

CITY OF UNALASKA  
UNALASKA, ALASKA  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 23, 2009

The regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council was called to order by Council Member McGlashan at 7:05 p.m., June 23, 2009, in the Unalaska City Hall Council Chambers. Roll call was taken and the following members were present:

Members	-Dennis Robinson -Katherine McGlashan -David Gregory -Dick Peck -Earl "Skip" Southworth
Absent	-Roger Rowland-excused -Mayor Shirley Marquardt-excused

**MAYOR PRO TEM**

Peck move to appoint Council Member McGlashan as Mayor Pro Tem, Southworth second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Pro Tem McGlashan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:** IK Icard, Kodiak Kenai Cable Company.

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

**MINUTES:** Hearing no revisions, Mayor Pro Tem McGlashan declared the minutes of June 9, 2009 adopted.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** May financial report in packet.

**BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS:** Planning Commission minutes and Parks, Culture, & Recreation Advisory Committee minutes were included in packet.

**AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS:** None

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Chris Hladick, City Manager, updated Council on the airport roof; received 3 bids; lowest bid was \$60,000; working with contractor to reduce costs on this project.

**COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade; hoping there are lots of floats; if any questions, call PCR.
2. Landfill will accept hazardous chemicals this weekend
3. Next Council meeting will be Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> due to Council travel.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 2009-12:** AMENDING THE PORT OF DUTCH HARBOR UNALASKA MARINE CENTER TERMINAL TARIFF.

Mayor Pro Tem McGlashan opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2009-12.  
Mayor Pro Tem McGlashan closed the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2009-12. No public testimony.

2. **ORDINANCE NO. 2009-13:** AMENDING THE SCHEDULES OF FEES AND CHARGES - PORT OF DUTCH HARBOR FEES.

Mayor Pro Tem McGlashan opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2009-13.  
Mayor Pro Tem McGlashan closed the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2009-13. No public testimony.

**WORK SESSION:** Southworth move to adjourn to work session at 7:10 p.m., Peck second. Unanimous vote. Meeting reconvened to regular session at 8: 29 p.m. Items discussed in the work session.

1. **PCR WELLNESS PROGRAM.**
2. **UV LIGHT OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE / HYDROELECTRIC GENERATION COSTS.**
3. **KODIAK KENAI CABLE COMPANY-NORTHERN FIBER OPTIC LINK PROJECT.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-35:** AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2008-39 WHICH DEFINES THE CITY'S POLICY ON PARTICIPATION IN FUNDING OF WATER AND SEWER UTILITY EXTENSION COSTS.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-36:** WHICH DEFINES THE CITY'S POLICY ON PARTICIPATION IN FUNDING OF ELECTRIC UTILITY EXTENSION COSTS.

Resolution No's 2009-40, and 2009-41 were moved to New Business.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Pro Tem McGlashan declared the consent agenda adopted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 2009-12: SECOND READING:** AMENDING THE PORT OF DUTCH HARBOR UNALASKA MARINE CENTER TERMINAL TARIFF.

Peck move to adopt Ordinance 2009-12, Gregory second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion opposes this ordinance; cannot see the financial need to increase rates.

Council discussion support rate increase; tariff fees have not been not been adjusted in over 10 years; 4.8 increase is not a great impact for users of this facility.

Council discussion support this increase; this past year we have raised other rates; believe these adjustments are needed to cover cost of the facility.

Council discussion cannot support this increase; believe cost should go down; this enterprise fund can attract new business; dock was built for containerized cargo.

Council discussion oppose this increase; believe we should be more competitive; City dock is for staging containers; keeping rates competitive will bring revenues up; need to look at more creative ways to promote use of dock.

Tonya Miller, Finance Director, explained that \$13 million in the General Fund is not available; these monies have been designated to other projects.

VOTE: SOUTHWORTH-NAY, MCGLASHAN-AYE, ROBINSON-NAY, PECK-NAY, GREGORY-AYE. Motion fails 3-2.

2. **ORDINANCE NO. 2009-13: SECOND READING:** AMENDING THE SCHEDULES OF FEES AND CHARGES - PORT OF DUTCH HARBOR FEES.

Peck move to adopt Ordinance 2009-13, McGlashan second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion not in favor of rate increases; believe we should look at all avenues.

Council discussion supports this ordinance; this is minimal increase; believe these adjustments to the fee schedule are needed.

Council discussion small boat owners have expressed concerns with these increases; believe we should reconsider looking at these increases at a later time; not in favor of these increases.

Council discussion in favor of this ordinance; we have raised other rates this year; cannot go back to past council's decision's; these increases are needed to keep up with inflation.

Council discussion not in favor of raising rates to 4.8 for the next 3 years; believe we do not need this increase.

VOTE: ROBINSON-NAY, PECK-NAY, SOUTHWORTH-NAY, GREGORY-AYE, MCGLASHAN-AYE. Motion fails 3-2.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-34:** AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NORTHERN MECHANICAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WATER SYSTEM FLUSHING PROGRAM – BLOW-OFF PIPES AND END-OF-DISTRIBUTION MONITORING FACILITY PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$593,000.

Robinson move to adopt Resolution No. 2009-34, Peck second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion supports this ordinance; believe this water system flushing project will improve the quality of water.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-37**: AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH HOFFMAN, SILVER, GILMAN & BLASCO FOR LOBBYING SERVICES.

Southworth move to adopt Resolution No. 2009-37, McGlashan second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion that Mr. Gilman has been the City's lobbyist for 16 years; he is very efficient and knowledgeable about Unalaska and works hard for us on federal issues.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-38**: AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH GILLESPIE AND ASSOCIATES FOR LOBBYING SERVICES.

Peck move to adopt Resolution No. 2009-38, Southworth second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

4. **ORDINANCE NO. 2009-14**: AMENDING UNALASKA CITY CODE TITLE 2-COMBINING THE DIVISIONS OF FIRE AND EMS.

Gregory move to schedule Ordinance No. 2009-14 for public hearing and second reading on July 28, 2009, Southworth second.

DISCUSSION: None

Jaime Sunderland, Public Safety Director, explained that these changes are to update Title 2 in order to reflect the actual duties and operations of the Unalaska Department of Public Safety; primary change is to combine the division of EMS into the Division of Fire and EMS.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

5. **ORDINANCE NO. 2009-15**: AMENDING SECTION 3.40.40 OF THE UNALASKA CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CHANGE THE PAY RANGE MATRIX TO ADOPT A GENERAL COST OF LIVING.

Southworth move to schedule Ordinance No. 2009-15 for public hearing and second reading on July 28, 2009, Gregory second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion this will hit the City financially; cost of living increase have been overdue; do support this ordinance.

Council discussion in favor of this ordinance; general cost of living has increased.

Chris Hladick, City Manager, explained that cost of living has never gone negative in the past 10 years.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

6. **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-40**: AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION TEACHER, PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN 8-PLEX APARTMENT BUILDING.

Peck move to adopt Resolution No. 2009-40, Southworth second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion does not believe City should be in housing business; not in favor of this resolution.

Council discussion in favor of this resolution; believe this housing is needed to retain positions.

Council discussion supports this resolution; shortage of housing is an ongoing issue in our community; this is needed to retain employees.

Council discussion would like to see employees build homes in Unalaska.

Council discussion would like to encourage the private industry to build housing unit; in support of this resolution.

VOTE: MCGLASHAN-AYE, ROBINSON-NAY, GREGORY-AYE, PECK-AYE, SOUTHWORTH-AYE. Motion passes 4-1.

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7. **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-41:** SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE KODIAK KENAI CABLE COMPANY TO CONSTRUCT AN ULTRA HIGH SPEED FIBER OPTIC CABLE TO UNALASKA

Southworth move to adopt Resolution No. 2009-41, Gregory second.

Peck move to amend Resolution No. 2009-41, to add whereas Kodiak Kenai Cable Company will provide free of cost fiber optic high speed internet to health and medical facilities, Gregory second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion Kodiak Kenai Cable Company provides means of transmission; they are a provider of wholesale retailer; free telecommunications to medical and health facilities may be out of line to support.

Council discussion not in favor of this resolution; do not have rates; supporting this without figures is difficult.

Council discussion this is one of many resolutions that council may receive regarding stimulus money; would caution council to support just on entity.

Council discussions favor of this; support free services for medical and health facilities.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Support this resolution; believe that the comment to reduce cost is better wording instead of free of cost; this good idea; believe council should adopt resolution as is without the amendment; there has been discussions to bypass Aleutians; concerned that if we miss this opportunity we may not receive another chance; this will benefit our community.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Oppose the amendment; City school and library receive Universal Service monies from grants; would encourage council to pass resolution with the original wording.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: Telecommunications is necessary at the Clinic; costs would be \$500,000 a year if feds do not subsidize contracts with local businesses; satellite providers do not give discounts to the Clinic; support the original resolution.

Motion withdrawn, second concur.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** PSEA UNION NEGOTIATIONS.

Southworth move to adjourn to executive session at 9:35 p.m. for discussions on PSEA Union Negotiation, Gregory second. Unanimous vote. Meeting reconvened to regular session at 9:45 p.m. No action taken in executive session.

7. **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-39:** AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF UNALASKA AND PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES.

Southworth move to adopt Resolution No. 2009-39, Gregory second.


DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

**COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**COUNCIL DIRECTIVES:** None

Mayor Pro Tem McGlashan adjourned the meeting at 9.50 p.m.

  
Jessica Earnshaw  
Deputy City Clerk

**APPROVED**  
7/28/2009