



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 12, 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, Peter Denmark, Monty Irvin, Dave Dickason, Dave Pinquoch, and Daniel Blair.

B. Administration Present:

Jim Hunt, Interim City Manager
Annie Reeves, Assistant City Manager
Naelene Matsumiya, City Clerk
Dyanna Pratt, Director of Administration

Others Present: Barbara Blakeley

4. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: David Dickason made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Agenda with amendments.

SECOND: Dave Pinquoch

DISCUSSION: Drop Executive Session item from the agenda.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

5. RESOLUTIONS

**A. Res. 13-2019 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier Alaska,
Authorizing the City Manager to restore City Business phone number, 472-2327 as he
primary phone number of the City of Whittier, for all Federal, State and City of Whittier
webpages.**

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DISCUSSION: Annie Reeves spoke about the process to resolving the phone issues and that ACS will come to Whittier to correct it. Dan spoke more to the resolution and stated that the issues the City is experiencing was inherited and can be corrected with the help of those who understand the background of the situation. He continued to speak about the teamwork that will be required to move forward.

VOTE: Motion to adopt passed 5-1

B. Res. 14-2019 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier Alaska, authorizing the City Manager to Evaluate Offers for fair compensation for the City’s Interest in the Whittier Manor Condominium Association Lease

MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to ~~adopt~~ postpone Res. 14-2019 until Victor Shen joined the meeting

SECOND: David Pinguoch

DISCUSSION: Jim Hunt stated he had meetings with the attorney and how he had become knowledgeable of the situation. Council discussed the amending of the resolution to add language that will clarify the fair market price. Council decided to amend the motion to postpone the resolution until Victor She was present. Makers of the motion obliged.

VOTE: Motion to postpone until Victor Shen was present passed unanimously.

Council briefly moved to Council Discussion
Victor Shen joined the meeting at 6:47

MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to adopt Res. 14-2019

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: Jim Hunt added that he will amend Section 1 of the resolution to state the transfer of Whittier’s interest in the sum of amount.

VOTE: Motion passed 4-0 with Dan Blair and Peter Denmark recused as they have a conflict of interest.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

~~A. City of Whittier Employee Pay Rates – Matter pertaining to Personnel; AS 42.40.170 (4)~~

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Revocation of Administrative Permission to allow Electronic Bank Withdrawals without Council Member Co-Signature

Jim Hunt disclosed that he is unsure of what the item was about and what needed resolving. Dan replied that he would like to see where the city’s money is going and this would add transparency to the Council on the finances of the City. He clarified that he would like to see the math.

Peter Denmark mentioned the phones and stated that the phones were not being answered in the city Office. He asked admin to please pick up the phone and to get back to those who have left messages and voicemails. Peter also stated that a ledger be included in the stack of checks that are received by Council Members to sign. He said it’ll help with locating fraudulent invoices. Discussion ensued.

10. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Jim gave an update on the project at the head of the bay. Council discussed with the City Manager the ramps, barriers footprint, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers contribution, cost, infrastructure and so on.

David Pinguoch reported on the State's budget cuts to the Alaska State Ferry. Mentioned the interviews that the City Manager has done and said it may be perceived that the City is against Governor Dunleavy's decision. Jim replied with some solutions, one being the ferry passengers can be housed in Whittier if needed.

Dan Blair spoke about the ACOME email that was forwarded to Council Members regarding the budget cut. He spoke about the Shared Fisheries. Council discussed further. Dan asked Jim for his participation at the next Regular Meeting via teleconference.

David Pinguoch gave some clarification on the Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) increase and spoke briefly about it.

11. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION

Barbara Blakeley thanked the Council.

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

The Council thanked Barbara Blakeley.

13. ADJOURNMENT

All were in favor of adjourning the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST:



Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk



Daniel Blair
Mayor