

Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 12, 2019
6:30 p.m.



Unalaska City Hall
Council Chambers
43 Raven Way

Council Members

James Fitch
Darin Nicholson
David Gregory

UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL

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Dennis Robinson
Alejandro Tungul
Shari Coleman

Vincent M. Tutiakoff Sr., Mayor
Erin Reinders, City Manager

MINUTES

1. Call to order

Mayor Tutiakoff called the Regular Meeting of the Unalaska City Council to order on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 6:32 pm, in the Unalaska City council chambers.

2. Roll call

Present:

Vincent Tutiakoff, Sr., Mayor
Dennis Robinson, Vice Mayor
James Fitch
David Gregory
Shari Coleman

Absent:

Darin Nicholson (Excused)
Alejandro Tungul (Excused)

3. Pledge of allegiance

Council Member Fitch led the Pledge of Allegiance

4. Recognition of visitors

Brian Meissner, Library Project Architect

5. Adoption of agenda

No objection.

Agenda adopted by consensus.

Mayor Tutiakoff Sr. acknowledged Council Member Fitch.

6. Awards and presentations: Rowena Gulanes, 10 Year Employee Anniversary

Mayor and Council presented 10 Year Employee Anniversary plaque.

7. Approve minutes of previous meeting: November 26, 2019

Robinson made a motion to approve the November 26, 2019 meeting minutes; Fitch seconded.

No objection.

Motion passed by consensus.

8. Reports

a. City Manager

- Erin Reinders, City Manager, added the following items to the report:
 - Governor Dunleavy released his budget

- Congratulations – PCR Staff, “Team Work Award” for planning the HOA Festival
- Congratulations - Jake Whitaker, 2019 Employee of the Year

b. Financial Reports, October 2019

- Jim Sharpe, Interim Finance Director, presented his report and answered Council questions.

9. Community Input & Announcements

- City Clerk’s Office
 - Business License Renewals
 - December 24, 2019 Council Meeting – canceled
 - City Council Seat CC-B vacancy
- Travis Swangel – as a community member, informed Council that Lot 1A, Unalaska Pedestrian Pathway Subdivision, is for sale
- Frank Kelty – acknowledged Unalaska Lady Raiders Volleyball Team Second Place in State championship

10. Public testimony on agenda items

The following community members offered public testimony on the agenda item regarding the Library Improvements Project: Louisa Ortiz and Suzi Golodoff

11. Public hearing

Mayor Tutiakoff, Sr. opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2019-15.

- a. Ordinance 2019-15: Creating Budget Amendment #4 to the Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget to continue General Fund Project “Emergency Air Charter Program” per appropriation made with Emergency Ordinance 2019-13

Hearing no testimony, the Public hearing closed.

12. Work session

Robinson made a motion to adjourn to Work Session; Coleman seconded.

No objection.

Motion passed by consensus.

a. Discussion: Sustainable Fiscal Policy Concept

- Jim Sharpe, Interim Finance Director, presented a Sustainable Fiscal Policy Concept. A directive issued by Council in May prompted this research.

b. Discussion: Library Expansion Project Bids

- City Manager gave a brief overview of the Library Expansion project.
- Roger Blakeley, PCR Director, provided additional background information and later introduced Brian Meissner, Library Project Architect.
- Brian Meissner gave an update on the Library Expansion Project bids and answered Council questions.
- Public Comments given by: M. Lynne Crane, Frank Kelty, Virginia Hatfield, Albert Burnham and the City Clerk read comments provided by Christina Chamberlain, Amy Dowds and Jill Spetz

Break.

Resume at 8:21 p.m.

13. Regular agenda

a. Unfinished Business

- i. Ordinance 2019-15, 2nd Reading, Creating Budget Amendment #4 to the Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget to continue General Fund Project "Emergency Air Charter Program" per appropriation made with Emergency Ordinance 2019-13
Fitch moved to adopt Ordinance 2019-15; Robinson seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Gregory – yes; Coleman – yes; Robinson – yes; Fitch – yes.
Motion passed 4-0.

b. New Business

- i. Ordinance 2019-16: First Reading, Authorizing the City of Unalaska to join the Alaska Remote Seller Sales Tax Commission for the purpose of developing, implementing and enforcing a Remote Sellers Sales Tax Code

Robinson made a motion to move Ordinance 2019-16 to Second Reading and Public Hearing on January 14, 2020; Gregory seconded.

Public Comment/Testimony by Frank Kelty

Roll Call Vote: Robinson – yes; Coleman – yes; Gregory – yes; Fitch – yes.
Motion passed 4-0.

- ii. Ordinance 2019-17: First Reading, Creating Budget Amendment #5 to the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget, increasing the budget for the Wind Power Development Project and transfers from the general fund by \$75,000, increasing the general fund operating budget by \$280,000 for audit and other professional services in the Finance Department, and increasing the budget for the Library Improvements Project and transfers from the 1% sales tax fund by \$3,273,481

Robinson made a motion to move Ordinance 2019-17 to Second Reading and Public Hearing on January 14, 2020; Fitch seconded.

Coleman made a motion to amend Ordinance 2019-17 to strike sections I(B) and II(A) from proposed Budget Amendment #5 deleting the increase in the budget for the Library Improvements Project and Transfers from the 1% Sales Tax Fund by \$3,273,481; Fitch seconded.

Roll Call Vote on motion to amend: Coleman – yes; Fitch – no; Gregory – no; Robinson – no.

Motion failed 3-1.

Public Comment/Testimony by Frank Kelty

Roll Call Vote on main motion: Gregory – yes; Robinson – yes; Fitch – yes; Colman – yes.

Motion passed 4-0.

- iii. Resolution 2019-64: Authorizing an increase to the formula percentage guide in the Community Support Grant program to 3.5% of the average General Fund for the five most recently completed fiscal years, plus the bed tax fund for the most recently completed fiscal year

Robinson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-64; Fitch seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Gregory – yes; Robinson – yes; Fitch – yes; Coleman – yes.

Motion passed 4-0.

14. Council Directives to City Manager: None.

15. Community Input & Announcements:

Council Member Fitch shared final thoughts as Unalaska City Council Member and encouraged community involvement and participation.

16. Executive Session: Status of AIG Insurance Claim

9:08 pm Robinson made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss legal matters regarding status of AIG Insurance claim; Fitch seconded.

Executive Session held

17. Adjournment:

Robinson made a motion to adjourn meeting; Fitch seconded.

No objection.

Motion passed by consensus.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 pm.



Marjie Veeder, CMC
City Clerk



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