



**MAYOR**

Dianne M. Keller

**COUNCIL**

Stephanie Massie, Seat A

Douglas W. Holler, Seat B

Steve Menard, Seat C

Marty Metiva, Seat D

Dianne Woodruff, Seat E

Kristofer Larson, 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.**

**OCTOBER 22, 2007**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A. Presentation of Colors by Boy Scout Troop 300

**IV. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**

A. Swearing In Ceremony

**V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**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

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### B. Persons to be Heard

## VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: October 8, 2007

### B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on November 26, 2007:

*No introductions were scheduled.*

### C. Resolutions

1. **Resolution Serial No. 07-31:** Authorizing The Mayor To Execute A Grant Agreement With The Department Of Transportation In The Amount Of \$4,586,918 For The Wasilla Wideband Multimedia Mobile Emergency Communications Pilot
2. **Resolution Serial No. 07-34:** Establishing Library Fees For Non-City Borough Residents At The Wasilla Library.

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B. Commission Minutes

1. Airport Advisory Commission: September 18, 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, October 22, 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:

- Ms. Stephanie Massie, Seat A
- Mr. Doug Holler, Seat B
- Mr. Steve Menard, Seat C
- Mr. Marty Metiva, Seat D
- Ms. Dianne Woodruff, Seat E (*sworn into office under Special Orders*)
- Mr. Kristofer Larson, Seat F (*sworn into office under Special Orders*)

Deputy Mayor Ron Cox, Seat E and Council Member Mark Ewing, Seat F were absent and excused with no objection raised.

Staff in attendance were:

- Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk
- Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk
- Mr. Tom Klinkner, City Attorney
- 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

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- A. Presentation of Colors by Boy Scout Troop 300

Boy Scout Troop 300 led the pledge of allegiance.

**IV. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**

- A. Swearing In Ceremony

The City Clerk administered an Oath of Office to Council Members Kristofer Larson and Dianne Woodruff. (*Clerk note: Council Members Larson and Woodruff participated in the meeting from this point forward.*)

## **V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Keller inquired if there were changes to the agenda as presented.

Council Member Metiva requested to move Resolution Serial No. 07-34 from the Consent Agenda to New Business. No objection was raised.

**GENERAL CONSENT:** The agenda, as amended, was approved with no objection raised by Council Members Holler, Larson, Massie, Menard, Metiva, and Woodruff.

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

### **A. Planning Commission**

Ms. Sandra Garley, Deputy Administrator:

- reported on items from the October 9, 2007, Regular Planning Commission Meeting; and
- reported on items scheduled for discussion at the October 24, 2007, Planning Commission Meeting.

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

Commissioner Mary Shampine:

- reported on items under consideration by the Parks and Recreation Commission;
- reported that Commissioner Maureen McCombs recently submitted her resignation; and
- thanked Commissioner McCombs for her dedication and hard work.

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

Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director:

- reported on items discussed at the last Airport Advisory Commission meeting.

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

No report was presented.

### **E. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce**

Ms. Cheryl Metiva, Executive Director:

- presented a report on the activities of the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce.

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Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 07-57 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-57.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-57 passed unanimously with Council Members Holler, Larson, Massie, Menard, Metiva, and Woodruff voting in favor.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 07-59:** Amending The FY 08 Budget By Appropriating An Amount Not To Exceed \$661,028 From The General Fund's Fund Balance To The Multi-Use Sports Complex For The Payment Of The Master's Award In The Case Of City Of Wasilla Vs. Gary Lundgren.

Mayor Keller opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 07-59 and there being no one who wished to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Metiva moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-59.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-59 passed unanimously with Council Members Holler, Larson, Massie, Menard, Metiva, and Woodruff voting in favor.

B. Persons to be Heard

1. Ms. Stephanie Burchell

Ms. Burchell spoke in opposition to Resolution Serial No. 07-34.

2. Ms. Liz Potter

Ms. Potter spoke in opposition to Resolution Serial No. 07-34.

3. Ms. Julie Ede

Ms. Ede spoke in opposition to Resolution Serial No. 07-34.

4. Mr. Skip Hrin

Mr. Hrin:

- introduced his business Valley Recycle Pick-Up; and
- encouraged the City to consider utilizing the service as it is a fiscally and environmentally sound practice.

5. Ms. Joyce Lund

Ms. Lund spoke in opposition to Resolution Serial No. 07-34.

6. Ms. Pam Ockerlander

Ms. Ockerlander spoke in opposition to Resolution Serial No. 07-34.

7. Ms. Katy Hurley

Ms. Hurley spoke in opposition to Resolution Serial No. 07-34.

8. Ms. Kathy Wasserman, Executive Director, Alaska Municipal League (AML)

Ms. Wasserman:

- introduced herself as the Executive Director of the AML;
- spoke about the mission of AML, and
- invited the Council to contact AML at any time with questions on local government practices.

9. Ms. Annette Andres

Ms. Andres asked questions and requested information in advance of the Special City Council Meeting on October 24, 2007, regarding the realignment of Sun Mountain Avenue.

10. Ms. Colleen Cottle

Ms. Cottle:

- expressed concern about the cost of the city newsletter dated October 15, 2007;
- expressed concern with the content of the city newsletter; and
- expressed concern with promises made to developers by the City's Community and Economic Development Department.

11. Ms. Jeanne Troshynski

Ms. Troshynski:

- stated it is the responsibility of the City of Wasilla to provide library services;
- encouraged the Council to come up with a sustainable funding source for the Wasilla Public Library; and
- talked about the economic benefits of a library.

12. Mr. Norman Fuller

Mr. Fuller:

- shared issues raised from the public that were gathered when Mr. Fuller campaigned for office.

13. Cheryl Metiva

Ms. Metiva:

- talked about the need for downtown revitalization; and
- suggested the development of a downtown development authority.

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The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda into the record.

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

VOTE: The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda passed unanimously with Council Members Holler, Larson, Massie, Menard, Metiva, and Woodruff voting in favor.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Resolution Serial No. 07-34:** Establishing Library Fees For Non-City Borough Residents At The Wasilla Library.

MOTION: Council Member Metiva moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 07-34.

Discussion followed and debate ensued.

The Finance Director spoke about discussion held during the budget process regarding the shortfall of library funding from the Mat-Su Borough.

The Recreation and Cultural Services Manager spoke about ways to offset the library funding deficit.

Discussion and debate continued.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved the previous question. *(Clerk note: the effect of the motion is to immediately stop debate.)*

VOTE: The motion to move the previous question passed with Council Members Holler, Menard, Metiva, and Woodruff voting in favor and Council Members Larson and Massie opposed.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Resolution Serial No. 07-34 failed unanimously with Council Members Holler, Larson, Massie Menard, Metiva, and Woodruff voting in opposition.

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No action was taken on the communication items.

## XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Garvan Bucaria:

- spoke about negative impact to Cottonwood Creek caused by the development of Creekside Town Square; and
- encouraged the establishment of a waterways council.

Mr. Karl Lund:

- expressed appreciation for the action taken on Resolution Serial No. 07-34.

Ms. Colleen Cottle:

- expressed that she would rather see the City place an emphasis on assisting the library with their funding shortfall versus expending public resources to assist large development projects.

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

Mr. Tom Klinkner, City Attorney:

- spoke about the collective bargaining process;
- recommended that the Council cancel employee meetings that were scheduled pursuant to WMC 3.90.080 and suspend Employee Relations Committee meetings until the collective bargaining process is complete; and
- thanked the Council for the action on Ordinance Serial No. 07-59.

Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk:

- spoke about the upcoming council meeting schedule;
- noted staff will attend the Alaska Municipal League Conference;
- asked about items for the next tri-cities meeting agenda; and
- welcomed newly elected Council Members Larson and Woodruff.

The City Clerk asked the Council if there was objection to canceling the next Employee Relations Committee Meeting. No objection was raised.

Mayor Keller:

- reported two petitions for recognition as collective bargaining representatives for groups of city employees are pending before the Alaska Labor Relations Agency;
- provided the Council with production costs of the October City Newsletter;
- shared positive comments received from residents regarding the publication of a City Newsletter; and
- noted she will not attend the November 26, 2007, Regular City Council Meeting.

Mayor Keller announced the appointment of Kristofer Larson, Seat F, as Deputy Mayor pursuant to WMC 2.16.060, Temporary absence or disability.

### **XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Massie:

- spoke in support of finding creative solutions to funding the library shortfall.

Council Member Holler:

- thanked the public for attending the meeting; and
- suggested that the Economic Development Planner attend the Special Council Meeting on Sun Mountain Avenue.

Council Member Menard:

- noted his plan to sponsor an ordinance amending the council meeting agenda to include additional council comments;
- noted he supports the distribution of a City Newsletter, however, requested an advanced copy of future publications;
- noted reaching out to constituents is essential; and
- welcomed newly elected Council Members Larson and Woodruff.

Council Member Woodruff:

- thanked Norman Fuller for attending the meeting and sharing information he gathered on the campaign trail;
- noted she looks forward to working with staff;
- spoke in support of the establishment of a Waterways Council; and
- requested an advanced copy of future City Newsletters prior to distribution to the public.

Council Member Metiva:

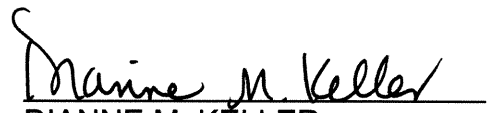
- thanked the audience for attending the meeting;
- welcomed newly elected Council Members Larson and Woodruff;
- spoke in support of scheduling a work session to solve library funding issues;
- suggested that administration schedule training on the City's compensation system to supervisors and employees; and
- commented on items for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Project list.

**XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session was held.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business at hand, Mayor Keller adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

  
DIANNE M. KELLER  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC  
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on November 26, 2007.