

CITY OF UNALASKA  
UNALASKA, ALASKA  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 18, 2007

The regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council was called to order by Council Member McGlashan at 7:00 p.m., December 18, 2007, in the Unalaska City Hall Council Chambers. Roll call was taken and the following members were present:

Members  
-Dick Peck  
-Zoya Johnson  
-Katherine McGlashan  
-Juanita Lewis  
-Roger Rowland  
-Dave Gregory

Absent  
-Mayor Marquardt (excused)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council Member McGlashan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MAYOR PRO TEM:**

Rowland move to appoint Council Member McGlashan as Mayor Pro Tem, Lewis second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Hearing no revisions, Mayor Pro Tem McGlashan declared the agenda adopted.

**MINUTES:** Hearing no revisions, Mayor Pro Tem McGlashan declared the minutes of November 27, 2007, and December 3, 2007 adopted.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Council reviewed the financial report for month ending November 2007. Council discussion regarding why the Electric Fund is showing a \$300K loss, staff is researching this issue; Airport Fund – construction in progress is still active due to the fuel tank project not being closed out yet; \$2.8 was transferred to the Housing Fund in error and is being corrected; notes from prior reports still on the report.

**BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:** Planning Commission and Library Advisory Committee minutes are in packet.

**AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS:** None

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Chris Hladick, City Manager, reported that a full report will be given in January; developing a contract for an interim Planner; should have one by the middle of January.

**COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Thank you to Dan Masoni and Council Member Gregory for organizing the Remembrance Ceremony.
2. Mayor has appointed Erin Enlow to the Non-Profit review committee as the public at large representative.
3. Dennis Robinson addressed the Council regarding a proposal to implement a tax on processed fish; requesting the Council to task the City Manager and staff to investigate amendments to the City Code to tax the processed fish that leaves our community instead of a tax on raw fish tax. Council discussion regarding looking at the tax revenue over the years, how we would keep it balanced without being sued.
4. Farewell to Sidney Johnson, Fire Chief, and welcome to Jamie Sunderland as new Director of Public Safety.
5. Recognize the School District for participation in the Remembrance Ceremony.
6. Recognize Pam Gilman for 20 years with the City as Public Safety dispatcher; please congratulate her.
7. Roger Deffendall has been named Firefighter of the Month.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

Peck move to adjourn into a work session at 7:28 p.m., Johnson second. Unanimous vote. Items discussed in work session include:

1. **FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**
2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-62:** APPROVING THE REVISED AUTHORIZED ROLLING STOCK LIST.
3. **QUARTERLY UPDATE:** DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Meeting reconvened to regular session at 9:00 pm.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

1 **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-61:** ESTABLISHING DATES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009 REAL PROPERTY TAX AND BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION EFFORT.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Pro Tem McGlashan declared the Consent Agenda adopted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-62:** APPROVING THE REVISED AUTHORIZED ROLLING STOCK LIST.

Lewis move to adopt Resolution No. 2007-62, Peck second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: ROWLAND-AYE, GREGORY-AYE, LEWIS-AYE, JOHNSON-AYE, PECK-AYE, MCGLASHAN-AYE. Motion passes 6-0.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-63:** FORMING THE COMMUNITY ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE AND CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE.

Rowland move to adopt Resolution No. 2007-63, Gregory second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion regarding additional applications that have been received; Don Graves and Sirahna Graves also submitted applications; Mayor Marquardt has submitted seven names for confirmation.

AMENDMENT: Lewis move to amend Resolution No. 2007-63 to also appoint Don Graves and Sirahna Graves to the committee and to change the report due date to Council to February 12, 2008, Peck second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: ROWLAND-AYE, JOHNSON-AYE, MCGLASHAN-AYE, GREGORY-AYE, LEWIS-AYE, PECK-AYE. Motion passes 6-0.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion regarding staff time for working with the committee; the committee will most likely do its work after normal working hours.

AMENDMENT: Rowland move to amend Resolution No. 2007-63 to amend the term of the appointees to coincide with the presentation to Council, Johnson second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: UNANIMOUS.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED: UNANIMOUS.

3. **LIQUOR LICENSES:** ANNUAL REVIEW

DISCUSSION: This is a housekeeping item that Council reviews every year; management recommends that Council not file any protests at this time.

Peck move to direct the City Clerk to notify the ABC Board that no protests will be filed this year, Johnson second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

4. **MAYOR/COUNCIL TRAVEL:** ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE, JANUARY 22-24, 2008  
SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE, JANUARY 31 – FEB. 1, 2008

Rowland move to approve Mayor Marquardt to attend both AML and SWAMC conferences, authorize Council Member Peck to attend AML conference, and authorize Council Member Johnson and Gregory to attend SWAMC conference, Lewis second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

5. **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-64:** SUMMARIZING THE CITY OF UNALASKA'S POSITION OF PERS/TRS WITH THE STATE BEARING 85% OF THE UNFUNDED PERS PAST SERVICE COST LIABILITY, AND ALL PERS EMPLOYERS PAYING 15%, WITH THE STATE PERMANENTLY PAYING ALL PAST SERVICE COSTS RELATED TO THE TRS.

Lewis move to adopt Resolution No. 2007-64, Gregory second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion that this is the position that is being advocated and lobbied for by AML, with this resolution, we are concurring with AML; in favor of resolution; the City has up to \$11 million in unfunded liability; this unfunded liability is why all cities are in support of this stand; most employees in PERS are state employees; this is a huge issue across the state; new rates are being proposed for next year; Kodiak has actually starting putting money into a fund with the assumption they will have to pay the liability someday.

VOTE: PECK-AYE, GREGORY-AYE, LEWIS-AYE, MCGLASHAN-AYE, JOHNSON-AYE, ROWLAND-AYE. Motion passes 6-0.

6. **FISHERIES UPDATE**

Council Member Rowland gave an update on the recent NPFMC meeting held in Anchorage; Adak proposal was not adopted; adopted a different plan for crab stocks; Pollock quota reduced by 28% for next year. Tom Enlow was reappointed to the NPFMC Advisory Panel. City will be doing research on what the quota reduction will do to revenue; some fishermen are saying they will not fish B season Pollack as they can't afford it, as they have to run up north to fish, and also due to salmon by catch; by catch is also becoming a huge issue to the Pollock fishery.

**COUNCIL DIRECTIVES:**

1. **PROPOSAL FROM DENNIS ROBINSON:**

Rowland move to direct the City Manager to investigate the proposal by Mr. Robinson regarding changing the tax code, Peck second

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: ROWLAND-AYE, GREGORY-AYE, MCGLASHAN-AYE, LEWIS-AYE, PECK-AYE, JOHNSON-AYE. Motion passes 6-0.

2. **STRATEGIC PLANNING SCHEDULE:**

Peck move to direct the City Manager to provide Council with a schedule for strategic planning within 30 days, Rowland second.

DISCUSSION: City Manager has been talking to Bill Dann regarding strategic planning; if Council wants to do strategic planning only, can do in January.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

3. **FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY PLAN:**

Johnson move to direct the City Manager to proceed with the financial sustainability plan as presented to include community input, Rowland second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion against the motion because there is not really good strategic planning; will vote no on the motion; want the concept but not today.

Council discussion when looking at the presentation's flow chart, the first part is just structuring the process; will vote in favor of motion; the financial plan and strategic planning will run in conjunction; this is a long process, strategic planning will be in advance.

VOTE: LEWIS-AYE, ROWLAND-AYE, PECK-NAY, MCGLASHAN-AYE, GREGORY-AYE, JOHNSON -AYE. Motion passes 5-1.

4. **TITLE 3 NON-DIRECTOR EMPLOYEE STUDY**

Peck move to direct the City Manager to schedule the Title 3 non-director employee report for discussion at the next meeting, Gregory second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: AYES- 5, NAYS-1. Motion passes 5-1.

**COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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1. Citizens encouraged to watch out for the snowplows on the roads; thank you to the roads and equipment maintenance crews for the good job.
2. Chocolate Extravaganza fund raiser at the Museum December 28, 2007.
3. Thank you to Council for considering tax proposal. Council appreciates Mr. Robinson for bringing it forward.

**COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

4. Council sends a thank you to all volunteers, fire, EMS, PCR, Clerk's, Mr. Hladick, all city departments; appreciate you very much; wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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

Lewis move to adjourn into executive session at 9:35 pm to discuss update on union negotiations, Gregory second. Meeting reconvened to regular session at 10:05 p.m. No action taken in executive session.

MOTION: Lewis move to direct the City Manager to continue union negotiations as directed in executive session, Peck second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Mayor Pro Tem McGlashan adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.



Debra K. Mack  
City Clerk

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