

**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 03, 2011
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
P-12 BUILDING**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lunceford called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Lunceford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

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

Others Present included: Scott Korbe, Dave Schofield, Sue Miller, Cheryl Dalena, Charlene Arneson, Charlie Eldridge, Dave Garcia, Paul Crowther, Susan Lambrix, John Ford, Peter Denmark, Dyanna Barnes, Terri Wilson, Monty Irvin, Dave Pinguoch

4. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Mayor Lunceford suggested going into executive session before the Mayor's report.

Council agreed.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to approve the special meeting agenda as amended moving the executive session before the Mayor's report.

SECONDED: Mary Brenneman seconded the motion.

VOTE: Shawni Phillips: Yes, Mary Brenneman: Yes, Shannon Tolman: Yes, Becky Cotner: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes, Lester Lunceford: Yes

Motion passed 6-0.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS THE SUBJECT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

A. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Executive Session

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to go into executive session at 7:03 pm.

SECONDED: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Shawni Phillips: Yes, Becky Cotner: Yes, Shannon Tolman: Yes, Mary Brenneman: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes, Lester Lunceford: Yes

Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to go back into regular session at 7:35 pm.

SECONDED: Mary Brenneman seconded the motion.

VOTE: Shawni Phillips: Yes, Mary Brenneman: Yes, Shannon Tolman: Yes, Becky Cotner: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes, Lester Lunceford: Yes

Motion passed 6-0.

2. Resignation of Vice Mayor Jerry Vandergriff

MOTION: Shannon Tolman made a motion to accept Jerry Vandergriff's resignation effective immediately.

SECONDED: Shawni Phillips seconded the motion.

VOTE: Shannon Tolman: No, Shawni Phillips: No, Dan Blair: No, Mary Brenneman: No, Becky Cotner: No, Lester Lunceford: No.

Motion failed 6-0.

Vice Mayor Vandergriff thanked the Council for their decision.

Mayor Lunceford thanked Vice Mayor Vandergriff for rescinding his resignation.

Vice Mayor Vandergriff joined the council.

3. Mayor Report – Lester Lunceford

See written report in original council packet

Mayor Lunceford handed out copies of his Mayor's report.

Mayor Lunceford briefly went over his report.

4. Commission Reports

Planning

None

Port and Harbor

None

B. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

1. City Manager Report – Bob Prunella

See written report in original council packet

Bob Prunella briefly went over his written report.

2. Finance Report – February 2011

See Revenue & Expense Report in original council packet

MOTION: Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to direct the City Manager to have fund 32, the sale of property in the amount of \$94,248.50 and fund 32, Exxon Valdez Funds in the amount of \$413,975.94 put into separate numbered accounts with the bank under Parks and Recreation and with the understanding that the funds cannot be spent without Council approval.

SECONDED: Shawni Phillips seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Lunceford asked for the Council's indulgence while he read aloud a letter he was just handed from Charlene Arneson to the Council commending Public Works Director Scott Korbe for an outstanding job submitting and procuring funds from the Prince William Sound Resource Advisory Council (PWS RAC) for the City of Whittier.

See copy of letter in original council packet located in the City Clerk's office.

Mayor Lunceford stated that he recalled a conversation he had recently with Scott Korbe where Scott told him that the commendations really need to take place with his staff.

Mayor Lunceford stated that Scott expressed his appreciation to his staff for holding down the fort while he was working on the harbor project.

C. RESOLUTIONS

1. #984-11 – A resolution approving the tideland lease renewal agreement with CIRI Alaska Tourism Corporation.

MOTION: Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to adopt resolution #984-11.

SECONDED: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

2. #985-11 – A resolution requesting FY 2012 Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding from the State of Alaska, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

MOTION: Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to adopt resolution #985-11.

SECONDED: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

3. #986-11 – A resolution accepting payment of FY 11 National Forest Receipts funds from the State of Alaska, Department of Community and Economic Development

MOTION: Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to adopt resolution #986-11.

SECONDED: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

4. #987-11 – A resolution accepting payment of FY 12 National Forest Receipts funds from the State of Alaska, Department of Community and Economic Development

MOTION: Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to adopt resolution #987-11.

SECONDED: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Reassignment of Harbor Loop, Block 2 Lot 10 and Block 2 Lot 5, trade between Paul Crowther and Whittier Inn, LLC

MOTION: Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to allow the reassignment of Harbor Loop, Block 2 Lot 10 and Block 2 Lot 5 trade between Paul Crowther and the Whittier Inn, LLC

SECONDED: Shawni Phillips seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

2. Transfer of Tunnels End Lease

MOTION: Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to allow the transfer of Tunnels End Lease.

SECONDED: Shannon Tolman seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

3. RFP's for camera and communications system

MOTION: Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to accept the administration's suggestion and accept the bid from TekMate, LLC for \$128,000.

SECONDED: Shannon Tolman seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Vice Mayor Vandergriff asked "The City has a grant for all but \$770.00 of this, is that correct?"

Dave Schofield replied "Yes, that is correct."

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. City Zoning Administrator Appointment

MOTION: Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to appoint Terri Wilson as Zoning Administrator for the City of Whittier.

SECONDED: Mary Brenneman seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

6. COUNCIL DISCUSSION (agenda item only)

None

7. CITIZENS' DISCUSSION (agenda items only)

Paul Crowther asked if there was still a plan for a visitor center in the harbor loop area.

Mayor Lunceford stated that the last city manager that we had started focusing on a different area for the visitor center and we were still in the financial phase of that other option but nothing really materialized.

There was some further discussion regarding the visitor center.

8. COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION RESPONSE TO CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

9. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO CITY MANAGER

Council scheduled a workshop at 6:00 pm on May 17th 2011 to discuss the Head of Passage Canal and the next phase of the Harbor Rebuild Project.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mary Brenneman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm.

SECONDED: Jerry Vandergriff seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

Attest:

Brenda Krol
City Clerk

Lester Lunceford
Mayor