

THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
P-12 BUILDING**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Daniel Blair called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Daniel Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

A. Council Members Present: Victor Shen, Ata Ma'ae, Dave Pinguoch (telephonically), Shawni Phillips, Dan Blair and Peter Denmark

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

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to excuse Natasha Turituri from tonight's council meeting.

SECONDED: Victor Shen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Shawni Phillips: Yes, Victor Shen: Yes, Ata Ma'ae: Yes, Dave Pinguoch: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes, Peter Denmark: Yes

Motion passed 6-0.

C. Council Members Absent: Natasha Turituri

Others present: Scott Korbe, Dave Schofield, Michelle Weston, Sally Schug, Monty Irvin, Dave Goldstein, Gwen Granger and Terry Bender

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Agenda item 4A and item 11 were removed from the agenda.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to approve the regular meeting agenda with amendments.

SECONDED: Ata Ma'ae seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor's Report by Mayor Daniel Blair

Mayor Daniel Blair gave a brief verbal report.

Mayor Blair reported "Today we made a well informed, good offer to the Alaska Railroad regarding the land swap and I am very pleased by their reception of that."

Mayor Blair said "The Alaska Railroad has agreed to consider our offer and make a counter offer within thirty days."

B. Vice Mayor Report by Vice Mayor Dave Pinquoch

None

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager's Report - Mark Lynch

See written manager's report in original council packet.

- **Finance Report- July 2014- Sally Schug**

See July 2014 Finance Report in original council packet.

- **Legal Report – Brooks Chandler – BCF**

None

- **Lobbyists Reports**

None

B. Directors Reports

- **Harbor Report – Michelle Weston**

Michelle Weston gave a brief verbal report and update on harbor issues.

- **Public Safety Report- Dave Schofield**

See written report in original council packet.

- **Public Works Report- Scott Korbe**

Scott Korbe gave a brief verbal report.

8. COMMISSION REPORTS

- **Planning Commission**

None

- **Port and Harbor Commission**

See minutes from the last Port & Harbor Commission meeting of August 5th 2014.

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

None

10. CONSENT AGENDA

None

11. PUBLIC HEARING (NON-ORDINANCE)

None

12. PRESENTATIONS

None

13. ORDINANCES

A. Introduction (first reading)

None

B. Public Hearing (2nd reading)

1. #17-2014 – An ordinance approving amendment #3 for the FY 2014 budget of revenue and appropriations as necessary for the budget

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to open the public hearing on ordinance #17-2014.

SECONDED: Ata Ma'ae seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Hearing no public comment

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to close the public hearing on ordinance #17-2014.

SECONDED: Ata Ma'ae seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to adopt ordinance #17-2014.

SECONDED: Ata Ma'ae seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

14. RESOLUTIONS

1. #17-2014- A resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract with Bellingham Marine Industries, Inc. for Harbor Improvements.

After some brief council discussion a motion was made to postpone resolution #17-2014.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to postpone resolution #17-2014 until the October 14th 2014 special meeting.

SECONDED: Dave Pinquoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

2. #18-2014 – A resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract with USKH for Bidding Assistance and Construction Observations and Closeout for the Historic Railroad Plaza Project.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to adopt resolution #18-2014.

SECONDED: Ata Ma'ae seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Scott Korbe gave a brief overview of this project and then there was some brief discussion from council.

Councilor Denmark stated that when we accept money for fiscal infrastructure there is on going costs to that infrastructure after it has been realized.

Councilor Denmark stated that when the City takes these grants he never hears any conversation about maintenance.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

**Council recessed at approximately 8:11 p.m. for a ten minute break
Council reconvened at approximately 8:30 p.m.**

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Shotgun Cove Road Project
Nothing new to report

B. WMC Title 2 Revision
Nothing new to report

C. ARRC/COW Land Swap

Councilor Denmark stated that he was a more than a little distressed to hear that an offer from the City has already been tendered to the Railroad.

Peter Denmark said "I do not know what the offer is but whatever it is I don't believe we have created an effective negotiating stance for ourselves in this process."

Peter Denmark said "I believe whatever land swap occurs, is going to come with the approval of the Alaska Legislature but the Alaska Railroad is a State owned corporation."

Peter Denmark said "The only document that is going to carry any weight with the Alaska Legislature is our Comprehensive Plan."

Peter Denmark said "This land swap negotiation should incorporate long range visioning and planning issues that are installed into that Comprehensive Plan to give those plans the weight they need for the ultimate decision makers in this case."

Mayor Dan Blair stated that his understanding of a successful consummation of the land swap between the Alaska Railroad and the City of Whittier is that the Railroad is going to make us an offer which will be presented to the Council and then it will be up to the Council to decide if it's in the best interest of the community.

D. RFP Council Chambers Sound/Video Improvements
Nothing new to report

E. Establishing the City's 2015 State and Federal Legislative Priorities

Council scheduled a work session for September 30th 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

16. NEW BUSINESS

A. Parks & Recreation

There was some brief council discussion regarding Parks and Recreation.

Councilor Phillips stated that herself, Dave Schofield, Victor Shen and Ata Ma'ae have all volunteered to be on the Parks and Recreation Committee but have decided to wait until the end of this month to begin meeting so that everyone's season can slow down.

Dave Pinquoch stated that he believed there was approximately \$60,000 in the budget for Parks & Rec.

B. 2014 Municipal Election Board Confirmation

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to accept the election workers for the 2014 Municipal Election

SECONDED: Victor Shen seconded the motion.

City Clerk, Brenda Krol read into the record the list of individuals interested in working the 2014 Municipal Election

Gwen Granger
Terry Bender
Monty Irvin
Brandy Bender
Jean Swingle
Nancy Dilley
Vonnie Cox
Dyanna Pratt

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

C. Appointment to vacant Planning Commission Seat

Mayor Dan Blair reappointed Charlene Arneson and Terry Bender to the Planning Commission.

D. Appointment to vacant PWSAC Seat

Mayor Dan Blair nominated Mark Lynch to the vacant PWSAC seat.

MOTION: Peter Denmark made a motion to accept the Mayor's nominee to the vacant PWSAC seat.

SECONDED: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: Dave Pinquoch suggested that Larry Gilman be appointed to the vacant seat because he has the history on Whittier's fish pens and issues plus Mark Lynch will have plenty on his plate.

Peter Denmark amended his motion to appoint Larry Gilman
Victor Shen agreed with the amendment and seconded.

MOTION: Peter Denmark made a motion to appoint Larry Gilman to the vacant PWSAC seat.

SECONDED: Victor Shen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

17. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Dave Pinquoch spoke briefly regarding cutting back on the floats by eliminating 14 fingers on X-float and having harbor staff pick some of the best fingers from H-float and move them over to X.

There was some brief council discussion regarding the land swap between the City and the Alaska Railroad.

18. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION

Dave Goldstein spoke briefly regarding the land swap and the boat harbor.

19. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Shawni Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

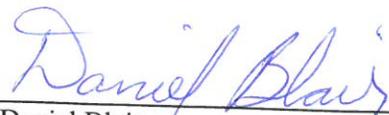
SECONDED: Ata Ma'ae seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Attest:



Brenda Krol
City Clerk



Daniel Blair
Mayor