THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017
6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
P-12 BUILDING

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Daniel Blair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. OPENING CEREMONY
Mayor Daniel Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL
A. Council members present and establishing a quorum:
Dave Pinquoch, Dave Dickason, Peter Denmark (telephonic), Monty Irvin and Daniel Blair.

B. Council Members Absent: Debra Hicks and Victor Shen

C. Administration Present:

Mark Lynch, City Manager   Kyle Sinclair, Harbormaster
Annie Reeves, Assistant City Manager   Anmei Goldsmith, Attorney
Krista Fish, City Clerk

Others Present: Clayton Hevly, Marty Jacques

4. APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to approve the amended special meeting agenda as submitted.
SECOND: Monty Irvin
DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

5. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING
Marty Jacques with Inlet Fish and Clayton Hevly with Inlet Fish Producers introduced themselves.

6. SPECIAL MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS

a. EXECUTIVE SESSION
A. Discussion of DeLong Dock Agreement/ARRC Land Issues – Matters that, if immediately disclosed, would tend to adversely affect the finances of the City. AS 44.62.310

MOTION: David Pinquoch made a motion to enter into executive session, Discussion of DeLong Dock Agreement/ARRC Land issues, and it will be in executive session because if immediately disclosed could tend to adversely affect the finances of the City.
SECOND: Dave Dickason
DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

Council entered into Executive Session at 6:07 p.m.

MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to close executive session and return to regular meeting at 6:39 p.m.
SECOND: Monty Irvin
DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

b. ORDINANCE
Introduction (1ˢᵗ reading)

#08-2017 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ALASKA RAIROAD CORPORATION TRANSFERRING TRACT A-1 TO THE ALASKA RAILROAD IN EXCHANGE FOR TRACT W AND THE DELONG DOCK SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC ESSENTIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS EXECUTED BY THE PARTIES

MOTION: Dave Pinquoch made a motion to introduce Ordinance #08-2017 and set for public hearing December 19ᵗʰ, 2017 at the regular scheduled meeting.
SECOND: Dave Dickason
DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

c. Discussion of code Rewrite procedure.
Mayor Blair stated that in the recent council meeting, council had decided that we were going to put off rewrites. He had completely forgotten that they had asked Kristie Smithers, the city consultant, to rewrite the election section. He asked the council if they wanted to continue with that or stop.

City manager remarked that the other one is the water. He stated that he was directed to amend the water code so we could put in the fee schedule. He has been working on it so if you want him to stop he can, he already has a good portion done.

Mayor Blair asked if they wanted to continue forward with those or do they want to spend money on the voting component? Water/waste water, if we stuck with the existing we could actually bring an ordinance to increase. Only reason I wanted to continue forward is that I think there should be a priority increase. I don't agree with 10 percent, but 3 percent this year or in 2019.

City Manager stated that he was going to originally recommend that they enact a 10 percent increase now to take effect on January 1st of 2019. So give it a year, if we do 3 percent under the current system, you have to do an ordinance every time you do a rate increase. That can be taken out and made a resolution and be done on the fee schedule and it is interesting because the code currently says *the council will review the fee structure every year.* By putting it on the fee schedule it would sort of force that, because it would come before the council every year that way.

Mayor Blair remarked that his thoughts on that was, there are two things, one we decide that it is too expensive and we don't want to do a complete rewrite. The other is that if we decide that if we bite the bullet and want to do a complete rewrite it may take years to finish. In which case we can't really stop as far as the water/waste water. We have something in motion there, I would like to continue forward with it.

City manager stated that it has been 11 years since there has been a rate adjustment on water/sewer rates.

David Pinquoch suggested that they just rewrite election section, it will give us a taste on how much this will cost, if we want to do anymore.

The mayor asked if they were okay with the water/waste water rewrite as well. Council agreed.

Peter Denmark asked if Kristie Smithers is going to do the rewrite on the elections. Council said yes. Peter Denmark also stated that when he was at AML he talked to a couple of different companies and one of them was Unicode and didn't know if it was worth giving them a call if we have more in front of us.

City manager stated that currently our code company is Code Publishing, Unicode is a competitor of theirs. Those outfits are in business and they are expensive.

Holly Wells, City Attorney, commented that she thinks if Kristie Smithers does the election code that is great. She's got a lot of experience, she agrees having a clerk with that kind of experience do that is a great option. She also agreed that Unicode's generally are publishing companies and don't have an ability to draft laws without consulting with attorneys and that can be costly and it could not be particularized to Alaska and that could be dangerous.

Discussion ensued.

7. **COUNCIL DISCUSSION**
   None
8. **CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION**
   None

9. ADJOURNMENT

All were in favor of adjourning the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Krista Fish
City Clerk

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Daniel Blair
Mayor