THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2014
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
P-12 BUILDING

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER
Vice Mayor David Pinquoch called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm.

2. OPENING CEREMONY
Vice Mayor David Pinquoch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL
A. Council Members Present: Victor Shen, Natasha Turituri, Ata Ma'ae, Dave Pinquoch, Shawni Phillips, Dan Blair (telephonically) and Peter Denmark

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

Others present: Dave Schofield, Michelle Weston, Scott Korbe, Sally Schug, Mike Schultz, Sue Miller, Cindy Monrean, Brooks Chandler, Gwen Granger, Dutch Lucore, Bill Rome, Monty Irvin and Dave Goldstein

4. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to approve the special meeting agenda with a minor amendment, moving agenda 5B before 5A.
SECONDED: Victor Shen seconded the motion.
VOTE: Shawni Phillips: Yes, Victor Shen: Yes, Ata Ma'ae: Yes, Natasha Turituri: Yes, Peter Denmark: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes, Dave Pinquoch: Yes.

Motion passed 7-0.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS THE SUBJECT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

B. Name Clearing Hearing – Sue Miller

Vice Mayor Pinquoch stated that Sue Miller has requested that the Name Clearing Hearing be moved to the next scheduled meeting in December so that her attorney can attend.

City Manager, Mark Lynch stated that it cannot be done at the December 16th meeting because Dave Schofield will not be available and he needs to be here for the hearing.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to postpone the name clearing hearing for Sue Miller until everyone is available.
SECONDED: Natasha Turituri seconded the motion.
DISCUSSION: Vice Mayor Pinquoch asked that Sue Miller contact the City Manager for rescheduling.
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

A. RESOLUTIONS

1. #24-2014 - A resolution to proceed with due caution to construct a fee or free launch facility at the Head of the Bay for smaller boat, and for related purposes.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to approve resolution #24-2014
SECONDED: Ata Ma'ae seconded the motion.
DISCUSSION: Mark Lynch stated that he had done a fair amount of research on methods used in other areas however he didn't have any dollar figures yet.

Mark Lynch said "some sort of temporary ramp would be the least of our concerns, the bigger concerns are how to control it, how to get people on and off their boats once their boat is launch without a side dock."

Mark Lynch also stated that his understanding was that the cost of a permit from the Corps of Engineers for this was high the last time it was looked into.

Peter Denmark stated that we may be ahead of ourselves with a resolution. "We need to go into design visioning and then design."

VOTE: Shawni Phillips: Yes, Ata Ma'ae: Yes, Peter Denmark: Yes, Dave Pinquoch: Yes, Natasha Turituri: Yes, Victor Shen: Yes, Dan Blair: No.

Motion passed 6-1.

2. #25-2014 - A resolution authorizing supporting the concept of a joint ownership of a safe boat by the City of Whittier and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary which supports a fire suppression and for related purposes

MOTION: Dan Blair made a motion to approve resolution #25-2014.

NO SECOND MOTION DIED.

3. #26-2014 - A resolution to develop a capital improvement plan for the repair and replacement of the boat lift and city dock, and for related purposes

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to approve resolution #26-2014.
SECONDED: Peter Denmark seconded the motion.
DISCUSSION: There was some brief discussion regarding this resolution.
Mark Lynch stated that he has had some discussion with EDA and they have indicated that they would potentially support a project like this for some sort of EDA funding but they want to see a complete business plan along with employment numbers, how many local jobs this project would create or in this case would continue to exist.

Mark Lynch stated that the EDA process is fairly cumbersome but it is an option to get some money for the travel lift and the city dock.

Mark Lynch reported to council that Michelle Weston is working on getting a quote from a company to do some safety repairs to the existing city dock just so we can continue to use it until we can build a new dock.

Victor Shen stated that the third whereas of the resolution seemed out of place as it refers to three floats that have been deemed unsafe.

Mark Lynch agreed and stated that the fourth whereas is also out of place as it refers to three electrical pedestals and should be removed.

Shawni Phillips amended her motion to remove the third and fourth whereas of resolution #26-2014.

Peter Denmark seconded the amendment.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Denmark moved to reconsider the motion to adopt resolution #24-2014 and to reconsider that resolution using identical language as the resolution just passed, #26-2014. The language should read "to develop a capital improvement plan"

Councilor Ata Ma'ae seconded the motion.

VOTE: Peter Denmark: Yes, Ata Ma'ae: Yes, Natasha Turituri: Yes, Victor Shen: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes, Shawni Phillips: Yes, Dave Pinquoch: Yes

Motion passed 7-0.

4. #27-2014 – A resolution of the Whittier City Council to increase staffing hours in the summer season to match with the tunnel opening and closing times and to research the digitalization of money handling, and for related purposes

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to approve resolution #27-2014.
SECONDED: Natasha Turituri seconded the motion.
DISCUSSION: There was some brief discussion regarding this resolution and whether this increase in staffing was included in the 2015 budget.

Mark Lynch stated that it was not included in the 2015 budget and that the City is considering a system that would allow people to pay online with a credit card; the system will give them a lot of options on payment methods.

Mark Lynch said "so a part of this is already being dealt with."

Michelle Weston gave a brief explanation of the digital system that the City is considering.

VOTE: Shawni Phillips: No, Natasha Turituri: No, Victor Shen: No, Dan Blair: No, Peter Denmark: Yes, Ata Ma'ae: No, Dave Pinquoch: No.

Motion failed 6-1.

5. #28-2014 – A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a professional services contract with Lawrence Peek Architects for architectural conceptual design, land surveying and geotechnical engineering for a public safety building project.

MOTION: Shawni Phillips made a motion to approve resolution #28-2014.
SECONDED: Ata Ma'ae seconded the motion.
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

6. #29-2014 – A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a service contract with Alyeska Pipeline Service Company for the City to provide Fishing Vessel Administrator Services

MOTION: Peter Denmark made a motion to approve resolution #29-2014.
SECONDED: Dan Blair seconded the motion.
DISCUSSION: There was some brief discussion on whether this service contract was worthwhile for the City and whether or not they should continue to provide Fishing Vessel Administrator Services.

Mark Lynch stated that he and Michelle talked about this when it came up.

Mark Lynch asked "is this something that the City wants to continue to do, is it worth our while?"

Mark Lynch stated that it isn't a big money maker and if it is done appropriately it involves a fair amount of work.

There was also some brief discussion regarding the City of Whittier competing with private businesses.

Peter Denmark said "this does create work for a few locals for a few days every spring and I know that those that do it look forward to it."

MOTION: Dan Blair made a motion to postpone resolution #29-2014 until the December 16th 2014 meeting to give the City Manager time to contact Alyeska to see if they would accept a one year extension instead of a three year and to ask them how much time they would need to find a replacement if the City of Whittier chooses not to enter into a long term contract.
SECONDED: Natasha Turituri seconded the motion.
VOTE: Dan Blair: Yes, Natasha Turituri: Yes, Victor Shen: Yes, Shawni Phillips: Abstain, Peter Denmark: Yes, Ata Ma'ae: Yes, Dave Pinquoch: Yes.

Motion passed 6-1-abstain.

Dan Blair excused himself from the meeting at approximately 8:25 p.m.

6. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION

Dave Goldstein gave a brief explanation of the duties of the SERVS Administrator.

Peter Denmark asked that council discussion be included to special meeting agendas.

Council agreed to direct the city manager to draft an ordinance adding council discussion to special meeting agendas.

Mike Schultz stated that he rollerblades a lot around town and has picked up numerous bags of garbage and he stated that it's embarrassing to see Whittier so trashy.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Shawni Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.
SECONDED: Peter Denmark seconded the motion.
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

After the meeting was adjourned the Council (sitting as the grievance committee per WMC) took a short break and then went into a closed session grievance hearing with Cynthia Monrean.

Attest:

Brenda Krol
City Clerk

Daniel Blair
Mayor