

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, Deputy Mayor, 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.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

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

VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

A. Airport Advisory Commission

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

C. Planning Commission

D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

C. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 08-46:** Amending The FY-09 Budget By Appropriating \$878,935 For Road Projects.

B. Persons to be Heard

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes of Preceding Meetings:

1. Regular Meeting: September 8, 2008

B. Introduction of Ordinances: Recommended for Public Hearing on October 13, 2008:

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 08-47:** Amending WMC 1.20.030.C, Disposition Of Scheduled Offenses – Fine Schedule, To Establish A Penalty For Violations Under Disaster Emergency Declarations; Amending The Title Of WMC Chapter 2.56, Disaster Emergency Planning; Amending WMC 2.56.010, Definitions; Enacting WMC 2.56.015 Through 2.56.085 To Add Current Language Concerning Disaster Emergency Planning; And Repealing WMC 2.56.020 Through 2.56.120 To Eliminate Obsolete Language Concerning Disaster Emergency Planning.

C. Resolutions

D. Action Memorandums

1. **AM No. 08-59:** Award Of Contract To Alaska Sales And Service, Inc., In The Amount Of \$31,900 For One (1) Chevrolet Tahoe SSP Police Vehicle.
2. **AM No. 08-60:** Award Of Contract To Anchorage Chrysler Center, Inc., In The Amount Of \$86,625 For Three (3) Police Vehicles.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **AM No. 08-56:** Vacation Of Portions Of South Maney Drive And The Adjoining 5 Foot Public Use Easement.
- B. **AM No. 08-57:** Directing The Annexation Of Whispering Woods Subdivision And Parcel B19 (17N01W12B019) Into The City Of Wasilla. (Sponsored by Council Member Menard)

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Informational Memorandums
 - 1. **IM No. 08-19:** Monthly Financial Report Delay.
 - 2. **IM No. 08-20:** Letter Regarding Claim For Reimbursement From Andres.

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

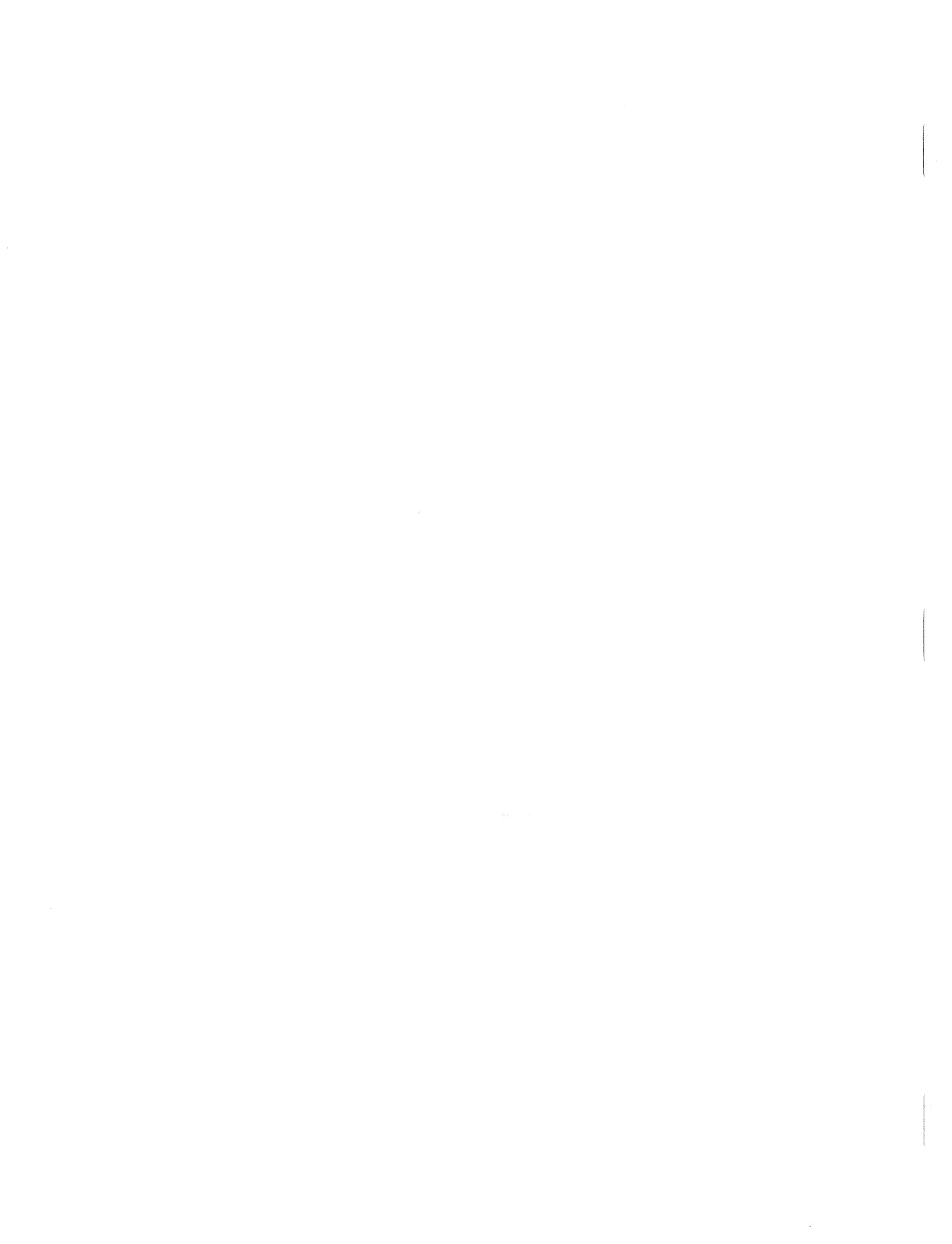
XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Labor Negotiations With An Employee Bargaining Unit Or Its Representative (Resolution Serial No. 08-34).
 - 1. **Resolution Serial No. 08-38:** Ratifying The Collective Bargaining Agreement Between The City Of Wasilla And The Laborers International Union Of North America, Local 341 Dated July 1, 2008 Thru March 31, 2011.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT



I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Wasilla City Council was held on Monday, September 22, 2008, at the Wasilla City Council Chambers, Wasilla, Alaska. Deputy Mayor Kristofer Larson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Larson stated Mayor Dianne M. Keller was absent and excused. No objection was noted.

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
- Mr. Kristofer Larson, Deputy Mayor, Seat F

Staff in attendance were:

- Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk
- Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Clerk
- Ms. Tom Klinkner, City Attorney
- Ms. Cheryl Deariso, Chief Financial Officer
- Mr. Archie Giddings, Director of Public Works
- Ms. Angella Long, Police Chief
- Mr. Bruce Urban, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager
- Mr. Marvin Yoder, Deputy Administrator

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. Boy Scout Troop 300

Boy Scout Troop 300 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Larson requested to remove AM No. 08-58, from the agenda, as the issue has been resolved. No objection was noted.

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

V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

There were no special orders.

VI. COMMISSION AND AGENCY REPORTS

A. Airport Advisory Commission

Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director:

- reported there were no action items on the last commission meeting agenda; and
- reported he has been discussing with the commission the topic of establishing an instrument approach at the Wasilla Airport.

B. Parks and Recreation Commission

Commissioner Mary Shampine:

- reported on the activities of the commission to include: planning a Statehood celebration, the installation of security cameras at Iditapark, and trail mapping.

C. Planning Commission

Mr. Marvin Yoder, Deputy Administrator, noted the Planning Commission cancelled its last meeting.

D. Matanuska-Susitna Borough

No report was presented.

C. Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Cheryl Metiva, Executive Director:

- reported on the recent activities of the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Hearings

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 08-46:** Amending The FY-09 Budget By Appropriating \$878,935 For Road Projects.

Deputy Mayor Larson opened the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 08-46, and there being no one who came forward to present testimony the public hearing closed.

MOTION: Council Member Metiva moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 08-46.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 08-46, passed unanimously with Deputy Mayor Larson and Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, Metiva, and Woodruff voting in favor.

B. Persons to be Heard

There were no persons to be heard.

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The City Clerk read the Consent Agenda into the record.

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

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

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **AM No. 08-56:** Vacation Of Portions Of South Maney Drive And The Adjoining 5 Foot Public Use Easement.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to approve AM No. 08-56.

Discussion followed.

Council Member Woodruff noted Mr. Jim Sawhill of Lounsbury & Associates is in attendance and suggested he be allowed to speak about the development of Creekside Town Square. No objection was noted. *(Clerk note: Lounsbury & Associates provides engineering services to the Meritage Development Group.)*

Mr. Sawhill talked about the development plan for Creekside Town Square and answered questions from the Council.

VOTE: The motion to adopt AM No. 08-56, passed with Deputy Mayor Larson and Council Members Holler, Massie, Metiva, and Woodruff voting in favor and Council Member Menard opposed.

- B. **AM No. 08-57:** Directing The Annexation Of Whispering Woods Subdivision And Parcel B19 (17N01W12B019) Into The City Of Wasilla. (Sponsored by Council Member Menard)

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to adopt AM No. 08-57.

Discussion moved to the Council.

MOTION: Council Member Metiva moved to postpone indefinitely AM No. 08-57.

VOTE: The motion to postpone indefinitely AM No. 08-57, passed unanimously with Deputy Mayor Larson and Council Members Holler, Massie, Metiva, and Woodruff voting in favor and Council Member Menard opposed.

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No action was taken on the Communication items.

XII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Ms. Colleen Cottle:

- expressed frustration with the current development of Creekside Town Square;
- noted it is important to support the extension of Hermon Road to assist with the traffic flow in the area of Creekside Town Square; and
- noted it is the responsibility of elected officials to ensure efficient traffic patterns are in place.

Ms. Gretchen O'Barr:

- stated she agrees with the response from City Attorney Tom Klinkner in response to a claim for reimbursement by Bob and Annette Andres for hours worked to defend themselves in regard to a proposed road through the parking lot of the Windbreak Café. (See IM No. 08-16)

Mr. Richard Bay:

- asked what subjects qualify for Executive Session.

XIII. MAYOR, CLERK AND ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Ms. Kristie Smithers, City Clerk:

- noted early/absentee voting is now available for the upcoming regular city election;
- reported on public records requests received to date; and
- reported that the Appeal Officer reversed the decision of the Planning Commission in Appeal Cases 08-01 and 08-02.

Mr. Tom Klinkner, City Attorney:

- noted a memorandum was distributed to the Council updating them on litigation involving the City of Wasilla; and
- reported he is working on a draft ordinance to revise the Wasilla Municipal Code, Title 16, related to subdivision development, density standards, and planned unit developments.

Questions were asked of Mr. Klinkner regarding the claim for reimbursement by Bob and Annette Andres for hours worked to defend themselves in regard to a proposed road through the parking lot of the Windbreak Café. (See IM No. 08-16)

Mr. Klinkner noted the request for reimbursement is insufficient without further explanation and documentation of claim.

XIV. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Massie:

- commented on the claim for reimbursement requested by Bob and Annette Andres.

Council Member Holler:

- thanked everyone for attending the meeting;
- thanked the staff in the Clerk's Office for their hard work;
- encouraged members of the public to contact him regarding annexation; and
- noted the annexation of Whispering Woods Subdivision appears logical.

Deputy Mayor Larson:

- spoke about the need to establish an east/west corridor particularly on the east side of Wasilla; and
- talked about the need to plan for growth.

Council Member Menard:

- reflected on his tenure on the Wasilla City Council; and
- talked about the cost of litigation versus settling out of court.

Council Member Woodruff:

- talked about the benefits of settling claims outside of litigation;
- talked about the need to be held accountable when citizens are harmed by actions of the City of Wasilla;
- noted she received complaints from the public regarding the sale of tee-shirts at the Museum as it appears government is competing with the private sector;
- expressed disappointment that the proclamation issued by Mayor Dianne Keller, to publicly support Sarah Palin, stated support from the City Council, although the City Council was not given an advanced copy nor were they provided an opportunity to vote; and

- noted the proclamation appeared political in nature versus supporting a local citizen.

Council Member Metiva:

- thanked the audience for attending the meeting;
- expressed his commitment to the community; and
- inquired about security measures to combat vandalism at Iditapark.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Labor Negotiations With An Employee Bargaining Unit Or Its Representative (Resolution Serial No. 08-34).

1. **Resolution Serial No. 08-38:** Ratifying The Collective Bargaining Agreement Between The City Of Wasilla And The Laborers International Union Of North America, Local 341 Dated July 1, 2008 Thru March 31, 2011.

MOTION: Council Member Menard moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of labor negotiations with an employee bargaining unit or its representatives, specifically Resolution Serial No. 08-38.

VOTE: The motion to enter executive session passed unanimously with Deputy Mayor Larson, and Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, Metiva, and Woodruff voting in favor.

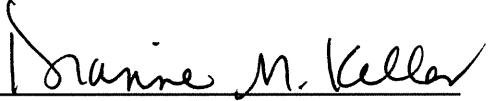
The entire Council; Kristie Smithers, City Clerk; Marvin Yoder, Deputy Administrator; Bruce Urban, Recreation and Cultural Services Manager; Cheryl Deariso, Finance Director, and Tom Klinkner, City Attorney, entered executive session in the council conference room at 9:02 p.m. The executive session exited at 9:12 p.m.

MOTION: Council Member Woodruff moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 08-38.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Resolution Serial No. 08-38, passed unanimously, with Deputy Mayor Larson, and Council Members Holler, Massie, Menard, Metiva, and Woodruff voting in favor. *(Clerk note: Council Member Holler was absent and excused.)*

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Deputy Mayor Larson, adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.



DIANNE M. KELLER
Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

Adopted by the Wasilla City Council on October 13, 2008