

# THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL  
EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2020  
6:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING**

## MINUTES

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dave Dickason called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

### 2. OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Dave Dickason led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. ROLL CALL

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

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

Jim Hunt, City Manager  
Naelene Matsumiya, City Clerk,  
Kris Erchinger, Finance Director  
Scott Korbe, Public Works Director  
Andre Achee, Interim Chief of Police  
Holly Wells, City Attorney

**Others present:** Paul Mueller, David McCourtney, and Cathy McCord

### 4. APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

**MOTION:** Monty Irvin made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Agenda

**SECOND:** Tom Wagner

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

### 5. PROCLAMATION

A. City of Whittier, Alaska City Manager proclamation of Emergency and Emergency Order 2020-01

Jim read the Proclamation to the Council.

### 6. ORDINANCES

(Emergency Ordinance)

A. Emergency Ord. #01-2020 – An Emergency Ordinance Ratifying The City Manager’s Proclamation Of A Local Emergency And Acknowledgement Of The State-Declared Emergency Resulting From The Outbreak Of COVID-19 In Alaska; Activating The City’s Emergency Disaster Plans And Laws; And Temporarily Suspending And/Or Modifying Various Sections Of The Whittier Municipal Code And City Of Whittier Procedures Regarding Public Meetings Notice And Scheduling, Personnel, Procurement, And Code Enforcement In Order To Protect And Preserve The Health, Safety, And Welfare Of The Whittier Community During A State And Local Public Health Emergency Resulting From COVID-19

Seeing no one for public testimony, Council moved to approve

**MOTION:** Monty Irvin made a motion to approve Emergency Ordinance #01-2020.

**SECOND:** Debra Hicks

**DISCUSSION:** Jim and Holly spoke about the Ordinance and answered questions from the Dias.

**VOTE:** Passed unanimously

## 7. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution #14-2020- A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Whittier, Alaska Ratifying Temporary Emergency Operation Rules And Procedures Implemented By The City Manager In Response To The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

**MOTION:** Debra Hicks made a motion to adopt Res. #14-2020

**SECOND:** Tom Wagner

**DISCUSSION:** Jim and Holly explained the resolution to the Council. Cathy and Paul took turns explaining their company’s efforts during COVID-19 and indicated to the Council what to expect in the coming months. Council discussed the resolution further.

**VOTE:** Motion passed unanimously

## 8. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Holly apologized for not being able to attend the meeting as she is self-isolating after a trip.

## 9. CITIZEN’S DISCUSSION

None


## 10. COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION’S RESPONSE TO CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

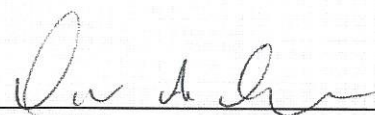
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## 11. ADJOURNMENT

All were in favor of adjourning the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Naelene Matsumiya  
City Clerk

  
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Dave Dickason  
Mayor