CALL TO ORDER

The October 18, 2022, regular meeting of the Whittier City Council was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Dickason.

OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Dickason led the pledge of allegiance to the flag

ROLL CALL

There were present:
Dave Dickason presiding, and
Victor Shen, David Pinquoch, Dan Blair,
Peter Denmark, Tom Wagner and Cathy McCord (via Phone)

Comprising a quorum of the Board; and

Also Present
Jim Hunt, City Manager
Jackie C. Wilde, Assistant City Manager/Acting City Clerk
Kris Erchinger, Finance Director
Dave Borg, Harbormaster
Andre Achee, Police Chief
Jessica Spuhler, City Attorney

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

David Schaff- Alaska House District 9 candidate introduction.
Christy Terry- External Affairs Director for the Alaska Railroad. Terry introduced Ron Yeager
Ron Yeager- spoke about the upcoming Alaska Railroad Master plan project
Stephanie Burgoon- gave a school update

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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

Items approved on Consent Agenda

**RESOLUTION 2022-029 - A Resolution of The City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, Supporting Full Funding ($8,236,815) For the State Of Alaska Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program In The FY 2024 State Capital Budget

Motion Passed **Unanimous**

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Proclamations recognizing

Jean Swingle for years of service on Planning and Zoning
Bonifacio-Rojas Paz Recognition years of service with the City Harbor
Gene Gilman years of service with the City Public Works

Presentation by Kristin Carpenter Prince William Sound Economic Development-PWS Ferry Authority

Mayor Report— Enjoyed Governor here for Head of the Bay kick off
Vice Mayor Report— None
City Manager Report—Wilde requested that the meeting on November 15th be rescheduled to November 14th. **Wilde** asked to adjust the winter meeting times to be changed to 5:30 October through March so that people can attend the council meetings and still get out of the tunnel. Returning back to the 7PM schedule in April. **Erchinger** gave update on the Harbor's new software. **Erchinger** gave updated regarding the city's best practices score. City financials are at the back of the packet. **Erchinger** gave an update regarding Council budget.
City Attorney Report— None
Commission/Committee Reports— None

PUBLIC HEARINGS-

ORDINANCE 2022-005 Amending WMC Chapter 2.27 Fire Department To A Fire/Ems Department With A Fire/Ems Chief As Department Head And Amending WMC Chapter 2.30 Department Of Public Safety To Remove Responsibility For Fire And Ems From The Director Of Public Safety In Order To Expand Fire And Ems Services For The Benefit Of The Community
Open of Hearing
Citizens

Public Hearing Opened
Public Hearing Closed

Motion (Blair/Pinquoch)

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Motion to Amend (Pinquoch/Denmark)

Amend Ordinance 2022-005 under 2.27.010 Established:, adding an additional sentence at the end that would read "Additional paid Fire/EMS department employees will require Council approval."

Motion to Amend Passed **Unanimous**

Motion to Postpone (Blair/Pinquoch)

Postponing meeting to November 14, 2022 Regular rescheduled council meeting

Motion to Postpone Passed

AYES: Blair, Shen, McCord, Pinquoch, Denmark and Wagner
NAYS: Dickason

ORDINANCE 2022-006 Amending WMC Chapter 3.12 To Adopt WMC 3.12.05 Provide A Property Tax Exemption For Property Developed In Furtherance Of Economic Development Within The City

Public Hearing Opened
Public Hearing Closed

Motion (Shen/Denmark)

ORDINANCE 2022-006 Amending WMC Chapter 3.12 To Adopt WMC 3.12.05 Provide A Property Tax Exemption For Property Developed In Furtherance Of Economic Development Within The City

Finance director gave general discussion

Motion Passed **Unanimous**

NEW BUSINESS- Ordinances for introduction

NON-CODE ORDINANCE 2022-007 Approving The 2023-2027 Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan and the 2023 Operating Budget and Related Revenues, Expenditures/ Expenses and Interfund Transfers, and Appropriating Funds—**for approval and enactment on November 14 2022*

Motion to discuss (Shen/Blair)

General discussion given
(Technical difficulties 1:03:29 of meeting)

RESOLUTIONS

Motion (Pinquoch/Shen)

RESOLUTION 2022-030 A Resolution of The City Council of The City Of Whittier, Alaska, Certifying The Results Of The October 4, 2022, Regular Election. General Discussion Given

Motion Passed **Unanimous**

Election of Mayor

Dave Dickason- 4 votes
Dan Blair- 3 Votes

Mayor – Dave Dickason

Election of Vice Mayor
Peter Denmark 4 votes
Tom Wagner 3 votes

Vice Mayor Denmark

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REPORTS

1. May 2022 Financial Reports for the City of Whittier *Please see City Council packet which contains monthly Financial Statements*
2. Confluence Strategies Interim update July 2022
3. Horsetail Falls Trail Closure flyer
4. PAS-QuickNotes-Electric Vehicle charging stations
5. State Senate for Senate District E Cathy Giessel Community Visit Flyer
6. Harbor Summer Newsletter

COUNCIL COMMENTS- *(Technical difficulties 1:22:05 of meeting)*

Shen- asked about the possibility of more meetings. Wilde explained time restraints but also stated that if the council wanted to update the code to 2 meetings a month they could.
Denmark asked about food trucks being allowed. Denmark asked that it be a topic presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission to discuss.
Blair – asked for a work session regarding fire department planning. Wilde asked for a date of possible work session. Work session date of 11/7/2022 decided.
McCord- *None*
Pinquoch –asked for council to approve an emergency approval of 9,000 to fix the Harbor's boiler. council gave approval. Pinquoch thanked mayor for representing the community at the Head of the Bay ribbon cutting.

CITIZENS COMMENTS *(Technical difficulties 1:34:03 of meeting)*

Kelly Bender- gave updated regarding her trip to ATIA conference

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION RESPONSE TO CITIZEN COMMENTS

Motion (Shen/Blair)

Go Into executive session Per WCC 2.08.040 (b) (1) Matters that, if immediately disclosed, would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the of the city relating to leases and city land.

The City Manager, City Attorney, Assistant City Manager & Finance Director were asked to stay

Motion Passed **Unanimous**

Council went into executive session at 8:43 p.m.
Council came out of executive session at 9:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Jackie C. Wilde
Assistant City Manager/Acting City Clerk

Dave Dickason
Mayor

(City Seal)