

**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2013
6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
P-12 BUILDING**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lunceford called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Lunceford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

A. Council Members Present: Larry Bussman, Pete Heddell, Lester Lunceford, Dave Pinguoch (telephonic) Mary Brenneman, Dan Blair and Becky Cotner

B. Administration Present: Brenda Krol, City Clerk and Bob Prunella, City Manager

Mayor Lunceford stated that Councilor Dave Pinguoch had emailed a request to participate telephonically and he entertained a motion to allow that.

MOTION: Pete Heddell made a motion to allow Dave Pinguoch to participate telephonically.

SECONDED: Mary Brenneman seconded the motion.

VOTE: Pete Heddell: Yes, Mary Brenneman: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes, Lester Lunceford: Yes, Larry Bussman: Yes, Becky Cotner: Yes.

Motion passed 6-0.

City Clerk, Brenda Krol contacted councilor Dave Pinguoch so that he could participate telephonically.

Others present included: Scott Korbe, Dave Schofield, Sue Miller, Marilyn Heddell, Charlie Eldridge, Rob Cone-Clark, Brandy Bender, Joe Graffius, Stephanie Burgoon,

4. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Becky Cotner made a motion to approve the special meeting agenda as written.

SECONDED: Mary Brenneman seconded the motion.

VOTE: Becky Cotner: Yes, Mary Brenneman: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes, Dave Pinguoch: Yes, Pete Heddell: Yes, Larry Bussman: Yes, Lester Lunceford: Yes

Motion passed 7-0.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS THE SUBJECT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

A. City Budget and Projects

Mayor Lunceford stated that the subject of the special meeting was to discuss the city budget and projects and that it had been conveyed to him and to other council members that council needed to talk about these items.

Pete Heddell said "I thought that these projects were close to being written in stone as they could be as of the last council meeting."

Mayor Lunceford replied "some of the residents and citizens have asked me where we were at with a lot of these projects, where we are going and how we are proceeding."

Mayor Lunceford said "We will also have to discuss whether our federal priorities are the same as our state priorities or if we want to change them a little because we are getting calls from Washington D.C. now to prioritize our projects."

Mayor Lunceford said "As many of you know one of our projects is the Shotgun Cove Road and I asked the city manager today where we were at with that because I have been approached by residents and citizens both in Whittier and outside of Whittier with questions regarding this project, like how much money do we have tucked away for the next phase? And what are we planning on doing for the next phase?"

Mayor Lunceford said "there seems to be some confusion as to whether or not we are paving Whittier Street and realigning Eastern and Whittier Street or are we moving forward with Phase two of the Shotgun Cove Road Project out toward Emerald Cove and how much money do we have for this and quite frankly I don't know what the answer is."

Bob Prunella replied "The answer is we all know that we have two million, four hundred thousand that has been received but we will need to ask for at least another four million and that should take us approximately half way to Shotgun Cove."

Bob Prunella also said "That has already been set up to go to the legislature and now the delegation has decided that they want some projects, they didn't want any before. So that is where we are, we need another four million or if we don't get it we could go back and scale down."

Mayor Lunceford said "We have discussed on this council a couple of times and Scott Korbe had mentioned that there were options and those options were to either move forward with the construction of Shotgun Cove Road or utilize some of the money that we had and move forward with the realignment of Whittier Street."

Mayor Lunceford asked Bob Prunella about the harbor slips.

Mayor Lunceford asked "where are we at with the harbor, we talked a couple of times about bonding."

Bob Prunella replied "we need eleven million dollars."

Mayor Lunceford asked "are we going to wait and see if we can get funding through the State and/or Federal or are we going to go out on our own?"

Bob Prunella said "that is up to the council but I thought we were going to wait until this legislature and then if we don't get anything then we will have to go to plan B."

Mayor Lunceford asked where we were with the surveying of the lots out at Shotgun Cove.

Bob Prunella stated that administration was working with the company that is doing the preliminary work now.

Scott Korbe stated that they are looking for some direction from the council and administration has also met with a different company to explore the options, we know that the council is not happy with the current contractor.

Scott Korbe stated that administration was seeking additional source of contractor to fill the needs and basically do some back checking to make sure that finances that will be invested will bear fruit.

Mayor Lunceford asked “who are the two entities?”

Bob Prunella replied “I can’t think of the name, I was not prepared to answer all these, I didn’t even know we had a meeting until 24 hours ago.”

Bob Prunella stated that the entity that the city was dealing with in the past is USKH.

Scott Korbe stated that the other entity is WH Pacific and Land Design.

Bob Prunella stated that WH Pacific has been involved with Shotgun Cove Road.

Mayor Lunceford said “just so you know, just for clarification this is not an attack on anybody, these are questions that have been asked to me and I just don’t know the answers to.”

Bob Prunella replied “that’s fine, if I would have had more notice I’d have more answers, that’s all I’m saying Mr. Mayor.”

Mayor Lunceford said “I do know that council has had discussions all the way down to utilizing some of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill money to plat and survey and that is the last I heard.”

Bob Prunella said “I am going to use some of that money because that is what it is dedicated for.”

Mayor Lunceford said “quite frankly some of the people in Whittier are anxious to know where we are at with the platting and surveying.”

Mayor Lunceford moved on to the Head of the Bay.

Bob Prunella stated that there is a meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers on February 20th in the Homeowners Lounge at 9am. The meeting has to do with the next phase of restoration of the Head of the Bay. The council is invited to attend.

Pete Heddell asked if there was any paperwork associated with this meeting because he had cleaned out his council box today and had not seen anything regarding this meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Mayor Lunceford said “I just received it about three days ago. It was forwarded from the city manager and I don’t know if he was waiting on me to forward it to council or if it was forwarded to you guys. I have had some problems with my email so I don’t know who all has received copies of that.”

Bob Prunella told Mayor Lunceford “you were the only one that had received it because I recall at the last council meeting I was instructed to give them to you and you would pass them on to the council, but I

don't have a problem I'll copy everyone but that's what I thought I heard was people saying that they did not want to be inundated with paperwork."

Bob Prunella said "If you want me to copy everybody with everything I can do that, it's easy with email."

Mayor Lunceford said "That's the way it should be."

Dan Blair said "I would like to be copied."

Bob Prunella asked the council "so which is it now, so I'm not confused, what are your expectations? I meet with the Mayor, talk to the Mayor or do I do it all and then he wouldn't have to worry about contacting you? I am really confused as to what you want."

Dan Blair said "I'm just saying that I wouldn't mind hearing more information, I'm not getting inundated."

Bob Prunella said "but are you hearing what I am asking, do you want me to copy all of you with everything or only some things?"

Dan Blair replied "I'd like to have everything; if I'm allowed to get it all then I want it all."

Robert Prunella said "you're allowed to get it all."

Dan Blair said "then give it to me."

Bob Prunella said "that wasn't the direction I got a week ago, so how do I know."

Dan Blair said "I don't mind getting more if I get overwhelmed then I will give up."

Bob Prunella asked "is that true for the whole council then?"

Mayor Lunceford replied "you answer to the council so I think if you are going to forward me information then you should forward everyone information."

Pete Heddell said "I don't care who punches the button, if there is information out there specific to February 20th or anything else I want that information, I'm disenfranchised if I don't get it and I'm not a happy camper."

Mayor Lunceford told Bob "so there's your answer, copy everyone."

Bob Prunella said "which is different then what I was told, is that correct."

Mayor Lunceford replied "I don't know that it's different."

Bob Prunella said "well it sounds different, I don't have a problem with it but I was trying to do what was recommended that I do."

Mayor Lunceford said "I think the direction last week was to keep the Mayor more informed so that when they come to me to ask questions then I'll have the answers."

Bob Prunella said "and I did that."

Mayor Lunceford said "you did this week."

Bob Prunella said “and I was told that there was no sense in contacting all of...I’m not going down this road.”

Mayor Lunceford asked “so we have a meeting on the 20th?”

Bob Prunella replied “yes, upstairs in the Homeowners Lounge at 9am.”

Mayor Lunceford asked “is this something that is going to be discussed to your knowledge about the previous comprehensive plan and what is going to be done at the Head of the Bay?”

Bob Prunella replied “this is from the Corps.”

Mayor Lunceford said “strictly with the navigational issues then.”

Bob Prunella said “right.”

Mayor Lunceford asked “where we are with the roof repair on the P-12 building, are we trying to move forward with trying to get more funding, or are we seeing about replacing the building rather than repairing the building?”

Bob Prunella said “with the broad estimate of what it may take to replace the roof, depending on what they find in it, it says in the paperwork, we are switching over to approximately a million dollars more to replace the east end of the building, so why put that money into an old building.”

Pete Heddell said “If I could Mr. Mayor I would like to ask a procedural question.”

Mayor Lunceford replied “sure.”

Pete Heddell said “correct me if I am wrong but we are a second class city with a city manager form of government, is that correct.”

Mayor Lunceford answered “that is correct.”

Pete Heddell said “it appears to me that we are getting away from what would be proper procedure under that structure.”

Pete Heddell said “using hypothetical’s here, if a citizen comes to me as a council person and asks about a specific project or specific dollar value to whatever be it roofs, be it harbors, roads, to me the proper answer would be have you contacted the city manager and if the answer is no I haven’t that would be my suggestion as a council person. Is to contact the city manager and I have no reason to believe that a citizen walking into the city office requesting to speak to the city manager will not be heard.”

Pete Heddell told Mayor Lunceford “The idea of you trying to gather everything, I think you are putting an undue burden on yourself because the mayor under the form of government that we are is the chair of the meeting, they can sign appropriate paperwork but you act no different then the rest of us.”

Mayor Lunceford said “I agree with you one hundred percent Pete.”

Pete Heddell said “then all these people, I don’t know who they are coming to they should be directed to come to our city manager.”

Mayor Lunceford said “and they are directed every chance I can.”

Pete Heddell said “well then we shouldn’t be having these discussions.”

Mayor Lunceford said “exactly and in a perfect world it would work that way.”

Pete Heddell said “and you shouldn’t have a list in front of you.”

Mayor Lunceford said “well unfortunately it doesn’t work that way.”

Pete Heddell said “well it should work that way and if it’s not working that way then its being road blocked somewhere.”

Mayor Lunceford said “no it is not being road blocked.”

Pete Heddell said “I think it is.”

Mayor Lunceford said “that’s your opinion Pete.”

Pete Heddell said “it is my opinion but I think it is shared by most of the people in this community.”

Mayor Lunceford said “I don’t think it is based on the complaints that I’ve gotten.”

Pete Heddell said to Mayor Lunceford “it is what it is and you’re acting out of the description of your office as far as I’m concerned.”

Mayor Lunceford “I think we are getting off the agenda again, I think you are making it personal and political.”

Pete Heddell said “no I’m making an observation based on what is being brought to me on this agenda.”

Mary Brenneman asked if we can get back to the agenda.

Mayor Lunceford stated that he is pretty much done with the projects unless anyone else has any questions.

There was some brief discussion on the levee.

Bob Prunella said “the gentleman from the Corps of Engineers that has been corresponding with me on the levee is also coming in for the meeting on February 20th on the Head of the Bay and I intend to spend some time with him on the levee.”

There was some brief discussion on grants.

Dan Blair asked “Are we just discussing the large projects or do we want to look at the status of our grants too?”

Bob Prunella stated that he cannot report in public tonight on the status of the grants because that takes a little work between him and the finance office but he can get one printed up for council if they want.

There was some brief discussion on scheduling a budget workshop.

Bob Prunella asked Mayor Lunceford “Can I please check and see what my schedule is and what Sally’s schedule is before we schedule a date for the workshop because I don’t even know what I have going on right now, my calendar is not in front of me?”

MOTION: Pete Heddell made a motion to direct administration to bring to next regular council meeting a draft ordinance for introduction changing the council meetings back to twice a month.

SECONDED: Dan Blair seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Council agreed to schedule a workshop to discuss employee policy and procedures on February 5th 2013 at 6:00 pm.

6. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION (agenda items only)

None

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mary Brenneman moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 pm.

SECONDED: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Attest:

Brenda Krol
City Clerk

Lester Lunceford
Mayor