



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

Gateway to Western Prince William Sound

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 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: Peter Demark, Victor Shen, Debra Hicks, Monty Irvin, David Pinguoch and Dave Dickason

MOTION: Debra Hicks made a motion to excuse Tom Wagner from tonight's meeting.

SECOND: David Pinguoch

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

B. Administration Present:

Annie Reeves, Assistant City Manager

Naelene Matsumiya, City Clerk

Kristin Erchinger, Finance Director

Scott Korbe Director of Public Works

Others Present: Greg Clifford, Abi Hicks, Lavi Tuilesu, Lindsey Erk, Don Stevens, Krylain Gilmore, and Mike Bender

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 21, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: David Pinguoch made a motion to approve the minutes as they are.

SECOND: Debra Hicks

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

5. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Peter Denmark made a motion to approve the February 18, 2020 Regular Meeting Agenda

SECOND: Debra Hicks

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor Report

Dave Dickason reported on the following items: Upcoming meetings (Planning and Port and Harbor Commission meetings), Harbormaster hire, city park design, City of Whittier updated website, scheduling a Worksession, Whittier Visitor's Center, and community beautification.

B. Vice Mayor Report

Peter Denmark announced that it is great to be back in Whittier. Said his focus remains on the Policy and Procedures and code provisions. Also updated the Council that the Prince William Sound Stewardship Foundation will be holding another symposium in Whittier. Targeted dates: May 14 or 18.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager and Director Reports- Annie Reeves

Annie presented personalized t-shirts to the Whittier Community School graduating seniors from the City of Whittier.

Scott Korbe updated the Council on how much snow has been moved and the harbor transformer. Monty asked about DOT and the road by the tunnel. Scott explained.

8. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

Nothing new to report.

B. Port & Harbor Commission

Greg Clifford commented on the Ordinance that is on the agenda. He updated the Council on the Port and Harbor Policies and Procedures that Annie is working on, stated a worksession will be held with Annie and the Commission.

C. Parks & Recreation Committee

Victor Shen reported on the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting that was held tonight at 6 pm. Updated Council on the following: Alaska Trails, Volunteer days, Bear Safety Training, service hours, additional kayak launch areas, trail at Lou Young Park (working with Scott)

D. Whittier Community School

Lindsey Erk gave an update on the following: Puzzle night, Garden Club fundraiser, Art night, Skate night, Movie night, Inservice, Whittier Seafood donation, Girdwood artist, EAC meeting, Preschool night, NOAA grant, AVTEC, Climate Change Monitor Program, PSAT, Spring Break, and Graduation.

E. Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corp.

Don Stevens reported on the changing of the bylaws.

F. Regional Citizen's Advisory Council

Mike Bender reported on the Hilcorp and BP transition.

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

10. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

None

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS (NON-ORDINANCE)

None

12. PRESENTATIONS

13. ORDINANCES

Public Hearing

A. Ord. #01-2020 – An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Whittier, Alaska, amending Whittier Municipal Code 2.54.020 Section (b) to amend meeting frequency for the Port and Harbor Commission.

MOTION: David Pinguoch made a motion to open the Public Hearing for Ordinance #01-2020 at 7:51 pm

SECOND: Victor Shen

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

No Public/Council Testimony

MOTION: Peter Denmark made a motion to adopt Ordinance #01-2020 and close the Public Hearing at 7:51 pm

SECOND: David Pinguoch

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

14. RESOLUTIONS

A. Res. #02-2020 – A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Whittier, Alaska, Authorizing the Disposal by Competitive Sealed Bid, of City-owned Condominium units #1507, #1509 and #1511 located within Begich Towers with the City accepting monthly payments over a period not to exceed 120 months at an interest rate of 5.00%, at prices no less than Fair Market Value as determined by a May 2019 Property Appraisal.

Council discussed the resolution, agreed to revisit the resolution at a worksession. Original motion to adopt died.

MOTION: Peter Denmark made a motion to postpone resolution and revisit at the Worksession before the next Regular Meeting.

SECOND: David Pinguoch

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

(Clerk's note: Victor Shen recused himself from voting on resolutions: B-E. Resolutions were compiled and adopted altogether with language specifications.)

B. Res. #03-2020 – A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Whittier, Alaska, Authorizing the Competitive Fee-simple sale of the property described as Unit 104, Begich Towers Condominiums, as shown on the floor plans filed in the office of the recorder of the Anchorage Recording District, third Judicial District, State of Alaska, under Plat number W74-1, and as identified in the declaration recorded March 26, 1974, book 2, page 571, and in any Amendments Thereto, Tax Parcel ID NO. 110413, for the total amount of \$33,000.00 which is higher than Establishing Fair Market Value as Determined by a May 2019 Property Appraisal, to Vincent Lynn Shen in Accordance with Whittier Municipal Code 3.36.170.

MOTION: David Pinquoch made a motion to adopt Res. #03-2020

SECOND: Debra Hicks

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed, 5-0 (Victor Shen recused)

C. Res. #04-2020 – A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Whittier, Alaska, Authorizing the Competitive Fee-simple sale of the property described as unit #109, Begich Towers Condominiums, as shown on the floor plans filed in the office of the recorder of the Anchorage Recording District, Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, under Plat number W74-1 and as identified in the declaration recorded March 26, 1974, book 2, page 571, and in any Amendments Thereto, Tax Parcel Id NO. 110410, for the total amount of \$41,200.00, Which is higher than the Establishing Fair Market Value as Determined by a MAY 2019 Property Appraisal, to Wayne V. Shen in accordance with Whittier Municipal Code 3.36.170.

MOTION: David Pinquoch made a motion to adopt Res. #04-2020

SECOND: Debra Hicks

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed, 5-0 (Victor Shen recused)

D. Res. #05-2020- A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Whittier, Alaska, Authorizing The Competitive Fee-simple sale of The Property described unit #110, Begich Towers Condominium, as shown on the floor plans filed in the office of the recorder of the Anchorage Recording District, Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, Under Plat number W74-1, and as identified in the declaration recorded March 26, 1974, book 2, Page 571 and in any Amendments Thereto, Tax Parcel ID NO. 110412, for the total amount of \$43,200.00 which is higher than the established Fair Market Value as Determined by May 2019 Property Appraisal, to Wayne V. Shen in accordance with Whittier Municipal Code 3.36.170.

MOTION: David Pinquoch made a motion to adopt Res. #05-2020

SECOND: Debra Hicks

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed, 5-0 (Victor Shen recused)

E. Res. #06-2020 – A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Whittier, Alaska, Authorizing the Competitive Fee-simple sale of the property described as Unit. 301, Begich Towers Condominiums, as shown on the floor plans filed in the office of the recorder of the Anchorage

Recording District, Third Judicial District , State of Alaska , under plat number W74-1, and as identified in the declaration recorded March 26, 1974, book 2, page 571, and in any Amendments Thereto, Tax Parcel ID NO. 110416, for the total amount of \$47,000.00 , which is higher than the established Fair Market Value as determined by a May 2019 Property Appraisal, to HAI Han Ye in accordance with Whittier Municipal Code 3.36.170

MOTION: David Pinquoch made a motion to adopt Res. #06-2020

SECOND: Debra Hicks

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed, 5-0 (Victor Shen recused)

- F. Res. #07-2020 – A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Whittier, Alaska, Retroactively amending the 2019 budget to record expenditures of \$84,637.56 paid by the State of Alaska on behalf of the City towards The City’s Public employees retirement system liability for the period January through December, 2019, and appropriating funds.

MOTION: Victor Shen made a motion to adopt Res. #07-2020

SECOND: David Pinquoch

DISCUSSION: Kris Erchinger offered additional information

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

- G. Res. #08-2020 – A Resolution of The City Council of The City of Whittier , Alaska Consenting to the assignment of the lease agreement for Lot 7B , within The Whittier Harbor View Business Area from James and Mary Norris D/B/A MJ’s Bread and Butter Charters to Whittier Lodging, LLC, and authorizing the City Manager to execute consent documents.

Council discussed the resolution with Annie Reeves. More information was requested. Original motion to adopt died.

MOTION: Peter Denmark made a motion to postpone Res. #08-2020 indefinitely

SECOND: Debra Hicks

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

16. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Harbor Phase 3 Construction

Peter Denmark asked about the basin construction. Monty responded that the Port and Harbor Commission has got it in their crosshairs. Kris explained further.

17. NEW BUSINESS

A. Schedule Worksession to Discuss use of P-12 Disposal Funds

Council agreed to schedule a Worksession at 6pm before the next regular Council meeting.

18. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council discussed the following: Whittier Municipal Code, Policies and Procedures, the charter industry, parking, water rates, 3rd enterprise fund, self-sufficient Harbor.

19. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION

None

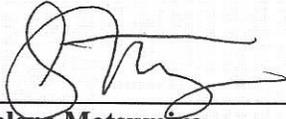
20. COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE TO CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None

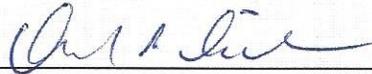
21. ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting at 9:02pm

ATTEST:



Naelene Matsumiya
City Clerk



Dave Dickason
Mayor