



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.

JUNE 12, 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 Presentation To Mr. Ray McCarthy.

VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

C. Airport Advisory Commission

D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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3. **Ordinance Serial No. 06-22:** Amending WMC 2.04.035, Compensation and Reimbursement for City Council Members. (Sponsored by Council Member Menard)
4. **Ordinance Serial No. 06-23:** Amending WMC 10.20.050.A Concerning Unauthorized Use Of Parking Reserved For Persons With Disabilities.
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XI. COMMUNICATIONS

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XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, June 12, 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:

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

Deputy Mayor O'Neil was absent and excused. No objection was raised.

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk
Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk
Ms. Sandra Garley, Deputy Administrator
Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director
Mr. Ted Leonard, Director of Finance and Administrative Services
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 as presented.

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

V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

- A. Proclamation Presentation To Mr. Ray McCarthy.

Mayor Keller presented a Proclamation to Mr. McCarthy in recognition of his years of service to the City.

VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission

Commissioner Gary Hall:

- updated the Council on the activities of the Planning Commission.

- B. Parks and Recreation Commission

The Recreation and Cultural Services Manager reported that the Commission had not met since its last report to the Council.

- C. Airport Advisory Commission

The Public Works Director reported that the Commission had not met since its last report to the Council.

- D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

The city clerk read a written report into the record as submitted by Assembly Member Mary Kvalheim as follows:

- the Assembly finalized its budget on June 6, 2006;
- noted the mill rate is pending at 9.644 mills, and
- reported that Governor Murkowski is holding a bill signing at the Palmer Court House on Tuesday, June 13, 2006.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 06-20:** Providing For The Adoption Of The Annual Budget For The Fiscal Year 2007 And Appropriating Funds To Carry Out Said Budget.

Mayor Keller spoke about the budget development process.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 06-20.

Mr. Steve Stoll stated his opposition to taxing groceries and his opposition to reducing the mil rate to 0.0 as proposed in Ordinance Serial No. 06-20.

The following spoke in support of fixing the tax levy on each dollar assessed valuation of taxable property at 0.0 mills as proposed in Ordinance Serial No. 06-20: Mr. Penny Nixon; Ms. Barbara J. Miller; Mr. Charlie Fannon; Mr. Robert Hall Jr.; and Mr. Link Fannon.

Mr. Garvan Bucaria requested clarification on the biennial budget process.

There being no others who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 06-20.

Discussion followed by the Council and questions were asked of staff.

MOTION: Council Member Metiva moved the previous question.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 06-20 passed with Council Members Cox, Ewing, Menard, and Metiva in favor and Council Member Straub opposed.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 06-21:** Amending Wasilla Municipal Code Title 4, Elections In Regard To Special Needs Voting And The Counting Of Early And Questioned Ballots.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 06-21 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

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

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 06-22:** Amending WMC 2.04.035, Compensation and Reimbursement for City Council Members. (Sponsored by Council Member Menard)

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 06-22.

The following spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 06-22: Mr. Steve Stoll and Mr. Gregory Koskela.

The following spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 06-22: Ms. Cheryl Metiva.

Ms. Anne Kilkenny spoke in support of increasing the salary of council members, but does not support a flat rate of compensation.

There being no others who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 06-22.

Discussion followed and debate ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved the previous question.

VOTE: The motion failed with Council Members Cox, Menard, and Metiva in favor and Council Members Ewing and Straub opposed. (Clerk note: Per WMC 2.04.0130, four affirmative votes shall be required to carry any measure before the council.)

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 06-22 to the June 22, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting.

VOTE: The motion to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 06-22 to the June 22, 2006 Regular City Council Meeting passed with Council Members Cox, Ewing, Menard, and Straub in favor and Council Member Menard opposed.

4. **Ordinance Serial No. 06-23:** Amending WMC 10.20.050.A Concerning Unauthorized Use Of Parking Reserved For Persons With Disabilities.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 06-23 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

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

Discussion followed by the Council.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 06-23 passed unanimously.

5. **Resolution Serial No. 06-30:** Adopting An Official Streets And Highways Plan For Wasilla.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Resolution Serial No. 06-30.

Mr. Steve Stoll asked how much the study cost the City.

The following spoke in favor of Resolution Serial No. 06-30: Mr. Mark Lee.

The following spoke in opposition to Resolution Serial No. 06-30: Mr. Garvan Bucaria.

There being no others who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 06-30.

Discussion followed and questions were asked of staff.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to direct staff to schedule a joint-meeting with the Planning Commission on September 18, 2006 to discuss Resolution Serial No. 06-30 and to advertise the roads listed in the Official Street and Highways Plan FY 2005 - 2006 to encourage public participation.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved the previous question.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

The Council requested a recess. No objection was raised.

The Council recessed at 8:44 p.m. and reconvened at 8:46 p.m.

Discussion continued.

GENERAL CONSENT: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Resolution Serial No. 06-30 passed unanimously.

B. Persons to be Heard

1. Mr. Mark Lee, Owner of Alaska Avalanche Jr. Hockey Team

Mr. Lee spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 06-27.

2. Mr. Danny Bryant

Mr. Bryant questioned why the ice was removed from the Menard Ice Arena prior to the 2006 Jr. Hockey play-offs.

3. Mr. Garvan Bucaria

Mr. Bucaria spoke about the impact to Wasilla Lake and Cottonwood Creek from development.

4. Mr. Steve Stoll:

Mr. Stoll:

- welcomed the Alaska Avalanche to Wasilla;
- stated the new name of the Jr. Hockey Team will give the team more widespread community support;
- encouraged the City to work with the Borough on local road issues; and
- commented on information provided to him by the Mayor regarding standards in which public employees engage in outside employment.

5. Mr. Jamie Smith, Public Relations Manager, Alaska Avalanche Jr. Hockey Team

Mr. Smith:

- spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 06-27.

6. Ms. Cheryl Metiva

Ms. Metiva:

- spoke about the success of the Wonderland Festival sponsored by the Wasilla Assembly of God;
- commended City Department Heads for their expertise; and
- noted that the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce Downtown Enhancement Committee looks forward to working with the City in developing themes for the City.

7. Mr. Gregory Koskela

Mr. Kosleka:

- spoke in favor of AM No. 06-29.

8. Ms. Anne Kilkenny

Ms. Kilkenny:

- reported on the success of Wasilla High School Grad Blast; and
- questioned the lease rate proposed in Ordinance Serial No. 06-27.

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The City Clerk read items from the Consent Agenda into the record.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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- A. **AM No. 06-30:** Appointment Of Mr. Alvah Clark Buswell, III To The Wasilla Planning Commission.

Mr. Buswell came forward to address the Council.

Discussion moved to the Council and questions were asked of Mr. Buswell.

MOTION: Council Member Straub moved to adopt AM No. 06-30.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

The council requested a ten-minute recess.

The council recessed at 9:42 p.m. and reconvened at 9:54 p.m.

- B. **AM No. 06-26:** Authorization Of A Three-Year Contract And Award Of Bid For Security Guard Services To Guardian Security In An Amount Not To Exceed \$95,760 Beginning July 1, 2006 Through June 30, 2009.

The Public Works Director spoke about the bid award to Guardian Security Services.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt AM No. 06-26.

Discussion followed by the Council.

VOTE: The motion to adopt AM No. 06-26 passed unanimously.

- C. **AM No. 06-27:** Authorization Of A Three-Year Contract And Award Of Bid For Financial Audit Services To Mikunda, Cottrell And Company In An Amount Not To Exceed \$88,270 Beginning July 1, 2006 Through June 30, 2009.

The Finance Director spoke about the bid award to Mikunka-Cottrell and Company.

MOTION: Council Member Metiva moved to adopt AM No. 06-27.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

- D. **AM No. 06-28:** Authorization Of A Three-Year Contract And Award Of Bid For Banking Services To Wells Fargo Beginning August 1, 2006 Through July 31, 2009.

The Finance Director spoke about the bid award to Wells Fargo.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to adopt AM No. 06-28.

Discussion followed by the Council.

VOTE: The motion to adopt AM No. 06-28 passed unanimously.

- E. **AM No. 06-29:** Selection Of A Theme For Landscaping Projects In Conjunction With Alaska Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities Projects In Wasilla.

The Deputy Administrator spoke about AM No. 06-29.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to adopt AM No. 06-29 by accepting the Planning Commission's recommendation on creating landscape gateways, or focal points, and to select "Gateway to Adventure" as the theme to be used by DOT in design of landscaping for highway projects in Wasilla.

Discussion followed by the Council.

VOTE: The motion to adopt AM No. 06-29 by accepting the Planning Commission's recommendation on creating landscape gateways, or focal points, and to select "Gateway to Adventure" as the theme to be used by DOT in design of landscaping for highway projects in Wasilla passed unanimously.

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No action was taken on the communication items.

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ms. Anne Kilkenny:

- questioned the lease rate offered to the Alaska Avalanche Jr. Hockey Team as proposed in Ordinance Serial No. 06-27;
- encouraged the City to mandate curb, gutter, and sidewalks on all street improvement projects;
- stated that by reducing the mill rate to zero the tax burden is placed on residents not property owners; and
- spoke in opposition to the adoption of a flat rate of compensation for elected officials as proposed in Ordinance Serial No. 06-22.

Mr. Greg Koskela:

- commented favorably on the landscaping improvements on the Parks Highway Improvement Project;
- thanked the Council for adopting Ordinance Serial No. 06-20; and
- spoke in opposition to the Council increasing their salary as proposed in Ordinance Serial No. 06-22.

Mr. Garvan Bucaria:

- spoke in support of escape routes for moose when crossing roadways.

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

City Clerk:

- noted the Main Street Improvement Project Open House scheduled for June 14, 2006;
- requested to schedule a Special Meeting on Monday, June 26, 2006 at 6 p.m. for the annual evaluation of the City Clerk. (No objection was raised by the Council.)

Mayor Keller:

- noted she presented a written report to the Council;
- spoke about the success of the Wonderland Festival she attended;
- reported she was a guest speaker at Girls State; and
- thanked the Council for adopting AM No. 06-30 and Ordinance Serial No. 06-20.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Ewing:

- spoke highly of the Vietnam Memorial Wall Exhibit; and
- raised concern about the design of the Lake to Lake Pedestrian Tunnel.

Council Member Metiva:

- spoke about the success of the Wonderland Festival;
- thanked staff for improvements to Iditpark;
- supports the sales tax as it benefits the community; and
- commended Council Member Straub for voting her conscious on Ordinance Serial No. 06-20.

Council Member Menard:

- spoke about why he supports Ordinance Serial No. 06-22;
- spoke about the success of the Menard Memorial Run;
- spoke about improvements to the City since the implementation of the sales tax; and
- stated he will be pursuing the concept of home rule states for the City.

Council Member Straub:

- requested that Council Member Menard share information about home rule status;
- suggested that holding work-sessions prior to regular meetings may help answer questions in advance of the regular meeting; and
- requested telephone numbers of staff so she can contact them outside of business hours with questions.

Council Member Cox:

- thanked the Council for adopting Ordinance Serial No. 06-20.

Mayor Keller:

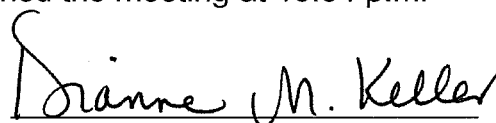
- noted a memo was distributed to the Council regarding the salary grades and ranges chart and encouraged the Council to contact staff with questions.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Mayor Keller adjourned the meeting at 10:54 p.m.


DIANNE M. KELLER
Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on June 26, 2006.