



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
P-12 BUILDING**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Daniel Blair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Daniel Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. SWEAR IN CEREMONY FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

The following were sworn into the Council:

Thomas Wagner for Seat B

Dave Dickason for Seat C

Debra Hicks for Seat G

4. APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

Call for nominations for Mayor

Peter Denmark nominated Dave Dickason, Dave Dickason accepted the nomination

MOTION: Thomas Wagner made a motion to appoint Dave Dickason as Mayor for the Council

SECOND: Debra Hicks

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

Call for nominations for Vice Mayor

David Pinquoch nominated Peter Denmark, Peter Denmark accepted the nomination

MOTION: David Pinquoch made a motion to appoint Peter Denmark as Vice Mayor for the Council

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

5. ROLL CALL

A. Council members present and establishing a quorum: Monty Irvin, Debra Hicks, Dave Pinguoch, Thomas Wagner, Peter Denmark, Victor Shen and Dave Dickason.

B. Council Members Absent:

C. Administration Present:

Annie Reeves, Assistant City Manager

Naelene Matsumiya, City Clerk

Kristin Erchinger, Finance Director

Scott Korbe, Public Works Director

Andre Achee, Interim Chief of Police

Dyanna Pratt, Executive Assistant

Mark Hager, Police Officer

Amanda Sassi, Fire and EMS Coordinator

Amy Pantaleon, Office Assistant

Others Present: Derick Anyosa, Katie Velasco, Evonne Beavers, Anna Dickason, Dutch Lucore, Alexandra Matsumiya, Brent Cole, Rose Medez, Barb Blakeley, Cathy McCord, Greg Clifford, Brian Hicks, Andrew Conrad, Jason Zentz, Steven Bender, Roh Graham, Frankie Granham

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 17, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as is.

SECOND: Dave Pinguoch

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

7. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda with the following amendments: Move Agenda item 19b (Public Safety Department Insight – Mark Hager) to be discussed under City Manager and Directors Reports.

SECOND: David Pinguoch

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

8. MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor's Report

Dave Dickason commended Dan Blair for his service on the Council and as Mayor of the City of Whittier. He extended his thanks to the Election Officials and to the voters of the City.

B. Vice Mayor's Report

Nothing new to report

9. CITY MANAGER AND DIRECTORS REPORTS

Mark Hager spoke briefly about dispatch and the efficiency it has brought to the Public Safety Department.

10. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

No report

B. Port & Harbor Commission

Greg Clifford reported to the Council the progress of the Commission and their involvement in budget preparation.

C. Parks & Recreation Committee

Victor Shen reported that the Voyage Tech School volunteered with the Committee recently. Victor summarized the progress the Committee has made in the summer and thanked all those who volunteered.

D. Whittier Community School

Tim Wieland introduced Maria Burke, President of the Whittier Community School Student Council, to the Council. Maria made some announcements regarding upcoming Student Council fundraisers.

Tim reported on the School's facilities being used by SERVS and a German Volleyball team. He reminded everyone of the EAC meeting on October 17 at 6 pm. Invited all.

E. Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corp.

None

F. Regional Citizen's Advisory Council

None

11. CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

None

12. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

None

13. PUBLIC HEARING NON-ORDINANCE

None

14. PRESENTATION

Prioritizing the Health and Safety of Whittier – Amanda Sassi

Amanda presented a power point with information for Council to consider creating another EMS position for coverage in Whittier. Amanda answered questions from the Dias.

15. ORDINANCE

None

16. RESOLUTIONS

A. Res. #29-2019(A) – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, approving the appropriation of an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 from the General Fund for the purpose of contracting with an engineering firm to create an application for Marine Infrastructure grant funding.

MOTION: Debra Hicks made a motion to adopt Res.#29-2019(A)

SECOND: Monty Irvin

DISCUSSION: Council requested that the City Administration slow down and prioritize before the resolution adoption. Resolution to be reintroduced at next Regular Meeting.

VOTE: Motion to adopt died

MOTION: Debra Hicks made a motion to postpone Res. #29-2019(A) to next Regular Meeting

SECOND: Monty Irvin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

B. Res. #30-2019 – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, directing the City Clerk to destroy the ballots, ballot numbers, tally sheets, certificate of persons voting, return envelopes, and nomination petitions from the October 2, 2018 Regular Municipal Election.

MOTION: Peter Denmark made a motion to adopt Res. #30-2019

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

C. Res. #31-2019 - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, authorizing the City Manager to accept an offer for fair value compensation for the City's interest in the Whittier Manor Condominium Association Leases

MOTION: Peter Denmark made a motion to adopt Res. #31-2019

SECOND: David Pinquoch

DISCUSSION: Brent Cole, Annie Reeves, and Scott Korbe answered questions from the Council. Annie specified errors in the language that may need to be amended to reflect language in Res. #14-2019. City Attorney was contacted for confirmation.

VOTE: motion of adopt died

MOTION: David Pinquoch made a motion to adopt with amendments to reflect consistencies in Res. #14-2019.

SECOND: Thomas Wagner

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

18. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Harbor Phase 3 Construction

Item was not discussed

B. Whittier Park Design

Item was not discussed

19. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Commission Members

Ed Hedges was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission, Seat C for a 3-year term

Mark Mitchell was appointed to the Port and Harbor Commission, Seat E for a 3-year term

B. Public Safety Insight – Mark Hager

Item was moved to director reports

C. Notification of Water/Wastewater Rate Increase

Scott Korbe presented a notification posting to the Council and spoke briefly about it.

20. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council discussed the following: Police Contract, Comprehensive Plan, Council Chambers AV, AML Conference, Electronic Payments, BLS Presentation and an Executive Session at the next regular meeting.

Peter Denmark and David Pinquoch took a moment to thank Dan and his years of service on the Council.

21. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION

Yvonne Beavers describe an incident that happened to her regarding the Public Safety Department

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

None

23. ADJOURNMENT

All were in favor of adjourning the meeting at 9:16 p.m.

ATTEST:



Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk



Dave Dickason
Mayor