



# THE CITY OF WHITTIER

*Gateway to Western Prince William Sound*

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY MAY 21, 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, Peter Denmark (joined meeting at 7:10), Dave Dickason, Monty Irvin, Debra Hicks, and Daniel Blair.

**MOTION:** Dave Dickason made a motion to excuse Peter Denmark and David Pinguoch from tonight's meeting.

**SECOND:** Victor Shen

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

#### **B. Administration Present:**

Jim Hunt, City Manager

Annie Reeves, Assistant City Manager

Naelene Matsumiya, City Clerk

Sarah Espelin, Finance Director

Scott Korbe, Director of Public Works

Dyanna Pratt, Executive Administrator

**Others Present:** Greg Clifford, Brian Hicks, Chris Lau

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 16, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes, April 25, 2019, Special Meeting Minutes, April 30, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes, May 16, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Dave Dickason made a motion to approve the minutes as they are.

**SECOND:** Victor Shen

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

**5. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Dave Dickason made a motion to approve the May 21, 2019 Regular Meeting Agenda with amendments.

**SECOND:** Victor Shen

**DISCUSSION:** Move Executive Session (item 15) to 13 A.

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

**6. MAYOR'S REPORT**

**A. Mayor Report**

Dan Blair briefly reported on the success of the very first Prince William Sound Natural History Symposium. He stated that he would like to hold another next year. Dan then briefly spoke about best practices. Dan asked that an email be sent out to Council members when checks have been cut to alert council of signatures being needed. He mentioned the budget and the projected 2020 budget.

**B. Vice Mayor Report**

Peter Denmark reiterated Dan's list. Spoke about target and goal dates.

**7. MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

Jim reported on:

Day-to-day projects

Report from Juneau

Delegation Visits

Summer Plans

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

Sarah Espelin reported that she is waiting for the audit to complete and from there she will gather concerns from the Council and try to hit the June/July target dates.

**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 last day of school is tomorrow and that there are now 60+ kids in 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**

A. Fire Apparatus – Brian Hicks, Fire Chief

Brian did a presentation on the apparatus proposal. He took questions about the fire apparatus from the Council and answered. Jim suggested to match-money with the CVP funds.

**13. ORDINANCES**

None

**13 A. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Dave Dickason made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the P-12 Building.

**SECOND:** Monty Irvin

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Motion to enter into Executive Session passed unanimously.

**Council entered into Executive Session at 7:56 pm to discuss the following:**

A. P-12 Building– matters, the immediate knowledge of which 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 8:37 pm.**

**14. RESOLUTIONS**

A. Res. #18-2019 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, Stating the Rate of Levy, Date of Equalization and date when taxes become delinquent for the 2019 tax roll.

**MOTION:** Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Resolution #18-2019

**SECOND:** Dave Dickason

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

B. Res. #19-2019 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, Approving the Amended and Restated City Manager Employment Agreement.

**MOTION:** Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Resolution #19-2019

**SECOND:** Monty Irvin

**DISCUSSION:** Dan asked for Jim to notify the Council when he will not be in the Office. He stated the important of presence for the City Manager.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

~~C. Res. #20-2019—A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, Authorizing The City Manager To Sell The Surplus Municipal Real Property Known As The P-12 Building To Whittier Seafood.~~

~~**MOTION:** Dave Dickason made a motion to adopt Resolution #20-2019~~

~~**SECOND:** Monty Irvin~~

~~**DISCUSSION:** Council discussed the topic at length and considered amendments. Council agreed to postpone the adoption until after Council Discussion.~~

~~**VOTE:** None~~

**MOTION:** Dave Dickason made a motion to postpone Resolution #20-2019 until after Council Discussion

**SECOND:** Peter Denmark

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

Original motion to adopt died. Resolution #20-2019 was reintroduced after Council Discussion. (Clerk's note: The following was discussed after Council Discussion)

Resolution #20-2019 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, Authorizing the City Manager to sell the surplus municipal real property known as the P-12 Building to Whittier Seafood

**MOTION:** Dave Dickason made a motion to adopt Resolution #20-2019

**SECOND:** Monty Irvin

**DISCUSSION:** Annie Reeves read the amended resolution with added provisions. Council agreed to the amendment.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

D. Res. #21-2019 – A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Whittier, Alaska Consenting To The Assignment Of The Lease Agreement For Lot 1, Within Area A Of The Whittier Triangle Business Area From Donald C. And Margaret T. Varlamos D/B/A Varly's Ice Cream and Pizza Parlor To Whittier Lodging, LLC, And Authorizing The City Manager To Execute Consent Documents

**MOTION:** Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Resolution #21-2019

**SECOND:** Dave Dickason

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

**Council Recessed until 9 pm**

**15. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Item was moved to 13 A.

**16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Harbor Phase 3 Construction**

Item was not discussed

**17. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**18. COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Council Discussed the following:

Goals and priorities

Funds garnered several years ago

Oil spill money

Money spent at the head of the bay for drilling

Gym Employee source of pay

**19. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION**

Greg mentioned the Harbor Safeboat and stated it was now in Whittier.

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

None

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned the meeting at 9:46

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Naelene Matsumiya**  
City Clerk

  
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**Daniel Blair**  
Mayor