



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.

AUGUST 13, 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 Presentation to Mr. Bill Hoyt, Outgoing Scoutmaster Troop 300.

VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

C. Airport Advisory Commission

D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

E. Friends of Wasilla Public Library

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

Clerk's Note: There are no public hearings scheduled.

B. Persons to be Heard

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: July 23, 2007
2. Special Meeting: July 23, 2007

B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on August 27, 2007:

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2. **Ordinance Serial No. 07-47:** Amending The FY-07 Budget By Appropriating \$18,000 From The Sewer Construction Fund For Water Utility Storage Yard Improvements.
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 07-48:** Approving A Zone Change From RR-Rural Residential To C-Commercial For Approximately 18.22 Acres Located On Matanuska-Susitna Borough Tax Parcels B11 And B15 And Lots 1 And 2 Of The Rodgers Park Subdivision, All Within Section 15, Township 17 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska.
4. **Ordinance Serial No. 07-49:** Amending The FY-07 Budget By Transferring \$104,038 From The Technology Replacement Fund Balance To The Technology Replacement Fund For The Purchase And Installation Of A New Storage Area Network (SAN), Servers And Associated Software.

C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 07-27:** Designating State Of Alaska Department Of Environmental Conservation Grant Funds For The Mission Hills Water Main Extension As The Number One Local State Funding Priority For Fiscal Year 2009.
2. **Resolution Serial No. 07-28:** Authorizing The Mayor To Execute Grant Agreements With The State Of Alaska For Fiscal Year 2008 Designated Legislative Grants.

D. Action Memorandums

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **AM No. 07-48:** Accepting The Resignation Of Council Member Greg Koskela By Declaring Seat A Vacant, And Establishing An Appointment Process.
- B. **AM No. 07-47:** Appointment To Vacant Seat On The Employee Relations Committee.
- C. **AM No. 07-46:** Authorization Of Cost For The Alaska Railroad To Upgrade Hallea Lane Crossing In The Amount Of \$167,000.
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B. Commission Minutes

1. Planning Commission: July 24, 2007

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, August 13, 2007, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Dianne M. Keller called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Council Members present and establishing a quorum were:

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

Mayor Keller noted that Council Member Greg Koskela, Seat A, was absent and excused. No objection was raised.

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk
Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk
Ms. Susan Colligan, Finance Director
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 noted the following changes to the agenda: Under Special Orders, to cancel the Proclamation presentation proclaiming September as National Youth Court Month and to add a Proclamation presentation to Mr. Bill Hoyt, outgoing Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 300.

Mayor Keller inquired if there were any other changes to the agenda.

Council Member Metiva requested to move the following items from the Consent Agenda to New Business: Ordinance Serial No. 07-46; Resolution Serial No. 07-26; and AM No. 07-46.

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

V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

- A. Proclamation Presentation to Mr. Bill Hoyt, Outgoing Scoutmaster, Troop 300.

Mayor Keller presented a Proclamation to Mr. Hoyt in honor of his service to the community in his capacity as Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 300.

VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

- A. Planning Commission

The Deputy Administrator noted that the Planning Commission will consider a Conditional Use Permit at their next regular meeting.

- B. Parks and Recreation Commission

Commissioner Dave Tuttle reported on items from the August 8, 2007, Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

- C. Airport Advisory Commission

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

- D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

No report was presented.

- E. Friends of Wasilla Public Library

Ms. Jeanne Troshynski, Chair, reported on recent events sponsored by the Friends of Wasilla Public Library.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

Clerk's Note: There were no public hearings scheduled.

B. Persons to be Heard

1. Mr. Jim Faiks, Western Enterprises, Inc.

Mr. Faiks:

- talked about Western Enterprises, Inc. and the Wasilla Center Development; and
- discussed his business park development and conflicts with the adjacent property owner. *(Clerk note: This development is located at Tax Parcel C10, Section 10, Township 17 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian.)*

2. Mr. Joe Fuller, Partner, Wasilla Center Development

Mr. Fuller:

- talked about the integrity of Western Enterprises, Inc.; and
- discussed his business venture with Western Enterprises, Inc. *(Clerk note: This development is located at Tax Parcel C10, Section 10, Township 17 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian.)*

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D. Action Memorandums

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

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Cox moved to adopt the Consent Agenda as read by the City Clerk.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection with Deputy Mayor Cox, Council Members Ewing, Holler, Menard, and Metiva in favor. *(Clerk note: Council Member Koskela was absent from the meeting.)*

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **AM No. 07-48:** Accepting The Resignation Of Council Member Greg Koskela By Declaring Seat A Vacant, And Establishing An Appointment Process.

MOTION: Council Member Metiva moved to adopt AM No. 07-48.

Discussion followed.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved a primary amendment that each Council Member will be afforded an opportunity to ask one question per candidate.

Discussion followed.

GENERAL CONSENT: The primary amendment passed without objection with Deputy Mayor Cox, Council Members Ewing, Holler, Menard, and Metiva in favor. *(Clerk note: Council Member Koskela was absent from the meeting.)*

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved a primary amendment as follows: if no decision is made at the August 27, 2007, Regular City Council Meeting, the subject will be continued at the September 10, 2007, Regular City Council Meeting.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Deputy Mayor Cox, Council Members Ewing, Holler, and Metiva voting in favor and Council Member Menard opposed. *(Clerk note: Council Member Koskela was absent from the meeting.)*

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved the previous question. *(Clerk note: The purpose of this motion is to immediately end debate.)*

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection with Deputy Mayor Cox, Council Members Ewing, Holler, Menard, and Metiva in favor *(Clerk note: Council Member Koskela was absent from the meeting.)*

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion to adopt AM No. 07-48, as amended, passed without objection with Deputy Mayor Cox, Council Members Ewing, Holler, Menard, and Metiva in favor. *(Clerk note: Council Member Koskela was absent from the meeting.)*

B. AM No. 07-47: Appointment To Vacant Seat On The Employee Relations Committee.

MOTION: Council Member Ewing moved to adopt AM No. 07-47 by appointing Council Member Menard to the Employee Relations Committee.

Discussion followed and Council Member Menard declined the appointment.

MOTION: Council Member Metiva moved a primary amendment to appoint Council Member Holler to the Employee Relations Committee.

Discussion continued.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved the previous question. (*Clerk note: The purpose of this motion is to immediately end debate.*)

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection with Deputy Mayor Cox, Council Members Ewing, Holler, Menard, and Metiva in favor.

VOTE: The motion to adopt AM No. 07-47 by appointing Council Member Doug Holler to the Employee Relations Committee passed with Council Members Ewing, Holler, Menard, and Metiva voting in favor and Deputy Mayor Cox opposed. The primary amendment was deemed final on the main motion and allowed to stand. No objection was raised.

- C. **AM No. 07-46:** Authorization Of Cost For The Alaska Railroad To Upgrade Hallee Lane Crossing In The Amount Of \$167,000.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Cox moved to adopt AM No. 07-46.

Discussion followed and questions were asked of the Public Works Director.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved the previous question. (*Clerk note: The purpose of this motion is to immediately end debate.*)

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection with Deputy Mayor Cox, Council Members Ewing, Holler, Menard, and Metiva in favor.

VOTE: The motion to adopt AM No. 07-46 passed unanimously with Deputy Mayor Cox, Council Members Ewing, Holler, Menard, and Metiva voting in favor.

- D. **Resolution Serial No. 07-26:** Transferring Funds Within An Accounting Fund In The Amount Of \$26,585 For Iditapark Improvements.

MOTION: Council Member Metiva moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 07-26.

Discussion followed and questions were asked regarding the location of the bike paths within the park.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Resolution Serial No. 07-46 passed unanimously with Deputy Mayor Cox, Council Members Ewing, Holler, Menard, and Metiva voting in favor.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE: RECOMMEND FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON AUGUST 27, 2007.

- E. **Ordinance Serial No. 07-46:** To Amend The FY-07 Budget By Carrying Forward And Appropriating \$1,170 In Institute Of Museum And Library Services Grant Funds For The Museum Assessment Program And Matching Funds Of \$580 From General Fund Fund Balance.

MOTION: Council Member Metiva moved to introduce Ordinance Serial No. 07-46 and set for public hearing on August 27, 2007.

Questions were asked about the Museum Assessment.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved the previous question. (*Clerk note: The purpose of this motion is to immediately end debate.*)

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection with Deputy Mayor Cox, Council Members Ewing, Holler, Menard, and Metiva in favor.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion to introduce Ordinance Serial No. 07-46 and set for public hearing on August 27, 2007, passed without objection with Deputy Mayor Cox, Council Members Ewing, Holler, Menard, and Metiva in favor.

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B. Commission Minutes

1. Planning Commission: July 24, 2007

No action was taken on the communication items.

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Jim Faiks:

- thanked the Council for their service and commented on challenges caused by rapid growth and development.

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk:

- noted that she did not have anything to add to her written report and requested that the Deputy Clerk report on the Alaska Municipal League Summer Board Meeting.

Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk:

- reported on the highlights of the Alaska Municipal League Summer Board Meeting, held in Healy, August 9 through 11, 2007.

Mayor Keller:

- share articles published in national news publications featuring Wasilla;
- reported on the success of a public awareness campaign by the Wasilla Police Department on the proper use of off-road vehicles; and
- reported that liquor license code amendments are being drafted by Administration.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Metiva:

- requested that the City Clerk schedule a joint tri-cities/borough meeting after the October election;
- thanked the audience for attending the meeting;
- spoke about the success of networking night at the Wasilla Public Library; and
- recognized and thanked Council Member Koskela for his dedication and service.

Council Member Ewing:

- thanked Mr. Jim Faiks for his testimony;
- talked about future road improvements to ease traffic congestion;
- talked about the need to attract high paying jobs for residents; and
- requested clarification on the new liquor license laws enacted by the State.

Council Member Menard:

- spoke about future Main Street improvements and the possibility of railroad relocation.

Deputy Mayor Cox:

- thanked Administration for proactively enforcing park rules;
- talked about how garbage left in parks may attract bears;
- recognized the beautification crew for the exquisite flower displays around the City;
- thanked Mr. Jim Faiks for his testimony this evening; and
- thanked Council Member Koskela for his outstanding service to the residents of the City.

Council Member Holler:

- encouraged qualified candidates to apply for the vacant seat on the council.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session was held.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Mayor Keller adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.



DIANNE M. KELLER
Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on August 27, 2007.

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