

THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY APRIL 21, 2020

7:00 PM

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dave Dickason called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Dave Dickason led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

B. Administration Present:

Jim Hunt, City Manager
Naelene Matsumiya, City Clerk
Kristin Erchinger, Finance Director
Andre Achee, Police Chief
Dave Borg, Harbormaster
Holly Wells, City Attorney

Others Present:

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 17, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2020 Emergency Special Meeting

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to approve the minutes as they are.

SECOND: Debra Hicks

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

5. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Debra Hicks made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda as is.

SECOND: Peter Denmark

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor Report

Dave Dickason reflected on his report and stated most meetings are tentative as of right now. Announced the cancellation of the Prince William Sound Stewardship Foundation Symposium. He thanked Peter Denmark in his efforts in the planning of the event. Dave mentioned a budget review once things settle down.

B. Vice Mayor Report

Peter Denmark spoke briefly on the Symposium and the cancellation. Followed up with a COVID-19 anecdote and questions about transient workers and where they will quarantine. He commented on the COVID-19 testing and concluded by thanking Paul Mueller with Eastern Aluetian Tribes and the Clinic staff

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager and Director Reports- Jim Hunt

Jim reported on the COVID-19 testing administered by the clinic and stated that start date is tomorrow and will continue all through April and May for residents and essential workers. Jim Spoke briefly about the response from the Army Corps of Engineers and answered questions from the Council. Kris Erchinger and Andre Achee also shared further information on their reports. Answered questions from the Council.

8. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

Nothing New to report

B. Port & Harbor Commission

Dave Dickason gave a report on behalf of Greg Clifford on the Port and Harbor Commission. Reported on the Shrimp Opener and the sinking of the Bellavita (sp?)

C. Parks & Recreation Committee

Dave reported on the postponing of the Committee meeting due to the virus.

D. Whittier Community School

Dave Gave the Whittier Community School report on behalf of Tim Wieland. Reported that the school campus will remain closed for the remainder of the school year and that education for students continues virtually. He concluded by thanking the teachers and staff for their work.

E. Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corp.

Nothing new to report

F. Regional Citizen's Advisory Council

Mike Bender spoke about Hilcorp.

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

10. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Appointment of RCAC Whittier Representative, Mike Bender.

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to appoint Mike Bender to the RCAC as Whittier's Representative and approve the Consent Agenda

SECOND: Debra Hicks

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NON-ORDINANCE)

None

12. PRESENTATIONS

None

13. ORDINANCES

(Emergency Ordinance)

A. Emergency Ordinance #02-2020 – An Emergency Ordinance Ratifying the City Manager's Revisions to the Emergency COVID-19 Rules in Emergency Order 2020-02 and Renewing the City's Declaration of a Local and State-Wide Emergency Arising from the Outbreak of COVID-19

Holly Wells spoke about the Ordinance at length and commented on the mandate, mutual aid agreements, BnB's essential workers, and the revisions to the Emergency Order.

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to open the public hearing for public testimony at 7:23 pm

SECOND: Debra Hicks

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

Seeing no member of the public present for testimony

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to close the Public Testimony part of the Public Hearing and open it up for Council Discussion

SECOND: Debra Hicks

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

Council asked questions regarding seasonal workers and quarantine site. Holly responded. Council discussion ensued.

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Emergency Ordinance #02-2020 and close the public hearing at 7:33pm

SECOND: Debra Hicks

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

14. RESOLUTIONS

A. Res. #10-2020 – A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Whittier, Alaska, authorizing funding in an amount not to exceed \$170,000.00 for the purpose design and specifications for a new public park and amenities, and appropriating funds.

MOTION: Debra Hicks made a motion to adopt Res. #10-2020

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: Jim spoke to the Resolution. Various Council members expressed concerns and shared the idea that it is not the right time. Council discussed further.

VOTE: Motion passed 4-3

B. Res. #15-2020 – A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Whittier, Alaska, authorizing the purchase of MSA SCBA air packs from Arctic Fire & Safety in the amount of \$45,237.50

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Res. #15-2020

SECOND: Debra Hicks

DISCUSSION: Council discussed the resolution with Andre Achee at length as there were language corrections that were made.

VOTE: No vote was taken. Original motion to adopt was amended.

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Res. #15-2020 with amendments in the manner stated by the Chief of Police in the laydown that was presented.

SECOND: Debra Hicks

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Harbor Phase 3 Construction

Item was not discussed

17. NEW BUSINESS

None

18. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council Discussed the following:

Spreadsheet for usage of cruise ship funds

COVID-19

Lease Transfer

Local radio station

Shotgun Cove road construction

Dining services

19. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION

None

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

None

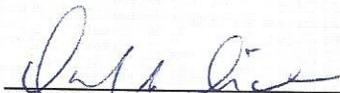
21. ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting at 8:48pm

ATTEST:



Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk



Dave Dickason
Mayor