



# THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020  
6:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dave Dickason called the meeting to order at 6:05 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, Debra Hicks, Tom Wagner, Victor Shen, and Dave Dickason

**B. Administration Present:**

Jim Hunt, City Manager  
Annie Reeves, Assistant City Manager  
Naelene Matsumiya, City Clerk,  
Kris Erchinger, Finance Director  
Andre Achee, Chief of Police  
Dave Borg, Harbormaster  
Holly Wells, City Attorney

**Others present:** Jason Ayin and Cathy McCord

**4. APPROVAL OF THE EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Victor Shen made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Agenda with amendments to move the Executive Session Item to 10a

**SECOND:** Peter Denmark

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

**5. ~~EXECUTIVE SESSION (Item was moved to 10a)~~**

**6. PRESENTATION**

## **7. RESOLUTIONS**

A. Resolution #20-2020- A Resolution of The City Council Of The City Of Whittier, Alaska authorizing the City Manager, to sign a State of Alaska Grant Agreement for Federal pass-through award of approximately \$902,340.00 under the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Coronavirus Relief Fund, and Appropriating Funds

Kris Erchinger explained the two resolutions before the Council. She stated that first resolution (Resolution 20-2020) was regarding a grant agreement with the State for Coronavirus Relief Funding that the City had received. She stated that the passing of the resolutions will indicate the City's willingness to accept the funds from the State and that she hopes to work with the City Council to find ways to allocate funds throughout the Community. She expanded and how other communities are distributing funds and explained that there are several restrictions on how to use the money. She expressed how vital it was to get funding out sooner rather than later.

She explained resolution 21-2020 as COVID relief funds through the CPV funding. She gave council ideas on ways the money could be spent ie: updating restrooms down at the Harbor and/or getting new ambulances. Council discussion ensued. Kris answered questions from the Dais.

**MOTION:** Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Res. #20-2020

**SECOND:** Debra Hicks

**DISCUSSION:** Victor asked if there was a deadline for the money to be spent. Kris responded that December 30<sup>th</sup> was the deadline.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution #21-2020- A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Whittier, Alaska, Authorizing The City Manager to Execute a grant agreement for a FY2020 Designated Legislative grant for the purpose of Mitigating the risk of COVID-19 on cruise ship passengers, in the amount of \$291,630.00 and Appropriating funds.

**MOTION:** Peter Denmark made a motion to adopt Res. #21-2020

**SECOND:** Debra Hicks

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

## **8. COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

Council discussed the following:

Whittier Community School community meeting for new school year plans

COVID-19 cases in Whittier and how the community will be notified

Status of Closure of City Offices

Whittier Seafood revised Mutual Aid Agreement

## **9. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION**

Andre Achee gave a brief update on the Barry Arm Tsunami threat. He reported he is working with NOAA to hold a public meeting on Wednesday, July 15 so that community members can ask questions and have them answered.

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

None

**10a. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Pertaining to City Investments and Insurance – Matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the City; AS 42.40.170(b)(1)

**MOTION:** Victor Shen made a motion to enter Executive Session at 6:49 pm

**SECOND:** Peter Denmark

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Council entered Executive Session at 6:49 pm

**MOTION:** Tom Wagner made a motion to exit Executive Session at 7:23 pm

**SECOND:** Debra Hicks

**DISCUSSION:** None

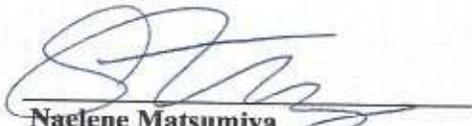
**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously.

Council exited Executive Session and resumed the Special Meeting at 7:23 pm

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

All were in favor of adjourning the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
**Naelene Matsumiya**  
City Clerk

  
**Dave Dickason**  
Mayor