



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY JULY 21, 2020
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dave Dickason called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 Pinguoch, Victor Shen, Debra Hicks, Tom Wagner, Peter Denmark, and Dave Dickason.

MOTION: Debra Hicks made a motion to excuse Monty Irvin from tonight's meeting

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

B. Administration Present:

Jim Hunt, City Manager

Naelene Matsumiya, City Clerk

Kris Erchinger, Finance Director

Dyanna Pratt, Executive Administrator

Andre Achee, Police Chief

Scott Korbe, Public Works Director

Dave Borg, Harbormaster

Others Present: Kelly Bender, Mike Bender, Gwendolyn Granger, Lee Woo, Charlene Arneson, and Arnie Arneson

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 02, 2020 Emergency Special Meeting Minutes
June 08, 2020, Emergency Special Meeting
June 16, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes
July 07, 2020, Special Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Tom Wagner made a motion to approve the minutes as they are.

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

5. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Debra Hicks made a motion to approve the July 21, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda as is.

SECOND: Tom Wagner

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor Report

Dave Dickason reflected on his report commented that Commission and Committee meetings are tentative. Followed up on the following items: Budget review, Barry Arm tsunami threat

B. Vice Mayor Report

Nothing new to report

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager and Director Reports- Jim Hunt

Jim and directors reported on the following:

NOAA and DNR meeting regarding Barry Arm

Buoy update

Travelift down

Resurfacing of Smitty's Cove launch ramp

Bike ramp

Insurance company

Lowering of financial software price

8. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

Nothing new to report

B. Port & Harbor Commission

Nothing new to report

C. Parks & Recreation Committee

Victor reported that committee has not been meeting since COVID. Hopes to meet soon to discuss projects.

D. Whittier Community School

Nothing new to report

E. Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corp.
Nothing new to report

F. Regional Citizen's Advisory Council
Nothing new to report

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

10. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NON-ORDINANCE)
None

12. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation of Plaque Honoring Suzanne Eusden for 25 Years of Service at the Whittier Post Office

Due to the pandemic, Suzanne was not in attendance, the City Clerk presented the plaque and thanked Suzanne on behalf of the City.

B. Audit Presentation – Joe Bergene with Altman Rogers & Co.

Joe Bergene gave a presentation on the findings for the 2019 audit. He stated that the 3 findings in 2018 were resolved. No glaring issues for 2019 audit. Thanked Kris and administration for their effort in the audit as it was the first one they conducted off site due to COVID-19.

13. ORDINANCES
None

14. RESOLUTIONS
None

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Well Maximization and Relocation – Matters that, if immediately disclosed, would tend to adversely affect the finances of the City; WMC 2.08.040 (I)

MOTION: Debra Hicks made a motion to enter into executive session at 7:20 pm

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

COUNCIL ENETERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:20 PM

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to exit executive session and resume the regular meeting at 8:03 pm

SECOND: Debra Hicks

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

17. NEW BUSINESS

18. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council Discussed the following:

Ramp at Smitty's Cove

Inadequate notice for meetings

Moving to virtual meetings

COVID-19

School reopening

19. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION

Kelly Bender: Notice for CARES Act

Mike Bender: Buoy scheduled to deploy. AED on Lazy Otter boat.

Lee Woo: Restrooms in Triangle not working due to power outage.

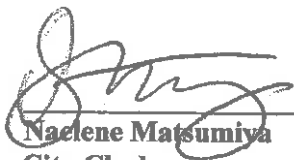
20. COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE TO CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Council and Administration responded to the concerns.


21. ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting at 8:26pm

ATTEST:



Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk



Dave Dickason
Mayor