CALL TO ORDER

The April 19, 2022 regular meeting of the Whittier City Council was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Dickson.

OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Dickason led the pledge of allegiance to the flag

ROLL CALL

There were present:
Dave Dickason presiding, and
Dan Blair, Victor Shen, Cathy McCord,
David Pinquoch, and

Peter Denmark, telephonic

Comprising a quorum of the Board; and
Absent

Also Present
Jim Hunt, City Manager-
Jackie C. Wilde, Assistant City Manager
Kris Erchinger, Finance Director
Naelene Matsumiya, City Clerk
Scott Korbe, Public Works Director
David Borg, Harbormaster
Andre Achee, Police Chief

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON ANY SUBJECT EXCEPT THOSE ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING –

David Goldstein – Expressed his concerns about eliminating virtual participation. He stated that there needs to be more inclusion as opposed to exclusion. He shared suggestions on how the City should move forward.

Monic Stockburger – Addressed the RV sewage dumpsite. Stated that people were dumping their sewage in various places in town as a result of the City's lack of a public dumpsite.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the Consent Agenda

***RESOLUTION 2022-010**- Honoring and Celebrating The Life and Legacy of Representative Don Young

*Appoint Monica Stockburger to Planning and Zoning Commission Seat B expiring 2024
*Approval of the March 15, 2022 Regular meeting minutes
*Non-Objection to liquor license application for Ocean Front Café, LLC
*Coffee with Council and Commissioners

Motion (Pinquoch/Blair) **Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda**

Motion Passed **AYES**: Blair, Shen, McCord, Denmark, Dickason, and Pinqouch
NAYS: NONE

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Proclamation of Recognizing Asian American Pacific Islander Month
Members of the Public of Asian American and Pacific Islander descent showcased their culture and gave some history.

Arnie Arneson presentation of gift to the City
Mayor **DICKASON** accepted the painting from Arnie Arneson on behalf of the City Council.

Proclamation of Whittier Emergency Medical Services Recognition
Certificates were presented to those who were involved in the March 17, 2022 incident.

Proclamation of Public Works Recognition
Certificates were presented to the Public Works Department for their work in keeping the roads clear of snow during the winter season.

Rose Medez Recognition for 5 years at the City of Whittier
Mayor **DICKASON** presented a plaque to Rose Medez, thanking her for her time and work at the City of Whittier Harbor.

Proclamation of Rachel Wagner and Nick Swain Recognition
Certificates were presented to Rachel Wagner and Nick Swain for their work on the Community-Wide Easter potluck. Rachel and Nick thanked the community for participating and showing their support.

Mayor Report-- Mayor Dickason had nothing to report
Vice Mayor Report-- Vice Mayor Denmark had nothing to report

City Manager Report- (CMR Includes Public Works report and financials) Jim brought up a potential resolution regarding the lift and pump station. He spoke about the repairs of the pump and estimated costs.

Jackie Wilde – Reported on the Coffee with Council and Commissioners on the 26th of April in the Homeowners Lounge. Stated the goal is to allow citizens to get to know who their Council

and Commissioners are. Reported on the first Job Fair April 28th, 12:00 1:30. She commended the Easter Community get together, adding, "Way to go Whittier!" **WILDE** stated that on May 14th, the Whittier Parks and Recreation Committee will be hosting a week-long community wide clean-up for Whittier. Mentioned contests and receiving prizes for trash weight per bag.

Kris Erchinger – Reported the Tourism Best Management Practices meeting kick off. Invited the public to join the conversation and explained the intent is to create guidelines and a program designed to mitigate impacts of tourism on the community. Informed the public to join the mailing list on the City's website. Stated that meetings will continue with the support of the City until no longer necessary. **ERCHINGER** informed the Council of the audit; May 2nd through the 5th.

Scott Korbe – Reported on the snow melting. Welcomed the spring season. Water turning on. Notified the council of GMC contracting and the equipment staged. Work to start early next week. Trying to get repairs done by June 1. Explained the scope of Earthquake repair. Mass coordination with the Harbor. On track to get the work done. Not too much impact. 1.6 million dollars' worth of work.

Dave Borg – Reported on shrimp season opener. Gave an estimate of boats and tailers in the lot and commended Harbor staff for managing parking and staging. Stated that the Public Safety Department and the harbor staff have been working together and that Whittier PD has been writing and giving tickets to parking violators. Extended appreciation to the Whittier PD. Informed the public of the Ship Escort Response Vessel System (SERVS) drill happening in Whittier. **BORG** reported that he is working with the finance director in looking for funding for more bathrooms in the harbor. Described the bathrooms i.e. portability, style, size, etc. Mentioned locations for these bathrooms. Finalizing prices.

Andre Achee – Vacant police officer position filled. Eagerly waiting for his arrival. Reported on the tabletop exercise with JBER, NOAA, FEMA etc. Reported that May 1st Whittier PD and Ferrovial services/tunnel services will begin traffic control as per contract. In house training for officers. Mentioned Local Hazard mitigation plan.

City Attorney Report-None

Commission/Committee Reports – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS NONE

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES (introduction)

Motion: (Blair/Shen)

ORDINANCE 2022-002- A Non-Code Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Whittier, Alaska, Approving A Three-

Year Exemption And Additional Two-Year Deferral Of Municipal Property Taxes On Commercial Development Property Related To Construction Of New Cruise Ship Dock And Upland Amenities

BLAIR stated that he was not clear on the exemption as Council is not allowed to obligate future Council's production on taxes. **WILDE** called to order. Stated that the time to discuss the Ordinance will be at the public hearing as it is on the agenda strictly for introduction. **BLAIR** asked if this was presented to the Port and Harbor Commission. **WILDE** responded that because they are an advisory board, the Ordinance does not apply to them, therefore the item was not presented. **ERCHINGER** Explained that this was negotiated with Huna Totem and that Council had already passed the lease and that this ordinance was procedural. Explained that according to state law, must be passed and approved via ordinance.

Motion to introduce passed

AYES: Blair, Shen, Pinquoch, McCord, Denmark, and Dickason
NOES: None

Motion: (Blair/Pinquoch)

ORDINANCE 2022-003- An Ordinance of The City Council Of The City Of Whittier, Alaska, Amending The Delong Dock Tariff For Raw Fish Wharfage From $0.040 To $0.020 Per Pound, Consistent With The City's Rates Charged Since 2019

BLAIR asked why the Port and Harbor Commission is not being consulted. **WILDE** reiterated that the ordinance is strictly for introduction. **ERCHINGER** Explained that these rates are the same since 2019. Clarified that the change is to reflect what the City had already been charging. **ERCHINGER** stated the reason it is not going before the Port and Harbor Commission is because there is no change, just correcting of an error. Expressed understanding of confusion of the role of the Port and Harbor Advisory Commission but stated that Council had revoked the Commission's decision-making authority. **WILDE** added that this is a non-code ordinance correcting past issues. **DENMARK** added that the Administration led Council to believe that having the Port and Harbor Commission *unintelligible* to have an efficient relationship with the Council. **DENMARK** concluded that the Council has yet to see that.

Motion to introduce passed:

AYES: Shen, McCord, Pinquoch, Denmark and Dickason
NOES: Blair

Motion (Blair/Pinquoch)

ORDINANCE 2022-004-An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, Authorizing the Addition of Two (2)

Seats to the Whittier Planning and Zoning Commission to Promote Productivity, Performance, and Diversity of Community Members to the Benefit of the Community, the City Council, and the City of Whittier

WILDE gave reasoning for adding the additional seats to the quasi-judicial board of 5.

Motion to introduce passed:

AYES: Blair, Pinquoch, McCord, Shen Denmark, and Dickason
NOES: None

Motion (Pinquoch/Blair)

RESOLUTION 2022-010- Honoring and Celebrating The Life and Legacy Of Representative Don Young

Motion Passed

AYES: Blair, Shen, McCord, Denmark, Dickason Pinqouch
NAYS: NONE

Motion (Blair/McCord)

RESOLUTION 2022-011- Of The City Council of The City of Whittier, Alaska Adopting The Planning And Zoning Commission Priorities for April 2022 Through April 2023

BLAIR commented on the priorities and what the administration had recommended. Wilde explained that after working with all the boards and commissions, these are the priorities passed and approved by the Commissions. Explained further. Blair stated his confusion. **WILDE** explained that the priorities set helps the Council as the Commissions will do most of the heavy lifting. General discussion ensued.

Motion Passed

AYES: Blair, Shen, McCord, Dickason, Denmark, Pinqouch
NAYS: NONE

Motion (Blair/Shen)

RESOLUTION 2022-012- Of The City Council Of The City Of Whittier, Alaska Adopting The Port and Harbor Advisory Commission Priorities for April 2022 To April 2023

BLAIR pointed out WMC 2.54.030 and pointed out some of the Port and Harbor Commission's

duties. **WILDE** explained that there are errors in code as it stands right now and that she was informed of the Commission's advisory status. Continued by stating that the code is currently being reviewed by Municode and is working to correct those errors. Discussion ensued.

Motion Passed	**AYES:** Blair, Shen, McCord, Pinquoch, and Dickason **NAYS:** Denmark
Motion (Pinquoch/Blair)	**RESOLUTION 2022-013-** - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Whittier, Alaska, Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Sole Source Services Agreement With Seward Cloud Services To Install Wireless Internet And Cameras In The Whittier Small Boat Harbor For An Amount Not To Exceed $60,000, And For Related Purposes
Motion to amend (Blair/Pinquoch)	**RESOLUTION 2022-013-** - A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Whittier, Alaska, Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A Sole Source Services Agreement With Seward Cloud Services To Install Wireless Internet And Cameras In The Whittier Small Boat Harbor For $60,000 with a 9% contingency Amount Not To Exceed $65,900 and For Related Purposes
Motion to amend Passed (via consent agenda)	**AYES:** Blair, Shen, McCord, Dickason, Denmark, and Pinquoch **NAYS:** NONE

PINQUOCH asked for the Harbormaster to explain why Administration chose to contract through sole-source. **BORG** stated that it was fiscally responsible as Seward Cloud Services will maintain a five-year contract for maintenance and upkeep. **BORG** stated that he had spoken to patrons of the harbor stating their need for cameras and internet in the harbor area. Discussion ensued.

Original motion to adopt	**AYES:** Blair, Shen, McCord, Dickason, Denmark, Pinquoch **NAYS:** NONE

Motion (Shen/Pinquoch)

RESOLUTION 2022-014- A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Whittier, Alaska, Approving Emergency Repairs To The Oshkosh Snowblower

Council requested the dollar amount. **WILDE** responded That the dollar amount is $17,896.17 and will paid out of the General Reserve account for Public Works Equipment Repair. Council Asked for the reason the snowblower needs To be repaired again. **KORBE** presented a part of the snowblower that needs to be repaired. Gave information on how long the equipment has been used and the usual load the snowblower moves. Explained that it was wear-and-tear repair.

Motion Passed

AYES: Blair, Shen, McCord, Dickason, Denmark, Pinquoch
NAYS: None

Other New Business Items

1. **Reschedule the May 17, 222 Council meeting to May 24, 2022**
   Vote to approve and schedule: Denmark, Shen, Blair, Pinquoch, McCord, and Dickason

2. **Scheduling a joint work session with the port and harbor Commission to discuss the Harbor Phase III project April 26, 2022 at 6:00 pm**
   Vote to approve and schedule: Denmark, Shen, Blair, McCord, Pinquoch, and Dickason

3. **Schedule a work session to discuss code changes involving but not limited to virtual attendance by council and commissions for meetings Tuesday, May 3, 2022 6:00 pm**
   Vote to postpone: Blair, Pinquoch, Denmark, McCord, Shen, and Dickason

4. **Fuel Tax discussion**
   Administration stated more research needs to be done. Not vote was taken.

5. **Appoint Monica Stockburger to the Whittier Planning and Zoning Commission, Seat B, expiring 2024***
   Passed and approved via Consent Agenda, Monica Stockburger was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission to Seat B, term expiring in 2024

6. **Approval of the March 15, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes***
   Passed and approved via Consent Agenda

7. **Non Objection to liquor license application for Ocean Front Café, LLC***
   Passed and approved via Consent Agenda

8. **RFP Visitors Center**
   WILDE Read the RFP and the deadline of May 10, 2022 at 4pm. Hopes to operate the first floor of PSB as a Visitors Center. General discussion given.

9. **Coffee with Council and Commissioners**
Item was discussed during *Assistant City Manager report.*

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS

January and February 2022 Financial Reports for the City of Whittier *Please see City Council packet which contains monthly Financial Statements*
Why you should get involved with your local government
Coffee with Council and Commissioners April 26, 2022 8AM to 10AM at the BTI Homeowners Lounge flyer
Job Fair and Career Expo April 28, 2022 12pm to 1:30pm in Council Chambers flyer

COUNCIL COMMENTS

PINQUOCH – Reported on the Tourism Best Management Practices meeting. Shared opinions and made comparisons to Juneau. Mentioned code changes and added the possibility of Council and Administration confusing the words *Resolution* and *Recommendation.* Asked about the scheduling and planning of the Coffee with Council and Commissioners. **WILDE** responded the publication process as it was brought up in previous meetings. Sated that it was not a political meeting, it was for members of the community to communicate with their governing boards outside of the Council Chambers during meetings.

BLAIR – Focus is on transparency and code rebuilding. Mentioned the residency issues in Whittier and mentioned homes for future employees at the Head of the Bay, stated prioritizing their quality of life so as to be reciprocated within the community. Mentioned his unavailability for the Coffee with Council and Commissions. **BLAIR** stated that the meeting tonight was the most enjoyable as he was able to see a wide-range of community members come into the Council Chambers with smiles on their faces. Reiterated his joy and the importance of transparency for the best interests of the citizens of Whittier.

PINQUOCH – Commented on the housing situation as well.

DENMARK – Commented on Monica Stockburger's concern about RV dumping. Stated that this service is vital and the City should provide it. Asked if there was a temporary solution for the summer. Asked to prioritize the code in where it states attendance and dynamics between the Commission and the Council.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Kelly Bender – addressed the housing situation. Reported on her participation in the TBMP meeting. Chamber is overwhelmed. So much work to do. Congestion on land and on water. Wilderness Best Practices.

Arlen Arneson – Mentioned the Port and Harbor Commission and gave some history.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION RESPONSE TO CITIZEN COMMENTS

Naelene Matsumiya thanked Rachel Wagner and Nick Swain for their efforts in the Community Easter event.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk

Dave Dickson
Mayor

(City Seal)