



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2019
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: Victor Shen, Debra Hicks, Peter Denmark, Monty Irvin, Dave Dickason, Dave Pinquoch, and Daniel Blair.

B. Administration Present:

Jim Hunt, Interim City Manager
Annie Reeves, Assistant City Manager
Scott Korbe, Director of Public Works
Robert Baty, Acting Police Chief
Holly Wells, City Attorney
Naelene Matsumiya, City Clerk
Katie Velasco, Receptionist

Others Present: Cathy McCord, Kelly Welch, Roger Stiles, Greg Clifford, and Joe Shen

4. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: David Pinquoch made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Agenda as is.

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion to approve the Special Meeting agenda passed unanimously

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

None

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Girdwood Police Contract – Matters that, by law or municipal charter or ordinance, are permitted to be kept confidential from public disclosure; AS 44.62.310 (3)

B. Whittier Manor - Matters that, by law or municipal charter or ordinance, are permitted to be kept confidential from public disclosure; AS 44.62.310 (3)

C. State and Federal Legislative Priorities of the City of Whittier – Matter pertaining to the cooperation’s legal position; AS 44.62.170 (5)

D. Delong Dock – Matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the cooperation; AS 42.40.170 (1)

MOTION: David Pinguoch made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the items listed above.

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion to enter into Executive Session passed unanimously

Council entered into Executive Session at 6:04

MOTION: David Pinguoch made a motion to exit out of Executive Session and resume the Special Meeting.

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion to exit out of Executive Session passed unanimously

Council exited executive session at 7:51 and resumed the Special Meeting.

Council recessed at 7:52 and resumed at 7:57

MOTION: David Pinguoch made a motion to direct the City Attorney to draft/update the resolution pertaining to the Whittier Manor.

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: The Mayor and Vice Mayor recused themselves from the vote.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously with Peter Denmark and Dan Blair recused.

MOTION: David Pinguoch made a motion to direct the City Manager to continue negotiations with the sale of the P-12 Building.

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed 5-2

7. RESOLUTIONS

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

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Res. 09-2019

SECOND: Peter Denmark

DISCUSSION: David Pinguoch spoke about the new admin in the state and suggested not

expanding at this point.

VOTE: Motion to adopt passed 6-1

B. Res. 10-2019 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier Alaska, Establishing the City’s 2019 State Legislative Priorities.

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

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: Council directed Naelene Matsumiya to correct some typos on the resolution.

VOTE: Motion to adopt passed 6-1

C. Res. 11-2019 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier Alaska, authorizing the City Manager to proceed with the contractual services of Catalyst Consulting Services, LLC, for the creation of a new City of Whittier Comprehensive Plan.

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Res. 11-2019

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: Council asked that the not to exceed price of \$38,000 be included in the resolution title.

VOTE: Motion to adopt passed unanimously

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

David Pinguoch mentioned the potential community service opportunities that the Parks and Recreation can offer. He also commented that offers for the former City Administration Offices should be made to the community. Jim responded to this by commenting that other City properties in the BTI will be available. Annie briefly mentioned communicating with Joe Seale after the topic of was brought in front of Council the first time. Council discussed further.

Council directed the City Manager to obtain appraisal values for the City of Whittier properties in the BTI.

David Pinguoch also indicated that the City of Whittier employee pay rates should be posted on the website. He asked for legal opinion. An Executive Session was planned for the topic.

11. CITIZEN’S DISCUSSION

Joe Shen inquired about the public interest for the City of Whittier properties at the BTI. Council responded.

12. COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION’S RESPONSE TO CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

All were in favor of adjourning the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

ATTEST:



Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk



Daniel Blair
Mayor