



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY APRIL 16, 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, Debra Hicks, and Daniel Blair.

B. Administration Present:

Jim Hunt, City Manager
Naelene Matsumiya, City Clerk
Sarah Espelin, Finance Director
Andre Achee, Acting Police Chief
Scott Korbe, Director of Public Works
Dyanna Pratt, Director of Administration
Katie Velasco, Office Assistant

Others Present: Lindsey Erk, Greg Clifford, Brian Hicks, Cathy McCord, Don Stevens, David Goldstein, and Derick Anyosa

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 19, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes, and April 2, 2019, Special Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to approve the minutes as is.

SECOND: David Pinguoch

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

5. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to approve the April 16, 2019 Regular Meeting Agenda with amendments.

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: Remove Executive Session Item B and New Business Items B, C, and D.

VOTE: Motion to adopt the amended agenda passed unanimously.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor Report

Dan Blair briefly reported on his first Washington D.C. delegation as Mayor of Whittier.

B. Vice Mayor Report

Peter Denmark stated that the weather in Whittier was nice while Dan, Jim, and Annie were in D. C.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager's Report- Jim Hunt

Jim introduced Andre Achee, the new Public Safety Director, to the Council and spoke a little about his trip to D. C. Council asked questions on the following items: Ambulance Chassis, Garbage fees, Fire and EMS funding, volunteers for Fire and EMS.

B. Directors Report Through the City Manager

Sarah Espelin answered questions from the Dias regarding the City's financials. Topics that were discussed: Parks and Recreation's budget, City's reserve funds, UBS savings, and if CVP funds have been received.

8. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

Nothing new to report

B. Port & Harbor Commission

Greg Clifford reported on the Resolution to revert the Port and Harbor Commission to meet rather than quarterly. He stated that the Policy and Procedures for the incoming Safeboat is in the works.

C. Parks & Recreation Committee

Dave Dickason stated that he and Victor Shen will be attending a Training for trails.

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 the school's updated rally point in case of an emergency (Homeowner's Lounge, 15th floor, BTI) and Whittier Cleanup Day on May 2.

E. Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corp.

Don Stevens spoke about the Manager and the budget increase. Said PWSAC s working in the sound. No finalization of stray rates.

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

Liquor License: Transfer of Ownership of Swiftwater Seafood Café to Whittier Lodging, LLC – License #2502

MOTION: Peter Denmark made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed Unanimously

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NON-ORDINANCE)

None

12. PRESENTATIONS

None

13. ORDINANCES (1st Reading)

None

14. PUBLIC HEARING (2nd reading)

None

15. RESOLUTIONS

None

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the following topics.

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion to enter into Executive Session passed unanimously.

Council entered into Executive Session at 8:16 pm to discuss the following:

A. Comprehensive Plan Proposal - Matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the public entity; AS 44.62.310 (1)

~~**B. Review of All City of Whittier Employee Payments made by Electronic Bank Draft by City Council Members - Matters, pertaining to personnel; AS 42.40.170 (2)**~~

C. City Manager Job Performance Review – Unless the person has requested to have the subjects discussed in public, subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of a person; AS 42.40.170 (2)

D. Girdwood Police Contract – Matters, the immediate knowledge of would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the corporation; AS 42.40.170 (1)

MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to exit out of Executive Session and resume the Regular meeting.

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: None

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

Council exited out of Executive Session and resumed the Regular Meeting at 10:10 pm.

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Harbor Phase 3 Construction

Item was not discussed

18. NEW BUSINESS

A. Market all of City of Whittier Owned BTI Condos

Council discussed the options at length. Jim stated that the Administration is currently working on obtaining an appraisal and inspection. Is seeking Council direction once results are sent back to the City.

~~**B. Financial Compensation to EMS and Fire Volunteers**~~

~~**C. Funding to Purchase New Truck Chassis of Ambulance with 17 Year Old Truck**~~

~~**D. Funding to Hire Consultant to Implement Ambulance Billing**~~

19. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council Discussed the following:

Bear Awareness/Issues

Language amendment to the WMC (pertaining to weapons permissible for hunting)

Decision on Delong Dock

20. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION

None

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

None

22. ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting at 10:20

ATTEST:



Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk



Daniel Blair
Mayor