



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2016
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
P-12 BUILDING**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Daniel Blair called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Dan Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

A. Council Members Present: Debra Hicks, Monty Irvin, Victor Shen, Dave Dickason, Peter Denmark, David Pinguoch, and Daniel Blair

B. Administration Present:

Mark Lynch, City Manager

Jennifer Rogers, City Clerk

Scott Korbe, Public Works Director

David Schofield, Director of Public Safety

Andy Dennis, Harbormaster

Lynette Dennis, Finance Officer

Katie Davies, City Attorney

Moe Zamarron, Public Safety Bldg. Manager

Others Present:

Marc Donadieu

Dave Goldstein

Tommy O'Malley

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 18, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Peter Denmark made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of

October 18, 2016 as is.

SECOND: David Pinguoch

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Peter Denmark: Yes, Dave Pinguoch: Yes, Debra Hicks: Yes, Dave Dickason: Yes, Victor Shen: Yes, Monty Irvin: Yes, Daniel Blair: Yes

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Dave Pinquoch made a motion to approve the November 9, 2016 agenda as is.

SECOND: Peter Denmark

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Dave Pinquoch: Yes, Peter Denmark: Yes, Debra Hicks: Yes, Monty Irvin: Yes, Dave Dickason: Yes, Victor Shen: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor's Report

Mayor Dan Blair reported that the tunnel was closed for a few days due to a loose large rock. He, Mark Lynch and Holly Wells met with the railroad; the outcome of the meeting was that they agreed to disagree regarding the DeLong Dock.

B. Vice-Mayor's Report

None

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager's Report- Mark Lynch

See written in original council packet. Mark Lynch has focused a lot of his time working on the budget this past month. The State has provided the PERS information needed for the auditor. The auditor has completed the audit, but wasn't available to present the audit for this meeting.

Mark Lynch stated that the budget ordinance was inadvertently left off of this agenda, so the first reading will take place in December.

1. Financial Report- Lynette Dennis

None

2. City Attorney's Report – Katie Davies

None

3. School District's Report

None

4. Director's Reports

B. Harbor Report- Andy Dennis

See written report in original council packet. Peter Denmark stated that at the last meeting, they discussed the triangular support of the slips in the harbor. He asked if \$190,000 was approved for adjustments. Andy replied that at \$3,400, per finger, it would be too costly for the retrofit.

C. Public Safety Report- Dave Schofield

See written report in original council packet. Mark Lynch announced that the interim contract with Girdwood is going smoothly.

D. Public Works Report – Scott Korbe

See written report in original council packet.

E. Public Safety Building Report- Moe Zamarron

See written report in original council packet. The construction crew is currently working on the siding. They are behind schedule and the completion date is now June.

8. COMMISSION REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

See October 5, 2016 meeting minutes in original council packet.

B. Port and Harbor Commission

See September 1, 2016 meeting minutes in original council packet.

C. Parks & Recreation Committee

None

D. PWSAC

None

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

Tommy O'Malley reported that things are going well with the policing in Girdwood. The interim contract has been extended until January 22nd. Coffee with the Cops program has been held at the Grind the past two Saturdays. Officers have interacted with the community members in a positive way. He thanked the council members for providing police services for their community.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR

None

Council members scheduled a Special Meeting for December 6, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

11. PUBLIC HEARING (NON-ORDINANCE)

A. Ordinance #08-2016- An authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Municipality of Anchorage in which the Whittier Police Department agrees to provide police services to the Girdwood Valley service area January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019 for \$618,000 per year as adjusted by the percentage increase or decrease in the consumer price index.

MOTION: David Pinquoch made a motion to postpone the second reading of Ordinance #08-2016 until the December 20th regular council meeting.

SECOND: Debra Hicks

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Dave Pinquoch: Yes, Debra Hicks: Yes, Peter Denmark: Yes, Monty Irvin: Yes, Victor Shen: Yes, Dave Dickason: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

12. PRESENTATIONS

None

13. ORDINANCES

A. Introduction (1st reading)

None

B. PUBLIC HEARING (2ND reading)

None

14. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution # 30-2016- A resolution adopting the City's 2017 Local Priorities

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Resolution #30-2016 with an amendment to move the Completion of the new Public Safety Building to #1 on the list, move the Whittier Comprehensive Plan Update to #2 on the list and adding Economic Development to #6 on the list.

SECOND: Peter Denmark

DISCUSSION: David Pinguoch stated that he is interested in improving the City's economic development. Victor Shen suggested that we contact the Chamber of Commerce to assist with attracting businesses to Whittier. There was some discussion about whether or not a fish processing company will come to Whittier for the next season. Mark Lynch added that the main obstacle companies are running into when considering whether or not to do business in Whittier is that there isn't any land; big entities want to own their land, they don't want to lease.

VOTE: Victor Shen: Yes, Peter Denmark: Yes, Debra Hicks: Yes, Dave Dickason: Yes, Monty Irvin: Yes, David Pinguoch: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

B. Resolution #31-2016- A Resolution adopting the City's 2017 State Legislative Priorities.

MOTION: David Pinguoch made a motion to adopt Resolution #31-2016.

SECOND: Peter Denmark

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: David Pinguoch: Yes, Peter Denmark: Yes, Monty Irvin: Yes, Dave Dickason: Yes, Debra Hicks: Yes, Victor Shen: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

C. Resolution #32-2016- A Resolution adopting the City's 2017 Federal Legislative Priorities.

MOTION: Peter Denmark made a motion to adopt Resolution #32-2016.

SECOND: Debra Hicks

DISCUSSION: Monty Irvin suggested that the Head of Passage Canal Project be moved to #1 on the list. A lengthy discussion followed. It was decided at the end of the discussion that there would be no amendments to the resolution presented.

VOTE: Peter Denmark: Yes, Debra Hicks: Yes, Monty Irvin: Yes, Peter Denmark: Yes, Dave Dickason: Yes, Victor Shen: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

D. Resolution #33-2016- A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for and execute any and all documents pertaining to a loan from the Alaska Drinking Water Fund.

MOTION: Peter Denmark made a motion to adopt Resolution #33-2016.

SECOND: David Pinguoch

DISCUSSION: Mark Lynch added that this resolution authorizes him to apply for the loan. If the loan is awarded, the city manager is authorized to accept it.

VOTE: Peter Denmark: Yes, David Pinguoch: Yes, Monty Irvin: Yes, Dave Dickason: Yes, Debra Hicks: Yes, Victor Shen: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Harbor Float Design

Not discussed during this meeting.

B. Shotgun Cove Road Project

Not discussed during this meeting.

C. ARRC/COW Land Swap

Not discussed during this meeting.

D. Improve Salmon Sport Fishing in Northwest PWS

Not discussed during this meeting.

E. Whittier Manor Lease

Not discussed during this meeting.

F. Public Safety Complex- Phase 2

Discussed during the Public Safety Building Report by Moe Zamarron.

G. Paddle Craft Launch

Mayor Daniel Blair asked Scott Korbe for an update on this topic. Scott Korbe informed the Council that there are two things going on; one is the paddle craft launch and the other is restoration of the eroded bank. Both work takes place below the high tide line and requires a Corp permit. Scott advised stated that in order to obtain engineering for the stabilization of the bank; it will necessitate an access road, and if it's left in place, the Corps will want to see engineering as well. He added that there's not much we can do.

The Corps will not issue a permit without the engineering; we don't know if we can get a permit until we pay for the engineering. Mayor Blair asked Scott to obtain an approximate cost for the engineering. Scott replied that he'll contact a couple of engineers that we've worked with in the past to give him an estimated number.

H. Head of Passage Canal Project

Discussed during Resolution #32-2016.

17. NEW BUSINESS

A. P&H Resolution to change frequency of meetings.

Harbormaster, Andy Dennis, explained that the P&H Commission had met approximately four or five times this year. The intent of this resolution was to meet in the fall a couple of times in the fall to discuss end of the season and review the budget and fee schedule. They would meet again a couple of times in the spring to discuss what needed to be done before the summer season.

The P&H Commission is requesting that the city council amend the code which changes their monthly meeting to meeting four times each year; the first Thursday in March, April, September and October and to hold Special meetings at their discretion.

MOTION: Monty Irvin made a motion to direct the city manager to amend the code which changes the frequency of the P&H meetings.

SECOND: Peter Denmark

DISCUSSION: NONE

VOTE: Monty Irvin: Yes, Peter Denmark: Yes, Dave Pinquoch: Yes, Debra Hicks: Yes, Dave Dickason: Yes, Victor Shen: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

18. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Victor Shen inquired about the future use of the P-12 building. There was some discussion about the possible uses and whether or not the city should lease or sell the building.

Victor Shen also voiced that he is not in favor of providing housing for city employees; whether they be seasonal, temporary or the city manager. He wants to create an exit strategy for housing and suggested adjusting the city manager's salary to accommodate housing. There was a lengthy discussion about this topic.

Victor Shen suggested that the council obtain public input regarding the clinic; whether to keep it operational or to close it down. A lengthy discussion followed this comment. Peter Denmark stated that the clinic is a service that we're better with than without; it's a safety net for a number of people in town. Peter suggested that we perform an informal canvass, such as a petition, asking members of the community if they want to have a clinic.

Peter Denmark, David Pinquoch and Mayor Daniel Blair voiced that they are in favor of keeping the clinic.

19. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION

None

20. COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE TO CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None

21. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Peter Denmark moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST:



Jennifer Rogers
City Clerk



Daniel Blair
Mayor