



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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**WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015
7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
P-12 BUILDING**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Daniel Blair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Daniel Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

A. Council Members Present: Victor Shen, Debra Hicks, Ata Ma'ae, Dave Pinguoch (telephonic), Shawni Phillips (telephonically), Dan Blair and Peter Denmark

B. Council Members Absent: None

C. Administration Present: Brenda Krol, City Clerk and Mark Lynch, City Manager

Others present: Holly Wells, Dave Schofield, and Scott Korbe.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Ata Ma'ae made a motion to approve the regular meeting agenda for tonight, November 10th 2015 as written.

SECONDED: Dave Pinguoch seconded the motion.

VOTE: Peter Denmark: Yes, Ata Ma'ae: Yes, Victor Shen: Yes, Shawni Phillips: Yes, Debra Hicks: Yes, Dan Blair: Yes.

Motion passed 6-0.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Mayor's Report by Mayor Daniel Blair

Dan Blair gave a brief verbal report.

- B. Vice Mayor Report by Vice Mayor Dave Pinguoch**
None

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. City Manager's Report- Mark Lynch

See written manager's report in original council packet.

Mark Lynch briefly went over his written report.

- **Financial Report**

See October 2015 monthly revenue and expense report in original council packet.

B. City Attorney's Report

Holly Wells gave a brief verbal report.

C. Director's Report

1. Harbor Report

2. Public Safety Report- Dave Schofield

3. Public Works Report- Scott Korbe

8. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning Commission

B. Port & Harbor Commission

C. Parks & Recreation Committee

D. PWSAC

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

10. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Liquor License Renewal – China Sea Restaurant

Mayor Dan Blair stated that the consent calendar is before the council.

Hearing no debate, the items in the consent calendar pass without objection.

9. COMMISSION REPORTS

- **Planning Commission**

- **Port and Harbor Commission**

See October 1, 2015 Port and Harbor Commission meeting minutes in original council packet.

- **Park & Recreation Committee**

None

- **PWSAC**

None

10. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

None

12. PUBLIC HEARING (NON-ORDINANCE)

None

13. PRESENTATIONS

None

14. ORDINANCES

A. Introduction (1st reading)

1. #33-2015 – An ordinance amending WMC Title 10, concerning traffic violations, fines, etc.

MOTION: Dave Pinguoch made a motion to introduce ordinance #33-2015, setting the public hearing date for the next regular council meeting on December 15th.

SECONDED: Ata Ma'ae seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

2. #34-2015- An ordinance enacting WMC Chapter 8.30 entitled, "Marijuana Regulation," and designating the Whittier City Council to serve as the City's local regulatory authority on marijuana.

MOTION: Dave Pinguoch made a motion to introduce ordinance #34-2015, setting the public hearing date for the next regular council meeting on December 15th.

SECONDED: Ata Ma'ae seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: Peter Denmark pointed out a typo on the proposed language for the code.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

In regards to Ordinance #33-2015, Peter Denmark asked Dave Schofield what is the purpose of the ordinance? Mark replied that it is required by the State. Dave Schofield added that it is a housekeeping issue. Holly Wells said that many jurisdictions across the state are facing this.

B. Public Hearing (2nd reading)

1. #32-2015 – An ordinance repealing Chapter 12.18 Entitled "Port Passenger and Commercial Vessel Passenger User Fees" and Eliminating the City of Whittier Port Passenger and Commercial Vessel Passenger User Fees.

MOTION: Peter Denmark made a motion to open the public hearing on ordinance #32-2015.

SECONDED: Ata Ma'ae seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

David Goldstein announced that the Port & Harbor Commission discussed this and there was a unanimous approval for council to pass this ordinance.

Hearing no other public comments, Mayor Dan Blair entertained a motion to close the public hearing.

MOTION: Ata Ma'ae made a motion to close the public hearing on ordinance #32-2015.

SECONDED: Peter Denmark seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Ata Ma'ae made a motion to adopt ordinance #32-2015.

SECONDED: Dave Pinguoch seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

15. RESOLUTIONS

16. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Peter Denmark stated that the PTBT Tax was approved a couple of meetings ago, which disbanded the PTBT head tax. He asked for reconsideration on the ordinance. He added that the Chamber of Commerce sent a letter asking us to reconsider that thought. Peter stated that two local businesses were heavily affected by this ordinance. Mayor Dan Blair replied that he felt sufficient notice was given, but in the future, at least 18 month notice should be given to business owners for significant changes.

Debra Hicks asked for discussion about the BTI letter of support. There was discussion on whether or not the City would provide a letter of support on behalf of the BTI to the USDA.

Dan Blair added that two USDA employees approached him and asked him to sign the letter. City Attorney, Holly Wells, advised the council that they should give the Mayor direction in this matter.

Dan Blair asked if there were any objections to him sending out the letter of support. There were none who voiced opposition.

17. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION

Karen Dempster introduced herself as the Director for the Board of BTI and she went into detail the need for the boiler and the steps the BTI went through to apply and qualify for the loan. She then answered questions from the council.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

19. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Shotgun Cove Road Project
- B. WMC Title 2 Revision
- C. ARRC/COW land swap
- D. Improve Salmon sport fishing in Northwest PWS
- E. Whittier Manor Lease
- F. Public Safety Complex

20. NEW BUSINESS


21. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Dave Pinguoch moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m.


SECONDED: Debra Hicks seconded the motion.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Attest:



Brenda Krol
City Clerk



Daniel Blair
Mayor