

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 20, 2007

The regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council was called to order by Mayor Marquardt at 7:00 p.m., March 20, 2007, in the Unalaska City Hall Council Chambers. Roll call was taken and the following members were present:

Mayor	-Shirley Marquardt
Members	-Katherine McGlashan -Juanita Lewis -Dick Peck -Rocky Caldero -D. H. "Kris" Flanagan
Absent	-Roger Rowland (excused)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Marquardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:

1. Lieutenant with the US Coast Guard
2. Representative from Alaska Maritime.
3. Michael Hubbard, Financial Engineering Company

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Hearing no revisions, Mayor Marquardt declared the agenda approved.

MINUTES: Hearing no revisions, Mayor Marquardt declared the minutes of March 13, 2007 adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Financial report for month ending February 2007 was reviewed. Discussion regarding the Alaska Fisheries Business tax; City received a large payment this past month; believe it may be due to someone paying past due taxes to the State, as well as the exceptional roe prices; this is the tax sharing program that the recent legislation in Juneau would cause Unalaska to lose revenue from.

Discussion regarding the decrease in tonnage at the landfill; report indicates a decrease of 2000 tons; this is due in part to the decrease in metals and nets; may be due to the recycling efforts of industry; wish to commend them for their efforts.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS: Library Advisory Committee minutes in the packet.

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS: None

MANAGER'S REPORT: Council reviewed Manager's report in packet. Testified in support of SB 105 which will extend the deadline for the City to apply for the \$5 million for the Boat Harbor by 5 years; the Bill has passed out of Transportation Committee and is going to Finance Committee; was notified today that we did not receive the \$14 mil for the Boat Harbor in the federal budget; will work on getting the appropriation for next year.

COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. USAFV Soup Off, Saturday, small gym.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-19:** CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF RHONDA WAYNER TO THE UNALASKA LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-21:** IN AGREEMENT WITH THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S (AML) POSITION ON PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PERS).

Hearing no objections, Mayor Marquardt declared the Consent Agenda adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. UPDATE: DRAFT 20 YEAR AIRPORT MASTER PLAN.

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Representatives from the State of Alaska, and consultants presented an update on the progress to date on the draft 20 year airport master plan; discussion included estimates for future enplanements, cargo information, and type of aircraft; will be holding a public meeting at the Grand Aleutian Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

2. PRESENTATION: POWERHOUSE PROJECT FINANCIAL PLAN

Michael Hubbard, Financial Engineering Company, gave a presentation on the Powerhouse Expansion Project – Rate Impact Analysis. Discussed bonding for the project, rates, construction costs, and number of engines. This issue will be brought back to Council at the next meeting with recommendations from Administration.

3. PRESENTATION: TRAMPER SALICA FRIGO INCIDENT FOLLOW UP.

Mayor Marquardt reported that representatives from ADEC, USCG, Nuka Research, tug and barge companies, marine pilots, and City have met as a working group regarding the Trumper Salica Frigo incident last week, in which the trumper almost went aground on Hog Island due to malfunctioning engines. The working group is meeting to address preparations for emergency response in Unalaska in the event of another incident like this. Discussed the creation of a defense plan to protect the near shore waters, and a strategy to deal with defenseless vessels. Group has three immediate goals; protect our local assets with training; provide equipment for emergency response, and research ways to affect behavior of vessels that call to our port; the plan will be developed and presented to Council; a budget amendment for emergency equipment may be presented at next meeting

Council discussion regarding research on the legal issues that may affect the City with this plan; thank you to Mayor Marquardt for getting this started; it is critical to the community.

COUNCIL DIRECTIVES: None

COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

Mayor Marquardt adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.



Debra K. Mack
City Clerk

APPROVED
4/10/07