



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
P-12 BUILDING**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Daniel Blair called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Daniel Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

A. Council Members Present: Victor Shen, Debra Hicks, Dave Pinquoch (telephonically), Shawni Phillips and Dan Blair

B. Council Members Absent: Ata Ma'ae and Peter Denmark

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to excuse Councilors Ata Ma'ae and Peter Denmark from tonight's meeting.

SECONDED: Victor Shen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Shawni Phillips: Yes, Victor Shen: Yes, Dave Pinquoch: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes

MOTION PASSED 4-0.

B. Administration Present: Brenda Krol, City Clerk and Mark Lynch, City Manager

Others present: Scott Korbe, Dave Schofield, Cole Haddock, Dave Goldstein, Monty Irvin and Thomas Guro

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for January 20th 2015.

SECONDED: Victor Shen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Shawni Phillips: Yes, Victor Shen: Yes, Dave Pinquoch: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes

MOTION PASSED 4-0.

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to approve the regular meeting agenda as amended, adding the oath of office for newly appointed council member, Debra Hicks to council seat G.

SECONDED: Victor Shen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Shawni Phillips: Yes, Victor Shen: Yes, Dave Pinguoch: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes

MOTION PASSED 4-0.

City Clerk, Brenda Krol swore in newly appointed Council Member Debra Hicks to Seat G.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor's Report by Mayor Daniel Blair

None

B. Vice Mayor Report by Vice Mayor Dave Pinguoch

Vice Mayor Dave Pinguoch gave a brief verbal report regarding the salmon project.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager's Report - Mark Lynch

See written manager's report in original council packet.

Mark Lynch briefly went over his written report.

- **Finance Report- August 2014- Sally Schug**

See December 2014, January 2015 and February 2015 financial reports in original council packet.

B. Directors Reports

- **Harbor Report – Cole Haddock**

See written report in original council packet.

- **Public Safety Report- Dave Schofield**

See written report in original council packet.

- **Public Works Report- Scott Korbe**

See written report in original council packet.

Scott Korbe reported that the City of Whittier was recognized nationally as the third best tasting water in the nation and he presented to Mayor Daniel Blair the Bronze medal on behalf of his staff.

8. COMMISSION REPORTS

- **Planning Commission**

See minutes from the last Planning Commission meeting in the original council packet

- **Port and Harbor Commission**

See minutes from the last Port and Harbor Commission meeting in the original council packet

Monty Irvin gave a brief verbal report on the last Port & Harbor Commission meeting.

● **Park & Recreation Committee**

Shawni Phillips gave a brief verbal report on the last Park & Recreation Committee meeting and stated that the Committee has gained three new members and the committee hopes to present a plan to Council at the next meeting.

● **PWSAC**

None

9. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Barb Brinkley introduced herself and stated that she was on the board of the Whittier Manor Condominium Association.

Barb Brinkley stated that the Whittier Manor's lease is coming up soon and she asked that Council move forward and begin looking into a long term lease for them.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

None

11. PUBLIC HEARING (NON-ORDINANCE)

None

12. PRESENTATIONS

None

13. ORDINANCES

A. Introduction (1st reading)

1. #24-2015 – An ordinance amending WMC, Sections 17.16.050 and 17.16.230 to allow campground, public use and recreational uses within industrial zoned areas of the City.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to introduce ordinance #24-2015, setting the public hearing for April 21st 2015.

SECONDED: Victor Shen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Shawni Phillips: Yes, Victor Shen: Yes, Dave Pinguoch: Yes, Debra Hicks: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes

MOTION PASSED 5-0.

2. #25-2015 – An ordinance amending WMC 2.70 to clarify Employee and Workplace Drug Policies following State legalization of marijuana.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to introduce ordinance #25-2015, setting the public hearing for April 21st 2015.

SECONDED: Victor Shen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

B. Public Hearing (2nd reading)

1. #22-2015 – An ordinance amending WMC, Section 2.54.20 (B) to change the meeting day of the Port & Harbor Commission

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to open the public hearing on ordinance #22-2015.

SECONDED: Shawni Phillips seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Hearing no public comment Mayor Blair entertained a motion to close the public hearing.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to close the public hearing on ordinance #22-2015.

SECONDED: Victor Shen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to adopt ordinance #22-2015.

SECONDED: Victor Shen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

2. #23-2015 – An ordinance amending WMC, Section 2.52.110 to change the meeting day of the Planning Commission

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to open the public hearing on ordinance #23-2015.

SECONDED: Shawni Phillips seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to close the public hearing on ordinance #23-2015.

SECONDED: Debra Hicks seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to adopt ordinance #23-2015.

SECONDED: Victor Shen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

14. RESOLUTIONS

1. #35-2015 – A resolution adopting the 2015 employee classification plan, establishing titles and pay levels for City employees.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to adopt resolution #35-2015.

SECONDED: Victor Shen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

2. #42-2015 – A resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a change order for necessary electrical work at the small boat harbor

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to adopt resolution #42-2015.

SECONDED: Victor Shen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

3. #43-2015- A resolution authorizing the City Manager to dispose of excess docks and floats from the Harbor renovation project.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to adopt resolution #43-2015.

SECONDED: Victor Shen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

4. #44-2015 – A resolution stating the rate of levy, date of equalization and date when taxes become delinquent for the 2015 tax role.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to adopt resolution #44-2015.

SECONDED: Victor Shen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

5. #45-2015 – A resolution authorizing the City Manager to increase certain fees.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to adopt resolution #45-2015.

SECONDED: Victor Shen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

15. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Vice Mayor Pinguoch spoke briefly about sport fishing and suggested that Larry Gilman request a copy of the agreement between the State of Alaska and PWSAC that allows them to operate the hatchery.

There was some brief discussion regarding the harbor user fees.

Dave Pinguoch asked if it was possible for the Harbormaster and the Tax Administrator to get together and draft an ordinance changing the filing of user fee reports to quarterly so that it is the same as the filing for PTBT.

Mayor Daniel Blair recommended that the salmon project be put on the next council agenda under unfinished business and he asked Vice Mayor Pinguoch what he would like to name this project.

Vice Mayor Pinguoch replied “Sport Fish Enhancement Review”

16. CITIZEN’S DISCUSSION

The General Manager, Thomas Guro from Begich Towers Condo Association stated that he just returned from attending an energy conference in Fairbanks and he spoke briefly about energy efficiency in large commercial buildings.

Thomas Guro spoke briefly about renewable energy resources and stated that he found a system in Seward that is a sea water heat pump/heat recovery system.

Thomas stated that he is looking into the same type of renewable heat source for the Begich Towers building and asked if the City would be interested in helping Begich Towers develop this source for City buildings here in the future.

Mayor Blair stated that there may also be grants available for this type of a project.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

2.08.040 Executive Session

A. The City Council may, after convening as a public meeting, and upon a majority vote of the body, determine to meet in an executive session to consider any matter set forth in subsections (B) or (C) of this section. The motion calling for the executive session must clearly and with specificity describe the subject of the proposed executive session without defeating the purpose of addressing the subject in private, and no other matters may be considered at the executive session.

18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Shotgun Cove Road Project

B. WMC Title 2 Revision

C. ARRC/COW Land Swap

19. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Whittier Manor Lease Extension

The council discussed the Whittier Manor lease and agreed that the City needed to help the manor property owners and residents by entering into another lease when the current lease expires in 4 years.

Mayor Blair recommended that council direct the City Manager to have our legal counsel look into this.

Council agreed to have Mark contact legal counsel on this issue.

20. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Shawni Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

SECONDED: Victor Shen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Attest:



Brenda Krol
City Clerk



Daniel Blair
Mayor