



**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

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**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.**

**MARCH 12, 2007**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A. Presentation of Colors

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**

A. Swearing-in Ceremony: Police Chief Angella Long

B. Character Awards For State Battle Of The Books Winners

**VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS**

A. Planning Commission

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

C. Airport Advisory Commission

D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

- E. Ms. Jeanne Troshynski, Friends of Wasilla Public Library

## VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

### A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 07-10:** Amending WMC Section 5.16.125, Application Of Sales Tax Payments, To Provide That Sales Tax Payments Apply To Delinquent Amounts On A Month-By-Month Basis.
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 07-11:** Adopting WMC Chapter 8.12, Contamination From Stored Or Junk Vehicles, Amending WMC 16.04.070, Definitions, To Define The Term "Motor Vehicle Storage," And Amending WMC 16.16.060, Specific Approval Criteria, To Establish Approval Criteria For Motor Vehicle Storage And Junkyards.

### B. Persons to be Heard

## VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: February 26, 2007
2. Special Meeting: February 26, 2007

### B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended Public Hearing on April 9, 2007:

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 07-13:** Amending The FY-07 Budget By Appropriating \$50,000 From The Multi-Use Sports Complex Fund's Fund Balance To The Capital Land Acquisition Account To Increase The Deposit With The Superior Court For The Acquisition Of The Site Of The Multi-Use Sports Complex.
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 07-14:** Amending WMC 3.65.020, Coverage, Use, Accrual And Other Aspects Of PTO, To Provide For Cash Payment Of An Employee's Accrued And Unused PTO Upon Termination Of Employment, And Ratifying The City's Past Practice Of Making Such Payments.

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 07-15:** Amending The FY-07 Budget By Transferring \$29,620 From The Vehicle Fund Balance To The Vehicle Fund For The Purchase Of A New Vehicle For The Wasilla Police Department.
4. **Ordinance Serial No. 07-16:** Amending WMC 5.16.100, Collection Of Sales Tax—Addition And Separate Statement, To Permit A Seller To Pay Sales Tax On The Seller's Gross Receipts In Lieu Of Stating Sales Tax Separately And Adding It To The Sales Price.
5. **Ordinance Serial No. 07-18:** Amending WMC 5.08.070, Approval Of Contracts, By Adding Subsection D In Regard To Public Utility Services.

C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 07-05:** Transferring Funds Within An Accounting Fund In The Amount Of \$127,782 For Palmer-Wasilla Highway Water Improvements Phase 3.
2. **Resolution Serial No. 07-11:** Supporting The Use Of Vacated Space At Iditarod Elementary School Previously Used For The Central Kitchen Facility To Be Used For Elementary School Age Students, Class Rooms, And Activities Held At Iditarod Elementary School. (Sponsored by Council Members Ewing and Koskela)

D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 07-14:** Award Of Contract To Alaska Safety, Inc., In An Amount Not To Exceed \$40,000 Per Year For Provisioning And Installation Of Wasilla Police Department Emergency Equipment.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **AM No. 07-12:** Council Is Requested To Review The Attached Proposal To Ensure It Meets The Requirements Of RFP 0643-0-2007/WM And AM 06-65. If The Council Determines That It Meets The Requirements, Council Is Requested To Award A Contract To The Wasilla Chamber Of Commerce In The Amount Of \$50,000 For The Development Of A Wasilla Visitor And Tourism Bureau.

**XI. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. Information Memorandums

1. **IM No. 07-05:** Revisor Of Ordinance.
2. **IM No. 07-06:** 2007 Update To The 2006 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Plan For Federal Aviation Administration Funded Projects.

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, March 12, 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. Ron Cox, Deputy Mayor, Seat E

Mayor Keller announced that Council Member Mark Ewing, Seat F and Council Member Marty Metiva, Seat D, were absent from the meeting and asked if there was objection to excusing the absences. No objection was raised.

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk  
Ms. Sandi Connelly, Public Works Clerk  
Mr. Tom Klinkner, City Attorney  
Ms. Sandra Garley, Deputy Administrator  
Mr. Archie Giddings, Director of Public Works  
Ms. Susan Colligan, Finance Director  
Ms. Angella Long, Police Chief  
Mr. Bruce Urban, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A. Presentation of Colors

Boy Scout Troop 356 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Keller asked if there were amendments to the Agenda.

**GENERAL CONSENT:** Hearing none, the Agenda was approved, as presented, with no objection raised.

## **V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **A. Swearing-in Ceremony: Police Chief Angella Long**

Chief Long received an Oath of Office.

Mayor Keller noted that refreshments in honor of Chief Long were being served and requested a brief recess. No objection was raised.

The Council recessed at 7:10 p.m. reconvened at 7:26 p.m.

### **B. Character Awards For State Battle Of The Books Winners.**

Mayor Keller presented Character Awards to Midnight Sun Charter students Seth Keller, Tyler Larimer, and Paige Wagner in recognition of their achievement at the State Battle of the Books competition.

## **VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS**

### **A. Planning Commission**

Ms. Sandra Garley, Deputy Administrator:

- reported that Stan Tucker was appointed Chair and Howard O'Neil, was appointed Vice-Chair of the Wasilla Planning Commission; and
- reported on items on the March 13, 2007 Planning Commission Meeting Agenda.

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

Mr. Bruce Urban, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager, reported that the Commission had not met since its last report to the Council.

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

Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director, reported that the Commission had not met since its last report to the Council.

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

Mayor Keller noted that Assembly Member Mary Kvalheim was out of town and unable to attend the Council meeting this evening.

### **E. Ms. Jeanne Troshynski, Friends of Wasilla Public Library**

Ms. Troshynski reported on the recent activities of the Friends of the Wasilla Public Library.

## VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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1. **Ordinance Serial No. 07-10:** Amending WMC Section 5.16.125, Application Of Sales Tax Payments, To Provide That Sales Tax Payments Apply To Delinquent Amounts On A Month-By-Month Basis.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 07-10 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Cox moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-10.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 07-11:** Adopting WMC Chapter 8.12, Contamination From Stored Or Junk Vehicles, Amending WMC 16.04.070, Definitions, To Define The Term "Motor Vehicle Storage," And Amending WMC 16.16.060, Specific Approval Criteria, To Establish Approval Criteria For Motor Vehicle Storage And Junkyards.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 07-11.

The following expressed vehement opposition to the Ordinance and talked about the unintended consequences of the legislation if adopted: Mr. Clark Buswell, Mr. Kurt Schreiber, Mr. Bill McCain, Mr. Howard O'Neil, Mr. Mike Verbos, Mr. Greg Defendorf, Mr. Loren Means, Mr. Jason Yardley, Mr. Henry Labocane, Mr. Robert Bynum, Mr. Ross Dailey, Mr. Larry Theobald, Mr. Dean Wade, and Mr. Steve Stoll.

The following expressed concern about the potential run-off from vehicles at Matanuska Towing and Recovery located on Block 3, Lots 1 and 5, Century Park Subdivision: Mr. George Schriener.

The following expressed environmental and aesthetic concerns in regard to Matanuska Towing and Recovery: Ms. Colleen Cottle and Mr. Rod Cottle.

Mr. Darin Minkler, Owner, Matanuska Towing and Recovery talked about landscaping plans for his business and noted Matanuska Towing strives to be a pro-active and responsible business owner.

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

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Cox moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-11.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved the previous question.

VOTE: The motion failed with Council Members Cox and Menard in favor and Council Members Holler and Koskela opposed.

Discussion continued.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-11 failed unanimously.

B. Persons to be Heard

Mr. Ryan Berry, Board Member, Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce:

- spoke in support of AM No. 07-12.

Mr. Clark Buswell:

- encouraged the Council to remand all issues related to WMC Tile 16, Land Development Code, to the Wasilla Planning Commission before taking action; and
- noted that if the Council does not utilize the expertise of the Planning Commission, they may as well abolish the Commission.

Mr. Henry Labocane:

- commended the Council for working together on issues; and
- noted that the public appreciates the service of Council Members.

Mr. Loren Means:

- spoke about the unintended consequences of hastily enacted legislation.

Mr. Steve Stoll:

- spoke in opposition to AM No. 07-14;
- spoke about the intent of the half percent sales tax for the Wasilla Multi-Use Sports Complex; and
- questioned the legality of Ordinance Serial No. 07-13.

Ms. Jill Bruley:

- spoke in support of AM No. 07-14.



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The Deputy Clerk read items from the Consent Agenda into the record and noted a typographical correction to the staff report accompanying Ordinance Serial No. 07-15.

**MOTION:** Council Member Koskela moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as read by the Deputy Clerk.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

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**MOTION:** Council Member Koskela moved to adopt AM No. 07-12.

Discussion followed.

**MOTION:** Council Member Menard moved the previous question.

**GENERAL CONSENT:** The motion passed without objection.

**VOTE:** The motion to adopt AM No. 07-12 failed unanimously.

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No action was taken on items under Communications.

## **XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Ms. Colleen Cottle:

- noted that residents who testified earlier in the evening about having several unregistered vehicles on their property may be in violation of subdivision covenants and state or borough law; and
- spoke about misinformation circulating about the intent of Ordinance Serial No. 07-11.

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

Mr. Tom Klinkner, City Attorney:

- reported on the Luper animal kennel land use case.

Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk:

- thanked Sandi Connolly, Public Works Clerk, for assisting with the meeting this evening;
- reported Council Member Metiva has agreed to attend the March 20, 2007, Borough Assembly Meeting in the absence of Council Member Koskela;
- noted the agenda deadline for the upcoming Joint Tri-Cities Meeting on April 5, 2007; and
- asked if members of the Council were aware of scheduling conflicts in regard to the proposed budget meeting schedule.

Mayor Keller:

- reported the recent visit of Russian delegates, sponsored by the International County/City Management Association (ICMA) was a great success; and
- thanked the audience for attending meeting.

#### **XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Holler:

- thanked the audience for attending the meeting and bringing their concerns forward; and
- thanked fellow council members for bringing issues forward.

Council Member Menard:

- thanked the audience for their participation in the meeting;
- spoke about the public process; and
- congratulated Angella Long on her appointment as Police Chief.

Deputy Mayor Cox:

- thanked the audience for attending the meeting;
- congratulated Angella Long on her appointment as Police Chief;
- asked the Council if there was objection to sponsoring a resolution in support of the Children's Place (no objection was raised); and
- publicly commended staff at the Multi-Use Sports Complex for their swift action in dealing with a maintenance issues at the facility.

Council Member Koskela:

- thanked Colleen Cottle for comments made;
- spoke about the unintended consequences of Ordinance Serial No. 07-11;
- congratulated Angella Long on her appointment as Police Chief; and
- thanked the audience for attending the meeting.

Mayor Keller, continued:

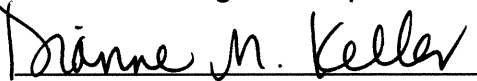
- introduced the newly appointed finance director Susan Colligan.

#### **XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session was held.

#### **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business at hand, Mayor Keller adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

  
DIANNE M. KELLER  
Mayor

ATTEST:   
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KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC  
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on April 10, 2007