



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2014
6:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
P-12 BUILDING**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Daniel Blair called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Daniel Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

A. Council Members Present: Natasha Turituri, Ata Ma'ae, Shawni Phillips (telephonic), Dan Blair and Peter Denmark, Victor Shen (joined telephonically at 6:16 p.m.),

B. Administration Present: Brenda Krol, City Clerk and Mark Lynch, City Manager

Others present: Scott Korbe, Jesse Owen with Bellingham Marine, Dave Schofield, Michelle Weston, Monty Irvin and Dave Goldstein

4. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Peter Denmark made a motion to approve the special meeting agenda as written.

SECONDED: Ata Ma'ae seconded the motion.

VOTE: Peter Denmark: Yes, Ata Ma'ae: Yes, Natasha Turituri: Yes, Shawni Phillips: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes.

Motion passed 5-0.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS THE SUBJECT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING

A. Unfinished Business

1. Harbor Improvement Plan Q&A – Jesse Owen – Bellingham Marine

Mark Lynch passed out an amended version of resolution #17-2014.

Jesse Owen introduced himself to the Council and the audience and he gave a brief overview and explanation of phase 1 of the Harbor Improvement Plan.

Mark Lynch stated that he had amended resolution #17-2014 and explained that the original resolution referenced the contract that had been proposed as phase 1.

Mark Lynch said "in this amended resolution the Council authorizes me to enter into an agreement with Bellingham Marine not to exceed 4 million dollars."

Mark Lynch explained that there are some engineering costs that need to be included and he said "it is my understanding that if we put in the new gangway then we will need a new generator set because of the configuration of the electricity."

Mark Lynch said that after talking with Public Works Director, Scott Korbe he didn't think the generator cost would be able to come out of the 4 million dollars but the engineering costs could.

There was further discussion regarding phase 1 of the Harbor Improvement Plan and the project schedule.

Jesse Owens said "what we talked about today is to get started on the design and fabrication and get everything built and stored in my facility in Bellingham and then start shipment in late spring."

Dave Goldstein spoke briefly and stated that his basic problem with this is that we had worked on a plan for 7 years.

Dave Goldstein said "this plan has been talked about in public meetings and talked about extensively with different user groups, it's been passed by the Ports and Harbor Commission and the Council."

Dave Goldstein said "this called for essentially 3 phases of harbor reconfiguration, there was also a considerable amount of money spent in assessing what is the best use of this limited square footage area that we call the Whittier Harbor."

Scott Korbe responded to some of Dave Goldstein's concerns and explained that we had the sheet pile expansion eastward in phase 3 of the original PND plan but when we discovered contaminated soil and floating contamination it basically turned the second phase of the sheet piling needs unprofitable, more expensive.

Scott Korbe stated that with the current configuration of PND and just doing the west side sheet piling the harbor itself became cash poor, we were losing revenue because of not being able to build out.

2. Resolution #17-2014 – A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Bellingham Marine Industries, Inc. to provide harbor improvements at the Whittier City Harbor in an amount not to exceed \$4,000,000.00

Note: Telephonic connection with Councilor Shawni Phillips was lost prior to roll call on the following motion.

MOTION: Peter Denmark made a motion to approve resolution #17-2014.

SECONDED: Ata Ma'ae seconded the motion.

VOTE: Peter Denmark: Yes, Ata Ma'ae: Yes, Natasha Turituri: Yes, Victor Shen: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

6. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION

None

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ata Ma'ae moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

SECONDED: Natasha Turituri seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Attest:



Brenda Krol
City Clerk



Daniel Blair
Mayor