



# THE CITY OF WHITTIER

*Gateway to Western Prince William Sound*

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## **WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY MAY 19, 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:** David Pinquoch, Victor Shen, Debra Hicks, Tom Wagner, Monty Irvin, and Dave Dickason.

**MOTION:** David Pinquoch made a motion to excuse Peter Denmark from tonight's meeting

**SECOND:** Tom Wagner

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

### **B. Administration Present:**

Jim Hunt, City Manager

Annie Reeves, Assistant City Manager

Naelene Matsumiya, City Clerk

Andre Achee, Police Chief

Dave Borg, Harbormaster

### **Others Present:**

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

April 21, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

May 05, 2020 Emergency Special Meeting

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

**SECOND:** Tom Wagner

**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:** Victor

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

## **6. MAYOR'S REPORT**

### **A. Mayor Report**

Dave Dickason reflected on his report and commended those who put together the Prince William Sound Stewardship Foundation Virtual Symposium as it was a success. He continued on his report and reminded Council and Administration of a budget review.

### **B. Vice Mayor Report**

## **7. MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **A. City Manager and Director Reports- Jim Hunt**

Jim and directors reported on the following:

Barry Arm Slough

Tsunami preparedness

Meeting with NOAA

CARES Act funds

Tunnel contract

Seasonal transition (ahead of schedule)

Shotgun Cove Road Project

Various other projects around town

## **8. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Planning Commission**

Nothing New to report

### **B. Port & Harbor Commission**

Greg Clifford commended Dave Borg's work at the launch ramp. Introduced newly appointed Chair, Steven Bender to Council. Steven gave a brief report and encourage Council members to attend future Port and Harbor Commission meetings.

### **C. Parks & Recreation Committee**

Victor reported on the meeting and stated the focus topic of the meeting was the Committee looking to become a Commission. He gave an update on volunteers and how they have been helping during the pandemic. Victor stated that he hopes for future collaborations with various department heads for projects and ideas. Victor concluded that the Parks and Recreation Committee is holding a Head of the Bay clean-up. Invited everyone to the event.

### **D. Whittier Community School**

Dave reported on behalf of Tim Wieland that school is officially over. Thanked parents, teachers and Whittier Seafood for contributions to the school year. Closed by reminding everyone that graduation was on the 17<sup>th</sup> at the Head of the Bay and it was a beautiful ceremony.

### **E. Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corp.**

Nothing new to report

### **F. Regional Citizen's Advisory Council**

Mike Bender spoke about the Zoom meeting with RCAC and Alyeska changing presidents. He reminded Council and Administration that the buoy still needs to be replaced.

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

**10. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR**

**11. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NON-ORDINANCE)**

None

**12. PRESENTATIONS**

None

**13. ORDINANCES**

(Emergency Ordinance)

A. Emergency Ordinance #03-2020 – An Emergency Ordinance Renewing the Proclamation of local Emergency and City Council’s Ratification of the Proclamation and its Acknowledgement of the State-Declared Emergency Resulting from the Outbreak of COVID-19 in Alaska.

**MOTION:** Debra Hicks made a motion to open the public hearing for public testimony at 7:42 pm

**SECOND:** Victor Shen

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

Seeing no member of the public present for testimony

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

**SECOND:** Tom Wagner

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

Council asked questions on the extension of the proclamation. Administration responded.

**MOTION:** Tom Wagner made a motion to adopt Emergency Ordinance #03-2020 and close the public hearing at 7:46pm

**SECOND:** Debra Hicks

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

**14. RESOLUTIONS**

A. Res. #17-2020 – A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Whittier, Alaska, has been advised by the USACE District Office that the total costs of the General Navigation Feature (GNF) may increase from what was estimated in the Integrated Feasibility Report (IFR)

Council and Administration spoke about the resolution at length. Jim explained that the USACE reported that there could be contamination and that the original cost could potentially increase due to the levels of contamination. Scott Korbe expanded on his knowledge of the project.

**MOTION:** Debra Hicks made a motion to adopt Res. #17-2020

**SECOND:** Victor Shen

**DISCUSSION:** Council discussed the resolution with Jim Hunt at length and asked questions about the surrounding lands

**VOTE:** Motion to adopt failed, 3-3

**15. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**17. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Discussion topic: Renting out City owned Units (1507, 1509, 1511)**

Andre Achee explained that an option to have is to reserve one housing unit for Public Safety Housing in which tenants will pay for the units. Council discussed with Administration further.

**18. COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Council Discussed the following:

Head of the Bay

Tsunami

**19. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION**

Greg Clifford urged Council to consider the Port and Harbor Commission in conversation of the Head of the Bay project.

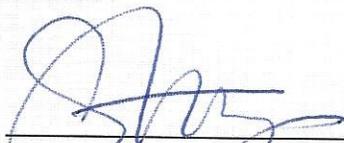
**20. COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE TO CITIZEN'S COMMENTS**

None

**21. ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned the meeting at 8:54pm

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Naelene Matsumiya**  
City Clerk

  
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**Dave Dickason**  
Mayor