



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2018
6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Daniel Blair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor David Pinguoch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

A. Council members present and establishing a quorum:

Dave Dickason, David Pinguoch, Peter Denmark and Monty Irvin.

B. Council Members Absent:

Victor Shen, Debra Hicks and Daniel Blair

C. Administration Present:

Annie Reeves, Assistant City Manager

Naelene Matsumiya, City Clerk

Scott Korbe, Public Works Director

Greg Russell, Public Safety

Mark Hager, Public Safety

Others Present: Lindsey Erk

4. APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to approve the May 30, Special Meeting agenda.

SECOND: Monty Irvin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

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

None

6. RESOLUTION

A. Res. #13-2018 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska authorizing the Acting City Manager to enter into a short-term lease agreement with Whittier Seafood, LLC for units 1507 and 1509 of Begich Towers Inc. for a term beginning June 2018

MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to adopt Resolution #13-2018

SECOND: Peter Denmark

DISCUSSION: Monty Irvin asked about the length of the lease. Annie Reeves replied that it was going to be just for the season.

Peter Denmark asked of the procedures. Annie Reeves answered that she and the City Attorney researched the procedure. She explained that she did not find any red flags and that the City could proceed.

David Pinguoch inquired about the rate. Annie Reeves replied that her goal was to keep it at a competitive rate.

Dave Dickason asked about the condition of the rooms and if they were ready. Annie told him that they were ready.

The number of occupants in the Begich Towers was briefly discussed.

VOTE: Motion passed with 4 votes in favor and 3 abstentions

B. Res. #14-2018 - A resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska authorizing the Acting City Manager to approve assignment of the Whittier Inn lease from Whittier Inn, LLC to Whittier Lodging, LLC

MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to adopt Resolution #14-2018

SECOND: Peter Denmark

DISCUSSION: Annie Reeves gave an introduction for this resolution and explained that in reading the lease, she did not find items of concern. Annie clarified that the provisions of the lease will remain the same, and that they're just assuming the lease.

Dave Dickason asked if it was just a name change. Annie said yes.

Peter Denmark asked if there were any arrears before the transfer can carry through. Annie replied that any arrears would be unknown to her at this point as it the first step in the procedure. She noted Peter's question. David Pinguoch answered that he would not expect any arrears as Todd Perez has managed the establishment for over a year.

Dave Pinguoch thanked Annie Reeves for presenting it to Council.

VOTE: Motion passed with 4 votes in favor and 3 abstentions

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

9. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Annie Reeves reported that the City had hired staff to operate Gym Night at the school, but said staff had moved on to different employment opportunities. She commented that the position has not been filled yet. Annie presented the possibility of having Pat Reeves, her husband, open the gym as a volunteer to the city. She stressed that he would not be paid by the City of Whittier. She specified that

it is in the summer when the community looks to the gym for recreation and said it would be beneficial for the community. She reminded the Council that he would work solely as a volunteer as she is aware it would be a conflict of interest.

Council gave consent for Pat Reeves to volunteer as the summer Gym Attendant.

Monty Irvin asked if fish have made it to the dock. Peter Denmark replied that fish is expected on June 1st.

Annie Reeves reported that she is working on correcting some language in Title 2.70; *Personnel Administration*. She plans to go through the code with Department Directors so as to have the code reflect City Administration as much as possible. Topic was discussed at length.

Monty Irvin inquired about the plans for the future use of the parking lot the City has created on the west side of the BTI building. Scott Korbe replied that the plan so far is to engage an engineer to do it correctly.

David Pinguoch briefly mentioned that the Tier 2 Grant.

10. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

All were in favor of adjourning the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

ATTEST:



Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk



Daniel Blair
Mayor