

CITY OF UNALASKA  
UNALASKA, ALASKA  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 27, 2007

The regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council was called to order by Mayor Marquardt at 7:00 p.m., November 27, 2007, in the Unalaska City Hall Council Chambers. Roll call was taken and the following members were present:

Mayor	-Shirley Marquardt
Members	-Juanita Lewis -Roger Rowland -Richard Peck -Dave Gregory
Absent	-Katherine McGlashan (excused)

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

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

1. Tim Altman, Altman, Rogers & Co., City of Unalaska auditors.
2. Brooks Chandler, City Attorney.
3. Karol Khomanien and Gabrielle LaRouche, Aleutians West CRSA.
4. Council Member Rowland's mother.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Added to New Business:

1. Council travel authorization to NPFMC meeting in Anchorage.
2. City comments to NPFMC regarding request from Adak.

Mayor Marquardt declared agenda approved as revised.

**MINUTES:** Hearing no revisions, Mayor Marquardt declared the minutes November 13, 2007 adopted.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** October financial report was included in the packet.

**BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:** None

**AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS:** City will host a Farewell party for Assistant City Manager Aimee Kniazowski at the Grand Aleutian Hotel this Friday from 7-9 pm.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Council reviewed the City Manager's report in the packet.

**COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Thank you to Department of Public Works for the awesome sidewalk at the Community Center.
2. KSKA radio station will have an outage to replace the satellite disc on Channel 8.
3. School volleyball tournament this week; please buy a raffle ticket to support the activity fund at the school; please support the volleyball teams.
4. USAFV Christmas raffle is going on.
5. PCR will practice for the volleyball teams.
6. Firemen's Ball, this Saturday at the Grand Aleutian; shows appreciation for volunteers.
7. Community Choir concert, Tuesday at the Methodist Church.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Thank you for adding the comments to the NPFMC on the Adak fishing request to the agenda; encourage Council to approve travel and to speak on this issue, issue involves potential loss of revenue to this community; speak in opposition to that.

**LEGISLATIVE:**

1. **OATH OF OFFICE:** COUNCIL SEAT CC-D.

Debra K. Mack, City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Dave Gregory.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-57:** APPOINTING A MEMBER TO UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL SEAT CC-B.

Due to Rocky Caldero's resignation, there is a vacant seat, the term which expires October 2008; six candidates have submitted letters of interest for the vacant Council Seat CC-B, and they are Chris Bobbitt, Joanna Aldridge, Randall Baker, Earl Southworth, Kris Flanagan, and Zoya Johnson. Each candidate was given an opportunity to make a statement to Council.

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Rowland move to adopt Resolution No. 2007-57, Peck second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion that appointing a member to the Council is very challenging; have to look at the community's best interest not an individual interest; not a popularity contest.

AMENDMENT: Lewis move to amend Resolution No. 2007-57 to insert D.H. "Kris" Flanagan's name in the blank, Rowland second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion did struggle with this decision; as a Council, have an obligation to move forward in the best manner; Kris Flanagan is the candidate that has the experience and knowledge; all candidates will do well; momentum that the Council needs to keep is to find the best candidate for the position.

Council discussion concur with Council Member Lewis; this is not an easy decision; personally know all candidates; not a popularity contest; am interested in fisheries and so is Mr. Flanagan; in agreement that Mr. Flanagan's experience is very valuable to the Council; encourage candidates who will not be chosen to continue quest for public service.

VOTE: AYES-3, NAYS-1. Motion fails 3-1.

AMENDMENT: Peck move to amend Resolution No. 2007-57 to insert Chris Bobbitt's name in the blank. Motion dies due to lack of second.

AMENDMENT: Rowland move to amend Resolution No. 2007-57 to insert Zoya Johnson's name in the blank. Motion dies due to lack of second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion have an obligation to the community to continue to move forward with the goals and projects that Council set; need people that have the knowledge and experience to help Council continue to move forward; ask for reconsideration of Kris Flanagan.

Peck move to reconsider the motion at the next Council meeting when the full legislative body is present, Rowland second. Motion withdrawn with second's concurrence.

Peck move to postpone Resolution No. 2007-57 until December 11, 2007 meeting when a full legislative body is present. Motion dies due to lack of second.

Lewis move to postpone Resolution No. 2007-57 until next week, date to be determine by City Clerk, Peck second.

DISCUSSION: Debra Mack, City Clerk, clarified that Council has until December 13<sup>th</sup> to appoint; will confirm Council Member schedules for the special meeting next week.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 2007-13:** CREATING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE FY08 BUDGET FOR THE PCB CLEAN-UP PROJECT.

Mayor Marquardt opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2007-13.  
Mayor Marquardt closed the public hearing. No public testimony.

**ADJOURN TO WORK SESSION:**

Rowland move to adjourn into a work session at 7:18 pm, Lewis second. Unanimous vote.  
Items discussed in work session:

1. **ALEUTIANS WEST CRSA:** EVALUATION OF MITIGATION OPPORTUNITIES.
2. **CITY OF UNALASKA FY07 AUDITED FINANCIAL REPORT:** ALTMAN, ROGERS & CO.
3. **FY09 GRANT IN AID PROCESS.**
4. **COMMUNITY ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

Reconvened to regular session at 8:37 pm.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-59:** CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF JAIME ROBINSON TO THE UNALASKA HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2006-60:** APPROVING THE FY07 AUDITED COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (CAFR) OF THE CITY OF UNALASKA.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Marquardt declared the Consent Agenda adopted

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 2007-13: SECOND READING:** CREATING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE FY08 BUDGET FOR THE PCB CLEAN-UP PROJECT.

Rowland move to adopt Ordinance No. 2007-13, Peck second.

DISCUSSION: This budget amendment is necessary due to the PCB cleanup at the Powerhouse site has become larger than previously estimated.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-58:** AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF THE FY09 COMMUNITY SUPPORT COMMITTEE, AND CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE.

Peck move to adopt Resolution No. 2007-58, Rowland second.

DISCUSSION: Committee is comprised of Mayor, Nancy Peterson, and member of the public; will advertise for the public at large member.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

2. **ANNUAL LEGAL REPORT:** BROOKS CHANDLER, CITY ATTORNEY.

Brooks Chandler, City Attorney, reported on the FY07 legal year in review; reviewed the areas that legal assistance was provided to the City of Unalaska.

3. **COMMENTS TO THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL:**

Council reviewed a draft letter to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council which outlines the City's concerns regarding the request from Adak for a permit to become an AFA inshore Pollock processor. This request is up for final action at the upcoming December NPFMC meeting.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY. Sinclair Wilt, Alyeska Seafoods, urged Council to submit letter and testify against this request; believe Adak Fisheries is trying to push something through; NPFMC needs to have analysis and justification on this issue; this is taking fish from this community, and will hurt the economy of the area; urge Council to oppose this application.

Council discussion that we should address in the letter that we have a reduced biomass; not the time to have more processors; in agreement with the letter; should have all Council members sign letter; Council gave unanimous support for submitting the letter.

4. **COUNCIL TRAVEL:** NPFMC December 2007 meeting.

Council reviewed the issues before the NPFMC that are of interest to Unalaska; this upcoming meeting is important to Unalaska.

Peck move to authorized Mayor and any interested Council Members to attend the NPFMC meeting, Gregory second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: AYE-2, NAY-2. Motion fails 2-2.

Peck move to authorize Roger Rowland to attend the NPFMC meeting, Gregory second.

DISCUSSION: Roger stated why he wanted to attend the meeting.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Aleutians West CRSA meeting, Thursday, 6 pm at the Library.
2. Update given on crab fisheries.
3. Thank you to candidates who submitted letters of interest for the vacant seat.
4. Work session tomorrow 6 pm at the Library to discuss an ethics policy and open meetings act.

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** UPDATE ON UNION NEGOTIATIONS

Lewis move to adjourn into executive session at 9:21 pm for an update on Union negotiations, Gregory second.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Meeting reconvened to regular session at 10:12 pm.

**COUNCIL DIRECTIVES:**

**TITLE 3 EMPLOYEES:**

Lewis move to authorize all Title 3 employees to receive a 3% merit increase, retroactive to July 1, 2007, Rowland second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion that we still have major concerns about benefits, but did not want to tie up Title 3 employees any longer; intent was not to punish or hold back Title 3 employees, but to stop and take a look at union negotiations.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**PERS AND INSURANCE**

Lewis move to direct City Manager to prepare for a work session on PERS and Insurance, date to be decided later, Peck second.

**PERS AND INSURANCE – CONT:**

DISCUSSION: Council discussion that it is very important that we get a handle on these issues; realize that PERS is largely out of our control; have to address soaring costs.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

**TITLE 4 – ELECTIONS**

Peck move to direct the City Manager to bring an amendment to UCO Title 4 Elections per the attorney's recommendations, Gregory second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion in agreement with Brooks Chandler's recommendations; if a contest ever happens again, this process will be in place.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

**UNION NEGOTIATIONS:**

Rowland move to direct the City Manager to proceed with union negotiations as discussed in executive session, Lewis second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

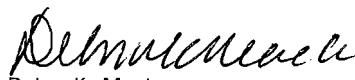
**STRATEGIC PLANNING:**

Peck move to direct the City Manager to arrange for strategic planning with Bill Dann before setting the FY09 council goals, Lewis second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion that it's important that we talk about strategic planning before the Council sets goals for the FY09 operating budget.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

Mayor Marquardt adjourned the meeting at 10:19 p.m.



Debra K. Mack  
City Clerk

