

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 25, 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

MINUTES

1. **Call to order.** Mayor Tutiakoff called the regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council to order on October 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Roll call.** The City Clerk called the roll. The Mayor and all Council Members were present, with Tungul attending remotely. 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.** Bell led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Recognition of Visitors.** No particular recognitions made.
5. **Oath of Office.** The City Clerk administered the oath of office for Mayor Tutiakoff and Council Members Nicholson and Looby.
6. **Appointment of Vice Mayor.** Looby moved to appoint Robinson as Vice Mayor with second by Bell. Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative, appointing Robinson as Vice Mayor for a one year term.
7. **Mayoral Proclamation.** The Mayor entered his proclamation declaring November 1, 2022 as Extra Mile Day in Unalaska.
8. **Adoption of Agenda.** Robinson moved to adopt the agenda with second by Nicholson. There being no objection, the Mayor announced the agenda adopted.
9. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings.** Robinson moved to approve the proposed minutes of the council meetings held October 11 and 13, 2022, as presented, with second by Looby. There being no objection, the Mayor announced the minutes approved.
10. **City Manager Report.** Written report included in the packet. Assistant City Manager Homka presented an overview; Interim Manager Chris Hladick, via Zoom, commented on federal and state priorities. No questions from Council.
11. **Community Input & Announcements.** Mayor provided an opportunity for community input and announcements, which were provided, as follows:
 - a. PCR Director Roger Blakeley made announcements for PCR programs
 - b. Bil Homka commented about the successful community swim meet

- c. City Clerk announced the State's November 8 mid-term election and the availability of absentee voting at City Hall through November 7
- d. City Clerk announced the next Council meeting will be November 10 (not November 8)
- e. Frank Kelty announced Aleutian Airways' inaugural flight to Unalaska on November 16, 2022

12. **Public Comment on Agenda Items.** Mayor provided an opportunity for public comment on agenda items; no comments offered.

13. **Work Session.** Nicholson moved to go into work session with second by Robinson. There being no objection, work session began at 6:18 p.m.

- a. The Mayor introduced a request from crab boat owners for relief from moorage fees at the Carl Moses Harbor. Mr. Homka invited Ports Director McLaughlin to comment and answer Council questions. Council discussion and request for further information.
- b. Mr. Hladick began the discussion of Ordinances 2022-19 and 2022-20, the proposed wage increase and longevity bonus for unrepresented employees; increase of moving allowance and latitude to hire above midpoint to aid recruitment; and related budget amendment to fund wage increase and longevity bonus. Council discussion and request for further information.

Robinson moved to return to regular session with second by Nicholson. There being no objection, back in regular session at 6:56 p.m.

14. **Consent Agenda.** Robinson moved to adopt the consent agenda with second by Nicholson. Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative, adopting the Consent Agenda (approving Resolution 2022-41).

- a. Resolution 2022-41: Supporting full funding for the State of Alaska Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program in the Fiscal Year 2024 State Capital Budget in the amount of \$8,236,815

15. **Regular Agenda**

- a. Ordinance 2022-19: 1st Reading, Amending Title 3, Personnel, to add a longevity bonus, make executives eligible for the longevity bonus, provide latitude to the City Manager to hire above the midpoint of the wage range, and to increase moving expenses available for new employees

Robinson moved to introduce Ordinance 2022-19 and schedule it for public hearing and second reading on November 10, 2022; second by Nicholson.

Council discussion.

Looby moved to amend Ordinance 2022-19, Section 2, Longevity Bonus:

- to add a new paragraph (A) to read "Regular full-time Executive Employees shall be paid a Longevity Bonus of \$1,000 per consecutive year of service starting at year 3, then year 5 and every 5 years thereafter"; and
- to change existing paragraph (A) to paragraph (B) for non-executive employees, and increase the year 5 bonus to \$5,000 in subparagraph (2); and
- to change subparagraph (4) to read "On the employee's fifteen (15) year employment anniversary and each subsequent 5 year employment anniversary thereafter: \$10,000"; and

- to delete the last phrase of existing paragraph (C): "... and then \$2,000 each subsequent employment anniversary thereafter"; and
- to renumber the remaining paragraphs as needed to maintain the sequence.

Second by Robinson.

Council discussion.

Roll call vote on the amendment: Coleman – no; Bell – no; Looby – yes; Nicholson – yes; Tungul – yes; and Robinson – yes. Motion approved 4-2.

Continued Council discussion.

Roll call vote on the main motion: all Council Members voted in the affirmative, scheduling the public hearing and second reading for Ordinance 2022-19 for November 10, 2022.

- b. Ordinance 2022-20: 1st Reading, Creating Budget Amendment #3 to the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget to fund increases in wages, fringe benefits and associated State of Alaska PERS contributions for unrepresented employees

Robinson moved to introduce Ordinance 2022-20 and schedule it for public hearing and second reading on November 10, 2022; second by Nicholson.

Council discussion.

Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative, scheduling Ordinance 2022-20 for public hearing and second reading on November 10, 2022.

- c. Resolution 2022-42: In support of the exclusion of commercial fisheries management from the objectives in the potential establishment of the Heart of the Ocean Marine Sanctuary off the coast of St. Paul Island; and authorizing the Mayor to send Resolution 2022-42 to NOAA with proposed letter

Robinson moved to adopt Resolution 2022-42 with second by Nicholson.

Council discussion.

Fisheries Consultant Frank Kelty commented.

Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative, approving the motion.

- d. Travel approval

- i. AML Annual Local Government Conference, Dec. 7-9, Anchorage.

Robinson moved to approve travel to the AML Local Government Conference for the Mayor and up to three Council Members; second by Bell. Council discussion.

Robinson moved to amend the motion to insert the names of Mayor Tutiakoff, and Council Members Coleman and Robinson, with second by Nicholson. All Council Members voted in the affirmative to approve the amendment.

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

- ii. Federal Lobbying, December 12-14, Washington, DC

Robinson moved to approve travel to Washington DC for federal lobbying for the Mayor and up to three Council Members; second by Looby. Council discussion.

Robinson moved to amend the motion to insert the names of Mayor Tutiakoff, and Council Members Coleman and Looby, with second by Looby. All Council Members voted in the affirmative to approve the amendment.

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

16. **Council Directives to City Manager.** None.

17. **Community Input & Announcements.** Mayor provided a final opportunity for community input and announcements, which were made as follows:

- a. Denise Rankin of OC invited children to stop by the OC office for goody bags.
- b. Dennis Robinson said that as President of the Qawalangin Tribe that he is taking action regarding the U.S. Post Office in Unalaska.
- c. Mayor Tutiakoff expressed thanks for votes as Mayor and he will “do his best”.

18. **Adjournment. Adjournment.** Having completed all items on the agenda, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Unalaska City Council on November 10, 2022.

Marjie Veeder, CMC
City Clerk