



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2020
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dave Dickason called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Dave Dickason led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

A. Council members present and establishing a quorum:

Victor Shen, Dan Blair, Tom Wagner, Monty Irvin, Peter Denmark, and Dave Dickason.

MOTION: Monty Irvin made a motion to excuse David Pinquoch from tonight's meeting

SECOND: Dan Blair

DISCUSSION: Naelene clarified that David provided reasoning for his absence.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

B. Administration Present:

Jim Hunt, City Manager

Annie Reeves, Assistant City Manager

Naelene Matsumiya, City Clerk

Kris Erchinger, Finance Director

Scott Korbe, Public Works Director

Andre Achee, Police Chief

Dave Borg, Harbormaster

Others Present: Tim Wieland, Paul Mueller (Via Microsoft Teams)

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 20, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Monty Irvin made a motion to approve the minutes as they are.

SECOND: Dan Blair

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

5. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Monty Irvin made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda with amendments to strike Ord. 04-2020 introduction from the agenda and move the Presentation Item to 5a.

SECOND: Peter Denmark

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor Report

Dave Dickason directed everyone to his report in the packet. Stated that he did not have anything else to report.

B. Vice Mayor Report

Nothing new to report.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager and Director Reports- Jim Hunt

Jim thanked Paul Mueller and the Eastern Aleutian Tribes Clinic for all their hard work during this time.

Jim and directors reported on the following:

New Police Officer hired

Updated Tsunami Warning System

Tunnel closure for maintenance

Updates on the wells

Shotgun Cove Road Project Update

8. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

Nothing new to report

B. Port & Harbor Commission

Nothing new to report

C. Parks & Recreation Committee

The Parks and recreation committee gave an update on the trails that they have been working on this year. Stated that they are hoping for better news next year.

D. Whittier Community School

Tim Wieland reported on the following: Whittier Seafood backpack and school supplies donation, Halloween event, Spirit Week, COVID-19 case connected to the school, virtual learning for the next 2 weeks.

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. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NON-ORDINANCE)

None

11. PRESENTATIONS (Item was moved to 5a)

Paul Mueller addressed the new cases in Whittier and reminded the public of the ongoing pandemic. He commended Victor Shen and his efforts in helping students stay active during the pandemic. He answered questions for the Council.

12. ORDINANCES (1st Reading)

A. Emergency Ordinance #2020-05 – An Emergency Ordinance Renewing and Extending the City Manager's Proclamation of a Local Emergency

MOTION: Dan Blair made a motion to open the public hearing for public testimony at 7:41 pm

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

Hearing no public testimony

MOTION: Dan Blair made a motion to close the Public Testimony portion of the Public Hearing and open it up for Council Discussion

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

No Council discussion

MOTION: Dan Blair made a motion to close the public hearing and adopt Emergency Ord. #2020-05

SECOND: Monty Irvin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

Public hearing closed at 7:44pm

13. RESOLUTIONS

A. Res. #27-2020 – A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Whittier, Alaska, Amending and Reinstating the ICMA Retirement Corporation 457 Deferred Compensation Plan in Response to Change in the Internal Revenue Code

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Res. #27-2020

SECOND: Dan Blair

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

B. Res. #28-2020 – A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Whittier, Alaska, Confirming the Existence of a Water and Wastewater Enterprise Fund within the City's Accounting System for the Purpose of Recording the Financial Activities Associated with Water and Wastewater Activities of the City

MOTION: Dan Blair made a motion to adopt Res. #28-2020

SECOND: Monty Irvin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

C. Res. #29-2020 – A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Whittier, Alaska, Rescinding Resolution #30-2015 and Establishing an Investment Account with Time Value Investments for the Purpose of Managing the City's Fixed-Income Investments and Authorizing Time Value Investments to Serve as The City's Preferred Investment Firm

MOTION: Dan Blair made a motion to adopt Res. #29-2020

SECOND: Monty Irvin

DISCUSSION: Council discussed the resolution with Kris and reasons why the investment firm named in the resolution was chosen for the City. She answered other questions from the Council.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

15. NEW BUSINESS

A. Update Status of COVID Funding and Expenses

Kris gave an update on the CARES act funding. Mentioned funding from FEMA. She stated that roughly \$77,000 remains. Council discussed the topic at length. Kris answered questions.

16. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council discussed the following: Continued budget discussion, City Manager's Review, setting a 2 million General Fund Balance, Priorities, commendation on communication and AV efforts for Council Chambers.

MOTION: Peter Denmark made a motion to schedule a Special Meeting and City Manager's review for the 23 of November at 6 pm.

SECOND: Monty Irvin

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

17. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION

None

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

None


19. ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting at 8:39pm

ATTEST:



Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk



Dave Dickason
Mayor