

**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 13, 2022**  
**6:00 p.m.**



**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:** Chris Hladick  
**City Clerk:** Marjie Veeder, [mveeder@ci.unalaska.ak.us](mailto:mveeder@ci.unalaska.ak.us)

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### **MINUTES**

1. **Call to order.** The Mayor called the regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council to order on September 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Roll call.** The City Clerk called the roll. The Mayor and all Council Members were present in person. Mayor announced establishment of a quorum.  
  
Robinson read the City's Mission Statement: To provide a sustainable quality of life through excellent stewardship of government.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Looby led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Recognition of Visitors.** The Mayor recognized Nelson San Juan with the State Department of Labor.
5. **Adoption of Agenda.** Robinson moved to adopt the agenda with second by Tungul. Robinson moved to amend the agenda to add a work session item to discuss the proposed marine sanctuary near the Pribilof Islands, second by Nicholson. Roll call vote on motion to amend: all council members voted in the affirmative; motion to amend adopted 6-0. Roll call vote on the motion to adopt the agenda as amended: all council members voted in the affirmative; motion passed 6-0.
6. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings.** Coleman moved to approve the proposed minutes of the council meetings held August 9; August 19; and August 25, 2022, as presented, with second by Robinson. There being no objection, the minutes were approved by consensus.
7. **City Manager Report.** Acting City Manager Bil Homka presented the City Manager's report and along with department directors McLaughlin and Cohenour responded to questions and comments from Council.
8. **Community Input & Announcements.** The Mayor provided an opportunity for community input and announcements, which were provided as follows:
  - a. Roger Blakeley made PCR announcements and a personal announcement;
  - b. M. Lynn Crane made announcements for USAFV and the Foraker Group training for nonprofit boards to be held this weekend;
  - c. Steve Tompkins made announcements for the Utility Department;

- d. City Clerk Marjie Veeder made announcements regarding the October 4 local election; and 2<sup>nd</sup> half property tax payments due on October 20;
  - e. Nick Cron encouraged community members to respond to a survey regarding use of plastics;
  - f. Denise Rankin commented about fireworks shows on behalf of Ounalashka Corporation; and
  - g. Dennis Robinson made an announcement regarding the upcoming candidate forums hosted by KUCB.
9. **Public Comment on Agenda Items.** The Mayor provided opportunity for public comment on agenda items; no comment offered.
10. **Work Session.** Nicholson moved to go into Work Session; second by Robinson. There being no objection, Council began their work session at 6:32 p.m.
- a. Kelly Mayes, BDO Assurance Manager, made a presentation to Council regarding the Annual Audit for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022 and responded to Council questions.
  - b. Peggy McLaughlin, Director of Ports & Harbors, made a presentation to Council regarding lease spaces in the Tom Madsen Airport Terminal Building and responded to Council questions.
  - c. City Clerk Marjie Veeder led a discussion with Council regarding a proposed code change to allow council participation by telephone in executive session; and adding “other electronic means” to all forms of remote participation in council meetings; and responded to Council questions.

Robinson moved to return to regular session; second by Tungul.

Council resumed regular session at 7:40 p.m.

#### 11. **Consent Agenda**

Robinson moved to adopt the Consent Agenda; second by Tungul. Roll call vote: all council members voted in the affirmative; motion passed unanimously 6-0 adopting the following items:

- a. Resolution 2022-37: Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Personal Property
- b. Resolution 2022-38: Appointing Judges and Clerks for the Regular Municipal Election on October 4 2022, and Judges to serve on the Canvass Committee
- c. Resolution 2022-39: Approving the Mayor’s Appointment of Noel Rea to the Parks, Culture and Recreation Committee

#### 12. **Regular Agenda**

- a. Reconsider Resolution 2022-32 Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a sublease agreement with TransNorthern, LLC / Dena’ina Air Taxi for Space “A” at the Tom Madsen Airport Terminal Building

Looby moved to reconsider Resolution 2022-32; second by Nicholson.

Council discussion.

Council Member Bell objected to the motion to reconsider as procedurally improper as the request was made after the June 28 meeting was adjourned, and asked the chair to make a ruling. Mayor Tutiakoff ruled to allow the motion to reconsider to proceed based on the advice of the City Attorney.

Roll call vote on motion to reconsider: all Council Members voted in the affirmative, approving the motion to reconsider unanimously.

Acting City Manager Homka and Port Director McLaughlin briefly reviewed Resolution 2022-32.

Roll call vote (on reconsideration) of Resolution 2022-32: all Council Members voted in the affirmative, adopting the Resolution 2022-32 unanimously.

- b. Resolution 2022-40: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with OptimEra for electric lineman services

Robinson moved to adopt Resolution 2022-40; second by Coleman.

Acting City Manager Homka and Acting Utility Director Tompkins provided an overview followed by Council discussion and questions.

Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative, adopting Resolution 2022-40 unanimously.

- c. Approve travel for the Mayor and/or City Council Members to the October meeting of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council in Anchorage, Alaska (October 6-11)

Robinson moved to approve travel for the Mayor and up to three council members to the NPFMC meeting in Anchorage, October 6-11, 2022; second by Tungul.

Council discussion.

Robinson moved to amend the motion to insert names of travelers as Council Members Tungul and Nicholson and the Mayor; second by Nicholson. Roll call vote on motion to amend adopted unanimously.

Roll call vote on main motion to approve travel, as amended, was adopted unanimously.

### **13. Council Directives to City Manager**

- a. Nicholson moved to direct the city manager to task the city's federal lobbyist to begin work on the proposed marine sanctuary in the Pribilof Islands; second by Robinson. Council discussion. Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative adopting the directive.
- b. Coleman moved to direct the city manager to bring forward an ordinance that would change the terms for council participation in executive session in Title 2.20.075; second by Robinson. Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative adopting the directive.
- c. Robinson moved to direct the city manager to provide a New Year's Eve fireworks show, along with a budget amendment to cover the costs for the fireworks trailer and a 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks show; second by Nicholson. Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative adopting the directive.

14. **Community Input & Announcements.** The Mayor provided a final opportunity for community input and announcements. Council Member Coleman expressed appreciation for the work of the Public Utilities Department with all of the additional work for locates, etc.
15. **Adjournment.** Having completed all items on the agenda, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Unalaska City Council on September 27, 2022.



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Marjie Veeder, CMC  
City Clerk

