



MAYOR

Dianne M. Keller

COUNCIL

Greg Koskela, Seat A

Douglas W. Holler, Seat B

Steven Menard, Seat C

Marty Metiva, Seat D

Ron Cox, Deputy Mayor, Seat E

Mark A. Ewing, Seat F

**WASILLA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA**

WASILLA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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

REGULAR MEETING

7 P.M.

FEBRUARY 26, 2007

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 Mahala Ashley Dickerson

VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

C. Airport Advisory Commission

D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

E. Wasilla Chamber of Commerce: Chamber Report

1. Ms. Cheryl Metiva, Executive Director

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

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B. Persons to be Heard

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C. Resolutions

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XI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Information Memorandums

1. **IM No. 07-02:** List Of Waivers Of Sales Tax Penalty For Fourth Quarter Ending December 31, 2006.

B. Commission Minutes

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, February 26, 2007 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. Greg Koskela, Seat A
Mr. Doug Holler, Seat B
Mr. Steve Menard, Seat C
Mr. Marty Metiva, Seat D
Mr. Mark Ewing, Seat F

Mayor Keller announced that Deputy Mayor Ron Cox, Seat D, was absent from the meeting and asked if there was objection to excusing his absence. No objection was raised.

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk
Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk
Mr. Tom Klinkner, City Attorney
Ms. Sandra Garley, Deputy Administrator
Mr. Archie Giddings, Director of Public Works
Mr. Ted Leonard, Director of Finance and Administrative Services
Ms. Angella Long, 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 requested to remove Ordinance Serial No. 07-12 and Resolution Serial No. 07-05 from the Agenda.

Mayor Keller asked if there were further amendments to the Agenda.

Council Member Koskela requested to remove Resolution Serial No. 07-09 from the Agenda since a full Council was not present. He noted he will work with staff to have the item brought back at the April 9, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting.

Council Member Ewing requested to move AM No. 07-13 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 Mahala Ashley Dickerson

Mayor Keller read a proclamation honoring Mrs. Mahala Ashley Dickerson to publicly recognize and extend deep appreciation for Mrs. Dickerson's kindness and generosity, and for paving the way for other women.

VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

Ms. Sandra Garley, Deputy Administrator reported that the Commission had not met since its last report to the Council.

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

Commissioner Scott Norman:

- reported on agenda items from the February 21, 2007 Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Questioned were asked of Commissioner Norman regarding summer recreation events.

C. Airport Advisory Commission

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

D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Assembly Member Kvalheim noted the Assembly recently passed an ordinance establishing a property tax exemption for low income senior citizens.

E. Wasilla Chamber of Commerce: Chamber Report

1. Ms. Cheryl Metiva, Executive Director

Ms. Metiva shared the recent activities of the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce to include the Iditarod Days Festival.

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Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 07-09.

The following spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 07-09: Ms. Colleen Cottle; Ms. Diane Woodruff; and Ms. Bernadette Rupright.

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

MOTION: Council Member Koskela moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-09.

Discussion moved to the council.

MOTION: Council Member Holler moved a primary amendment to strike the reference to nominating petitions being due at 4:30 p.m. throughout the ordinance and to insert 5 p.m.

Discussion moved to the council and debate ensued.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed unanimously.

Discussion continued.

MOTION: Council Member moved a primary amendment to reduce filing fee from \$100 to \$25.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Council Members Holler, Koskela, Menard, and Metiva in favor and Council Member Ewing opposed.

Discussion continued.

MOTION: Council Member Metvia moved the previous question.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion, as amended, failed with Council Members Holler, Koskela, and Metiva in favor and Council Members Ewing and Menard opposed. (Four affirmative votes are required to carry any measure before the Council (WMC 2.04.130))

B. Persons to be Heard

1. Mr. Jim Barnett

Mr. Barnett:

- stated he represents Meritage Development Group LLC; and
- requested support on Resolution Serial No. 07-10.

2. Ms. Mimi Peabody, The Friends of Mat-Su

Ms. Peabody:

- shared information on a grant funded outreach project administered by the Friends of Mat-Su on Lake Lucille and Cottonwood Creek, to heighten public awareness on the care of water bodies.

3. Ms. Bernadette Rupight

Ms. Rupright:

- expressed disappointment with comments made by Mayor Keller at the last city council meeting regarding the sponsorship of a resolution supporting Iditarod Elementary School in their quest to have the school district allocate the central kitchen space to Iditarod Elementary School;
- commented on the 2007 Independence Day Parade; and
- stated she is pleased with the pro-active approach of the current Council.

4. Ms. Coleen Cottle

Ms. Cottle:

- spoke in opposition to the City sponsoring a fireworks display outside of City limits during the Iditarod Days Festival;
- expressed concern about the lack of cleaning at the Wasilla Multi Use Sports Complex;
- expressed opposition to Resolution Serial No. 07-09;
- expressed concern about positions being added under Administration; and
- stated that increases to the mayor's salary should be done through an ordinance not a resolution to allow public testimony.

5. Ms. Dianne Woodruff

Ms. Woodruff:

- stated that increases to the mayor's salary should be done through an ordinance not a resolution to allow public testimony;
- stated that the city council should look at salary increases for all city employees not just the mayor; and
- cautioned the city council on adopting Resolution Serial No. 07-10 without knowing all the facts; and
- stated that the public works director should be discouraged from working for local contractors while holding his position with the city.

6. Mr. Conrad Holler

Mr. Holler:

- stated that he does not oppose the mayor receiving a salary increase; however, increases for all city employees should be considered.

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

MOTION: Council Member Metiva moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as read by the City Clerk.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **AM No. 07-13:** Award Of Contract To Tiburon, Inc., In The Amount Of \$40,250 For A One (1) Year Software Maintenance And Upgrade Agreement For The Wasilla Police Dispatch Center Computer Assisted Dispatch And Records Management System Software.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to adopt AM No. 07-13.

Discussion followed.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved the previous question.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

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No comments were made.

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Tom Klinkner, City Attorney:

- reported on the Luper Animal Control Case and the Eminent Domain Case.

Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk:

- reminded the Council of the upcoming employee meeting;
- requested agenda items for the upcoming joint tri-cities meeting; and
- reminded the Council that Financial Disclosure Statements are due March 15, 2007.

Mayor Keller:

- spoke about the pay performance system; and
- reported employees are evaluated annually and wage increases are awarded based on performance.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Ewing:

- thanked Ted Leonard, Finance Director, for his service to the City;
- thanked the public for attending the meeting; and
- thanked Cheryl Metiva for her enthusiasm.

Council Member Metiva:

- requested an update on the proposed changes to State liquor laws as proposed by the City of Wasilla;
- stated he supports a stronger relationship between the City of Wasilla and the Iditarod Trail Committee;
- thanked council members for proactively sponsoring legislation; and
- congratulated Ted Leonard on his appointment as Deputy Commissioner of Commerce for the State of Alaska.

Council Member Holler:

- thanked the public for weighing in on issues;
- spoke in support of Wasilla hosting the restart of the Iditarod because Wasilla is "Home of the Iditarod"; and
- spoke in opposition to the City funding activities outside of City limits.

Council Member Menard:

- express his desire that Wasilla remain "Home of the Iditarod"; and
- stated he supports efforts to ensure the restart of the Iditarod is held in Wasilla.

Council Member Koskela:

- thanked Ted Leonard for a job well done; and
- spoke about the code requirement to examine the salary of the mayor 90 days prior to an election.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Mayor Keller adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.



DIANNE M. KELLER
Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on March 12, 2007