



**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

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**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**

**TIME: IMMEDIATELY  
FOLLOWING JOINT CITY  
COUNCIL AND  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING,  
WHICH BEGINS AT 6 P.M.**

**FEBRUARY 6, 2006**

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ROLL CALL**
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- V. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**
- VI. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. IM No. 06-06: Draft Ordinances Relating To Processes For Platting, Planning, And Land Use Issues.**
- VII. MAYOR, CLERK, AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**
- VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, February 6, 2006 at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Dianne M. Keller called the meeting to order at 7:36 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

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Keller invited the City Clerk to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Council Member Menard requested to move audience comments prior to new business.

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

## V. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ms. Anne Kilkenny:

- stated that although she does not necessarily agree with all of the proposed ordinances listed in IM No. 06-06, she believes the time has come for the community to discuss the issues; and
- noted she supports the city establishing a mechanism to recover costs by developers to the community.

Mr. Dallas Massie:

- spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinances listed in IM No. 06-06 particularly the construction impact fees;
- stated the enactment of construction impact fees equates to double taxation; and
- noted the proposed ordinances lack vision for the future and common sense.

Mr. Noel Lowe:

- spoke in opposition to the proposed ordinances listed in IM No. 06-06;
- stated that the planning commission should be afforded the first opportunity to review proposed changes to the development code;
- stated the proposed construction impact fees are in direct conflict with the city's current development strategy; and
- noted that the way the draft ordinances were brought forward cast a poor light on the city.

Ms. Debbie Harrison:

- reiterated her strong objection to construction impact fees; and
- questioned whether a special interest group was behind the proposed ordinances listed in IM No. 06-06.

Mr. Gregory Koskela:

- noted that some of the ideas addressed in IM No. 06-06 may merit consideration, however, the planning commission is the appropriate body to initially review proposed changes to the development code; and
- requested that the council allow the planning commission to comment on the proposed ordinances listed in IM No. 06-06 prior to the council taking action.

Mr. Paul Gardner:

- reaffirmed his opposition to construction impact fees; and
- encouraged the council to allow the planning commission to review proposed changes to the development code prior to taking action.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **IM No. 06-06:** Draft Ordinances Relating To Processes For Platting, Planning, And Land Use Issues.

**MOTION:** Council Member Cox moved to rescind the motion adopted at the Regular City Council Meeting of January 23, 2006, to direct the attorney to draft ordinances relating to processes for platting, planning, and land use issues.

Discussion moved to the council.

**VOTE:** The motion to rescind passed with Council Members Cox, Ewing, Menard, Metiva, and O'Neil in favor and Council Member Straub opposed.

## **VII. MAYOR, CLERK, AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Keller:

- announced that she traveled to Fairbanks on February 4, 2006 to witness Kristie Smithers, City Clerk, receive the award of Municipal Clerk of the Year from the Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks;
- noted that she was also able to witness Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk, sworn in as President of the Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks at the same event;
- commended the city clerk and deputy clerk for their dedication to advancing the professionalism of Municipal Clerks.

City Clerk:

- updated the council on their upcoming meeting schedule; and
- noted that she is proud of the city's records management program when compared to other municipalities around the state.

Mayor Keller (comments continued):

- handed out a proposed reorganization chart and requested support from the council on the concept; and
- spoke about the rationale for the reorganization which is to rename the economic development department to the community and economic development department; to fund the position of deputy administrator with a broader range of job duties including supervision and administration of planning and economic development programs and fill the position; to fund the position of economic development planner (comparable to city planner) and fill the position; and to move the planning division's two employees from public works to the community and economic development department.

Council Member Straub:

- requested more time to review the information presented by Mayor Keller regarding the reorganization of city departments.

Council Member Menard:

- expressed concern regarding the deputy police chief position considering the position of child sexual abuse investigator was not fully funded; and
- expressed general concern about creating new positions at the city.

Council Member Cox:

- requested more time to review the information presented by Mayor Keller regarding the reorganization of city departments; and
- congratulated the city clerk and deputy clerk on their accomplishments.

Council Member O'Neil:

- requested more time to review the information presented by Mayor Keller regarding the reorganization of city departments; and
- thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Council Member Ewing:

- requested more information on the proposed reorganization of city departments;
- thanked the audience for attending the meeting;
- congratulated the city clerk and the deputy clerk for their accomplishments; and
- questioned how the public may bring forward items to the planning commission for consideration.

The city planner spoke about the process for getting items included on a planning commission meeting agenda.

Council Member Metiva:


- requested more information on the proposed reorganization of city departments;
- thanked the audience for attending the meeting; and
- noted that today is President Ronald Reagan's birthday.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 8:26p.m.

  
DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
KRISTIE L. SMITHERS, MMC  
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on February 27, 2006