

#### **MAYOR**

Dianne M. Keller

#### COUNCIL

Greg Koskela, Seat A
Douglas W. Holler, Seat B
Steve 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. Herning Avenue, Wasilla, AK 99654 (907) 373-9090

## **REGULAR MEETING**

7 P.M.

**JUNE 25, 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. Presentation to Kayley Rethamel, Arbor Day Poster Winner
- VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS
  - A. Planning Commission
  - B. Parks and Recreation Commission
  - C. Airport Advisory Commission
  - D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough
  - E. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce

#### VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

# A. Public Hearings

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- 3. Parks and Recreation Commission: April 11 and May 9, 2007
- XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS
- XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS
- XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS
- XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION
  - A. Lundgren Eminent Domain Case
- XVI. ADJOURNMENT

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, June 25, 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. Ron Cox, Deputy Mayor, 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. Susan Colligan, Director of Finance

Ms. Sandra Garley, Deputy Administrator

Mr. Archie Giddings, Director of Public Works

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 asked if there were changes to the agenda as presented.

Council Member Metiva requested to move Resolution Serial No. 07-24 from the Consent Agenda to New Business.

Council Member Ewing requested to move Resolution Serial No. 07-23 and AM No. 07-33 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. Presentation to Kayley Rethamel, Arbor Day Poster Winner

Mayor Keller recognized Miss Rethamel and presented her with prizes for winning the Arbor Day poster contest.

#### VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

Ms. Sandra Garley, Deputy Administrator:

- noted that the next planning commission meeting is scheduled to take place on June 26, 2007; and
- reported on items on the upcoming planning commission meeting agenda.
  - B. Parks and Recreation Commission

Commissioner Dave Tuttle:

- reported benches are being built for Nunley Park and Carter Park;
- · reported on upcoming events at the Multi-Use Sports Complex; and
- reported on upcoming Independence Day activities.
  - C. Airport Advisory Commission

Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director:

- reported that the airport advisory commission received an update on the Mat-Su Borough's regional aviation plan at their last meeting.
  - D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

No report was presented.

E. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Cheryl Metiva, Executive Director:

- reported on the Mat-Su King Salmon Derby;
- invited participation in Breeden Colony Barn fund raising activities; and
- spoke about the upcoming Mat-Su Governor's Picnic.

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Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 07-35 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Cox moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-35.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-35 passed with Deputy Mayor Cox, Council Members Holler, Koskela, Menard, and Metiva voting in favor and Council Member Ewing opposed.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 07-36**: Amending The FY07 Budget By Adjusting Capital Improvement Program Expenditure And Revenue Accounts To Closeout Fiscal Year End And Correct Accounts For The Crusey And Lucus Street Projects And For Garden Terrace.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 07-36 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Metiva moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-36.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-36 passed unanimously with Deputy Mayor Cox, Council Members Ewing, Holler, Koskela, Menard, and Metiva voting in favor.

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 07-37**: Amending The FY 2007 Budget By Appropriating An Amount Not To Exceed \$60,000 From The General Fund's Fund Balance To The Multi-Use Sports Complex To Cover Operations For FY07 Due To Increases In Earthquake Insurance And Utility Costs.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 07-37.

Mr. John Luberger asked for the annual cost of earthquake insurance and utilities at the Multi-Use Sports Complex.

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

MOTION: Council Member Koskela moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-37.

Discussion followed and questions were asked of the Finance Director.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-37 passed unanimously with Deputy Mayor Cox, Council Members Ewing, Holler, Koskela, Menard, and Metiva voting in favor.

4. **Ordinance Serial No. 07-38**: Amending The FY 2007 Budget By Appropriating \$136,513 From The Multi-Use Sports Complex Fund's Fund Balance And \$120,000 From The General Fund's Fund Balance To The Land Acquisition Account For Attorney, Appraisal, and Special Master Fees On The Eminent Domain Case.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 07-38 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Metiva moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-38.

Discussion followed and questions were asked regarding invoices paid to Birch, Horton, Bittner, and Cherot for legal services in regard to the eminent domain case through the end of fiscal year 2007.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-38 passed with Deputy Mayor Cox, Council Members Holler, Koskela, Menard, and Metiva voting in favor and Council Member Ewing opposed.

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Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 07-39 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-39.

Discussion followed and debate ensued.

Questions were asked of the City Clerk regarding the process of electing a charter commission.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved the previous question. (Clerk note: The

effect of this motion is to immediately stop debate.)

VOTE: The motion to move the previous question failed Council Members Holler

and Menard voting in favor and Deputy Mayor Cox, Council Members Ewing, Koskela, and Metiva opposed. (Clerk note: Per WMC 2.04.130, four affirmative votes shall be required to carry any measure before the

Council.)

Discussion continued.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved the previous question. (Clerk note: The

effect of this motion is to immediately stop debate.)

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion to move the previous question passed without

objection.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-39, passed with Deputy Mayor Cox, Council Members Holler, Menard, and Metiva voting in favor

and Council Members Ewing and Koskela opposed.

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Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 07-40 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-40.

Deputy Mayor Cox declared a conflict of interest and requested to be excused from voting on Ordinance Serial No. 07-40. He stated that although he has no direct financial interest in the lease award he is employed by a company that provides security service at Avalanche games.

Mayor Keller ruled in favor of the Conflict of Interest as declared by Deputy Mayor Cox.

Council Member Menard objected to the ruling of the Mayor.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to appeal the decision of the Chair.

VOTE:

The motion to appeal the decision of the Chair passed with Council Members Ewing, Holler, Koskela, Menard, and Metiva voting in favor. Deputy Mayor Cox abstained from the discussion and vote on this issue.

Discussion continued.

VOTE:

The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-40 passed unanimously with Deputy Mayor Cox, Council Members Ewing, Holler, Koskela, Menard, and Metiva voting in favor.

Council Member Cox requested a recess. No objection was raised.

The Council recessed at 8 p.m. and reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

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Mr. Phil Lockwood shared information on the Breeden Colony Barn raising and invited participation in the event.

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

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

Council Member Holler stated that although his wife is related to the owner of Big Dipper Construction he does not have a financial interest in the adoption of AM No. 07-36.

Mayor Keller agreed with Council Member Holler and ruled that no conflict exits. No objection was raised by the council.

Council Member Metiva declared a conflict of interest and requested to be excused from voting to introduce Ordinance Serial No. 07-27 as his wife is the executive director of the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Keller ruled in favor of the Conflict of Interest as declared by Council Member Metiva.

Council Member Menard objected to the ruling of the Mayor.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to appeal the decision of the Chair.

VOTE: The motion to appeal the decision of the Chair failed with Council Members Ewing, Menard, and Deputy Mayor Cox voting in favor and

Council Members Holler and Koskela opposed. Council Member Metiva abstained from the discussion and vote on this issue. (Clerk note: Per WMC 2.04.130, four affirmative votes shall be required to carry any

measure before the Council.)

MOTION: Council Member Koskela moved to divide the question by considering

Ordinance Serial No. 07-27 separately from the Consent Agenda with

Council Member Metiva abstaining.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion to divide the question passed without objection.

Council Member Metiva abstained from the discussion and

vote on this issue.

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VOTE: The motion to introduce Ordinance Serial No. 07-27 and set for public

hearing on July 9, 2007, passed unanimously with Deputy Mayor Cox, Council Members Ewing, Holler, Koskela, and Menard voting in favor. Council Member Metiva abstained from the discussion and vote on this

issue.

Council Member Koskela declared a possible conflict of interest as he employs Big Dipper to provide excavating services for his contracting business.

Mayor Keller ruled that no conflict exists.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to appeal the decision of the Chair.

VOTE: The motion to appeal the decision of the chair failed with Deputy Mayor

Cox, Council Members Ewing, and Menard voting in favor, Council Members Holler and Metiva opposed, and Council Member Koskela abstained from the discussion and vote on this issue. (Clerk note: Per WMC 2.04.130, four affirmative votes shall be required to carry any

measure before the Council.)

VOTE:

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, excluding Ordinance Serial No. 07-27, which was voted on separately, passed unanimously with Deputy Mayor Cox, Council Members Ewing, Holler, Koskela, Menard, and Metiva voting in favor.

#### IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

#### X. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Resolution Serial No. 07-24**: Adopting The FY-08 Salary Structure And Pay Ranges In Accordance With WMC 3.55.040 And Repealing Resolution Serial No. 06-37.

MOTION: Council Member Koskela moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 07-24.

Discussion followed.

Council Member Metiva asked why the FY-08 Salary Grades and Ranges reflects the position of Director of Economic Development in a Grade 15 when the position does not exist. The Deputy Administrator noted the position placement was an oversight and will be removed. No objection was raised.

Discussion followed and questions were asked regarding the city's salary compensation system.

VOTE:

The motion to adopt Resolution Serial No. 07-24 passed unanimously with Deputy Mayor Cox, Council Members Ewing, Holler, Koskela, Menard, and Metiva voting in favor.

B. Resolution Serial No. 07-23: Extending The Duration Of The Employee Relations Committee To September 1, 2008. (Sponsored by Council Members Metiva and Koskela)

MOTION: Council Member Metiva moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 07-23.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Keller inquired if it is the intent of Council Members Koskela and Metiva to continue to serve on the Employee Relations Committee until September 1, 2008.

Council Members Koskela and Metiva expressed interest in continuing to serve through September 1, 2008. No objection was raised.

Discussion continued.

The Council requested that Employee Relations Committee meeting minutes be included in future council meeting packets. No objection was raised.

VOTE:

The motion to adopt Resolution Serial No. 07-23 passed with Deputy Mayor Cox, Council Members Holler, Koskela, Menard, and Metiva voting in favor and Council Member Ewing opposed.

C. AM No. 07-33: Award Of A 3-Year Contract To Fire Art By Griz In An Amount Not To Exceed \$12,000 Per Year For Pyrotechnical Services To Perform The 4th Of July And 2008 Iditarod Days Firework Displays At Iditarod Park.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to adopt AM No. 07-33.

Council Member Ewing asked why administration is purposing a three year contract for pyrotechnical services when the contract award to the Alaska Avalanche Hockey is for one year. (Clerk note the contract to Alaska Avalanche Hockey was awarded through the adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 07-40.)

Mr. Bill Miller, Purchasing Officer, answered questions related to Ordinance Serial No. 07-40 and AM No. 07-33.

VOTE:

The motion to adopt AM No. 07-33 passed unanimously with Deputy Mayor Cox, Council Members Ewing, Holler, Koskela, Menard, and Metiva voting in favor.

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No action was taken on the communication items.

# XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ms. Cheryl Metiva encouraged participation in upcoming Independence Day activities and commended Bruce Urban, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager, for his administration of the events.

# XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Tom Klinkner, City Attorney:

• reported he has recently been working on routine matters for the City.

# Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk:

- commented on the upcoming election preparation process;
- · reported on the candidate filing period for the upcoming election; and
- · reported on the council meeting schedule.

# Mayor Keller:

- reported on recent activities of city departments;
- noted she attended the bill signing ceremony for State Senate Bill 128 and thanked staff for their assistance in drafting the legislation;
- recognized and thanked local legislators for assistance in supporting Senate Bill 128; and
- reported on a fatal aircraft accident that occurred at the Wasilla Airport on June 24, 2007, and thanked airport tenant Grasshopper Aviation for assistance in responding to the crash.

#### XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

#### Council Member Metiva:

- thanked the audience for attending the meeting;
- · reported on upcoming Mat-Su Minors events;
- noted he recently attend Rock the Park at Iditapark and found the event enjoyable;
- commented on the initiative petition application recently filed in regard to the right to unionize; and
- congratulated Council Member Ewing on his upcoming marriage.

# Deputy Mayor Cox:

- congratulated Council Member Ewing on his upcoming marriage;
- thanked public work staff for recent improvements to Bumpus Ballfields; and
- · thanked the audience for attending the meeting.

# Council Member Menard:

- encouraged the council to review MSB Ordinance Serial No. 07-096 in regard to electrical generation facility or power plant; and
- congratulated Council Member Ewing on his upcoming marriage.

#### Council Member Holler:

- thanked the audience for attending the meeting;
- noted his 20 year Wasilla high school reunion will take place over the upcoming weekend; and
- congratulated Council Member Ewing on his upcoming marriage.

#### Council Member Koskela:

- requested a copy of MSB Ordinance Serial No. 07-096 in regard to electrical generation facility or power plant; and
- congratulated Council Member Ewing on his upcoming wedding.

# XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Lundgren Eminent Domain Case

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to enter into executive session for potential or pending litigation to which the City of Wasilla may become or is a party, specifically the Lundgren Eminent Domain Case.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion to enter into executive session passed without objection.

The entire council; mayor; the city attorney; finance director; public works director; deputy administrator; and recreation and cultural services manager entered executive session in the council conference room at 9:22 p.m. and exited at 9:55 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Koskela moved to authorize the attorney to offer a settlement of judgment increased by \$21,000.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously with Deputy Mayor Cox, Council Members Ewing, Holler, Koskela, Menard, and Metiva voting in favor.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to direct the attorney to render settlement in an amount not to exceed the figure talked about in executive session.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously with Deputy Mayor Cox, Council Members Ewing, Holler, Koskela, Menard, and Metiva voting in favor.

# 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 July 9, 2007.