



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
P-12 BUILDING**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Daniel Blair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Daniel Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

A. Council Members Present: Victor Shen, Dave Pinguoch, Shawni Phillips, Dan Blair and Peter Denmark (telephonically)

B. Council Members Absent: Ata Ma'ae

B. Administration Present: Brenda Krol, City Clerk and Mark Lynch, City Manager

Others present: Patrick Munson, Perry Solmonson, Scott Korbe, Dave Schofield, Cole Haddock, Andrea Korbe, Brenda Tolman, Suzanne Eusden and Carolynn from "Hunter Killer" production company

4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to approve the regular meeting agenda as amended, removing agenda item 13A3 which is ordinance #24-2015.

SECONDED: Dave Pinguoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Shawni Phillips: Yes, Dave Pinguoch: Yes, Victor Shen: Yes, Peter Denmark: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes.

MOTION PASSED 5-0.

5. PWSRCAC REPORT – Andrea Korbe

Andrea Korbe gave a brief verbal report regarding RCAC and she highlighted on things that were covered at their last meeting that she attended in Anchorage on January 22nd and 23rd.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor's Report by Mayor Daniel Blair

See written Mayor's report in original council packet.

Mayor Daniel Blair touched briefly on his written report.

B. Vice Mayor Report by Vice Mayor Dave Pinguoch
None

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager's Report - Mark Lynch

See written manager's report in original council packet.

Mark Lynch briefly went over his written report.

- **Finance Report- August 2014- Sally Schug**
None

B. Directors Reports

- **Harbor Report – Cole Haddock**
See written harbor report in original council packet

- **Public Safety Report- Dave Schofield**
See written report in original council packet.

- **Public Works Report- Scott Korbe**
See written report in original council packet

8. COMMISSION REPORTS

- **Planning Commission**
See minutes from the last Planning Commission meeting in the original council packet

- **Port and Harbor Commission**
None

- **Park & Recreation Committee**
Shawni Phillips gave a brief verbal report on what the Park & Recreation Committee has been up to.

Shawni Phillips stated that the committee is working on drafting a master plan for Parks and Recreation.

Shawni Phillips reported that she had attended the last Chamber of Commerce meeting to discuss the park & recreation committee's ideas and to get input from the Chamber.

Shawni Phillips also reported that she is going over to the school tomorrow to meet and have breakfast with the kids and to get their park and recreation ideas for our community.

- **PWSAC**
None

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

Perry Solmonson stated that he did not know what the City's plans were for the old harbor floats and he suggested the possibility of using one of them at Smitty's Cove or at the Head of the Bay for launching and loading and unloading to alleviate some of the congestion at the launch ramp in the harbor.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

None

11. PUBLIC HEARING (NON-ORDINANCE)

None

12. PRESENTATIONS

None

13. ORDINANCES

A. Introduction (1st reading)

1. #22-2015 – An ordinance amending Whittier Municipal Code, Section 2.54.20 (B) to change the meeting day of the Port and Harbor Commission

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to introduce ordinance #22-2015, setting the public hearing for March 17th 2015.

SECONDED: Victor Shen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

2. #23-2015 – An ordinance amending WMC, Section 2.52.110 to change the meeting day of the Planning Commission

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to introduce ordinance #23-2015, setting the public hearing for March 17th 2015.

SECONDED: Dave Pinquoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

B. Public Hearing (2nd reading)

1. #21-2015 – An ordinance amending WMC Title 3 to authorize the establishment of an investment policy for the City of Whittier

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to open the public hearing on ordinance #21-2015.

SECONDED: Dave Pinquoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to close the public hearing on ordinance #21-2015.

SECONDED: Dave Pinquoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Dave Pinquoch made a motion to adopt ordinance #21-2015.

SECONDED: Shawni Phillips seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

14. RESOLUTIONS

1. #35-2015 – A resolution adopting the 2015 employee classification plan, establishing titles and pay levels for City employees.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to postpone resolution #35-2015.

SECONDED: Dave Pinquoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

2. #36-2015 – A resolution supporting the production of “Hunter Killer” for the economic value to the City of Whittier, its businesses and residents

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to adopt resolution #36-2015.

SECONDED: Victor Shen seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Dave Pinguoch suggested changing the word “great” to “positive” in the 3rd whereas and striking the word “the” before businesses in the 3rd whereas.

Shawni Phillips agreed with the changes and amended her motion to reflect the changes.
Victor Shen also agreed and seconded.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

3. #37-2015- A resolution supporting the production of a documentary by Affinity Films, Inc., to record the story of the community during the filming of “Hunter Killer”

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to adopt resolution #37-2015.

SECONDED: Dave Pinguoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

4. #38-2015 – A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a professional services contract with J.H. Construction Services to provide project management and inspection services for the Harbor Renovation project.

MOTION: Dave Pinguoch made a motion to adopt resolution #38-2015.

SECONDED: Shawni Phillips seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

5. #39-2015 – A resolution adopting an Investment Policy

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to adopt resolution #39-2015.

SECONDED: Dave Pinguoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

6. #40-2015 – A resolution designating asset allocation for investment of City funds.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to adopt resolution #40-2015.

SECONDED: Dave Pinguoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

7. #41-2015 – A resolution authorizing the filing of small claims actions against Port and Harbor users with unpaid accounts

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to adopt resolution #41-2015.

SECONDED: Dave Pinguoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Council recessed at approximately 8:45 p.m. for a 10 minute break

Council reconvened at approximately 8:56 p.m.

15. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

None

16. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION

Carolynn gave an update and spoke briefly about the production of "Hunter Killer".

Brenda Tolman stated that Peter Denmark is offering kayak trips to the kids at school and Stephanie Carlson is going to do a tour of one of the ferries when it comes in for all the kids.

Brenda Tolman stated that she has a list of other individuals that have volunteered their time for various activities involving the kids in the community, and she said anyone that has an activity and would like to volunteer can contact her to be added to that list.

Brenda Tolman stated that she will make up some flyers and post them around town and that these activities for the kids will take place throughout the summer.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Passage Canal Leases

2.08.040 Executive Session

A. The City Council may, after convening as a public meeting, and upon a majority vote of the body, determine to meet in an executive session to consider any matter set forth in subsections (B) or (C) of this section. The motion calling for the executive session must clearly and with specificity describe the subject of the proposed executive session without defeating the purpose of addressing the subject in private, and no other matters may be considered at the executive session.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to go into executive session at 9:08 p.m. to discuss the Passage Canal Leases which may have legal and/or financial impact upon the City

SECONDED: Dave Pinquoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Dave Pinquoch made a motion to go back into regular session at 9:43 p.m.

SECONDED: Shawni Phillips seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Shotgun Cove Road Project

No update

B. WMC Title 2 Revision

No update, this is an ongoing project

C. ARRC/COW Land Swap

No update, this is an ongoing project

D. Passage Canal Development Settlement Agreement

MOTION: Dave Pinquoch made a motion to accept the settlement agreement dated February 17th 2015 between the City of Whittier and Passage Canal Development.

SECONDED: Shawni Phillips seconded the motion.

VOTE: Dave Pinquoch: Yes, Shawni Phillips: Yes, Peter Denmark: No, Victor Shen: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes.

MOTION PASSED 4-1.

19. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment to vacant council seat G

Mayor Blair stated that the Council has two ways that they can do this, by ballot or by show of hands.

Mayor Blair explained "If the Council chooses to do this by show of hands Councilor Denmark has already showed me his hand since he is participating telephonically."

Mayor Dan Blair stated that regardless of who is selected tonight he encourages all four of the individuals who submitted letters of interest to run for Council in October.

Peter Denmark stated that having a council resignation just prior to summer is difficult timing.

Peter Denmark said "I cast my vote for Monty because he is currently involved and has been involved, we see him often in council meetings and he is up to speed on issues in the harbor, his Port & Harbor seat has also gotten him up to speed at least in part with railroad negotiations."

Peter Denmark said "I think Monty would be the strongest candidate to maintain a working Council going into summertime and I am hoping that anybody who wasn't selected by this process will attend meetings, become familiar with all the issues and be viable candidates in the next election."

The Council voted by ballot and handed them to Mark.

The outcome was 3-2 between Monty Irvin and Debra Hicks.

The Council voted by ballot again.

The outcome was again 3-2 between Monty Irvin and Debra Hicks.

The Council invoked the rule of necessity and voted one last time by ballot.

The outcome was Debra Hicks.

The Council appointed Debra Hicks to vacant council seat G.

20. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Shawni Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

SECONDED: Dave Pinquoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Attest:



Brenda Krol
City Clerk



Daniel Blair
Mayor