



**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, December 10, 2007, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Mayor Dianne M. Keller called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to enter into a Committee of the Whole to discuss the process for applications to relocate a liquor license into the City of Wasilla.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Council Members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Stephanie Massie, Seat A  
Mr. Doug Holler, Seat B  
Mr. Steve Menard, Seat C  
Mr. Marty Metiva, Seat D  
Ms. Dianne Woodruff, Seat E  
Mr. Kristofer Larson, Deputy Mayor, Seat F

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk  
Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk  
Ms. Sandra Garley, Deputy Administrator  
Mr. Casey Reynolds, Economic Development Planner

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Keller invited Mr. Reynolds to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Keller inquired if there were changes to the agenda as presented, hearing none, the agenda was approved as presented, by Deputy Mayor Larson, Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, Metiva, and Woodruff.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Committee of the Whole

1. Process For Applications To Relocate A Liquor License Into The City.

- a. Mr. Doug Griffin, Director, State of Alaska, Department of Public Safety, Alcohol Beverage Control Board.

**MOTION:** Council Member Metiva moved to enter into a Committee of the Whole at 5:35 p.m. to discuss the process for applications to relocate a liquor license into the City of Wasilla.

**GENERAL CONSENT:** The motion passed without objection with Deputy Mayor Larson, Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, Metiva, and Woodruff voting in favor.

Mr. Griffin introduced himself and talked about the role of local governing bodies in the liquor license process. He talked about the various license types available in the City of Wasilla and how population currently affects the issuance of licenses.

Discussion moved to the Council and questions were asked of Mr. Griffin regarding the adoption of regulations to address the interpretation of Senate Bill (SB) 128.

**MOTION:** Council Member Menard moved to exit at 6:38 p.m.

**GENERAL CONSENT:** The motion passed without objection by Deputy Mayor Larson, Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, Metiva, and Woodruff.

## **VI. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Mr. Ted Anderson, Mug Shot Saloon, and Tailgaters Sports Bar:

- expressed concern with unanswered questions in regard to SB 128.

Mr. Jim Flattley, Artic Circle Club of North America:

- expressed concern about the devaluation of existing liquor licenses as a result of the adoption of SB 128; and
- spoke in favor of protecting the interest of current beverage dispensary license holders.

Mr. Phillip Lundstrom Tailgaters Sports Bar & Grill:

- expressed opposition to liquor licenses being transferred from the Mat-Su Borough into the City of Wasilla in accordance with SB 128, on behalf of Mr. Jose Nanez, owner, Chepo's Fiesta.

Mr. Evangelos Lambernakis, Evangelo's Restaurant:

- shared his thoughts on SB 128 and its effect on local liquor license holders.

Mr. Chuck Freese, The Great Bear Brewing Company:

- shared his thoughts on SB 128; and
- encouraged the City to enter into the process for relocating liquor licenses from the Mat-Su Borough into the City of Wasilla slowly.

## **VII. MAYOR, COUNCIL AND CLERK COMMENTS**

Mayor Keller:

- thanked Mr. Griffin for attending and participating in the discussion this evening; and
- thanked members of the public for attending the meeting and sharing their thoughts.

Council Member Woodruff:

- thanked Mr. Griffin and members of the public for attending the meeting this evening.

Deputy Mayor Larson:

- thanked the public for testifying and bringing forward their concerns.

Council Member Massie:

- thanked Mr. Griffin and members of the public for attending the meeting this evening.

Council Member Holler:

- thanked members of the public for attending the meeting this evening; and
- thanked Mr. Griffin for his insight.

Council Member Menard:

- thanked members of the public for attending the meeting this evening;
- thanked Mr. Griffin for his comments; and
- noted he understands the potential downside of SB 128.

Council Member Metiva:

- thanked everyone for attending the meeting this evening; and
- spoke about growth and the need to make well thought decisions.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business at hand, Mayor Keller adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

  
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DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC  
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on January 14, 2008