

**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2011  
7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
P-12 BUILDING**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lunceford called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

**2. OPENING CEREMONY**

Mayor Lunceford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

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

**B. Council Members Absent:** None

**C. Excused Absences:** None

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

Others Present included: Charlene Arneson, Sue Miller, Jeff Frier, Cheryl Dalena, Sally Shug, Ted Spencer, Pete & Marilynn Heddell, Kelly Bender, Diane Parrett

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None

**5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to approve the regular meeting agenda of July 19th 2011 as amended.

**SECONDED:** Shawni Phillips seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** Vice Mayor Vandergriff asked that the agenda be amended by removing agenda item 12A, Ordinance #573-11 an ordinance amending WMC 2.10.090 Board of Ethics Created Membership because the ordinance needed to be revised to include a commencement date, clarification that the three year terms are to be staggered and that the Mayor always serves on the Board of Ethics.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**6. MAYOR'S REPORT**

**A. Mayor Report – Mayor Lunceford**

Mayor Lunceford announced that the City would be holding a dedication ceremony of the Start of Phase II Shotgun Cove Road, dedication by Congressman Don Young and that everyone was invited to attend.

Mayor Lunceford said “Congressman Young will be coming to Whittier on the 3:30 pm tunnel and we will meet at the Council Chambers and then make our way up to the Salmon Run and kick off an event dedicating the Salmon Run to Lu Young Park.”

### **B. Vice Mayor Report – Jerry Vandergriff**

Vice Mayor Vandergriff reported briefly on the Alaska Railroad meeting he had attended with Mayor Lunceford and City Manager Prunella.

Vice Mayor Vandergriff said “I asked the railroad about the land at Smitty’s Cove because I had discovered an ordinance from 1990 that made that a camper park therefore anything that was done with it in the form of leases since then is illegal.”

Vice Mayor Vandergriff said that the railroad told him that they really hope that the Council would see their way to changing that so that they could continue their lease down there.

Vice Mayor Vandergriff said that he told the railroad that if they would do some of the things that the Council wanted that the Council might consider an ordinance change for Smitty’s Cove.

Vice Mayor Vandergriff stated that there would be future meetings between the City and the Alaska Railroad regarding this issue.

Vice Mayor Vandergriff stated that he also mentioned to the railroad that the City might be interested in trading Tract A, minus the marine park for all of the land at the Head of the Bay, which would be a considerable amount of land and that they are seriously considering that.

Mayor Lunceford stated that the Alaska Railroad also expressed an interest in having a work session with the Council in the coming weeks and he suggested that when we schedule the work session to schedule it like we had tonight, an hour before a regular meeting.

Mayor Lunceford told the Council with their permission he would contacted the railroad and offer them several upcoming council meeting dates in which to schedule the work session.

Vice Mayor Vandergriff stated that he would like to be at that meeting and asked that it not be scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in August when he is on vacation.

Mayor Lunceford replied “we could schedule it after that”.

### **C. Commission Reports**

#### **1. Planning**

Charlene Arneson gave a brief verbal report on the last Planning Commission meeting.

Charlene Arneson stated that the Planning Commission has been making a lot of progress on the Comprehensive Plan they had worked two meetings from 6pm to 9pm.

Charlene Arneson stated that they will meet again in August and if all goes well the Planning Commission will be able to schedule the first public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan.

#### **2. Port and Harbor**

Marilynn Heddell gave a brief verbal report on the last Port and Harbor Commission meeting.

### **7. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

#### **A. City Manager Report – Bob Prunella**

See written report in original council packet located in the City Clerk’s office.

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

None

**9. CONSENT CALENDAR**

None

**10. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NON-ORDINANCE)**

None

**11. PRESENTATIONS**

None

**12. ORDINANCES**

**A. Introduction (first reading)**

None

**B. Public Hearing (second reading)**

**1. #572-11 – An ordinance amending WMC 2.08.250 Rules – Addressing the council by the public**

**MOTION:** Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to open the public hearing on ordinance #572-11.

**SECONDED:** Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Lunceford opened the public hearing on ordinance #572-11.

Hearing no public comment Mayor Lunceford entertained a motion to close the public hearing on ordinance #572-11.

**MOTION:** Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to close the public hearing on ordinance #572-11.

**SECONDED:** Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to adopt ordinance #572-11.

**SECONDED:** Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**13. RESOLUTIONS**

**A. #988-11 – A resolution renaming the Salmon Run to Lu Young Park**

**MOTION:** Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to adopt resolution #988-11.

**SECONDED:** Shawni Phillips seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**B. #989-11 – A resolution authorizing the City Manager to reserve \$71,250.00 from the (CVP) Cruise Vessel Passenger Fund to use as a match for an additional grant from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G)**

**MOTION:** Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to adopt resolution #989-11.

**SECONDED:** Shannon Tolman seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Striping/Signage update**
- B. Survey of VonWichman property**
- C. 5 year Comprehensive Plan update**
- D. M/V Tradition**
- E. Smitty's Cove Marine Park, VonWichman and associated properties**
- F. WMC Title 2**
- G. Harbor Rebuild Project Phase II**
- H. Personnel Policies & Procedures**
- I. Shotgun Cove Land Development**

There was some brief discussion on the Shotgun Cove Land Development.

Council suggested that the City Manager meet with USKH to determine how to proceed.

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**16. COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

**MOTION:** Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to direct the City Manager to move forward with putting an initiative on the October ballot raising the city's property tax mil rate from 5 mils to 8 mils.

**SECONDED:** Shannon Tolman seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**17. CITIZENS' DISCUSSION**

Diane Parrett stated that communication is really important if the property tax mil rate increase initiative is going on the October ballot.

There was some brief discussion regarding Medicare billing and the City of Whittier billing for EMS runs.

Charlene Arneson stated that the Clinic task force needs a starting point and if Cheryl Dalena could assist with that because Cheryl headed the last task force and has a lot of experience in this she believes it would help a lot in getting things going.

**18. COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION RESPONSE TO CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

None

**19. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO CITY MANAGER**

See Council discussion.

**20. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mary Brenneman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm.

**SECONDED:** Jerry Vandergriff seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

**Attest:**

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Brenda Krol  
City Clerk

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Lester Lunceford  
Mayor