



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY OCTOBER 30, 2018
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Daniel Blair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Daniel Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPOINTING NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

Victor Shen and Monty Irvin were sworn into the Council by the City Clerk. Victor Shen was Sworn into Seat a for a 3 year term. Monty Irvin was sworn into seat D for a 3 year term.

4. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

Naelene Matsumiya called for nominations for Mayor from the Council.

Dave Pinguoch nominated Dan Blair for mayor. Dan accepted the nomination.

Debra Hicks nominated Peter Denmark for Mayor. Peter accepted the nomination.

MOTION: Monty Irvin made a motion to take the vote by ballot.

SECOND: Debra Hicks

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

Dan Blair received the most number of votes. Dan Blair was elected Mayor.

Naelene Matsumiya called for nominations for Vice Mayor from the Council.

Dan Blair nominated Dave Pinguoch for Vice Mayor. Dave accepted the nomination.

Debra Hicks nominated Peter Denmark for Vice Mayor. Peter accepted the nomination.

MOTION: Monty Irvin made a motion to take the vote by ballot.

SECOND: Debra Hicks

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

Peter Denmark received the most number of votes. Peter Denmark was elected Vice Mayor.

5. ROLL CALL

A. Council members present and establishing a quorum: Victor Shen, Debra Hicks, Peter Denmark, Monty Irvin, Dave Dickason, Dave Piquoch, and Daniel Blair.

B. Administration Present:

Jim Hunt, Interim City Manager
Annie Reeves, Assistant City Manager
Scott Korbe, Director of Public Works
Naelene Matsumiya, City Clerk

Kyle Sinclair, Harbormaster
Greg Russell, Acting Police Chief

Others Present: Dave Goldstein, Todd Perez, Frankie Graham, and Andrea Korbe

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 18, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes and October 9, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to approve the June 19, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes and June 26, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes as they are.

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

7. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda with amendments.

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed 6-1

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor Report

Dan Blair stated that he had phone calls from GCA (Girdwood Governance Association). He said he did some research on what could be provided to rural communities.

B. Vice Mayor Report by Vice Mayor Dave Piquoch

None

9. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Interim City Manager report

See Written report in original packet

Jim reported on the breakwater repair as well as the generator.

B. Acting City Manager's Report- Annie Reeves

See written report in original packet

D. Director's Reports

1. Financial report

None

2. Harbormaster Report – Kyle Sinclair

See written report in original packet

Dan Blair asked Kyle if he had heard back from the insurance company. Kyle stated that he did not.

3. Public Safety Report – Greg Russell
None

4. Public Works Report – Scott Korbe
None

10. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning Commission
Nothing new to report

B. Port & Harbor Commission
Nothing new to report

C. Parks & Recreation Committee
Nothing New to Report

D. Whittier Community School
Andrea Korbe stated that picture day has just passed. She reported that the EAC meeting will be held on Thursday and that on November 21st, the annual Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch at the school will be held. She invited all to come.

E. Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corp.
Nothing new to report

F. Regional Citizen’s Advisory Council
Nothing new to report

11. CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING
None

12. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NON-ORDINANCE)
None

13. PRESENTATIONS
None

14. ORDINANCES
None

15. PUBLIC HEARING (2nd reading)
None

16. RESOLUTIONS

A. Res 23-2018 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, Directing

the City Clerk to destroy ballot numbers, tally sheets, certificate of persons voting, return envelopes and nomination petitions from the October 3, 2017 Regular Municipal Election

MOTION: Victor Shen to adopt Res. 26-2018

SECOND: Peter Denmark

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion to adopt passed unanimously

B. Res. 27-2018 – A Resolution of the Whittier City Council Alaska, authorizing a payment of no more than \$24,000 from the Harbor Reserve Fund to PND Engineers, INC. for inspection, condition assessment, and load rating of the City of Whittier’s City and Ocean docks

Dave Pinquoch stated that old assessments should be reviewed before the adoption of this resolution. He also encouraged to get input from Bellingham Marine and their progress on the Harbor. He suggested tabling the resolution indefinitely.

(Clerk’s Note: Original motion was amended. Motion maker agreed to the amendments. Original motion to adopt died)

MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to postpone indefinitely

SECOND: Monty Irvin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion to postpone indefinitely passed unanimously

C. Res. 28-2018 – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Whittier, Alaska Authorizing The Interim City Manager To Contribute No More Than \$15,000 Towards The Whittier Beautification Project/Derelict Vessels Removal

MOTION: Dave Pinquoch made a motion to adopt resolution 28-2018

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: Council discussed this briefly

VOTE: Motion to adopt passed unanimously

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Whittier/ Girdwood Police Contract – Matters, the immediately knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the public entity; AS 44.62.310 (1)

B. Administrative Report on the BUILD Grant – Subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion; AS 44.62.310 (2)

C. Bear Shooting- Subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion; AS 44.62. 310 (2)

MOTION: Dave Pinquoch made a motion to enter to Executive Session

SECOND: Debra Hicks
DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

Council entered into executive session at 8:19

MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to exit out of Executive Session
SECOND: Monty Irvin
DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

Council exited executive session at 9:42 and resumed the Regular Meeting.

18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. HOB Breakwater Project

Jim said he'll invite a representative from the U.S. Army Corps. Of Engineers to the Council meeting to expand on this.

B. City Employee Hierarchal Chart

None

C. Harbor Phase 3 Construction

None

19. NEW BUSINESS

A. Cruise Ship Dock Request for Funds to Repair/Upgrade Cruise Ship Terminal

Dan Stated that Alaska Marine Line owns the cruise ship dock (The Franklin Dock) and is looking for Council Support.

Jim recommended that this present itself in a resolution.

Dave Dickason asked for more time.

Debra asked if they will present their plan to the council. Dan said he wanted to get council opinion

Dan asked Jim to coordinate with Gordy

B. Local Priorities:

Council discussed the topic heavily. Dave Pinquoch stated that the disposal of the P-12 Building should be a priority. Peter Denmark said that Administrative Goals should be included in the priorities. Other priorities included:

- Codification of Title 2
- Development of Administration
- Comprehensive Plan
- New City Park and its construction
- Authorship of Unutilized Lands

Peter Denmark exited the meeting at 10:31

C. State Priorities

Council agreed to keep State Priorities in the order in which they are currently.

D. Federal Priorities

Council added, "Buckner Building Demolition and/or Environment Remediation

E. Appointment of Port and Harbor Commission Members

Arnie Arneson was reappointed to the Port and Harbor Commission Seat F for a 3 year term.

Ed Hedges was reappointed to the Port and Harbor Commission Seat A for a 3 year term.

Brad Von Wichman was reappointed to the Port and Harbor Commission Seat C for a 3 year term.

20. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Dave Pinquoch briefly discussed salary and wages and stated that 10% of gross pay for the Interim City Manager should come out of Interdepartmental Support.

Council planned an Emergency Special Meeting to approve the Resolution to fix the breakwater after storm damage. Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 6. At 6:00 pm.

Victor Shen stated that the end of Shotgun Cove Road could potentially become a dumping spot if not monitored. Council discussed the generator.

21. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION

Dave Goldstein spoke about the salary of the City Manager and the U.S. Army Corps. Of Engineers. He recommended that the project be suspended.


22. COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE TO CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None

23. ADJOURNMENT

All were in favor of adjourning the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



Naelene Matsunoya
City Clerk



Daniel Blair
Mayor