



# THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 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:** Debra Hicks, Ata Ma'ae, Shawni Phillips, Dan Blair and Peter Denmark (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)

**B. Council Members Absent:** Victor Shen and Dave Pinquoch

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

Others present: Scott Korbe, Dave Schofield, Ross Blaker, Kris Knauss, Cole Haddock, Gwen Granger, Don Stevens, Dyanna Pratt, Mark Hager, Holly Wells, Michael Bender

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. 16 June 2015, BOE Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION:** Shawni Phillips made a motion to approve the board of equalization meeting minutes of June 16<sup>th</sup> 2015 as written.

**SECONDED:** Ata Ma'ae seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Shawni Phillips: Yes, Ata Ma'ae: Yes, Debra Hicks: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes.

**MOTION PASSED 4-0.**

### **5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Shawni Phillips made a motion to approve the regular meeting agenda as amended to move agenda item #12, Presentations to #6 on the agenda, just before the Mayor's Report.

**SECONDED:** Ata Ma'ae seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Shawni Phillips: Yes, Ata Ma'ae: Yes, Debra Hicks: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes.

**MOTION PASSED 4-0.**

## **6. PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. Kris Knauss – Legislative Update and Q&A**

City Lobbyist, Kris Knauss gave a brief update on legislative issues.

Kris Knauss reported that the State has gone from about a 25% capital budget to about a 7% capital budget.

Kris Knauss stated that there is discussion that we will have fast ferry service through the summer and if no new revenues come in or major reductions in spending happen then we will most likely see the Department of Transportation move the fast ferries to Southeast.

Kris Knauss reported that Municipal Revenue Sharing is in a five year phase out, this year it was 58 million, next year it is 37 million and then the next year it goes to zero, it cancels out.

Mayor Daniel Blair thanked Kris Knauss for the update.

Mayor Daniel Blair asked that the record reflect that Councilor Peter Denmark is present at 7:15 p.m.

## **7. MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **A. Mayor's Report by Mayor Daniel Blair**

Mayor Daniel Blair gave a brief verbal report.

Mayor Daniel Blair reported that the City has completed the 4 million dollar harbor improvement on time and on budget.

Mayor Daniel Blair stated that he and Mark Lynch spoke with the new Coast Guard Commander about the possibilities of having a better representation with the Coast Guard in Whittier.

### **B. Vice Mayor Report by Vice Mayor Dave Pinquoch**

None

City Clerk, Brenda Krol asked Mayor Blair if he would like to address the requests for excused absences.

Brenda Krol stated that they were not addressed after roll call earlier but included in the council packets were a few requests for excused absences one from Ata Ma'ae for last meeting and two for tonight's meeting from Victor Shen and Dave Pinquoch.

**MOTION:** Shawni Phillips made a motion to accept the requests for excused absences from Victor Shen and Dave Pinquoch for tonight's meeting and the request from Ata Ma'ae for the last meeting held on June 16<sup>th</sup> 2015.

**SECONDED:** Debra Hicks seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Shawni Phillips: Yes, Debra Hicks: Yes, Ata Ma'ae: Yes, Peter Denmark: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes.

**MOTION PASSED 5-0.**

## **8. 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.

Mark Lynch stated that we did not receive a financial report this month from AKEBS.

Mark Lynch stated that AKEBS has replaced Sally Schug as our finance person and we have a new representative, Skyler Knuchel.

Mark Lynch introduced the interim harbormaster Mr. Ross Blaker and the new city attorney Holly Wells.

- **Finance Report-**

None

**B. Directors Reports**

- **Harbor Report –**

See written 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.

**9. COMMISSION REPORTS**

- **Planning Commission**

None

- **Port and Harbor Commission**

None

- **Park & Recreation Committee**

None

- **PWSAC**

None

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

None

**11. CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**12. PUBLIC HEARING (NON-ORDINANCE)**

None

**13. PRESENTATIONS**

Presentations was moved, see agenda item #6 above.

**14. ORDINANCES**

**A. Introduction (1<sup>st</sup> reading)**

None

**B. Public Hearing (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)**

None

## **15. RESOLUTIONS**

A. #54-2015 – A resolution authorizing the filing of a lawsuit for the foreclosure of municipal real property tax liens.

**MOTION:** Shawni Phillips made a motion to adopt resolution #54-2015.

**SECONDED:** Ata Ma'ae seconded the motion.

**DISCUSSION:** Peter Denmark asked "is it appropriate to know what the properties in question are?"

Dyanna Pratt replied "there are three properties, a BTI condo that payments are being made on and it is due to be paid by August 1<sup>st</sup> so hopefully that one will be resolved, leaving two properties. A lot in the Phase 1 area and one Cliffside Marina slip that is two years behind."

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

B. #57-2015 – A resolution approving the amendment and assignment of the ground lease of Harborview Lease Area Lot 1 to Vearl Jeff Taylor dba Whittier Fudge-Sound Ideas Gallery and Gifts.

**MOTION:** Shawni Phillips made a motion to adopt resolution #57-2015.

**SECONDED:** Ata Ma'ae seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

C. #58-2015- A resolution rescinding resolution #999-12.

**MOTION:** Shawni Phillips made a motion to adopt resolution #58-2015.

**SECONDED:** Ata Ma'ae seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

D. #59-2015 – A resolution formally submitting the Tier 2 Harbor Grant Application

**MOTION:** Peter Denmark made a motion to adopt resolution #59-2015.

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

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

## **16. COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

There was some brief council discussion

Shawni Phillips suggested that since the City is looking at updating the comprehensive plan in the near future that the City should also look at reevaluate our thoughts and ideas for the Head of Passage Canal.

Peter Denmark stated that the city needs another place to launch boats.

Peter Denmark stated that it was discussed at the last meeting that the city may choose to issue bonds or borrow money to build a new Public Safety Building.

Peter Denmark said "that would be a new step for the City of Whittier and its future evolutions and if we are considering following that path, I think that should be put up as a referendum and let the community decide."

## **17. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION**

None

## **18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

## **19. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Shotgun Cove Road Project
- B. WMC Title 2 Revision
- C. ARRC/COW land swap
- D. Improve Salmon sport fishing in Northwest PWS
- E. Whittier Manor Lease

Mark Lynch stated that he and Holly Wells have discussed this matter and have a draft lease in the works.

## **F. Public Safety Complex**

There was some brief council discussion on funding sources for the Public Safety Complex.

## **20. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Appointment to vacant RCAC seat

There were two letters of interest received for the vacant RCAC seat one from Don Stevens and one from Mike Bender.

Don Stevens rescinded his letter of interest.

Mayor Daniel Blair appointed Mike Bender to the vacant RCAC seat.

## **21. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Shawni Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

**SECONDED:** Ata Ma'ae seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

**Attest:**



Brenda Krol  
City Clerk



Daniel Blair  
Mayor