

CITY OF UNALASKA  
UNALASKA, ALASKA  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 25, 2008

The regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council was called to order by Mayor Shirley Marquardt at 7:04 p.m., November 25, 2008, in the Unalaska City Hall Council Chambers. Roll call was taken and the following members were present:

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| Mayor   | -Shirley Marquardt                                                                                                    |
| Members | -Katherine McGlashan<br>-Dick Peck<br>-Dennis Robinson<br>-Roger Rowland<br>-Earl "Skip" Southworth<br>-David Gregory |
| Absent  | -None                                                                                                                 |

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

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:**

1. Todd Bethart, HDR Alaska, Inc.

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

**MINUTES:** Hearing no revisions, Mayor Marquardt declared the minutes of November 7, 2008 regular meeting adopted.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** October financial report in packet; discussion regarding meeting with the Manager on Utility Department issues; satisfied with the discussion.

**BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:** Parks, Culture and Recreation Advisory Committee minutes in packet.

**AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS:** None

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** City Manager's report included in packet; council discussion regarding the water rate study, which is anticipated to be complete in December; inquiry about the smoking ban ordinance; discussion regarding the recent announcement that there will not be a Governor's capital budget this year.

**COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Sang Happy Birthday to Debra Mack, City Clerk.
2. PCR Open House on December 4, 2008; Facility expansion plans and new brochure will be introduced.
3. Annual Turkey Trot, Wednesday, 5: 30 p.m., if wind is not blowing too hard.
4. Arts & Craft Fair, Saturday, November 29, 2008, 3 – 7:30, School gym.
5. Sirahna Graves will represent youth and attend the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of statehood celebration in Anchorage. She has also been invited to attend the Presidential Inaugural ceremonies in Washington DC.
6. Annual Fireman's Ball, Saturday, December 6, 2008.
7. Friends of the Wildlife Refuge will speak at the Museum Friday at 7:00 pm.
8. Unalaska Diver's Assoc. will do their annual dive Thursday morning at 8:30.
9. New gates at the runway can lock you inside the gates.
10. The Museum of Alaska and Alaska Historical Society will hold their annual museum meetings in Unalaska this year.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**WORK SESSION:** Peck move to adjourn to a work session at 7:18 pm, Southworth second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Items discussed in the work session:

1. **TRIP REPORT – COUNCIL MEMBER ROWLAND:** SHELL OIL TRIP – HOUSTON AND GULF OF MEXICO.
2. **WATER TREATMENT PHASE I ANALYSIS:**
3. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-23:** AMENDING CHAPTERS 8.06, 8.12, 11.20 AND TITLE 17 OF THE UNALASKA CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REGULATE THE LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF WIND GENERATORS.

Meeting reconvened to regular session at 9:30 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-75:** AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION IN A RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC CONNECTION ON LOT 3, BLOCK 8, HAYSTACK HILL SUBDIVISION, OWNED BY BILL & LYNNETTE GUITARD, PER RESOLUTION NO. 2008-40.
2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-76:** FORMING THE ALASKA STATEHOOD 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE AND CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE.

**CONSENT AGENDA – CONT:**

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-78:** CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SIRHANA GRAVES AS STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ON THE PARKS, CULTURE & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-79:** AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GEOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGIES GROUP TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GIS STRATEGIC PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44, 500.

Peck move to adopt Resolution No. 2008-79, Rowland second.

DISCUSSION: Chris Hladick, City Manager, discussed the GIS project; have a good consultant lined up and are ready to move forward developing the plan; discussion that the proposals list numerous entities that they have worked for.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-80:** AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH R&M CONSULTANTS, INC. TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE POWERHOUSE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,094,715.

Peck move to adopt Resolution No. 2008-80, McGlashan second.

DISCUSSION: Chris Hladick, City Manager, explained that the City went out with RFP and received no responses; recruited R&M Consultants to represent the City during construction of the project; Regan Engineering will not be involved in this project; very comfortable with R&M Consultants; typically CEI services are 10-12% of project cost; this contract is 8%; they are an Alaskan firm, and will do a good job; with separate CEI services, will get a better product.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

3. **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-23: FIRST READING**: AMENDING CHAPTERS 8.06, 8.12, 11.20 AND TITLE 17 OF THE UNALASKA CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REGULATE THE LOCATION, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF WIND GENERATORS.

Rowland move to schedule Ordinance No. 2008-23 for second reading and public hearing on December 16, 2008, Southworth second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion thanking the Planning Commission and public for all the work on this issue; concerned about the noise issue; will follow up with Attorney Brooks Chandler and prepare proposed amendments; concern regarding ambient noise under commercial generation definition, should seriously consider adding "cumulative" capacity.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-77:** AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF THE FY10 COMMUNITY SUPPORT COMMITTEE, AND CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE.

Peck move to adopt Resolution No. 2008-77, Rowland second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion would like to see this be a larger committee; asking for council support for 6 members - 2 council and 4 public members; will not support resolution as written; want to encourage more public participation; do support a larger committee.

Mayor Marquardt explained that the previous year's committees have been a mixture of things with non-profits; previous committees addressed funding levels for other non-profits; created confusion and frustration; changed to a smaller committee; the last four years, smaller committees have gone through applications for completeness, completed the matrix, and submitted information to council.

Discussion appreciate information; the discussion last year was to have more community input; when new non-profits come forward, how will we fund; Council makes policy regarding who and what to fund; discussion advocating leaving the way it currently is; it falls on Council's shoulders to make funding decisions; advocate leaving the committee small.

Discussion that Council makes policy and monetary decisions; maybe there are people who want to help; committee does a valuable service; if more people are interested in reviewing proposals, we should allow it; it worked earlier; committee should not deal with funding levels; should do technical review and summarize so council can make decisions; need a policy for capital requests.

Council discussion that this is an opportunity to participate in the process; committee should not set funding levels; all applicants are on an even playing field and considered new each year; everyone has a chance to go through the process; in support of resolution.

4. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-77 – CONT:**

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: non-profits are very lucky to be in a community that funds them; the process works well these past years; remember from larger committees, council didn't always take recommendations; the large committee meetings were arduous and at times contentious.

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AMENDMENT: Peck move to amend Resolution No. 2008-77 to expand the committee to max of 3-7, with same activities of last year; Gregory second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: UNANIMOUS

AMENDMENT: Robinson move to postpone Resolution No. 2008-77 until names are identified. Motion withdrawn due to time limits of the committee's work.

DISCUSSION: Mayor will forward the names to Council when identified. Council would like to see draft policy of process for new applicants.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED: UNANIMOUS.

**5. FISHERIES UPDATE & NPFMC ISSUES**

Frank Kelty, Resource Analyst, reviewed fisheries issues that are scheduled to be addressed at the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council meetings in Anchorage the week of December, 3, 2008. Council discussion on the allocation split between the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands and the rationalization plan.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: As a business owner, crab rationalization hit hard; never had anyone call to ask about the effects; hit us hard; we were able to diversify; a lot of businesses have closed, cabs, entertainment; can't argue that it hasn't changed us; concerned about further rationalization of other species; Unalaska had a 2 year moratorium due to the oil spill; looking forward, can we slow down the process; see benefits of the program; in future, have to be careful.

Council discussion that the Mayor and all Council members should sign the letter regarding crab rationalizations.

Five Council Members in support and one opposed to allow Frank Kelty, Resource Analyst, to provide testimony and send letter regarding crab rationalization, and to testify about the cod split.

**6. MAYOR/COUNCIL TRAVEL: SOUTHWEST ALASKA MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE (SWAMC) – January 29-30, 2009 – Anchorage.**

Peck move to authorize Mayor Marquardt and Council Members Southworth and Gregory to attend the SWAMC conference, McGlashan second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Peck move to authorize Mayor Marquardt and Council Member McGlashan to attend the AML Legislative meeting January 26-28, 2009, Southworth second.

DISCUSSION: None

UNANIMOUS

MOTION: McGlashan move to suspend the rules to extend the meeting past 11:00 p.m., Rowland second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: PSEA ARBITRATION DECISION.**

Southworth to move to adjourn into executive session at 10:50 p.m. to discuss the PSEA arbitration decision, Peck second. UNANIMOUS VOTE. Meeting reconvened to regular session at 11:35 p.m. No action taken in executive session.

**MOTION**: McGlashan move to accept the arbitrator's findings except for wages, which the Council will fund at 3% merit increases per year of the contract, Rowland second.

DISCUSSION: For the Record: Robinson stated he was against the motion, and supports funding the arbitrator's ruling.

For the Record: Southworth stated agreement with Robinson; against the motion and should fund the arbitrator's ruling.

For the Record: Rowland stated he was not in favor of funding the arbitrator's decision as Council has made the decision to fund other contracts at 3% and continuing to fund insurance; should be consistent with all employees; our fiduciary responsibility is to the whole community; council has taken steps to lower cost of living for entire community.

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: PSEA ARBITRATION DECISION.**

For the Record: Peck stated that it was time to be realistic and control expenses; effectively they have been paid a 21% increase when benefits are factored in; we pay for all benefit costs.

For the Record: Gregory stated it's important to have consistency in contracts; 3% merit was fair.

For the Record: McGlashan stated that we have bargained in good faith; listened to them, and gave them a chance to be realistic; 3% was fair and consistent with other contracts.

VOTE: ROWLAND-AYE, PECK-AYE, GREGORY-AYE, SOUTHWORTH-NAY, MCGLASHAN-AYE, ROBINSON-NAY. Motion passes 4-2.

**COUNCIL DIRECTIVES:**

**1. WAGE AND COMPENSATION STUDY**

Peck move to direct the City Manager to begin process to bring back a funding proposal for a wage and compensation study, McGlashan second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**2. SMOKING BAN ORDINANCE**

Peck move to direct the City Manager to schedule the smoking ban ordinance for the December 16, 2008 meeting, McGlashan second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: UNANIMOUS.

**COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

Mayor Marquardt adjourned the meeting at 11:45 pm.

Debra K. Mack  
City Clerk