

**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2012
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
P-12 BUILDING**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Lunceford called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. OPENING CEREMONY: Mayor Lunceford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL:

A. Council Members Present: Lester Lunceford, Dan Blair, Dave Pinquoch and Becky Cotner

B. Council Members Absent: Jerry Vandergriff, Shawni Phillips and Mary Brenneman

Mayor Lunceford stated that included in the council packets are email requests for excused absences.

Mayor Lunceford said “first is one from Councilman Vandergriff.”

Mayor Lunceford entertained a motion to excuse Jerry Vandergriff.

MOTION: Becky Cotner made a motion to excuse Jerry Vandergriff from tonight’s meeting.

SECOND: Dave Pinquoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Becky Cotner: Yes, Dave Pinquoch: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes, Lester Lunceford: Yes.

MOTION PASSED 4-0.

Mayor Lunceford said “I also have a request for an excused absence from councilor Phillips and she did mention that she is available to participate telephonically if the council will allow her.”

City Manager Bob Prunella reminded council that according to State law it has to be posted on the agenda to allow her to participate telephonically.

MOTION: Becky Cotner made a motion to excuse Shawni Phillips from tonight’s meeting.

SECOND: Dave Pinquoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Becky Cotner: Yes, Dave Pinquoch: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes, Lester Lunceford: Yes.

MOTION PASSED 4-0.

Mayor Lunceford stated that a request for an excused absence was also received from councilor Brenneman due to illness.

Mayor Lunceford entertained a motion to excuse councilor Brenneman.

MOTION: Becky Cotner made a motion to excuse Mary Brenneman from tonight's meeting.

SECOND: No second motion died.

C. Excused Absences: Jerry Vandergriff and Shawni Phillips

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

Others present included: Dave Schofield, Sue Miller, Sally Schug, Marilyn Heddell, Pete Heddell, Ted Spencer, Charlie Eldridge, John Ford, Susan Lambrix, KC Jackson, Cathye Crawford, Scott Korbe, Suzanne Eusden

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 19 June 2012, Board of Equalization Meeting Minutes (revised – verbatim version)

MOTION: Becky Cotner made a motion to approve the June 19th 2012 BOE meeting minutes.

SECOND: Dave Pinquoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Becky Cotner: Yes, Dave Pinquoch: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes, Lester Lunceford: Yes.

MOTION PASSED 4-0.

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Agenda item 12A #3, Ordinance #583-12 was removed from the agenda.

Resolution #11-2012 was added to the agenda as agenda item 13A.

15A CIRI lease termination was removed from under new business because it is being terminated by resolution #11-2012.

An executive session was added to the agenda before new business.

MOTION: Becky Cotner made a motion to approve the regular meeting agenda as amended.

SECOND: Dave Pinquoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Becky Cotner: Yes, Dave Pinquoch: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes, Lester Lunceford: Yes.

MOTION PASSED 4-0.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor Report – Lester Lunceford

None

B. Vice Mayor Report – Jerry Vandergriff

None

7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager Report – Bob Prunella

See city manager's written report in original council packet.

Bob Prunella touched briefly on his written report and welcomed any questions.

Bob Prunella stated that the city has been receiving pressure to spend some of our CVP funds and one request has been to provide additional restroom facilities for cruise ship passengers and other visitors.

Dave Pinguoch asked “do we have a comparison in cost on the portable toilet system verses a permanent one?”

Scott Korbe replied “one of the reasons we selected portable up there is the infrastructure, we don’t own the land.”

Dave Pinguoch asked “Who’s land is this going to go on.”

Scott Korbe replied “It will sit in the right of way, which we have access to.”

B. Directors Reports

- **Finance Report – June 2012 – Sally Schug**

See June 2012 monthly financial report in original council packet.

- **Harbor – Sue Miller**

See written report in original council packet

- **Public Safety – Dave Schofield**

See written report in original council packet

- **Public Works – Scott Korbe**

See written report in original council packet

C. Commission Reports

- **Planning**

See original council packet for minutes from the last Planning and Zoning meeting

- **Port and Harbor**

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

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

KC Jackson stated that she had a concern about a city employee and asked if this is the proper place in the agenda to address her concern.

Mayor Lunceford suggested that she bring her concern to the city manager.

KC Jackson stated that she would like it addressed publicly.

Mayor Lunceford informed her that there were laws about discussing personnel issues in open session.

KC Jackson handed city manager Bob Prunella a letter that addressed her concerns.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Package Store Liquor License #1075 – Transfer Location to Harbor Store

MOTION: Dave Pinguoch made a motion to approve the package store liquor license transfer to the Harbor Store.

SECOND: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

10. PUBLIC HEARING (NON-ORDINANCE)

None

11. PRESENTATIONS

A. Ted Spencer – Museum and Community Center

Ted Spencer introduced himself and stated that he has been working on the development of the Prince William Sound Museum since 2003.

Ted Spencer gave a lengthy presentation on the museum and a proposed community center.

Ted Spencer stated that one of the drawbacks of the museum is the limited space, it is approximately 1000 square feet donated by the Shen family.

Ted Spencer stated that last year our museum was deemed one of the ten must see museums in Alaska by Alaska magazine.

Ted Spencer stated that for the longest time people that he has come across here in Whittier have talked about the concept of a community center and given that the museum needs a place to expand and given that it is a primary attraction to people that visit Whittier coupled with the need of a community center he has had discussion with the leadership of the community about the idea of creating a Whittier community center and museum.

Ted Spencer passed out a handout regarding the Planning Study for Whittier's Community Visitor's Center.

See handout in original council packet.

12. ORDINANCES

A. Introduction (first reading)

1. #581-12 – An ordinance approving an amendment to the CY 2012 budget of revenues and appropriations as necessary for the budget.

MOTION: Becky Cotner made a motion to introduce ordinance #581-12 and setting the public hearing date for September 18th 2012.

SECOND: Dave Pinguoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

2. #582-12 – An ordinance amending WMC Title 2, Chapter 2.06 to provide procedures for declaring a write-in candidacy and to prohibit the use of stickers in municipal elections.

MOTION: Becky Cotner made a motion to introduce ordinance #582-12 and setting the public hearing date for September 18th 2012.

SECOND: Dave Pinguoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

B. Public Hearings (second reading)

1. #580-12 – An ordinance amending WMC 2.04.070 changing the number of excused and unexcused absences and the number of participation by teleconferences allowed.

MOTION: Becky Cotner made a motion to open the public hearing on ordinance #580-12.

SECOND: Dave Pinguoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Hearing no public comment Mayor Lunceford entertained a motion to close the public hearing on ordinance #580-12.

MOTION: Becky Cotner made a motion to close the public hearing on ordinance #580-12.

SECOND: Dave Pinguoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Becky Cotner made a motion to adopt ordinance #580-12.

SECOND: Dave Pinguoch seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: There was some brief council discussion regarding ordinance #580-12.

Dave Pinguoch stated that the ordinance was confusing and suggested that it be drafted again and brought back to council.

Mayor Lunceford stated that it seems that council is all in agreement that there is some wording in this ordinance that needs to be changed but council does need to vote on the motion that is currently on the floor, which is to adopt and he encouraged council to vote accordingly.

VOTE: Becky Cotner: No, Dave Pinguoch: No, Dan Blair: No, Lester Lunceford: No.

Motion failed 4-0.

13. RESOLUTIONS

1. #11-2012- A resolution terminating the tideland lease agreement with CIRI Alaska Tourism Corporation

MOTION: Becky Cotner made a motion to adopt resolution #11-2012.

SECOND: Dave Pinguoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Becky Cotner: Yes, Dave Pinguoch: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes, Lester Lunceford: Yes.

Motion passed 4-0.

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**

15. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Whittier Inn payment agreement – (Executive Session)**

MOTION: Becky Cotner made a motion to go into executive session at 8:27 pm to discuss the Whittier Inn payment agreement.

SECOND: Dave Pinguoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Becky Cotner: Yes, Dave Pinguoch: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes, Lester Lunceford: Yes.

Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: Becky Cotner made a motion to go back into regular session at 8:40 pm.

SECOND: Dave Pinguoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

MOTION: Becky Cotner made a motion to direct the city manager to move forward with the Whittier Inn payment agreement.

SECOND: Dave Pinguoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

16. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- A. Parking ordinance 10.24**
- B. Improvement of audio/video quality of channel 23 broadcasting of council meetings**
- C. Add one full time employee position to the water/sewer budget.**
- D. Pursue funding for codification/amendment to FY 2012 budget**

17. CITIZENS' DISCUSSION

18. COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSE TO CITIZENS' COMMENTS

19. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO CITY MANAGER

None

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

21. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Becky Cotner made a motion to adjourn at 9:06 pm.

SECOND: Dave Pinguoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Attest:

Brenda Krol
City Clerk

Lester Lunceford
Mayor