



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY JULY 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: Peter Denmark, Monty Irvin, Victor Shen, David Pinquoch, Debra Hicks, and Daniel Blair.

B. Administration Present:

Jim Hunt, City Manager
Annie Reeves, Assistant City Manager
Naelene Matsumiya, City Clerk
Dyanna Pratt, Executive Administrator
Sarah Espelin, Finance Director
Brian Hicks, Fire Chief
Katie Velasco, Office Assistant
Amy Pantaleon, Office Assistant
Anmei Goldsmith, City Attorney

Others Present: Dave Goldstein, Kelly Bender, Chris Lau, Greg Clifford, Peter Flint, Marc Donadieu, and Pat Reeves

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 18, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

SECOND: David Pinquoch

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

Clerk's note: Jim Hunt introduced Peter Flint to give a brief update on the construction of the pedestrian pass aka Whittier Street crossing.

5. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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

SECOND: Peter Denmark

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion to adopt the agenda passed unanimously.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor Report

Dan reported on the following:

Explosion at the Delong Dock

Volunteers of Whittier

Community Support

Emergency Services

B. Vice Mayor Report

Peter Denmark stated the response was timely and brave. He said he was proud to be a part of this community.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager's Report- Jim Hunt

Jim reported on:

His car accident

Timeline of Delong Dock Repair

Staff and incident [Delong Dock explosion] control

Jim answered questions from the Dias about the topics listed above.

B. Directors Report Through the City Manager

None

8. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

Nothing new to report

B. Port & Harbor Commission

Nothing new to report

C. Parks & Recreation Committee

Victor Shen spoke about the 4 volunteer events held since the last regular meeting. He mentioned future opportunities.

D. Whittier Community School

Nothing new to report

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

Eastern Aleutian Tribes – Keja Whiteman
Presenter was not present

13. ORDINANCES

None

14. RESOLUTIONS

- A. Res. #22-2019 – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, approving the amended and restated organizational chart reflecting the current organization of Whittier's City Government

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Res. #22-2019

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: Council advised for more information before the approval of the resolution.

VOTE: Motion failed, 4-3

- B. Res. 23-2019 – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, authorizing the City Manager to purchase servers with the necessary and required hardware for the Administration office, the Harbor office and the Public Safety Department

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Res. #23-2019

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: Monty asked about the \$40,000 price tag. Peter asked about maintenance.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

- C. Res. 24-2019 – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Espelin & Associates, LLC for accounting and financial services for the 2019 Fiscal and Calendar year and for related purposes

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Res. #24-2019

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: Jim clarified that the contract is to enter into a month-to-month negotiation while transitioning full-time employee. Council asked for the City Manager to present an updated Finance Director job description and PERS study.

MOTION: Motion passed unanimously

- D. Res. 25-2019 – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska authorizing the City Manager to purchase a Fire Apparatus and other essential equipment for the Fire & EMS/Public Safety Department, and for the related purposes in the amount not to exceed of \$150,000 with funds drawn from the General fund and the CVP fund.

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Res. #25-2019

SECOND: Dave Dickason

DISCUSSION: Brian Hicks spoke about the performances of the trucks during the incident. He answered Council questions.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Harbor Phase 3 Construction

Item was not discussed

17. NEW BUSINESS

A. Parks and Recreation

The Parks and Recreation Committee would like to take next steps in the project for a new City park. The asked for funding to support engineer designs. Council directed the City Manager to work with the Parks and Recreation Committee about the topic.

18. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council Discussed the following:

Phone and dispatch

Police Contract

Line items in budget

Girdwood Contract

Fire at Delong Dock

Harbor Staffing

Annie commendation for fire site control and community updates

Crisis Communication

19. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION

Scott Korbe reported on the following:

Delong Dock incident

Shotgun Cove Road project

Flap Grant

PRUHS construction inspection

Generator

Rough order magnitude

workshop for water tariff rates

Kelly Bender reported on the following:

Harbor Issues and inconsistencies

Staffing

overflowing trash cans
Whittier 50th Anniversary

Peter Denmark reported on the following:
Delong Dock response commendation
Ocean dock usage
Fuel and fish smell at Otter Beach

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

Council responded to the comments

21. ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting at 9:34

ATTEST:



Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk



Daniel Blair
Mayor