

**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2009
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
P-12 BUILDING**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lunceford called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Lunceford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

A. Council Members Present: Jerry Vandergriff, Lester Lunceford, Juan Cardenas, Mary Brenneman, Shannon Tolman, Becky Cotner

B. Council Members Absent: Peter Denmark

C. Excused Absence: None

D. Administration Present: Brenda Krol, City Clerk; Mark Earnest, City Manager

Others present included: Matt Abbey, Scott Korbe, Dave Schofield, Fred Whittingham, Rachel Tolman, Laura Tolman, Doug Aaron, Joey Viera-Gotay, Patrick Hensley, Sue Miller, Joe Gray, Ed Hedges, Cheryl Dalena, Alex Phillips, Larry Gilman, Dave Goldstein, Rob Cone-Clark, KC Jackson, Phyllis Pinquoch, John Bost

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

City Clerk, Brenda Krol stated that the approval of minutes needed to be removed from the agenda and John Bost from Mikunda Cottrell needed to be added to the agenda under presentations.

MOTION: Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to approve the regular meeting agenda as amended.

SECONDED: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Jerry Vandergriff: Yes, Becky Cotner: Yes, Shannon Tolman: Yes, Mary Brenneman: Yes, Juan Cardenas: Yes, Lester Lunceford: Yes

Motion passed 6-0.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor Report – Mayor Lunceford

None

B. Vice Mayor Report – Jerry Vandergriff

None

C. Commission Reports

1. Planning Commission

Jerry Vandergriff stated that the Planning Commission did not hold their regular meeting this month because there was a special city council meeting scheduled that day.

2. Port and Harbor Commission

None

7. OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

A. City Council Seat A – Shawni Phillips

City Clerk, Brenda Krol swore in Shawni Phillips to City Council seat A.

Seat A term expires October 2012.

The audience applauded.

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager Report – Mark Earnest

See written report in original council packet.

Mark Earnest stated “We will be dealing with the 2010 budget in the next 2-4 weeks. There should be a preliminary draft of the budget out to council by next Tuesday and I would request that we schedule a series of council work sessions to discuss priorities.”

Mark Earnest touched briefly on the Head of Passage Canal Development.

Mark Earnest stated “The other major focus will be a number of grants that are underway, including the Whittier Small Boat Harbor, P-12 roof repair, Storm drain system assessment and repairs and an extension of the water and sewer main down western Whittier Street.”

B. Finance Report – September 2009

See Revenue and Expense report in council packet.

Mark Earnest gave a brief overview of the revenue and expense report.

C. Director Reports

• Administration – Matt Abbey

See written report in original council packet.

• Harbor – Ed Barrett

See written report in original council packet.

Mark Earnest stated “Ed Barrett is in Kodiak this week attending the AAHPA (Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators) meeting but I would be happy to try to answer any questions and Sue Miller is here as well.”

There was some brief discussion regarding a requirement that boat watchers and anyone doing business in the harbor to carry 1 million dollar insurance policy.

Mark Earnest stated “that is on our issues list to follow up on when Ed Barrett returns.”

- **Public Safety – Dave Schofield**

See written report in original council packet.

- **Public Works – Scott Korbe**

See written report in original council packet.

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

Joe Gray stated that there is still talk about the Whittier Manor and the Alaska Railroad project. We had two meetings with the Railroad the second one Lynden was supposed to show up for and did not.

Joe Gray stated “It looks like around here the Whittier Manor is just forgotten and we will remember that.”

There was some brief discussion regarding the Alaska Railroad and Lynden project.

Mayor Lunceford told Joe Gray that he understands his frustration and the residents of Whittier Manor’s frustration but there is some legality as to when a property owner buys a piece a property and how we can interfere as a City.

Joe Gray stated “We are going ahead with the attorneys; we are not getting any support from the City that I can see.”

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Liquor License Renewal – China Sea Restaurant

MOTION: Juan Cardenas made a motion to approve the liquor license renewal for the China Sea Restaurant.

SECONDED: Jerry Vandergriff seconded the motion.

VOTE: Juan Cardenas: Yes, Jerry Vandergriff: Yes, Lester Lunceford: Yes, Becky Cotner: Yes, Shannon Tolman: Yes, Mary Brenneman: Yes, Shawni Phillips: Yes.

Motion passed 7-0.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NON-ORDINANCE)

None

12. PRESENTATIONS

A. Mikunda Cottrell – John Bost

Mr. John Bost introduced himself and gave a brief presentation on the City’s 2008 audit.

John Bost stated that Mikunda Cottrell has been doing the city’s audit for quite a few years and he congratulated the Council and Management and stated “I think you are in better financial shape and you have a lot of good things going.”

John Bost started with the City’s general fund by stating that it was still in a deficit position which means its liabilities exceeds its assets but by the end of 2008 it was only by a little less than thirteen thousand dollars.

13. ORDINANCES

A. Introduction (first reading)

None

B. Public Hearing (second reading)

None

14. RESOLUTIONS

A. #947-09 – A resolution adopting an alternative allocation method for the FY 2010 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program and certifying that this allocation method fairly represents the distribution of significant effects of fisheries business activity in the Prince William Sound Fisheries Management Area.

MOTION: Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to adopt resolution #947-09.

SECONDED: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Jerry Vandergriff: Yes, Becky Cotner: Yes, Shannon Tolman: Yes, Shawni Phillips: Yes, Mary Brenneman: Yes, Juan Cardenas: Yes, Lester Lunceford: Yes.

Motion passed 7-0.

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

16. NEW BUSINESS

None

17. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Becky Cotner asked the Mayor to please remind everyone to turn their cell phones off except for the Sergeant of Arms.

Jerry Vandergriff asked Rob Cone-Clark what the status was on getting the council meetings televised on channel 23.

Rob Cone-Clark stated that the cable that was ordered has arrived and needs to be run but currently Yukon Telephone has been busy setting up a wireless network in Prince William Sound.

Juan Cardenas asked if there was a date scheduled in the near future for another council workshop concerning the Alaska Railroad and Lynden project.

Mark Earnest replied “We don’t have a tentative date yet, we will try to schedule one within the next 2-3 weeks but it all depends on Lynden’s availability.”

Councilor Shannon Tolman asked what the status was on the Buckner Building.

There was some brief discussion regarding the Buckner Building.

Matt Abbey replied “It’s on my desk but I haven’t taken any action on it yet.”

Jerry Vandergriff asked “Could we possibly contact the guy in Seattle and ask him how much he would want to sell that back to the City?”

Mark Earnest replied “We will do that, since we did find the contact information for the Buckner Building.”

Jerry Vandergriff stated “If we get the Buckner Building back there is money in the federal government to rehabilitate any old military buildings but it has to be in the government’s possession.”

There was some brief discussion on the need to get another individual certified in the Water/Sewer department so that Cam Bender is not the only certified operator after Ben Leniz retires.

18. CITIZENS’ DISCUSSION

Dave Goldstein urged the Council to continue to declare the Old Ferry Terminal building a nuisance and help get rid of it.

Dave Goldstein stated “Some of you may look at the harbor this weekend and see a bunch of people down there swinging hammers and putting stuff together. The charter operators are getting together and are going to put together a new cleaning facility.”

Dave Goldstein urged the Council to put in motion an after action review in regards to the rock slide to sit down with a group of people to discuss what worked well, what didn’t work well and where improvements could be made.”

Dave Goldstein stated that he has already talked to the all emergency manager in the Mat-Su Valley and he is willing to volunteer his time to act as a mediator in this to get all of the parties together.”

19. COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION RESPONSE TO CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

None

20. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO CITY MANAGER

None

21. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

22. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mary Brenneman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm.

SECONDED: Jerry Vandergriff seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

Attest:

Brenda Krol
City Clerk

Lester Lunceford
Mayor