

**Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 24, 2022
& Continued on May 26, 2022**



**Unalaska City Hall
Council Chambers
43 Raven Way**

Council Members

Thomas D. Bell
Darin Nicholson
Daneen Looby

Council Members

Dennis M. Robinson
Alejandro R. Tungul
Shari Coleman

UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL

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Mayor: Vincent M. Tutiakoff Sr. **City Manager:** Erin Reinders
City Clerk: Marjie Veeder, mveeder@ci.unalaska.ak.us

MINUTES

1. **Call to order.** The Mayor called the regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council to order on May 24, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Roll call.** The City Clerk called the roll. The Mayor and Council Members Bell, Coleman, Looby and Tungul were present in person, with Nicholson and Robinson attending remotely. The Mayor announced quorum established.

Coleman read the City's Mission Statement: To provide a sustainable quality of life through excellent stewardship of government.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Recognition of Visitors.** The Mayor acknowledged good attendance at the council meeting, including numerous members of IUOE 302, including union employees Kyle Virgin, Daren Konopaski and Jason Alward.
5. **Awards and Presentations.**
 - a. The Mayor proclaimed June 2022 as Workplace Safety Awareness Month and read the proclamation into the record.
 - b. The Mayor recognized the 10 year employment anniversary of Peggy McLaughlin, Director of Ports & Harbors.
 - c. The Mayor and Council Member Tungul acknowledged City Manager Erin Reinders' last council meeting as Unalaska's City Manager and thanked her for her service to the city and community; followed by a standing ovation.
6. **Adoption of Agenda.** Tungul moved to adopt the agenda with second by Looby. There being no objection, the agenda was adopted by consensus.
7. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings.** Coleman moved to approve the proposed minutes of the May 10 and May 12, 2022 council meetings as presented, with second by Tungul. There being no objection, the minutes of May 10 and May 12, 2022 were approved by consensus.
8. **City Manager Report.** The City Manager presented her report and responded to council questions and comments.

9. **Community Input & Announcements.** The Mayor provided an opportunity for community input and announcements. Roger Blakeley, PCR Director, announced upcoming Aquatic Center activities.
10. **Public Comment on Agenda Items.** The Mayor provided an opportunity for public comment on agenda items, which were provided by the following persons in support of Resolutions 2022-23, 24 and 25, approving three proposed agreements with IUOE Local 302:

a. In person comments:

1. Kyle Virgin, IUOE Business Agent
2. Steve Van Deventer
3. Erin Enlow
4. Jennifer Van Deventer
5. Wilma Marchadesch

b. Written comments submitted by the following persons were read by the City Clerk:

1. Gary Jirschele
2. Jeremiah Kirchhofer
3. Gilbert Chavarria
4. Ira Cristobal
5. Jim Shaishnikoff
6. Judith Huling
7. Steve Engman
8. Marcos Santos
9. Richard Owen
10. AnnaMarie Ammons
11. Cherokee Townsend
12. Daniel Cunningham
13. Lilia Williams
14. Derek Haist
15. Rowena Gulanes
16. Jaime Magdaong
17. Galileo Costantini
18. Conner Zueger
19. Matthew Faoasau
20. Katie Huling
21. Helen Hammond
22. Mark Descoteaux
23. Brian Brown
24. James Esnardo
25. Miguel Cristobal
26. Chris DiGiro

11. **Work Session.** Tungul moved to go into work session; second by Looby. There being no objection, motion adopted by consensus.

Work session began at 6:56 p.m.

- a. **Request from the Unalaska Native Fisherman's Association for the City's support of their request to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council for a Community Cod Allocation.** The City Manager introduced the work session item, followed council discussion, with public comment provided by Dustan Dickerson and Frank Kelty.

- b. **Tom Madsen Airport Operating Revenue: Past, Present, Future.** The City Manager introduced this work session item, followed by a presentation from Port Director Peggy McLaughlin. During the presentation Ms. McLaughlin responded to questions from Council.

Coleman moved to return to regular session; second by Tungul. There being no objection, motion adopted by consensus.

Work session ended at 7:43 p.m.

12. Consent Agenda

Coleman moved to adopt the consent agenda; second by Looby. Roll call vote: all council members voted in the affirmative, adopting both consent agenda items unanimously 6 yes and 0 no. With this vote, Resolutions 2022-21 and 2022-22 were adopted.

- a. Resolution 2022-21: Certifying the 2022 Real Property and Personal Property Tax Rolls
- b. Resolution 2022-22: Authorizing financial support of aerial salmon surveys during calendar year 2022 by Aleutian Aerial LLC in the amount of \$2,550, with funding from FY23 Council Planned Sponsorships Budget

13. Regular Agenda

- a. Vote on UNFA request (from Work Session)

Robinson moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the proposed letter of support, and to authorize the city's fisheries consultant to provide testimony at the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council meeting in June 2022 in Sitka, Alaska. Second by Tungul. Roll call vote: all council members voted in the affirmative, adopting the motion unanimously, 6 yes and 0 no.

- b. Ordinance 2022-07: 1st Reading, Creating Budget Amendment #5 to the FY 2022 Budget, appropriating \$100,000 from the General Fund for an elementary school heating repairs project, and increasing the Port Operating Revenue Budget by \$230,000 for electricity at harbor facilities

Tungul moved to introduce Ordinance 2022-07 and schedule it for public hearing and second reading on June 14, 2022, with second by Looby. Roll call vote: all council members voted in the affirmative, adopting the motion unanimously, 6 yes and 0 no.

14. Executive Session: Discuss negotiations, tentative agreements and proposed collective bargaining agreements with IUOE 302

Tungul moved to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel and financial matters related to negotiations with IUOE Local 302, which if immediately discussed in public might negatively impact the interests of the City. Present in Executive Session will be the Mayor, Council Members physically present, the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and department directors Marjie Veeder, Roger Blakeley and Tom Cohenour. Second by Coleman. Roll call vote: all council members voted in the affirmative, approving the motion unanimously 6 yes and 0 no.

Clerk's Note: also present in Executive Session was Acting Director Cat Hazen (in person); and Acting Director Steve Tompkins (via telephone conference call).

Executive Session began at 8:10 p.m.

Tungul moved to return to regular session; second by Coleman. There being no objection, the motion adopted by consensus.

Back in Regular Session at 10:30 p.m.

The Mayor announced no action was taken in Executive Session.

Coleman moved to recess, to continue this meeting on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. Second by Bell. Roll call vote: Council members Bell, Nicholson, Looby, Robinson and Coleman voted yes; Tungul no. Motion carries 5 yes and 1 no.

In recess at 10:36 p.m.

Meeting continued at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2022

15. **Call to order.** The Mayor called the continued regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council to order on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at 9:09 a.m.
16. **Roll call.** The City Clerk called the roll. The Mayor and Council Members Bell, Coleman, Looby and Tungul were present in person, with Nicholson and Robinson attending remotely. The Mayor announced quorum established.
17. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Tungul led the Pledge of Allegiance.
18. **Public comment on agenda items.** The Mayor provided an opportunity for public comment on agenda items. None offered.
19. **Executive Session.** Coleman moved to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel and financial matters related to negotiations with IUOE Local 302, which if discussed in public might negatively impact the interests of the City. Present in Executive Session will be the Mayor, Council Members physically present, Acting City Manager JR Pearson, Acting HR Manager Debra Zueger and Department Directors Marjie Veeder, Cat Hazen, Roger Blakeley and Tom Cohenour. Second by Looby. Roll call vote: all council members voted in the affirmative; motion passes 6 yes and 0 no.

Executive session begins at 9:11 a.m.

Executive session ends at 10:18 a.m.

Bell moved to return to regular session; second by Tungul. There being no objection, motion adopted by consensus.

The Mayor announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

20. Following Executive Session

- a. Resolution 2022-23: Authorizing the City Manager to sign the agreement between the City and IUOE Local 302 representing City Hall employees

Looby moved to adopt Resolution 2022-23; second by Tungul.

Council discussion.

Public comment offered in support of the resolution by Jacob Whitaker. Roll call vote: Coleman, Looby and Tungul voted yes; Bell, Nicholson and Robinson voted no, resulting in a tie 3 yes and 3 no. The Mayor broke the tie by voting yes. Resolution 2022-23 adopted.

- b. Resolution 2022-24: Authorizing the City Manager to sign the agreement between the City and IUOE Local 302 representing PCR employees

Coleman moved to adopt Resolution 2022-24; second by Tungul.

Council discussion.

No public comment. Roll call vote: Coleman, Looby and Tungul voted yes; Bell, Nicholson and Robinson voted no, resulting in a tie 3 yes and 3 no. The Mayor broke the tie by voting yes. Resolution 2022-24 adopted.

- c. Resolution 2022-25: Authorizing the City Manager to sign the agreement between the City and IUOE Local 302 representing DPW and DPU employees

Tungul moved to adopt Resolution 2022-25; second by Bell.

Council discussion.

Written public comment submitted by Malo Tolai, which was read by the Clerk.

Coleman requested to be excused from voting on Resolution 2022-25 due to a conflict of interest as she will receive personal financial gain from the proposed agreement; the Mayor denied Coleman's request.

Robinson moved to override the mayor's ruling on Coleman's request to be excused from voting; second by Looby. Council discussion. Roll call vote: Looby, Coleman, Nicholson and Robinson voted in the affirmative; Tungul and Bell voted no. Motion passes with 4 yes and 2 no. The Mayor's denial of Coleman's request to be excused is overridden; Coleman will not vote on Resolution 2022-25.

Roll call vote on Resolution 2022-25: Bell, Tungul and Looby voted yes; Nicholson and Robinson voted no -- 3 yes and 2 no votes. Motion fails. (Clerk note: 4 yes votes are needed to adopt the resolution.)

11:11 a.m. Mayor announced a 10 minute break

11:25 a.m. Back on the record

Nicholson moved to reconsider Resolution 2022-25; second by Looby. Council discussion. Roll call vote on motion to reconsider: Bell, Nicholson and Tungul voted yes; Coleman, Looby and Robinson voted no, resulting in a tie with 3 yes and 3 no votes. The Mayor broke the tie by voting yes. Motion carries.

Council discussion of Resolution 2022-25.

Roll call vote: Robinson voted no; Bell, Tungul, Looby and Nicholson voted yes, giving 4 yes and 1 no. Motion carried. Resolution 2022-25 adopted.

21. Council Directives to City Manager. None.

- 22. Community Input & Announcements.** The Mayor provided a final opportunity for community input and announcements. The Mayor and Council Members Coleman, Tungul, Robinson, Nicholson and Looby thanked Erin Reinders for her service to the city and the community. Standing ovation for Erin Reinders. Looby thanked city employees for their service. Bell said it would good to see

support for IUOE 302 from other union members in town. Mayor Tutiakoff announced various Memorial Day events this coming holiday weekend.

23. **Adjournment.** Having completed all items on the agenda, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

These minutes were approved by the Unalaska City Council on June 14, 2022.



Estkaelen P. Magdaong
Acting City Clerk

