

**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING,
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 04, 2009
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
P-12 BUILDING**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lester Lunceford called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Lester Lunceford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

B. Administration Present: Matt Abbey, Director of Administration; Brenda Krol, City Clerk

Others present included: Scott Korbe, Ed Barrett, Matt Abbey, Dave Schofield, Sue Miller, Dutch Lucore, Suzanne Eusden, Dave Goldstein, Bonnie Lymer, Peter Denmark, Fred Whittingham, Diane Parrett, Kelly Powers, Charlie Eldridge, Bill Rome, Rob Cone-Clark, Don Stevens, Eula Schofield

4. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Agenda Item 5A2, the regular meeting minutes for September 15th 2009 was removed because they were not ready.

Agenda Item C1, City Manager Report was removed because he was not able to be here this evening.

Agenda Item DA1, introduction of ordinance #556-09 was removed, moving E Resolutions to D.

Agenda Item F2 and F3, appointment to vacant Planning Commission Seats and appointment to vacant Port and Harbor Commission seats were also removed from the agenda.

MOTION: Juan Cardenas made a motion to approve the special meeting agenda as amended

SECONDED: Mary Brenneman seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS THE SUBJECT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING;

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 18 August 2009, Regular Meeting Minutes

2. 13 October 2009, Special Meeting Minutes 5:30 pm

MOTION: Juan Cardenas made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 18, 2009 and the special meeting minutes of October 13, 2009 as written.

SECONDED: Mary Brenneman seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

B. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Mayor Report – Lester Lunceford

None

2. Vice Mayor Report – Jerry Vandergriff

None

C. CITY MANAGER REPORT

1. Director Reports

Administration Report – Matt Abbey

See written report in council packet

Matt Abbey stated that council has a draft copy of the policy and procedure manual these have been through a series of meetings with the staff and are now turned over to council for review.

Matt Abbey stated that this manual provides the overriding personnel policy administration manual for all city employees.

Matt Abbey stated that he is available to meet with council individually or if council would like to schedule a work session.

Harbor – Ed Barrett

See written report in council packet

Public Safety – Dave Schofield

See written report in council packet

Public Works – Scott Korbe

See written report in council packet

D. RESOLUTIONS

1. #948-09 – A resolution appointing an abatement officer for the City of Whittier

MOTION: Becky Cotner made a motion to adopt resolution #948-09.

SECONDED: Mary Brenneman seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Mary Brenneman asked Matt Abbey if he was okay with being the abatement officer.

Matt Abbey replied “I don’t really want to be this but someone has to.”

Matt Abbey stated “It is my recommendation, based on the size and how tight this community is and how inter related the dealings are between everybody in the community that the council consider using an outside contractor for this service.”

Becky Cotner stated that for right now instead of passing this off we should appoint Matt Abbey as abatement officer with the idea that he will be looking into other options.

VOTE: Becky Cotner: Yes, Mary Brenneman: Yes, Shannon Tolman: No, Juan Cardenas: No, Lester Lunceford: Yes, Shawni Phillips: No.

Motion failed 3-3.

Juan Cardenas stated that he would like to see this on the next agenda.

2. #949-09 – A resolution requesting FY 2010 payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) funding from the State of Alaska, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

MOTION: Juan Cardenas made a motion to adopt resolution #949-09.

SECONDED: Shannon Tolman seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2009 Christmas Party

Shawni Phillips stated that she had presented the idea because during the two years that she was running for Council she had lot of people discuss with her that the council and the city does not back up the community.

Shawni Phillips stated that she felt it was important to try to make an effort to do something that can involve the city and the community together.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to change this year's (2009) Christmas Party/Awards Banquet to a community wide event.

SECONDED: Juan Cardenas seconded the motion.

VOTE: Shawni Phillips: Yes, Juan Cardenas: Yes, Becky Cotner: No, Shannon Tolman: No, Mary Brenneman: No, Lester Lunceford: No.

Motion failed 4-2.

Shannon Tolman stated "I am not opposed to something like this but I do believe that there should be some research done to determine how much it would cost to have a 2nd party and if we do have a 2nd one, what time should we have it, somewhere after the first of the year there is nothing going on in this community and that would be a good time to have it."

Juan Cardenas asked if we could have community holiday party in January on the next meeting agenda for discussion.

6. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION (agenda items only);

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:49 pm.

M/S Brenneman/Cotner

Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:

Brenda Krol
City Clerk

Lester Lunceford
Mayor