



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.

MAY 8, 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

A. Proclamation Honoring Ms. May Carter

VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

C. Airport Advisory Commission

D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

E. Museum Of Alaska Transportation And Industry (MATI)

1. Mr. Phil Lockwood: MATI Report.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 06-17:** Amending The FY-06 Recreational Services Budget By Appropriating \$1,500 In State Of Alaska Department Of Natural Resources Division Of Forestry Grant Funds For The 2006 Arbor Day Program.

B. Persons to be Heard

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A. Minutes of Preceding Meeting

1. Regular Meeting: April 24, 2006
2. Special Meetings: April 13, 2006 and April 24, 2006

B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended Public Hearing on May 22, 2006.

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 06-18:** Amending The FY-06 Library Budget By Accepting And Appropriating \$1,300 From The Staying Connected Grant.
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 06-19:** Amending The Official Zoning Map Of The City To Reflect A Change In Zoning Districts From RR—Rural Residential To C--Commercial For Matanuska-Susitna Borough Tax Parcels A9, Section 19 (2450 S. Knik-Goose Bay Rd) And Parcel B4, Section 20, Both Within Township 17 North, Range 1 West, SM, Alaska.

C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 06-29:** Transferring Funds Within An Accounting Fund In The Amount Of \$21,706 For Airport Improvement Projects.

D. Action Memorandums

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Resolution Serial No. 06-31:** Adopting A New Fee Schedule For The Multi-Use Sports Complex And Repealing Resolution Serial No. 05-02.
- B. **AM No. 06-19:** Authorization Of A Three-Year Contract For General Counsel Legal Services To Birch, Horton, Bittner & Cherot In An Amount Not To Exceed \$205,000 Beginning July 1, 2006 Through June 30, 2009.
- C. **AM No. 06-20:** Authorization Of A Five-Year Contract And Award Of Bid For Radio Communications Equipment Maintenance To Procomm Alaska LLC In An Amount Not To Exceed \$90,000 Beginning May 1, 2006 Through June 30, 2011.
- D. **AM No. 06-23:** Contact Award To Anchorage Daily News For Newspaper Advertising Services In An Amount Not To Exceed \$62,895.62 For A 3-Year Term Contract Ending June 30, 2009.
- E. **AM No. 06-22:** Contract Award To USKH In The Amount Of \$51,895 For Upper Road Extension Engineering Services.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Information Memorandums
 - 1. **IM No. 06-10:** Expenses Greater Than \$5,000 For January Through March 2006.
 - 2. **IM No. 06-11:** Report of Expenditures March 2006.
- B. Commission Minutes
 - 1. Parks and Recreation Commission Regular Meeting: March 8, 2006

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY 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, May 8, 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. Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk
Mr. Tom Klinkner, City Attorney
Ms. Sandra Garley, City Planner
Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director
Mr. Ted Leonard, Finance 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.

Mayor Keller requested to read a proclamation honoring May Carter into the record under Special Orders of the Day.

Council Member Ewing requested to move AM No. 06-22 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

A. Proclamation Honoring Ms. May Carter

Mayor Keller read the proclamation honoring May Carter into the record. (Clerk note: the proclamation was issued in September 9, 2003 by Mayor Dianne M. Keller)

VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

Commissioner Gregory Koskela:

- reported that the commission continues to work through the landscape standards draft;
- noted that the commission anticipates to hold public hearings on the landscape standards draft in July 2006; and
- reported on applications received by the city for conditional use permits.

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

The cultural and recreation services manager reported that the commission had not met since its last report to council.

C. Airport Advisory Commission

The 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:

- encouraged attendance at the Sirolli Workshop on economic development; and
- reported on upcoming borough budget hearings.

E. Museum Of Alaska Transportation And Industry (MATI)

1. Mr. Phil Lockwood: MATI Report.

Mr. Lockwood:

- shared historical information about the museum;
- reported on museum activities and fundraisers; and
- spoke about the museum collection.

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

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 06-17:** Amending The FY-06 Recreational Services Budget By Appropriating \$1,500 In State Of Alaska Department Of Natural Resources Division Of Forestry Grant Funds For The 2006 Arbor Day Program.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 06-17 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Straub moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 06-17.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

B. Persons to be Heard

1. Mr. John Jones:
- expressed his frustration with the lack of enforcement by the city regarding the kennel code violation located at Block 5, Lot 2, Bay View Gardens.
2. Mr. Phil Lockwood:
- expressed his disappointment with the destruction of the historic Nelson house by the new owner; and
 - expressed concern about the continued loss of historical buildings; and
 - spoke in support of the city relocating the historical town site from downtown Wasilla to the Museum of Alaska Transportation and Industry site to accommodate growth.

3. Mr. Hans Svendson:
 - expressed concern about the impact of off-road vehicles to streets; and
 - encouraged the city to ban the use of off-road vehicles within city limits.
4. Mr. John Harris:
 - expressed his frustration with the lack of enforcement by the city regarding the kennel code violation located at Block 5, Lot 2, Bay View Gardens.
5. Ms. Marilyn Morris:
 - expressed her frustration with the lack of enforcement by the city regarding the kennel code violation located at Block 5, Lot 2, Bay View Gardens.
6. Mr. Allen Zimmerman:
 - expressed his frustration with the lack of enforcement by the city regarding the kennel code violation located at Block 5, Lot 2, Bay View Gardens.
7. Mr. Wyatt Weinstein:
 - expressed his frustration with the lack of enforcement by the city regarding the kennel code violation located at Block 5, Lot 2, Bay View Gardens.
8. Ms. Colleen Cottle:
 - expressed concern about the extension of Upper Road as referenced in AM No. 06-22; and
 - questioned the funding source for the Upper Road extension.
9. Mr. Cheryl Metiva:
 - spoke about her experience with kennels; and
 - encouraged the city to enforce its codes related to the operation of kennels.
10. Ms. Eileen Johnson:
 - expressed concern about the lack of public participation related to the proposed extension of Upper Road as reference in AM No. 06-22.
11. Mr. Steve Stoll:
 - expressed opposition to the extension of Upper Road;
 - expressed concern about the construction of the pedestrian under-crossing at Wasilla Lake Park; and
 - encouraged the city to consider relocating the downtown historic town site.

The city attorney reported that he filed an injunction today in the Luper animal control case (Block 5, Lot 3, Bay View Gardens).

The city clerk read a letter from Ms. Mickey Weber into the record. Ms. Weber requested that the city stop the illegal kennel operation at Block 5, Lot 3, Bay View Gardens.

The city clerk requested a five-minute recess. No objection was raised.

The council recessed at 7:52 p.m. and reconvened at 7:58 p.m.

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- D. Action Memorandums

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

- A. **Ordinance Serial No. 06-09:** Amending WMC 10.12.030, Age In Regard To Riding Off-Road Vehicles. (Postponed from the April 10, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting; Motion to adopt pending.)

PREVIOUS MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 06-09. (Motion on the floor from the April 10, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting.)

Discussion followed and debate ensued.

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

The council recessed at 8:09 p.m. and reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

Discussion and debate continued.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved the previous question.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 06-09 passed with Council Members Ewing, Menard, Metiva, O'Neil, and Straub in favor and Council Member Cox opposed.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Resolution Serial No. 06-31:** Adopting A New Fee Schedule For The Multi-Use Sports Complex And Repealing Resolution Serial No. 05-02.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 06-31.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved the previous question.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Resolution Serial No. 06-31 passed unanimously.

- B. **AM No. 06-19:** Authorization Of A Three-Year Contract For General Counsel Legal Services To Birch, Horton, Bittner & Cherot In An Amount Not To Exceed \$205,000 Beginning July 1, 2006 Through June 30, 2009.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt AM No. 06-19.

VOTE: The motion to adopt AM No. 06-19 passed unanimously.

- C. **AM No. 06-20:** Authorization Of A Five-Year Contract And Award Of Bid For Radio Communications Equipment Maintenance To Procomm Alaska LLC In An Amount Not To Exceed \$90,000 Beginning May 1, 2006 Through June 30, 2011.

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

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion to adopt AM No. 06-20 passed unanimously.

- D. **AM No. 06-23:** Contact Award To Anchorage Daily News For Newspaper Advertising Services In An Amount Not To Exceed \$62,895.62 For A 3-Year Term Contract Ending June 30, 2009.

The mayor requested that the public works director give an overview of the RFP process used to soloist advertising services.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to adopt AM No. 06-23.

Discussion followed and debate ensued.

Council Member Metiva stated for the record that he is employed by Valley Performing Arts and the organization engages in business with the Anchorage Daily News and the Frontiersman.

Mr. Bill Miller, Purchasing Officer, spoke about the RFP process and answered questions from the council.

Discussion and debate continued.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved the previous question.

VOTE: The motion on the previous question passed with Council Members Cox, Ewing, Menard, Metiva, and O'Neil in favor and Council Member Straub opposed.

VOTE: The motion to adopt AM No. 06-23 passed with Council Members Cox, Metiva, O'Neil, and Straub in favor and Council Members Ewing and Menard opposed.

- E. **AM No. 06-22:** Contract Award To USKH In The Amount Of \$51,895 For Upper Road Extension Engineering Services.

Mayor Keller requested that the public works director give an overview of the proposed extension of Upper Road.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to adopt AM No. 06-22.

Discussion followed and debate ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved the previous question.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion on the previous question passed without objection.

VOTE: The motion to adopt AM No. 06-22 failed with Council Members Cox, Ewing, Menard, Metiva, and Straub opposed and Deputy Mayor O'Neil in favor.

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B. Commission Minutes

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No action was taken on the communication items.

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ms. Cheryl Metiva:

- commented on AM No. 06-23; and
- shared ideas on how to distribute information to the public.

Mr. Steve Stoll:

- commented on AM No. 06-22; and
- requested an opinion from the city attorney regarding city employees providing private work to contractors that are awarded city contracts.

Ms. Anne Kilkenny:

- supports that the councils' decision on AM No. 06-22; and
- stated that the city was remiss in paving Lake Lucille Drive without first upgrading the road.

Mr. Hans Svendson:

- questioned who owns the property adjacent to Upper Road; and
- encouraged the city to reduce fees at the sports complex to make the facility affordable for everyone to enjoy.

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

City Attorney:

- reported on the eminent domain case; and
- commented on public notice requirements mandated by State Statute.

City Clerk:

- noted Council Member Metiva is testing an electronic council meeting packet; and
- noted the upcoming council meeting schedule.

Mayor Keller:

- noted she provided the council with a written report; and
- reported temporary summer park employees have been hired and they are busy working to clean up the parks.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Straub:

- stated she was saddened by the demolition of the historic Nelson home;
- noted she will request a future work session on off-road vehicles;
- spoke about advertising;
- requested support for funding from the legislature for the Mat-Su Small Development Center; and
- encouraged public participation in the natural gasline debate.

Council Member Metiva:

- encourage attendance at the upcoming Sirolli Work Shop on economic development; and
- requested information on the city's recent reorganization plan.

Council Member Menard:

- requested an update on the commercial float plane dock permit application submitted by Grasshopper Aviation; and
- stated that the city needs to address the issue of relocating the downtown historic town site.

Council Member Ewing:

- suggested that the city send notices of property owners in the Upper Road area to inform them about the extension of Upper Road;
- thanked the purchasing officer for his hard work; and
- requested an update regarding the construction of the pedestrian tunnel at Wasilla Lake Park.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Mayor Keller adjourned the meeting at 9:56 p.m.



DIANNE M. KELLER

Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on May 22, 2006.