



# THE CITY OF WHITTIER

*Gateway to Western Prince William Sound*

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018  
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:**

Debra Hicks, Victor Shen, Dave Dickason, Peter Denmark (telephonic), Monty Irvin and Daniel Blair.

#### **B. Council Members Absent:** David Pinguoch

#### **C. Administration Present:**

Mark Lynch, City Manager  
Annie Reeves, Assistant City Manager  
Krista Fish, City Clerk

Kyle Sinclair, Harbormaster  
Annei Goldsmith, Attorney  
John Janik, Finance Officer

**Others Present:** Lindsey Erk

### **4. APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Dave Dickason made a motion to approve the special meeting agenda.

**SECOND:** Debra Hicks

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

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

None

## **6. ORDINANCE**

### **Public Hearing (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 RAILROAD 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**

Postponed to a date on or before February 20, 2018.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. RESOLUTION**

**#01-2018 – A Resolution adopting an alternative allocation method for the FY18 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program and certifying that this allocation method fairly represents the distribution of significant effects of fisheries business activity in FMA 15: Prince William Sound Area.**

**MOTION:** Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Resolution #01-2018.

**SECOND:** Dave Dickason

**DISCUSSION:** Mark Lynch stated that this is the same one we pass every year. We split the little fish tax with the Prince William Sound area, Whittier, Valdez and Cordova. Has to be passed by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

### **B. Letter of Support – PWSRCAC**

Letter in council packet.

Dan Blair stated that RCAC asked for a letter of support. The state is attempting to change how an emergency, oil spill, information is given to us as stakeholders. RCAC's position is that it dilutes our ability to understand exactly what is happening. The way it has always been is if there is an incident the state goes there and see what is happening and then they tell the stakeholders and all of Prince William Sound what is going on. What the state is proposing to change is to have a discussion directly with whoever caused the incident and then have that person deal with us. RCAC recommends that we are told what is going on independent of the person that caused the problem. The person that caused the problem may be giving us information to mitigate their damages. They will have economic incentive to downplay the problem. The original request was January 3<sup>rd</sup>, there was no way we could respond, so they delayed it until January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Dave Dickason asked the City Manager if he wrote the letter. The City Manager replied that the letter is all their template except they asked for each individual to put why they were concerned in the fourth paragraph. The 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph is what we are asking to have happen, and that is the commissioner grant a request for an adjudicated hearing. Then RCAC will go in and present their case for why the plans should not be changed.

Dave Dickinson asked for a roll call vote to approve letter to Mr. Mendivil.

Peter Denmark, Yes; Monty Irvin, Yes; David Pinquoch, Absent; Debra Hicks, Yes; Dave Dickason, Yes; Victor Shen, Yes; Dan Blair, Yes.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

### **C. Discussion of Trash**

City Manager, Mark Lynch:

- Explained the spreadsheets in the Council packet.
- Stated that he put together the spreadsheets to compare actual cost in 2017 with Alaska Waste with what the projected cost would be with our own truck. Comparing a 40 yard trash truck to a 22 yard trash truck. 40 yards is the industry standard now for a trash compactor truck. The reason he included a 22 yard truck is that he found one in Palmer, Alaska for sale for \$15,000.00.

Councilman Shen:

- Expressed concern about hazardous waste being dumped in the dumpsters.
- Stated that the City should look into reducing trash overall, should incorporate recycling and hazmat handling.
- Asked if the city is looking to do it for ourselves or offer the service to other businesses and entities in Whittier.

City Manager, Mark Lynch:

- Stated that we can offer the trash service to other business and entities, it is up to Council.
- Harbor is set up to handle oil and antifreeze.

Discussion ensued.

## **8. 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(1)**

**MOTION:** Dave Dickason made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss 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

**SECOND:** Monty Irvin

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

**Council entered into Executive Session at 6:50 p.m.**

**MOTION:** Dave Dickason made a motion to close executive session and return to regular meeting at 7:26 p.m.

**SECOND:** Victor Shen

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

**Council ended Executive Session and returned to the regular meeting at 7:26 p.m.**

**7. COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

None

**8. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION**

None

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

All were in favor of adjourning the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



Krista Fish  
City Clerk



Daniel Blair  
Mayor