



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 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 Daniel Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

A. Council members present and establishing a quorum:

Dave Dickason, Dave Pinquoch, Peter Denmark, Monty Irvin and Daniel Blair

B. Council Members Absent:

Victor Shen and Debra Hicks

C. Administration Present:

Naelene Matsumiya, City Clerk

Greg Russel, Interim Police Chief

Johnny Janik, Finance Officer

Kyle Sinclair, Harbormaster

Others Present: David Goldstein and Don Stevens

4. APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Dave Pinquoch made a motion to approve the June 26 Special Meeting agenda with amendments.

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: Move item under Unfinished Business to 9. Resolutions

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

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

None

6. PRESENTATION

None

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

8. ORDINANCE (Introduction)

A. Ord. #05-2018 – An Ordinance of the City of Whittier Alaska, amending Whittier Municipal Code in regard to the Grievance Procedure by repealing the current Article XIII, Grievance Procedure in its entirety and adopting the new Article XIII in its entirety.

MOTION: Dave Pinquoch made a motion to introduce Ord. #05-2018 and schedule a second hearing for the next regular scheduled meeting.

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: Dan Blair stated that there are components of the ordinance that need modification. After a brief discussion, Council agreed.

VOTE: Motion failed unanimously

(2nd Reading, Public Hearing)

B. Ord. #04-2018 (A) – An Ordinance of the City of Whittier, Alaska, amending Whittier Municipal Code in regard to City Elections by adopting a new elections code to allow for candidates to file a declaration of candidacy to place their name on the ballot; by adopting a new title 4 Elections, Chapter 4.04 General Provisions, Chapter 4.08 Voter Qualification, and Chapter 4.12 Candidates; amending Section 2.06.010 Incorporation of State and Federal law, 2.04.030 Qualifications, and 2.04.040 Terms; and repealing sections 2.06.10 – 2.06.060 and 2.04.050 Organization meeting, all related to candidates, filing for office and related election requirements; and to allow the City a more efficient and effective way to operate City elections.

MOTION: Dave Pinquoch made a motion to open the public hearing for Ord. #04-2018 at 6:13 pm

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed 4-1

Dave Goldstein pointed out grammatical errors in that when using the words *City* and *Council* as pronouns, they should be capitalized. He also mentioned the adding of the definition for *Resident* as the word “Domicile” was struck and *Resident* was added in its place, but the code lacked the definition. He stressed that “Resident” should have a tight definition.

No other public discussion.

MOTION: Dave Pinquoch made a motion to close the public hearing for Ord. #04-2018 at 6:27 pm and open discussion up to Council.

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

Dave Pinquoch mentioned that the code needs some retouching and quoted Dave Goldstein’s concerns. He pointed out “noon pm” and said that it should be amended to say 4 pm as it is more specific.

Peter Denmark commented that the procedure doesn’t need to be updated as of right now.

Council discussed further.

Dan Blair stated that the ordinance needs a few more revisions. Council agreed.

No other Council discussion.

MOTION: Dave Pinguoch made a motion to adopt Ord. #04-2018

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion failed unanimously

9. RESOLUTION

Res. #15-2018 – A Resolution by the Whittier City Council Authorizing a payment of \$102,141.77 by July 18, 2018 from the CPV Funds to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for completion of the feasibility study for a breakwater and turning basin at the Head of Passage Canal

MOTION: Dave Pinguoch made a motion to adopt Res. #15-2018

SECOND: Monty Irvin

DISCUSSION: Dave Pinguoch read Resolution 26-2017. He asked the Council to consider if there will be benefits to the community and the City. He listed Smitty's Cove as an option as he explained further. Peter Denmark replied that the City is in the process of negotiating a land-swap with the Railroad regarding Head of the Bay. He said that with the changes that were made, Smitty's Cove has been rendered useless. Dan Blair commented on how this will look in the future and its benefits for the City then. Dave Dickason referenced the Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: Motion passed 4-1

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. U.S. Army Corps of Engineer Request for Additional Funding regarding Head of the Bay Project

Topic was discussed at length in previous Agenda Item

11. NEW BUSINESS

None

12. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Kristie Smithers joined the meeting telephonically to answer some questions the Council had during the Election Code Ordinance.

13. CITIZENS DISCUSSION

Dave Goldstein offered some comments about the Project at the Head of the Bay.

Don Stevens spoke about the changes made in the election code.

14. ADJOURNMENT

All were in favor of adjourning the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

ATTEST:



Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk



Daniel Blair
Mayor

City Council
Special Meeting
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