



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 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, Dave Pinquoch (telephonic), Peter Denmark, Monty Irvin and Daniel Blair.

B. Council Members Absent:

C. Administration Present:

Annie Reeves, Assistant City Manager
Johnny Janik, Finance Officer
Naelene Matsumiya, Acting City Clerk

Holly Wells, Attorney (telephonically)
Katie Davies, Attorney
Scott Korbe, Public Works Director

Others Present:

4. APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to approve the March 6 Special Meeting agenda.

SECOND: Monty Irvin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed 6-1

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

None

6. RESOLUTION

A. Resolution

#11-2018 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER TO SERVE AS ACTING CITY MANAGER AND AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF AN INTERIM CITY MANAGER OR INTERIM ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to adopt Resolution #11-2018 – A resolution authorizing the Assistant City Manager to serve as Acting City Manager and Authorizing the Hiring of an Interim City Manager or an Interim Assistant City Manager.

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: Dan Blair announced that this resolution is to authorize and designate Annie Reeves, the Assistant City Manager, to hire an interim City Manager to assist her. Dan reported that he and Dave Dickason met with Annie to discuss this. He stated that the Committee to hire a new City Manager should serve to assist Annie. Council looked at the resolution and discussed the wording. Katie Davies, from the Attorney’s Office, stated that the resolution was written to allow flexibility in the hiring process. Council discussed this for a while and took the language to allow flexibility into consideration.

Ultimately, Council decided to do a friendly amendment to the resolution, striking the phrase, “or interim Assistant City Manager” from the second **WHEREAS** and the **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** clause.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. P12 EMS Hall Lease to Whittier Seafood for 6 Months

Dan Blair specified that as long as it is 6 months or less, a City Manager can elect to create a lease. He stated that, due to events in the past, he thought it’d be a good idea to bring this in front of Council. Dan began to explain the situation, saying Whittier Seafood needs space for their equipment, especially during windy days. Dave Dickason asked how about the square footage they will be occupying. Scott Korbe, Director of Public Works, replied that currently, Whittier Seafood is occupying about 3,000 square feet of the whole P-12 Fire Hall. He told the Council that there was rhetoric between the City Manager and Whittier Seafood that the space was available and ready to go, but it really wasn’t.

Scott Korbe explained that Whittier Seafood is working on a project to install freezers to increase productivity. He stated that they are interested in a longer term solution and that they are currently leasing the “Egg Room” in the P-12 building.

Dave Dickason asked if the Alaska Railroad lease would allow them to expand. Dan Blair replied that, to his understanding, they *are* expanding. Scott Korbe spoke to that topic, reporting that Whittier Seafood went before Planning and Zoning because there were small setbacks and they wanted a little forgiveness of the setback so that they can install freezer and compressor units.

Dan Blair reported that the processing plant is *packed* and this would allow them to facilitate. He reminded that it is not permanent; it is a 6 month lease.

Scott Korbe reminded Council that an appraisal had been done as well as a few Environmental Study Reports on several different levels. He said that the departments using the P-12 Building are still trying to move out of it, such as Fire, EMS and the Police Department.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss Legal issues surrounding resignation of Police Chief (matters required to be confidential by law)

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

COUNCIL ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:33 PM

MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to close executive session and return to the regular meeting.
SECOND: Victor Shen
DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

COUNCIL CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:16 PM

9. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Monty Irvin asked if they could vet and evaluate the next Police Chief.

A pay compensation for Annie Reeves was briefly discussed. She thanked the Council.

Dan Blair reported that he had removed Mark Lynch from the UBS list and they understand that the City of Whittier is in a transition period.

Peter Denmark asked about credit cards from those who had recently departed. Annie Reeves replied that she has collected all City credit cards from them as well as building keys. Scott vouched for this.

10. CITIZEN DISCUSSION

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

All were in favor of adjourning the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

ATTEST:



Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk



Daniel Blair
Mayor