THE CITY OF WHITTIER

Gateway to Western Prince William Sound

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WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL | REGULAR MEETING | TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2018

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Daniel Blair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday March 20th, 2018 in the Whittier City Council Chambers in the P-12 Building

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Daniel Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

A. Council members present and establishing a quorum: Monty Irvin, Debra Hicks, Dave Dickason, Peter Denmark, Victor Shen, David Pinquoch and Daniel Blair.

B. Administration Present:

Annie Reeves, Acting City Manager
Naelene Matsumiya, City Clerk
John Janik, Finance Officer
Holly Wells, City Attorney
Kyle Sinclair, Harbormaster
Mark Hager, Acting Police Chief
Dyanna Pratt, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

Lindsey Erk	Todd Perez	Kelly Bender
Dave Goldstein	Torrey Wing	Mike Bender
Greg Clifford	Gwendolyn Granger	
Cathy McCord	June Miller	

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 20, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes, February 26, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes, March 6, 2018, Special Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to approve the February 20, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes, February 26, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes, March 6, 2018, Special Meeting Minutes as they are.
SECOND: Dave Dickason
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Dave Pinquoch made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda with amendment to move Presentation Item 11 to 8A.
SECOND: Dave Dickason
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor Report

None

B. Vice Mayor Report by Vice Mayor David Pinquoch

Vice Mayor, David Pinquoch reported that next month there will be more information on the harbor's Phase 3 renovation process. He commented on the Tier 2 budget.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Acting City Manager's Report- Annie Reeves

A. Reeves, thanked the staff at the City of Whittier including: Dyanna Pratt, Johnny Janik, Naelene Matsumiya, Scott Korbe, Mark Hager and Kyle Sinclair.

C. School District Report

Lindsey Erk, Head Teacher of the Whittier Community School, thanked the Whittier Public Safety department for their participation in the Meet and Greet with the students. She reported that Whittier Seafood has given the Whittier Community School funding to install a sandbox.

D. Director's Reports

1. **Financial report – John Janik**
2. **Harbormaster Report – Kyle Sinclair**
3. **Director of Public Safety Report – Dave Schofield**
4. **Public Works Report – Scott Korbe**
5. **Public Safety Building Report – Mark Hager**

There were no comments from department directors.

8. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

No report

B. Port & Harbor Commission

No report

C. Parks & Recreation Committee

Dickason reported that he has attended various meetings with Mark Kimmer and Alaska Trails. Shen reported that Volunteer Days are going to be on the first Saturday of every month. He also mentioned the Winter Summit.

D. Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corp.

No report.

E. Regional Citizen's Advisory Council

Mike Bender, Chair of RCAC, gave an update on the transition process between Crowley and Edison Chouest.

8A. A. Sam Daniels with the Girdwood Board of Supervisors
Sam Daniels thanked the Whitter Public Safety Officers for all the work they have been doing in Girdwood.

B. Kelly Bender – Whittier Promotional Video
President of the Whittier Chamber of Commerce, Kelly Bender, gave a presentation on the Alaska Channel's video that was made for the City of Seward. She recommended to the Council that the City of Whittier make the same kind of video. The Whittier Chamber of Commerce was looking to match the price of $5,000 with the City Council for this project.

Discussion followed.

C. Whittier Seafood Business Plan
CFO of Whittier Seafood, Torrey Wing, gave a presentation updating the Council on the progress Whittier Seafood has been making and talked about their plans to expand in the future.

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

No comments

10. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

No consent calendar

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NON-ORDINANCE)

No public hearings

12. PRESENTATIONS

A. Sam Daniels with the Girdwood Board of Supervisors
Sam Daniels thanked the Whitter Public Safety Officers for all the work they have been doing in Girdwood.

B. Kelly Bender – Whittier Promotional Video
President of the Whittier Chamber of Commerce, Kelly Bender, gave a presentation on the Alaska Channel's video that was made for the City of Seward. She recommended to the Council that the City of Whittier make the same kind of video. She explained that it'll not only help businesses in Whittier, but it will help those who are planning their next Alaskan adventure. The Whittier Chamber of Commerce was looking to match the price of $5,000 with the City Council for this project.

Questions were later asked and answered by the President of the Chamber of Commerce.

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13. ORDINANCES
Introduction (1st reading)

Ordinance #01-2018 – An Ordinance of the Whittier City Council Approving Alaska Railroad's request to rezone lots 3 and 5, Block 10, of Whittier Subdivision Phase II from Commercial to Industrial.

MOTION: Shen moved to introduce Ordinance #01-2018 and schedule the second reading for April 17, 2018.
DISCUSSION: Peter Denmark requested maps of Whittier Subdivision Phase II to be included for the second reading.

Discussion continued.
VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

14. PUBLIC HEARING (2nd reading)

#08-2017 – An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Alaska Railroad Corporation transferring Tract A-1 to the Alaska Railroad in exchange for Tract W and Delong dock subject to specific essential terms and conditions executed by the parties.

MOTION: Shen moved to open the public hearing for Ordinance #08-2017
VOTE: Motion passes unanimously

Dave Goldstein inquired where potential changes will be taking place. Further conversation about the rail yard and its zoning pattern ensued.

MOTION: Dickason moved to close the public hearing for Ord. #08-2017
DISCUSSION: There was discussion to postpone the adoption to no later than April 17, 2018.
VOTE: Motion passes unanimously

MOTION: Shen made a motion to postpone the adoption of Ord. #08-2017
VOTE: Motion passes unanimously

15. RESOLUTIONS
No resolutions

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION
A. Discussion of DeLong Dock Agreement/ARRC Land Issues – Matters that, if immediately disclosed, would tend to adversely affect the finances of the City. AS 44.62.310(1)
B. Discussion of City Manager Contract Extension– Matters that, if immediately disclosed, would tend to adversely affect the finances of the City. AS 44.62.310(1)

No executive session was held

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
A. Shotgun Cove Road Project

B. ARRC/COW Land Swap

C. Improve Salmon Sport Fishing in in Northwest PWS

D. Paddle Craft Launch

E. Comprehensive Plan
Dickason requested a work sessions to begin the process of updating the plan. Reeves reported that she will be meeting with City Attorney, Katie Davies, to discuss the plan.

18. NEW BUSINESS
No New Business

19. COUNCIL DISCUSSION
Denmark inquired about the disposal of the P-12 Building and the apartments in the BTI. Reeves mentioned an appraisal.

Council briefly discussed an interim City Manager.

Council was in favor of supporting the Whittier Chamber of Commerce's proposal for the promotional video.

Blair mentioned a work session date for April 21 to invite the town to the new Public Safety Building for a grand opening.

20. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION
Torrey Wing, CFO for Whittier Seafood LLC, introduced Cathy McCord as the Whittier Seafood representative for Whittier.

21. COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE TO CITIZEN'S COMMENTS
None

22. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk

Daniel Blair
Mayor