



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018
AT 6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
3rd fl. PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. OPENING CEREMONY**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
 - A. Council Members Present
 - B. Administration Present
- 4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**
- 5. RESOLUTIONS**
 - A. Res. 29-2018 – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Whittier Alaska, Declaring A State Of Emergency Due To The Storm And Tidal Surge Damage In The City Of Whittier And Requesting Assistance**
- 6. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - A. Contract of the Interim City Manager – 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)**
- 7. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Discussion: Comprehensive Plan**
 - B. Discussion: Finance Director**
- 8. COUNCIL DISCUSSION**
- 9. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION**
- 10. COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE TO CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**
- 11. ADJOURNMENT**

**CITY OF WHITTIER, ALASKA
RESOLUTION # 29-2018**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER ALASKA,
DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE STORM AND TIDAL SURGE
DAMAGE IN THE CITY OF WHITTIER AND REQUESTING ASSISTANCE**

WHEREAS, commencing on October 23, 2018, the City of Whittier sustained losses and threat to property and infrastructure resulting from a storm event that combined exceptionally high tides with a storm surge in Passage Canal; and

WHEREAS, the City of Whittier is a political subdivision within the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the following condition resulted from the disaster: extensive damage to the protective barrier along the harbor, as well as communication infrastructure, personal and real property in Whittier; and

WHEREAS, the threat of danger or further damages continues to exist in Whittier with further winter storms anticipated; and

WHEREAS, the cost of emergency measures taken and to be taken to prevent further damage of property within the City of Whittier has yet to be fully determined; and

WHEREAS, further repair and damage mitigation will be necessary and the severity and magnitude of the emergency is beyond the timely and effective response capabilities of local resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Whittier hereby requests financial assistance as the cost of this unexpected event is far beyond the City's expertise and funding availability; and

WHEREAS, consent by the City Council must be obtained if the declaration of disaster is to be continued or renewed for a period in excess of 7 days.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITTIER ALASKA that:

Section 1: A disaster emergency per AS 26.23.140; is declared to exist within the City of Whittier

Section 2: It is requested that the Governor of Alaska declare a disaster emergency to exist as described in AS 26.23 and provide assistance to the City of Whittier in its response and recovery from this event.

Section 3: If the Governor of the State of Alaska cannot adequately support the response and

recovery needed by the City of Whittier, it is requested that the Governor request appropriate support from the President or appropriate federal agencies.

Section 4: This declaration shall continue for a maximum of 7 days unless extended by the City Council of the City of Whittier.

Section 5: This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the Whittier City Council on this 6th day of November, 2018.

Daniel Blair
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Naelene Matsumiya
CITY CLERK

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: