candidate for the deputy chief position.

Council Member Metiva:

- noted that serving on the city council is a learning process;
- stated he did not have prior knowledge of proposed ordinances submitted by Council Member Straub at the January 23, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting;
- stated he made an honest mistake in voting to direct the attorney to prepare legislation based on the proposed ordinances submitted by Council Member Straub;
- noted he enjoyed the discussion on the proposed budget; and
- welcomed Deputy Police Chief John Glass.

Council Member Ewing:

- thanked the public for attending the council meeting;
- stated he did not have prior knowledge of proposed ordinances submitted by Council Member Straub at the January 23, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting;
- stated he believes all council members have the right to direct the attorney to draft legislation at their discretion;
- questioned whether the planning commission hears the testimony from residents;
- reported on a seminar he recently attended regarding homeland security issues; and
- spoke in support of tree buffers when developing property.

The mayor requested that the clerk read the motion made by Council Member Straub at the January 23, 2005 Regular Meeting into the record as it was the topic of much discussion this evening.

The clerk read the following motion into the record: Council Member Straub moved to direct the attorney to draft ordinances relating to processes for platting, planning, and land use issues (Clerk note: The motion was adopted at the January 23, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting.)

Council Member Menard:

- commented on his passion for politics;
- noted community debate and participation is vital in a democracy;
- stated he did not vote in favor of directing the attorney to prepare legislation brought forward by Council Member Straub at the January 23, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting because he did not know what he was voting on;
- noted that he did not believe philandering took place regarding the vote to direct the attorney to prepare legislation brought forward by Council Member Straub; and
- congratulated the newly appointed deputy chief of police.

Council Member Straub:

- welcomed the newly appointed deputy chief of police;
- apologized for any miscommunication caused by her action at the January 23, 2005 Regular City Council Meeting;
- noted her intent was to extend the public hearing process on the ordinances she brought forward for the attorney to draft regarding platting, planning, and land use;
- stated the only reason she brought forward the proposed ordinances was to generate discussion and begin the public process;
- stated she would sponsor any type of legislation when requested to do so by a constituent; and
- apologized for those that she may have upset.

Council Member Cox:

- welcomed the newly appointed deputy police chief; and
- noted he takes full responsibility for not properly reading the information sponsored by Council Member Straub before voting to direct the attorney to prepare legislation based on that information.

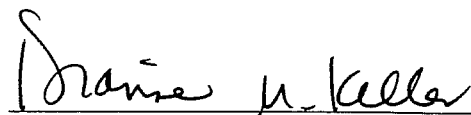
Council Member O'Neil:

- thanked the audience for attending the council meeting;
- thanked John Glass for accepting the position of deputy chief;
- noted his belief that the draft legislation proposed by Council Member Straub should have gone before the planning commission; and
- commented on the impact of the proposed construction fees would have to development.

The clerk stated she would add the subject of the proposed legislation to a future meeting agenda. No objection was raised. (Clerk Note: See IM No. 06-06; February 6, 2006 Special Meeting Minutes.)

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.


DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE L. SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on February 27, 2006.