

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2019-60

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES FITCH AND DECLARING COUNCIL SEAT CC-B VACANT

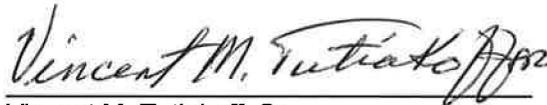
WHEREAS, Unalaska City Code Section 2.12.050(A)(3) states that the office of City Council member is vacated when the person elected resigns and the resignation is accepted by Council; and

WHEREAS, the office of City Council member becomes officially vacant upon the declaration of vacancy by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Council Member James Fitch submitted his resignation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Unalaska City Council accepts Council Member Fitch's resignation for City Council Seat CC-B and declares Council Seat CC-B vacant effective December 13, 2019.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on November 26, 2019.



Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:


Marjie Veeder, CMC
City Clerk

MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Marjie Veeder, City Clerk
Through: Erin Reinders, City Manager
Date: November 26, 2019
Re: Resolution 2019-60, accepting the resignation of Council Member James Fitch and declaring Council Seat CC-B vacant

SUMMARY: Council Member James Fitch submitted his resignation from City Council, stating his last meeting will be December 10, 2019 (copy attached). City Code states that the office is vacated when the person elected resigns, the resignation is accepted by Council, and upon the declaration of vacancy by the City Council. Adoption of Resolution 2019-60 meets the requirements contained in code to declare a vacancy.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Council has declared council seats vacant as necessary in the past, but has not acted on this particular resignation.

BACKGROUND and DISCUSSION: Vacancies on council are filled, pursuant to UCO 2.12.050(C), by the remaining council members, within 30 days of vacancy, appointing a qualified person to fill the vacancy. The appointed person will serve until the following year's regular election in October 2020. Coincidentally, the regular term for Seat B expires in October 2020. With a vacancy effective December 11, the deadline to fill the seat is January 10, 2020.

The qualifications for a person appointed to fill a vacancy are the same as qualifications for anyone who wants to declare candidacy for council: they must be a voter registered in the city who has resided in the city for no less than twelve consecutive months immediately prior to the time of submission of declaration of candidacy.

ALTERNATIVES: There are no alternatives.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None.

LEGAL: None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that Council adopt Resolution 2019-60 and direct the City Manager to assign staff to advertise the vacancy; to accept letters of interest through 5pm on January 6, 2020, from persons who desire to be appointed to Council Seat B; and to invite such interested persons to a special council meeting to be held on Thursday, January 9, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at which time council will make an appointment to fill the vacancy.

PROPOSED MOTIONS:

1. I move to adopt Resolution 2019-60.

2. I move to direct the City Manager to assign staff to advertise the vacancy of Council Seat B; to accept letters of interest through 5pm on Monday, January 6, 2020, from persons who desire to be appointed to Council Seat B; and to invite such interested persons to a special council meeting to be held on Thursday, January 9, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., at which time council will make an appointment to fill the vacancy.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: I support staff's recommendations.

Marjorie Veeder

From: Jim Fitch
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2019 3:50 PM
To: Mayor Tutiakoff; Marjorie Veeder
Subject: Council resignation

Mr. Mayor,

Marjorie,

Angela and I are going to be moving out of state in the latter part of December or the first part of January. I will need to resign my seat on the City Council. The meeting on December 10th should be my last meeting. I will be back for the November 24th meeting, weather permitting.

We have personal and health reasons for planning to move but it was not an easy decision. I have lived in Unalaska for the better part of 39 years and it is difficult to leave.

We purchased a house in Olympia Washington and had planned to move later but I have been able to get all the renovations completed while waiting for airline service to stabilize in Unalaska.

Respectfully,

Jim Fitch