



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 06, 2012
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: Shawni Phillips, Jerry Vandergriff, Lester Lunceford, Dan Blair, Dave Pinquoch (Telephonically), Becky Cotner

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

Others present included: Scott Korbe, Dave Schofield, Sue Miller, Dave Goldstein, Charlie Eldridge, Ericka Ammann

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 06 September 2011, Regular Meeting Minutes

B. 03 January 2012, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 6th 2011 and the regular meeting minutes of January 3rd 2012 as written

SECONDED: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Jerry Vandergriff: Yes, Becky Cotner: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes, Shawni Phillips: Yes, Lester Lunceford: Yes.

Motion passed 5-0.

5. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Vice Mayor Vandergriff added the travel agenda under consent calendar, agenda item 9A

Bob Prunella added emergency expenditures under new business, agenda item 15C.

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

SECONDED: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor Report – Mayor Lunceford

Mayor Lunceford gave a brief verbal report; he stated that there is a movie company investigating shooting a major motion picture in Whittier.

Mayor Lunceford said “the details are very sketchy right now; the City Manager and I have met with several movie executives and a director of some previous blockbuster movies.”

Mayor Lunceford said “they want to use some of Whittier in this movie because it resembles a Russian town.”

Mayor Lunceford also announced that he had the opportunity to see the movie “Big Miracle” and encouraged anyone who has the opportunity, to go and see it.

B. Vice Mayor Report – Jerry Vandergriff

Vice Mayor Vandergriff stated that included in the council's packets is a request from Dave Pinquoch requesting to participate in tonight's meeting telephonically.

Vice Mayor Vandergriff stated that also included in the council's packets is a request from Shawni Phillips asking to be excused from the January 3rd 2012 regular council meeting.

MOTION: Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to allow Dave Pinquoch to participate in tonight's meeting telephonically.

SECONDED: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Jerry Vandergriff: Yes, Becky Cotner: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes, Shawni Phillips: Yes, Lester Lunceford: Yes.

Motion passed 5-0.

MOTION: Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to excuse Shawni Phillips from the January 3rd 2012 regular council meeting.

SECONDED: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Jerry Vandergriff: Yes, Becky Cotner: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes, Shawni Phillips: Yes, Lester Lunceford: Yes.

Motion passed 5-0.

City Clerk, Brenda Krol contacted Councilor Dave Pinquoch so that he could participate telephonically.

7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager Report – Bob Prunella

See written report in original council packet.

Bob Prunella briefly went over his written report.

Bob Prunella stated that he and our lobbyist Kris Knauss met with Michael Christensen from Eastern Aleutian Tribes in regards to the clinic.

Bob Prunella stated that EATS are planning on operating two days a week beginning in March.

Dave Goldstein stated that he just wanted to reiterate that the clinic on the 3rd floor is illegal and it has got to move.

Bob Prunella told Dave Goldstein that the clinic is not going to move by March.

Dave Goldstein stated that April or May we can work with but it has got to get off that floor, that is a city owned condo and if it comes down to it Begich Towers could start fining the City.

Bob Prunella stated that he signed an agreement with a new lobbyist and a copy of the signed agreement was included in council packets.

B. December 2011 Finance Report

See monthly financial report for December 2011 in original council packet.

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

None

9. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Travel Agenda – Mayor and City Manager to Juneau

MOTION: Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to approve travel to Juneau for Mayor Lunceford and City Manager Bob Prunella for February 7th -10th 2012 to attend the AML Legislative Conference.

SECONDED: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NON-ORDINANCE)

None

11. PRESENTATIONS

A. Ms. Ericka Ammann – NOAA Fisheries – Grant opportunity for Exxon affected communities. See Handout in original council packet

Ericka Ammann handed out information on funding opportunity for communities affected by the Exxon Valdez Spill.

Ms. Ammann stated that NOAA is working to address water quality and marine habitat issues in and around harbors.

Ms. Ammann stated that a formal RFP will be released in October 2012 to which eligible applicants can apply to obtain funding. Funding available for each year (2013, 2014 and 2015) will be \$300,000; total funding over three years is \$900,000.

12. ORDINANCES

A. Introduction (first reading)

1. #577-12 – An ordinance approving an amendment to the CY 2012 budget of revenue and appropriations as necessary for the budget.

MOTION: Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to introduce ordinance #577-12, setting the public hearing date for February 21st 2012.

SECONDED: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Jerry Vandergriff: Yes, Becky Cotner: Yes, Shawni Phillips: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes, Dave Pinquoch: Yes, Lester Lunceford: Yes.

Motion passed 6-0.

B. Public Hearing (second reading)

None

13. RESOLUTIONS

A. #998-12 – A resolution directing the city clerk to destroy the ballots and related correspondence from the October 5th 2010 regular municipal election and the November 2nd 2010 special run off election

MOTION: Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to adopt resolution #998-12.

SECONDED: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Survey of VonWichman property

B. 5 year Comprehensive Plan update

C. Smitty's Cove Marine Park, VonWichman and associated properties

D. Whittier Municipal Code Title 2

E. Harbor Rebuild Phase II

F. Personnel Policies & Procedures

G. Shotgun Cove Land Development

Bob Prunella stated that last Friday there was a public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan. There were about 40 attendees.

Shawni Phillips asked if the work session on WMC Title 2 could be rescheduled for 6pm on March 20th.

15. NEW BUSINESS

A. Hiring Committee

Mayor Lunceford recommended that all council members be part of the hiring committee.

Vice Mayor Vandergriff suggested advertising the position vacancy as soon as possible.

B. Reappointment to RCAC – Marilyn Heddell

MOTION: Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to reappointment Marilyn Heddell to RCAC.

SECONDED: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

C. Emergency Expenditures – P-12 Heater and system components for well #1.

MOTION: Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to approve an emergency expenditure in the amount of \$10,810.00 to Industrial Boiler and Control Inc. to remove and replace the heater in the P-12 Building.

SECONDED: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Jerry Vandergriff made a motion to approve an emergency expenditure in the amount of \$15,867.73 to Anchorage Well and Pump to replace well #1 system components.

SECONDED: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

16. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Vice Mayor Vandergriff asked Dave Schofield a few questions pertaining to the Public Safety budget.

Vice Mayor Vandergriff asked if the City was set up to bill for ambulance fees. The contract is drafted and as soon as it is signed we will be ready to go.

Vice Mayor Vandergriff also had questions on the finance report pertaining to condo fees, user fees, and lobbyist fees.

City Clerk, Brenda Krol told Vice Mayor Vandergriff that she would make note of his questions and pass them on to Sally.

17. CITIZENS' DISCUSSION

None

18. COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION RESPONSE TO CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

19. COUNCIL DIRECTION TO CITY MANAGER

None

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

21. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Jerry Vandergriff moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm.

SECONDED: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Attest:



Brenda Krol
City Clerk



Lester Lunceford
Mayor