

**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2013
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
P-12 BUILDING**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lunceford called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Becky Cotner and Dan Blair (arrived at 7:03).

Mayor Lunceford asked that the record reflect a quorum for tonight's meeting.

Mayor Lunceford stated that a request to participate telephonically was received by both Councilor Dave Pinguoch and Vice Mayor Dan Blair.

City Clerk, Brenda Krol dialed in to the GCI conference center.

Councilor Dave Pinguoch was online to participate telephonically.

Mayor Lunceford asked the City Clerk "it's my understanding that you were unable to reach Vice Mayor Dan Blair?"

City Clerk, Brenda Krol replied "that is correct I left Dan Blair a voicemail, tried his cell phone and sent him an email which included the GCI call in code and his packet."

Mayor Lunceford entertained a motion to give Dan Blair an excused absence from tonight's meeting.

MOTION: Larry Bussman made a motion to excuse Vice Mayor Dan Blair from tonight's meeting.

SECOND: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

After roll call Dan Blair connected and joined telephonically.

City Clerk, Brenda Krol stated that included in the council packets was a request from Dan Blair to be excused from the January 15th 2013 regular council meeting.

MOTION: Mary Brenneman made a motion to excuse Dan Blair from the January 15th 2013 regular council meeting.

SECOND: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Mary Brenneman: Yes, Becky Cotner: Yes, Dave Pinquoch: Yes, Pete Heddell: Yes, Larry Bussman: Yes, Lester Lunceford: Yes.

Motion passed 6-0.

B. Council Members Absent: None

C. Excused Absences: None for tonight's meeting but Dan Blair from the January 15th 2013, regular council meeting.

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

Others present included: Dave Goldstein, Marilynn Heddell, Sue Miller, Dave Schofield, Rob Cone-Clark, Jennifer Prowell

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 15 January 2013, Regular Meeting Minutes

B. 22 January 2013, Special Meeting Minutes

Councilor Becky Cotner stated that the January 15th 2013 minutes were missing some verbatim discussion when the council called Scott Korbe in from his EMS training to talk about snow removal and road conditions.

Becky Cotner stated that the January 15th meeting minutes also needed to reflect the discussion that council had with Dave Schofield regarding city credit cards and city vehicles.

City Clerk, Brenda Krol stated that she would amend the January 15th 2013 regular meeting minutes and brings them back to council for approval.

MOTION: Mary Brenneman made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes for January 22nd 2013 as written.

SECOND: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Larry Bussman made a motion to approve the regular meeting agenda for February 19th 2013 as written.

SECOND: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor Report – Lester Lunceford

Mayor Lunceford gave a brief verbal report on his trip to Juneau.

B. Vice Mayor Report – Dan Blair

None

7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager Report – Bob Prunella

See written manager's report in original council packet.

Bob Prunella touched briefly on his written report.

B. Directors Reports

▪ Finance Report – December 2012 – Sally Schug

See finance report in original council packet

▪ Harbor – Sue Miller

See written report in original council packet

Sue Miller briefly went over her written report and welcomed any questions.

▪ Public Safety – Dave Schofield

See written report in original council packet

Dave Schofield touched briefly on his written report and welcomed any questions.

▪ Public Works – Scott Korbe

See written report in original council packet

Scott Korbe touched briefly on his written report and welcomed any questions.

C. Commission Reports

▪ Planning

See original council packet for minutes from the last Planning meeting held on January 8th, 2013.

▪ Port and Harbor

Marilynn Heddell gave a brief verbal report of the February 19th 2013 Port and Harbor meeting.

8. CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

None

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Liquor License Renewal – Whittier Inn, LLC

MOTION: Larry Bussman made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the Liquor License Renewal for the Whittier Inn, LLC.

SECOND: Pete Heddell seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

10. PUBLIC HEARING (NON-ORDINANCE)

None

11. PRESENTATIONS

None

12. ORDINANCES

A. Introduction (first reading)

1. #01-2013 – An ordinance amending WMC 2.08.010 changing the regular meetings of the city council to the first and third Tuesday of each month.

MOTION: Becky Cotner made a motion to introduce ordinance #01-2013 and setting the public hearing date for March 19th 2013.

SECOND: Larry Bussman seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

B. Public Hearings (second reading)

None

13. RESOLUTIONS

A. #01-2013 – A resolution authorizing administration and city council check signers.

Councilor Becky Cotner suggested that Sue Miller be added to section 1 of the resolution.

MOTION: Larry Bussman made a motion to adopt resolution #01-2013 as amended adding Sue Miller.

SECOND: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Smitty's Cove Marine Park, VonWichman and associated properties

B. Whittier Municipal Code Title 2

C. Harbor Rebuild Phase II

D. Shotgun Cove Land Development

E. P-12 Roof

Bob Prunella gave a brief update on the unfinished business.

15. NEW BUSINESS

A. City Surplus Property

There was some brief discussion regarding city surplus property.

Becky Cotner asked what happened to the old high rail ambulance and the docks.

Bob Prunella replied that the ambulance and a few other public safety vehicles were donated to the Alaska Transportation Museum in Wasilla.

Sue Miller stated that Great Pacific bought two sections last summer.

Becky Cotner asked “were the docks appraised and were they advertised for sale?”

Sue Miller replied “no.”

Becky Cotner asked “where did the money go?”

Sue Miller replied “City Hall.”

Becky Cotner asked “how much did they get sold for?”

Sue Miller replied “I believe it was two grand.”

Becky Cotner asked Bob Prunella “and you didn’t know anything about it?”

Bob Prunella replied “I didn’t know that they sold them, I don’t even know when they sold them.”

B. Begich Towers Water Bill

There was some brief discussion on how to deal with Begich Towers’ request to have all or part of their water bill forgiven.

MOTION: Dave Pinquoch made a motion to direct the city manager to come up with an average number and forgive 50% of the average.

SECOND: Pete Heddell seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

16. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

None

17. CITIZENS’ DISCUSSION

A. Arctic IT – Jennifer Prowell

Jennifer Prowell introduced herself and thanked the council for allowing her time to speak since she was not on the agenda.

Jennifer Prowell from Arctic IT presented council with a proposal for replacing the server at the harbor and city hall.

Jennifer Prowell also stated that Arctic IT would also like to capitalize on the project that was done with the Homeland Security grant in putting in the cameras and the wireless bridges between the buildings to actually unify the domain, what that means in technical terms is bring the harbor, public safety and public works all in line with the same network as the city hall.

There was brief discussion regarding the proposal and the need to replace the servers.

Vice Mayor Dan Blair offered to do some research, look into other alternatives and costs and to bring something back to council at the next regular meeting.

Vice Mayor Dan Blair stated that \$20,000 for servers for the size of our city is not cost effective.

18. COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSE TO CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

19. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO CITY MANAGER

None

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Becky Cotner made a motion to terminate the employment agreement between the City of Whittier and Bob Prunella.

SECOND: Mary Brenneman seconded the motion.

VOTE: Becky Cotner: Yes, Mary Brenneman: Yes, Dan Blair: No, Dave Pinguoch: No, Pete Heddell: No, Larry Bussman: No, Lester Lunceford: Yes.

Motion failed 4-3.

21. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mary Brenneman made a motion to adjourn at 8:13 pm.

SECOND: Larry Bussman seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Attest:

Brenda Krol
City Clerk

Lester Lunceford
Mayor