



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
P-12 BUILDING**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Vandergriff called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Vice Mayor Vandergriff led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

A. Council Members Present: Shawni Phillips, Jerry Vandergriff, Dan Blair, Dave Pinguoch, Becky Cotner

Vice Mayor Vandergriff stated that included in the council packets is a request from Lester Lunceford asking to be excused from tonight's council meeting because he is in Juneau.

MOTION: Becky Cotner made a motion to excuse Lester Lunceford from tonight's council meeting.

SECONDED: Shawni Phillips seconded the motion.

VOTE: Becky Cotner: Yes, Shawni Phillips: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes, Dave Pinguoch: Yes, Jerry Vandergriff: Yes.

Motion passed 5-0.

Vice Mayor Vandergriff stated that also included in the council packets is a request from Mary Brenneman requesting to be excused from tonight's council meeting as she will be attending her father's funeral.

MOTION: Becky Cotner made a motion to excuse Mary Brenneman from tonight's council meeting.

SECONDED: Shawni Phillips seconded the motion.

VOTE: Becky Cotner: Yes, Shawni Phillips: Yes, Dave Pinguoch: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes, Jerry Vandergriff: Yes.

Motion passed 5-0.

B. Council Members Absent: Lester Lunceford and Mary Brenneman

C. Excused Absence: Lester Lunceford and Mary Brenneman

D. Administration Present: Brenda Krol, City Clerk

Others present included: Sue Miller, Scott Korbe, Fred Whittingham, Charlie Eldridge

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4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Agenda item 4A and 13A were removed from the agenda because they were not ready in time.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to approve the regular meeting agenda as amended.

SECONDED: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor Report – Mayor Lunceford

None

B. Vice Mayor Report – Jerry Vandergriff

None

C. Commission Reports

▪ **Planning**

Vice Mayor Vandergriff reported that the Planning Commission has completed the update to the Comprehensive Plan and they are waiting for WH Pacific to get them a draft of the update.

Vice Mayor Vandergriff stated that the Planning Commission has written a letter to the City Council requesting that they approve the update.

▪ **Port and Harbor**

None

7. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager Report – Bob Prunella

None

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. #578-12 – An ordinance approving an amendment to the CY 2012 budget of revenue and appropriations as necessary for the budget (amendment #2)

Vice Mayor Vandergriff entertained a motion to open ordinance #578-12 (amendment #2) up for public hearing.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to open ordinance #578-12 (amendment #2) up for public hearing.

SECONDED: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Hearing no public comment Vice Mayor Vandergriff entertained a motion to close the public hearing.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to close the public hearing on ordinance #578-12 (amendment #2).

SECONDED: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to adopt ordinance #578-12 (amendment #2)

SECONDED: Becky Cotner seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

13. RESOLUTIONS

A. #03-2012 – A resolution setting the rate of levy, date of equalization and date when taxes become delinquent for 2012.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to adopt resolution #03-2012.

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. Shotgun Cove Land Development**

No updates to unfinished business.

15. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of WMC 3.08.010 and 3.08.080 Levy of Tax on rental properties.

Vice Mayor Vandergriff stated that this didn't have to be under new business or specified it could have gone under Council discussion.

Vice Mayor Vandergriff stated that he doesn't feel comfortable discussing this without having our finance person here and our City Manager because they know more about this than the council does.

Shawni Phillips stated that she didn't believe there should be a levy of tax on rental properties, housing should be considered a necessity like food and not taxed.

Vice Mayor Vandergriff asked "Has the City ever collected tax in the past on rental properties or did this just start?"

Shawni Phillips replied "I don't know. It's in the ordinance and has been but I don't know if there has actually been any money collected on that."

Vice Mayor Vandergriff stated "That was my understanding, when I talked to Bob about it, it's been in the code but nobody ever enforced it and either it needs to be enforced or it needs to be removed from the code."

Dave Pinquoch stated "I don't think long term housing should be taxed."

Vice Mayor Vandergriff agreed.

16. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

None

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: Becky Cotner moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm.

SECONDED: Shawni Phillips seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Attest:



Brenda Krol
City Clerk



Lester Luncford
Mayor