



# THE CITY OF WHITTIER

*Gateway to Western Prince William Sound*

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY MARCH 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 Pinquoch, Peter Denmark, Dave Dickason, Monty Irvin, Debra Hicks, and Daniel Blair.

**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  
Katie Velasco, Office Assistant

**Others Present:** Lindsey Erk, Greg Clifford, Pat Reeves, Cathy McCord, Scott Johnson, Roger Garcia, David Goldstein, Derick Anyosa, Joe Seal and Jeanette Seale

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 19, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes, February 26, 2019, Special Meeting Minutes, March 12, 2019, Special Meeting Minutes

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

**SECOND:** Dave Dickason

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Motion to adopt the agenda passed unanimously.

**6. MAYOR'S REPORT**

**A. Mayor Report**

Dan Blair reported that he had meetings with Jim and Annie. He said his goal was to get a better understanding of events that will be happening so as to better help the community. He also mentioned best practice principals and ways to achieve better value for the community.

**B. Vice Mayor Report**

Peter Denmark reported that the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Exxon Valdez spill is on March 24. He extended a warm reminder to remember the incident that happened in Whittier's back yard.

**7. MANAGER'S REPORT**

**A. City Manager's Report- Jim Hunt**

Please see report in original packet.

**B. Directors Report Through the City Manager**

Please see report in original packet.

**8. 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**

Lindsey Erk reported that the school is working on a snow/water removal science project for the children. She hopes to teach the children what it takes to remove snow around the community. She reported on CPR training for staff and that Parent Teacher Conference is next week. She thanked Annie for her contribution to the Student Council. Lindsey spoke briefly about Whittier Clean up Day.

**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**

**A. Alaska Communications Presentation on the Server Updates – Roger Garcia**

Roger Garcia presented the proposal for new servers for the Public Safety Building and the Harbor. He explained that the hardware that the City currently uses is obsolete and out of warranty. He answered questions from the Dias.

**13. ORDINANCES (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

None

**14. PUBLIC HEARING (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)**

None

**15. RESOLUTIONS**

**A. 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:** Peter Denmark made a motion to adopt Res. #06-2019.

**SECOND:** Dave Dickason

**DISCUSSION:** Council discussed at length the resolution and agreed to change the language so as to lease the servers from ACS as opposed to purchasing them.

**VOTE:** Resolution was adopted (unanimous) with the amendments to the language to lease the servers.

**B. Res. #15-2019 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, Authorizing the City Manager sell Begich Tower units 109 and 110 during 2019, which are excess Real City Property.**

**MOTION:** Dave Dickason made a motion to adopt Res. #15-2019.

**SECOND:** Monty Irvin

**DISCUSSION:** Council discussed the resolution and the process in which it should have gone through. Some expressed a lack of transparency and regretted initial decision to move forward. Some suggested waiting to allow offers to in. Annie Reeves replied that steps were followed in accordance with the Whittier Municipal Code. Council discussed further.

**VOTE:** Resolution failed, 4-3

**A. Res. #16-2019 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, Authorizing the City Manager to amend the agreement with Ferroval Infrastructure, Inc.**

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to increase Ferrovial's Compensation of \$75,554.64 to \$77, 825.52 per annum for Whittier Police Services at the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel for the period of May 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019.

**MOTION:** Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Res. #16-2019.

**SECOND:** Dave Dickason

**DISCUSSION:** Robert Baty spoke about the contract and the compensation cost increase, saying it was a reflection of the CPI increase. He answered questions from the Dias.

**VOTE:** Resolution adopted unanimously

**16. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Harbor Phase 3 Construction**

Item was not discussed

**18. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**19. COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Council talked about the CVP funds. Sarah Espelin explained the status of the funds.

Council discussed the options for the former city offices heavily. They weighed the options of hiring a realtor for the property to sell them and the two different code provisions for which to follow.

**20. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION**

Scott Korbe gave an update on the status of the Public Safety Building Generator.

Joe Shen made a comment about the disposal of the former City administration offices.

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

**22. ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned the meeting at 9:05

**ATTEST:**

  
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Naelene Matsumiya  
City Clerk

  
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Daniel Blair  
Mayor