



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

Gateway to Western Prince William Sound

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2019
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. ROLL CALL

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

MOTION: Peter Denmark made a motion to excuse Debra Hicks from the meeting

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed unanimously

B. Administration Present:

Annie Reeves, Assistant City Manager

Naelene Matsumiya, City Clerk

Robert Baty, Acting Police Chief

Scott Korbe, Director of Public Works

Dyanna Pratt, Director of Administration

Others Present: Lindsey Erk, Greg Clifford, Pat Reeves, Cathy McCord, Scott Johnson, and Don Stevens

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 15 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to approve the minutes as is.

SECOND: Dave Dickason
DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

5. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda with amendments.
SECOND: Victor Shen
DISCUSSION: Move Presentation item to 5A
VOTE: Motion to adopt the agenda with amendments passed unanimously.

5A. PRESENTATION

A. Seaman's Mission Proposal for Former City of Whittier Office Space – Scott Johnson and Annie Reeves

Scott Johnson gave a brief presentation on the Seaman's Mission and their proposal for the space at the Begich Towers. Council asked Annie Reeves of City of Whittier Code Provision that pertain to the topic. Annie responded that after reviewing the code, it states that if the use will be an interest to the public or benefits the community, Seaman's Mission is eligible to conduct business in the space of the former City Administration offices. Annie Reeves discussed with the Council further.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor Report

Dan Blair reported that he met with the Vice Mayor to discuss strategies in moving forward.

B. Vice Mayor Report

No report

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager's Report- Jim Hunt

Annie Reeves, as substitute for the City Manager, answered questions from the Council regarding the DeLong Dock item on the City Manager's report. Topics that were discussed goes as follows:

Pending work on DeLong Dock
Feasibility Study RFP
Bellingham Marine review of the dock
Condition of the Piling

B. Directors Report Through the City Manager

Robert Baty gave a brief report on the EMS ambulance billing service. He stated that there is a program that exists on a computer. He stated that he is working on the issue and hoping to correct it before the summer season.

8. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

Nothing new to report

B. Port & Harbor Commission

Nothing new to report

C. Parks & Recreation Committee

Dave Dickason reported that there are 3 volunteer groups outside the City that are trying to schedule volunteer days for the summer season.

D. Whittier Community School

Lindsey Erk reported that there are no classes on Thursday/Friday and that Spring Break is approaching. She reported that Outdoor Leadership is coming up and that Officers of the Whittier Police Department will do a presentation on intruders. She stated that some students will be going to see the stage adaptation of The Sound of Music. She said she will be taking students to the Supreme Court Live presentation. She reported that the school district is partnered with AVTEC and the Alaska Marine Highway System to bring students to Chenega Bay to participate in the Culinary Arts program on a ferry boat. She thanked Peter Denmark and stated that she is currently looking to update the secondary location for the emergency rally point for the school.

E. Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corp.

Nothing new to report

F. Regional Citizen's Advisory Council

Nothing new to report

9. CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

None

10. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

None

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NON-ORDINANCE)

None

12. PRESENTATIONS

Item was moved to 5A

13. ORDINANCES (1st Reading)

None

14. PUBLIC HEARING (2nd reading)

None

15. RESOLUTIONS

A. Res. #04-2019 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier Alaska, Approving the 2019 Annual Fee Schedule.

MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to adopt Res. #04-2019

SECOND: Victor Shen

DICUSSION: Peter Denmark asked if the Fee Schedule had been approved by the Port and Harbor Commission. Greg Clifford, Chair of the Commission stated that the Commission will use the fee schedule for another year. Dan Blair stated that the fees on the Delong Dock will be

important to fishing fleets.

VOTE: motion to adopt Res. #04-2019 passed unanimously.

B. Res. #05-2019 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier Alaska, Adopting the 2019 Consumer Price Index Cost of Living Increase Effective With the Pay Period Beginning January 1, 2019.

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Res. #05-2019

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: Council discussed the resolution at length. Discussing topics such as water and waste water rates, if the private sector mirrors these changes and if the increase applies to contracted employees. Annie addressed all their concerns. Peter Denmark asked for a presentation of the chart that reflected the changes to be made.

VOTE: No vote was taken.

Original motion to adopt died.

MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to postpone Res. #05-2019 until the next regular meeting with comparisons to the previous 2 years pay rate.

SECOND: Peter Denmark

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion to postpone passed unanimously

C. Res. #06-2019 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, Authorizing the City Manager to Purchase Servers with Necessary and Required Hardware for the Administration Office, the Harbor Office and the Public Safety Department.

MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to adopt Res. #06-2019.

SECOND: Peter Denmark

DISCUSSION: Annie Reeves explained the status of the current servers in the facilities that were listed in the resolution. She stated that the hardware for these servers were outdated and that Alaska Communication Services is looking to help the City in updating the City's servers and hardware. Council discussed the topic at length. Robert Baty commented on the position of the Public Safety's department in the update.

VOTE: No vote was taken.

Original motion to adopt died.

MOTION: Peter Denmark made a motion to postpone Resolution #06-2019 to the Next Regular Meeting.

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: Motion to postpone passed unanimously

(Clerk's note: Victor Shen exited the meeting at 8:03)

D. Res. #07-2019 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier Alaska, Authorizing the City Manager to Contribute No More than \$38,000 from the CVP Funds to Whittier Dock Enterprise, LLC for Site Expansion at the Whittier Cruise Ship Terminal.

MOTION: Peter Denmark

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: Council discussed the topic briefly.

VOTE: Motion to adopt Res. #07-2019 passed unanimously

E. Res. #08-2019 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, Consenting to the Assignment of the Lease Agreement for Lot 8, Within Area a of the Whittier Triangle Business Area from Donald C. And Margaret T. Varlamos, D/B/A Swiftwater Seafoods, To Whittier Lodging, LLC, And Authorizing The City Manager To Execute Consent Documents.

MOTION: Peter Denmark

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion to adopt Res. #08-2019 passed unanimously

F. Res. #09-2019 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, Establishing the City’s 2019 Federal Legislative Priorities.

MOTION: Dave Dickason

SECOND: Monty Irvin

DISCUSSION: Dave Pinquoch stated his concerns about the Head of the Bay/Passage Canal Project item that was listed.

VOTE: No vote was taken.

Original Motion to adopt died.

MOTION: Peter Denmark made a motion to postpone Res. #09-2019 until the Special Meeting.

SECOND: Monty Irvin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion to postpone Res. #09-2019 passed unanimously

G. Res. #10-2019 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, adopting the City’s 2019 Local Priorities and for Related Purposes.

MOTION: Peter Denmark made a motion to adopt Res. #10-2019

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: Dave Pinquoch stated his concerns about the Head of the Bay/Passage Canal Project item that was listed.

VOTE: No vote was taken.

Original Motion to adopt died.

MOTION: David Pinguoch made a motion to postpone Res. #10-2019 until the Special Meeting.

SECOND: Monty Irvin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion to postpone Res. #10-2019 passed unanimously

H. Res. #11-2019 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier Alaska, Adopting the City’s 2019 Local Priorities and for Related Purposes.

MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to adopt Res. #11-2019

SECOND: Dave Pinguoch

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion to adopt Res. #11-2019 passed unanimously

Council recessed at 8:36 and reconvened at 8:47

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Comprehensive Plan Proposal – Matter, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the public entity; AS 44.62310 (1)

MOTION: Dave Pinguoch made a motion to enter into executive session.

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion to enter into Executive Session passed unanimously.

Council entered into Executive Session at 8:49

MOTION: Dave Pinguoch made a motion to exit out of executive session.

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion to exit out of Executive Session passed unanimously.

Council exited Executive Session at 9:05 and resumed the Regular Meeting.

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Harbor Phase 3 Construction

Item was not discussed.

B. Music Festival Celebrating Whittier’s 50th Anniversary

Dan Blair spoke about the topic and the Whittier Chamber of Commerce’s involvement. He mentioned volunteer projects working in conjunction with the Forest Service.

18. NEW BUSINESS

A. Schedule Special Meeting for February 26, 2019.

Council consented to holding a Special Meeting on the above listed date at 6:00 pm.

19. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council discussed the Seaman's Mission offer at length and asked Administration to bring the item before Council in the form of a resolution.

20. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION

Scott Korbe gave an update on the Public Works Department.

Don Stevens spoke about the Seaman's Mission offer.

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

22. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Monty Irvin made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Council adjourned the meeting at 9:31

ATTEST:



Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk



Daniel Blair
Mayor