



**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  
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

WASILLA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**7 P.M.**

**MARCH 20, 2006**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A. Presentation of Colors by Boy Scout Troop 300

**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

E. Ms. Cheryl Metiva, Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce

## VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 06-08:** To Amend The FY-06 Police Department Budget By Appropriating Funds From The State Of Alaska Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities, Division Of Measurement Standards And Commercial Vehicle Enforcement In The Amount Of \$3,315.

### B. Persons to be Heard

1. Mr. Rod Cottle
2. Mr. Neil Snider
3. Ms. Colleen Cottle

## VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. Minutes of Preceding Meeting

1. Regular Meeting: February 27, 2006
2. Special Meetings: February 27, 2006

### B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended Public Hearing on April 10, 2006.

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 06-09:** Amending WMC 10.12.030, Age In Regard To Riding Off-Road Vehicles.
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 06-10:** To Amend The FY-06 Police Department Budget By Appropriating And Accepting Funds From The State Of Alaska, Alaska Highway Safety Office In The Amount Of \$40,204 For Equipment And Overtime For The 2006 Speeding And DUI Enforcement.

### C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 06-19:** Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Grant Agreement With The Matanuska-Susitna Borough In The Amount Of \$119,139 To Reimburse The City For A Portion Of The FY-06 Strip Paving Costs.

2. **Resolution Serial No. 06-22:** Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Memorandum Of Agreement With The State Of Alaska Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities To Receive \$1 Million In Federal Funding For Wasilla Gravel Roads Paving.
3. **Resolution Serial No. 06-23:** Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Grant Agreement With The State Of Alaska, Highway Safety Office In The Amount Of \$19,615 To Reimburse The City For A Portion Of The FY-06 Motorcycle Officers Costs.

D. Action Memorandums

## IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Resolution Serial No. 06-20:** Supporting The Central Mat-Su Fire Department Fiscal Year 2007 Budget. (Sponsored by Council Members Ewing and Metiva)
- B. **Resolution Serial No. 06-21:** In Support Of Senate Bill 261 And The Designation Of Traffic Safety Corridors. (Sponsored by Mayor Keller)
- C. **AM No. 06-12:** Reorganizing The Planning Division Of Public Works And The Economic Development Department Into The Community And Economic Development Department Under The Supervision Of A Deputy Administrator. (Postponed From The February 27, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting)
- D. **Resolution Serial No. 06-18:** Transferring Funds Within An Accounting Fund In The Amount Of \$12,760 In Order To Fund A Deputy Administrator Position For The Reorganization Of The Planning Division And The Economic Development Department. (Postponed From The February 27, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting)
- E. **AM No. 06-13(SUB):** Contract Award For Wasilla Airport Apron Phase 1C Site Clearing To Skookum Construction And Tree Service In The Amount Of \$75,811.
- F. **AM No. 06-14:** Award Of Bid No. 0602-0-2005/WM To Northern Economics, Inc., In The Amount Of \$39,060 For Financial Impact Study.

- G. **AM No. 06-15:** Authorization To Purchase Motorola Centracom Gold Elite Consoles In An Amount Not To Exceed \$107,120 For The Dispatch Center.
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**XI. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Information Memorandums

- 1. **IM No. 06-07:** Request For Proposal (RFP) For General Counsel Legal Services; Evaluation Committee Report And Scoring Results.

B. Commission Minutes

- 1. Planning Commission Meeting: February 14, 2006

**XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

**XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

**XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- A. **Resolution Serial No. 06-24:** Transferring Funds Within An Accounting Fund In The Amount Of \$750 For Funding The Use Of The Multi-Use Sports Complex For Memorial Service For Vi Reddington.

**XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, March 20, 2006 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. Tammy Ostrom, Wasilla Sports Complex Secretary  
Mr. Tom Klinkner, City Attorney  
Ms. Sandra Garley, City Planner  
Mr. John Glass, Deputy Police Chief  
Mr. Ted Leonard, Finance Director  
Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director  
Mr. Don Savage, Police Chief  
Mr. Bruce Urban, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A. Presentation of Colors by Boy Scout Troop 300

Boy Scout Troop 300 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Keller inquired if there were adjustments to the agenda.

Council Member Straub requested to move the following items from the Consent Agenda to New Business: Action Memorandums (AM) 06-13, 06-14, 06-15, and 06-16.

No objection was raised to the request.

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**

Ms. Sandra Garley, City Planner:

- reported that the commission continues to review landscape standards;
- noted that a work-session on landscaping standards will be held by the commission; and
- reported on upcoming planning commission regular meeting agenda items.

### **B. Parks and Recreation Commission**

Commissioner Mary Shampine:

- noted that the commission is considering drafting a volunteer list for local parks;
- noted that the commission is reviewing possible land acquisition for park lands; and
- reported on an open-house held to gather public input on the development of future recreational opportunities.

### **C. Airport Advisory Commission**

Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director:

- noted that the commission had not met since its last report to the council.

### **D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough**

Assembly Member Mary Kvalheim was not present, however, she submitted a written report regarding the recent activities of the borough.

### **E. Ms. Cheryl Metiva, Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce**

Ms. Metiva:

- reported on the Iditarod Days Festival; and
- noted meeting schedule changes for the Chamber.

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1. **Ordinance Serial No. 06-08:** To Amend The FY-06 Police Department Budget By Appropriating Funds From The State Of Alaska Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities, Division Of Measurement Standards And Commercial Vehicle Enforcement In The Amount Of \$3,315.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 06-08 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 06-08.

Discussion moved to the council and questions were asked of Chief Savage.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 06-08 passed unanimously.

### B. Persons to be Heard

1. Mr. Rod Cottle

Mr. Cottle:

- spoke about wildlife protection efforts required for Loon Island located in Lake Lucille;
- requested that the city pursue ownership of Loon Island; and
- noted Crime Stoppers stickers are available for emergency vehicles.

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

2. Mr. Neil Snider:

Mr. Snider:

- stated that the city is not operating under the rule of the law with regard to sales tax collection; and
- spoke about his tax exempt status.

3. Ms. Colleen Cottle:

Ms. Cottle:

- voiced concern regarding AM No. 06-12; and
- spoke about the lack of information presented regarding the long term financial impact of AM No. 06-12.

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- D. Action Memorandums

The city clerk read items from the consent agenda into the record.

MOTION: Council Member Cox 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. **Resolution Serial No. 06-20:** Supporting The Central Mat-Su Fire Department Fiscal Year 2007 Budget. (Sponsored by Council Members Ewing and Metiva)

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 06-20.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

- B. **Resolution Serial No. 06-21:** In Support Of Senate Bill 261 And The Designation Of Traffic Safety Corridors. (Sponsored by Mayor Keller)

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 06-21.

Discussion followed by the council.

Council Member Straub requested an at-ease. No objection was raised.

The council recessed at 7:40 p.m. and reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

Discussion continued.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Resolution Serial No. 06-21 passed with Council Members Cox, Straub, Metiva, and Ewing voting in favor and Council Members Menard and O'Neil opposed.

- C. **AM No. 06-12:** Reorganizing The Planning Division Of Public Works And The Economic Development Department Into The Community And Economic Development Department Under The Supervision Of A Deputy Administrator. (Postponed From The February 27, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting)

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt AM No. 06-12.

Discussion moved to the Council and questions were asked of the Director of Finance and Administrative Services.

Discussion continued and debate ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Straub moved to call for the previous question.

VOTE: The motion to call for the previous question passed with Council Members Cox, O'Neil, and Straub in favor and Council Members Ewing, Menard, and Metiva opposed (tie vote). Mayor Keller chose to invoke her voting privilege in the affirmative thus the motion to call for the previous question passed.

VOTE: The motion to adopt AM No. 06-12 failed Council Members Cox and O'Neil in favor and Council Members Ewing, Menard, Metiva and Straub opposed.

Mayor Keller requested a five-minute recess. No objection was raised.

The council recessed at 8:39 p.m. and reconvened at 8:52 p.m.

Clerk note: Mayor Keller exited the meeting at 8:39 p.m. and Deputy Mayor O'Neil served as presiding officer for the remainder of the meeting.

- D. **Resolution Serial No. 06-18:** Transferring Funds Within An Accounting Fund In The Amount Of \$12,760 In Order To Fund A Deputy Administrator Position For The Reorganization Of The Planning Division And The Economic Development Department. (Postponed From The February 27, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting)

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to postpone indefinitely Resolution Serial No. 06-18.

VOTE: The motion to postpone indefinitely Resolution Serial No. 06-18 passed with Council Members Ewing, Menard, Metiva, O'Neil, and Straub in favor and Council Member Cox opposed.

- E. **AM No. 06-13(SUB):** Contact Award For Wasilla Airport Apron Phase 1C Site Clearing To Skookum Construction And Tree Service In The Amount Of \$74,811.

The city clerk noted that a substitute AM No. 06-13 was handed out and is now before the council.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt AM No. 06-13(AM).

Discussion moved to the council and questions were asked of the public works director.

VOTE: The motion to adopt AM No. 06-13(SUB) passed unanimously.

- F. **AM No. 06-14:** Award Of Bid No. 0602-0-2005/WM To Northern Economics, Inc., In The Amount Of \$39,060 For Financial Impact Study.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt AM No. 06-14.

Discussion moved to the council and questions were asked of the public works director.

VOTE: The motion to adopt AM No. 06-14 passed unanimously.

- G. **AM No. 06-15:** Authorization To Purchase Motorola Centracom Gold Elite Consoles In An Amount Not To Exceed \$107,120 For The Dispatch Center.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to adopt AM No. 06-15.

Discussion moved to the council and questions were asked of the police chief.

VOTE: The motion to adopt AM No. 06-15 passed unanimously.

- H. **AM No. 06-16:** Contract Award To URS Corporation In An Amount Not To Exceed \$130,000 For The Development Of Area Plans For Three Specific Areas Within The City Of Wasilla.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt AM 06-16.

Discussion moved to the council.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion to adopt AM No. 06-16 passed without objection.

## **XI. COMMUNICATIONS**

### A. Information Memorandums

1. **IM No. 06-07:** Request For Proposal (RFP) For General Counsel Legal Services; Evaluation Committee Report And Scoring Results.

### B. Commission Minutes

1. Planning Commission Meeting: February 14, 2006

No action was taken on the communication items.

## **XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Ms. Cheryl Metiva:

- expressed disappointment in the manner in which AM No. 06-12 was deliberated upon by the council; and
- suggested that the council give additional opportunities for the public to weigh in on matters before the council.

Ms. Colleen Cottle:

- expressed concern with the impact of traffic congestion on the community; and
- noted that AM No. 06-12 needs to be carefully considered before it is adopted.

## **XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

City Attorney:

- reported that new information on the eminent domain action may be available at the next council meeting.

City Clerk:

- noted the council upcoming meeting schedule;
- thanked Tammy Ostrom for assisting with the meeting;
- spoke about the legal services interview schedule;
- noted the ballot proposition deadline date;
- reported that police department wage information was distributed to the council; and
- reported that staff will demo a Tablet PC for the paperless packet project.

## **XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Metiva:

- requested that the council consider funding \$750 to cover the rental fee at the Wasilla Multi-Use Sports Complex for a Celebration of Life event for Mrs. Vi Reddington, who recently passed away; and
- urged the reconsideration of AM No. 06-12 at a future meeting.

(Clerk note: after a brief discussion between the city attorney and the director of finance and administrative services it was decided that a resolution would be drafted for council consideration later in the meeting to address funding the Celebration of Life event for Mrs. Vi Reddington as suggested by Council Member Metiva.)

**RECONSIDERATION OF AM NO. 06-12** (see page 5 of the meeting minutes)

- A. **AM No. 06-12:** Reorganizing The Planning Division Of Public Works And The Economic Development Department Into The Community And Economic Development Department Under The Supervision Of A Deputy Administrator.

**MOTION:** Council Member Metiva moved to reconsider AM No. 06-12.

**VOTE:** The motion to reconsider AM No. 06-12 passed with Council Members Cox, Metiva, O'Neil and Straub in favor and Council Members Ewing and Menard opposed.

**PREVIOUS MOTION:** Council Member Cox moved to adopt AM No. 06-12. (Clerk note: Motion to adopt on the floor, see page 5 of the meeting minutes.)

Discussion followed and debate ensued on the motion to adopt AM No. 06-12.

**MOTION:** Council Member Metiva moved to postpone AM No. 06-12 to the April 10, 2006 Regular Meeting and to direct administration to bring forward the following information related to AM No. 06-12: a copy of the job description, is the city going to fill the position in-house, will an outside firm be used to recruit for the position; what are the pros and cons of eliminating a position when a position is created.

Discussion continued.

**VOTE:** The motion to postpone AM No. 06-12 passed with Council Members Cox, Ewing, Metiva, O'Neil and Straub in favor and Council Member Menard opposed.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS CONTINUED** (see page 8 of the meeting minutes)

Council Member Ewing:

- requested that the audience have an opportunity to comment prior to deciding on whether to fund a Celebration of Life event for Vi Reddington at the Wasilla Multi-Use Sports Complex;
- stated he prefers to ask questions on the record versus calling staff prior to a meeting; and
- complimented Deputy Mayor O'Neil on his efforts in chairing the meeting.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION** (see Council Comments on page 8 of the meeting minutes.)

- A. **Resolution Serial No. 06-24:** Transferring Funds Within An Accounting Fund In The Amount Of \$750 For Funding The Use Of The Multi-Use Sports Complex For Memorial Service For Vi Reddington.

MOTION: Council Member Metiva moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 06-24.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to suspend the rules to allow for audience comments.

VOTE: The motion to suspend the rules passed with Council Members Ewing, Metiva, O'Neil, and Straub in favor and Council Members Cox and Menard opposed.

The following spoke in favor of Resolution Serial No. 06-24: Ms. Colleen Cottle, Ms. Cheryl Metiva, and Mr. Karl Lund.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Resolution Serial No. 06-24 passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS CONTINUED** (see pages 8 and 9 of the meeting minutes)

Council Member Menard:

- requested that the council fund a cover for the turf court and a floor for the ice rink at the Wasilla Multi-Use Sports Complex; and
- stated more information is needed before the council is able to decide on AM No. 06-12.

Council Member Straub:

- stated additional information is needed on the proposed reorganization (AM No. 06-12) before the council is able to make an appropriate decision.

Council Member Cox:

- thanked staff for a job well done in plowing city streets.

Council Member O'Neil:

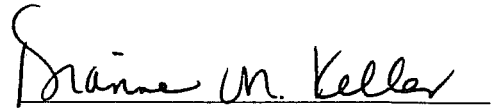
- thanked staff for job well done on plowing city streets; and
- thanked council for adopting Resolution Serial No. 06-24.

**XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session was held.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business at hand, Deputy Mayor O'Neil adjourned the meeting at 9:58 p.m.

  
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DIANNE M. KELLER  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC  
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on April 10, 2006.