



MAYOR

Dianne M. Keller

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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

**JOINT TENTATIVE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
WASILLA CITY COUNCIL AND WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION
WASILLA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Wasilla City Hall, 290 E. Herning Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654 (907) 373-9090**

SPECIAL MEETING

6 P.M.

JULY 10, 2006

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Report on Planning Commission Action on Main Street Improvement Projects.
2. Discussion And Prioritization Of Potential Future Projects For The Planning Commission Regarding Amendments To WMC Title 16, Land Development Code. (Clerk note: due to time constraints this item was not discussed. It was rescheduled to August 14, 2006 Joint City Council and Planning Commission Special Meeting.)

VI. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

VII. MAYOR, CLERK, COUNCIL, AND PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

I. CALL TO ORDER

The joint special meeting of the Wasilla City Council and the Wasilla Planning Commission was held on Monday, July 10, 2006 at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Deputy Mayor Howard O'Neil called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Deputy Mayor O'Neil noted that Mayor Keller was not in attendance and requested that the council excuse her absence. No objection was raised.

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 6:06 p.m.)
Mr. Marty Metiva, Seat D
Mr. Ron Cox, Seat E
Mr. Mark Ewing, Seat F

Planning Commission Members present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Colleen Sullivan-Leonard, Seat A
Ms. Dorothy (Peaches) Hamilton, Seat B
Ms. Jessie Elkins, Seat D
Mr. Stan Tucker, Chair, Seat E
Mr. Alvah Clark Buswell, III, Seat F
Mr. Gary Hall, Seat G

Commissioner Gregory Koskela, Seat C, was absent and excused with no objection 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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Stan Tucker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

No objection was raised to the agenda as presented.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Report on Planning Commission Action on Main Street Improvement Projects.

MOTION: Council Member Cox moved to enter into committee of the whole at 6:05 p.m.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

The city planner spoke about the history of the Main Street Traffic Improvement Project.

Mr. Arnold Harder, P.E. Consultant Project Manager, Tryck Nyman Hayes, Inc. spoke about why *Alternative D: A one-way couplet extending Yenlo and Talkeetna Streets to function with Main Street* was selected as the preferred route.

Mr. Bruce Carr, Alaska Railroad, stated that *Alternative D: A one-way couplet extending Yenlo and Talkeetna Streets to function with Main Street* is the current preferred route of the Alaska Railroad.

Discussion moved to the council and the planning commission and questions were asked of Mr. Carr.

Discussion continued and debate ensued regarding the possibility of extending Crusey Street to the Palmer-Wasilla Highway as an alternative to ease traffic congestion on Main Street.

Mr. Arnold Harder spoke about why extending Crusey Street may not be the most suitable way to alleviate traffic congestion on Main Street.

Members of the planning commission commented on why they supported or opposed Alternative D as presented in Wasilla Planning Commission Resolution Serial No. 06-17.

(Clerk note: Please see the July 10, 2006 Regular City Council meeting minutes for more discussion and action on the Main Street Improvement Project.)

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The council exited the committee of the whole at 7:03 p.m. with no objection was raised.

VI. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

No comments were made.

VII. MAYOR, CLERK, COUNCIL, AND PLANNING COMMISSION COMMENTS

No comments were made.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor Howard O'Neil adjourned the special meeting at 7:05 p.m.


DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE L. SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on July 24, 2006