



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 20, 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, Dave Dickason, and Daniel Blair.

B. Administration Present:

Jim Hunt, City Manager
Annie Reeves, Assistant City Manager
Naelene Matsumiya, City Clerk
Andre Achee, Interim Chief of Police
Katie Velasco, Office Assistant
Amy Pantaleon, Office Assistant
Holly Wells, City Attorney

Others Present: Dave Goldstein, Alexandra Matsumiya, Ted Spencer, Bill Rome, Lindsey Erk, and Tim Wheelan

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 16, 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

5. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to approve the August 20, 2019 Regular Meeting Agenda.

SECOND: David Pinquoch

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion to adopt the agenda passed unanimously.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor Report

Dan commended the Fire/EMS department and all the volunteers.

B. Vice Mayor Report

Nothing to report

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager's Report- Jim Hunt

Jim reported on:

The Alaganik

D.C. Lobbyist Re: Loss of revenue from pinks.

Andre Achee/Whittier Public Safety commendation

Federal lobbyist RFP for marine transportation dock

Earthquake assessment team

Questions from the Dias included:

Servers

Delong Dock inspection/priorities

Real estate assets

Master list

Jim and Holly answered questions from the Dias about the topics listed above

B. Directors Report Through the City Manager

Discussed under City Manager Report

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

Tim Wheelan, the new Head Teacher at the Whittier Community School, introduced himself and gave reports on the number of children enrolled for the new school year and invited everyone to *Back to School* night. Lastly, he stated that the school is still looking to fill some positions.

Council welcomed him to the Community.

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

WWII Flag Presentation to the City – Ted Spencer

Ted Spencer shared his thanks to the City and the City Council and presented a flag to the Council in honor of Whittier's 50th Anniversary. The Mayor and Vice Mayor assisted with the presentation.

13. ORDINANCES

None

14. RESOLUTIONS

- A. Res. #26-2019 – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, appointing the City Election Officials for the October 1, 2019 Regular City Election

MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to adopt Res. #26-2019

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: Monty Irvin recused himself from voting as his name appears on the resolution.

VOTE: Motion passed with 4 votes, 1 recused, 2 absent.

- B. Res. 27-2019 – A resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Professional Service Agreement with the Appraisal Company of Alaska, LLC. To provide financial personal and real property appraisals services for the FY 2020 tax year, and for related purposes.

MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to adopt Res. #27-2019

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: Monty asked suggested putting an RFP out for this, David Pinquoch responded saying an RFP was not necessary.

VOTE: Motion passed 5-1

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Harbor Phase 3 Construction

Council asked about the Tier 2 Grant. Holly and Jim responded.

B. Discussion Topic: Parks and Recreation

Dave Dickason stated that the Parks and Recreation Committee is still looking for funding for the new Community Park. Jim suggested a presentation to the Planning Commission in spirit of transparency. Council agreed. The Parks and Recreation item will be added to the Planning Commission's upcoming meeting agenda.

17. NEW BUSINESS

A. City Manager Review

The following items were discussed:

Budget True up
Safeboat
P-12 appraisal
Policy/Municipal Code
Job descriptions
AV system
Local radio station
Signage for Public Safety Building
Leases/developing standardized method
Electronic checks oversight

Discussion for the topics listed above ensued. Jim and Holly responded to questions and offered solutions.

Unanimous Council consent to keep policy and procedures a priority

B. Cost of Living Allowance

Unanimous Council consent to present the resolution at the next meeting.

C. Recommendation to sell City Properties

Jim explained that there is a Public Hearing for the topic at the next Planning Commission meeting.

D. Appointment of Commission Member – Steven Bender

MOTION: Dave Dickason made a motion to appoint Steven Bender to the Port and Harbor Commission, Seat D

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: Dan shared an anecdote of when he first met Steven.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

18. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council Discussed the following:

Garbage rates
Legal actions of the City
Railroad crossing commendation
Future public notice for Comprehensive Plan focus groups
Corps of Engineers commitment

Council discussed the garbage rates at length and discussed options and solutions.

19. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION

Dave Goldstein asked about Girdwood Policing. Andre responded.

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

See previous item

21. ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting at 9:57

ATTEST:



Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk



Daniel Blair
Mayor