

Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 10, 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

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Mayor Pro Tem: Vincent M. Tutiakoff Sr. **City Manager:** Chris Hladick

City Clerk: Marjie Veeder, mveeder@ci.unalaska.ak.us

MINUTES

1. **Call to order.** Mayor Pro Tem Alejandro Tungul called the regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council to order on November 10, 2022, at 6:09 p.m. (following the meeting of Unalaska Crab, Inc.).
2. **Roll call.** The City Clerk called the roll. Bell, Looby and Tungul present in person; Robinson attended via ZOOM; Coleman, Nicholson and Tutiakoff absent. Mayor Pro Tem announced establishment of a quorum.

Bell 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.** Mayor Pro Tem recognized Karel and Marie Machalek; and Dustan and Evie Dickerson.
5. **Adoption of Agenda.** Looby moved to adopt the agenda with second by Bell. There being no objection, the Mayor Pro Tem announced the agenda adopted
6. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:** Bell moved to approve the proposed minutes of the council meetings held October 21 and 25, 2022, as presented, with second by Looby. There being no objection, the Mayor Pro Tem announced the minutes approved.
7. **Reports**
 - a. Financial reports for July, August and September 2022 were in the packet. Assistant City Manager Bil Homka provided an overview; and Interim Finance Director Clay Darnell responded to Council questions.
 - b. City Manager report in the packet. Chris Hladick, via Zoom, responded to Council questions.
8. **Community Input & Announcements.** Mayor Pro Tem provided an opportunity for community input and announcements, which were provided, as follows:
 - a. PCR Director Roger Blakeley made announcements regarding PCR events
 - b. Peggy McLaughlin announced fundraising events for the Senior Parents Committee
 - c. M. Lynne Crane made announcements for USAFV

9. **Public Comment on Agenda Items.** Mayor Pro Tem provided an opportunity for public comment on agenda items. Michelle Price and Ruth Marquez commented in favor of Ordinances 2022-19 and 2022-20.

10. **Public Hearing.**

- a. Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2022-18 Amending Sections of Title 17, Buildings and Construction, of the Unalaska Code of Ordinances, by Adopting Portions of the 2018 Edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code, the 2020 Edition of the National Electrical Code, and the 2021 Edition of the International Residential Code. No testimony offered.
- b. Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2022-19 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. Estkarlen Magdaong spoke in favor of the Ordinance.
- c. Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2022-20 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. No testimony offered.

11. **Work Session.** Bell moved to go into work session with second by Looby. There being no objection, work session began at 6:35 p.m.

- a. **Wind Study Report.** Assistant City Manager and Utilities Director Tompkins provided an overview and introduced Doug Vaught of V3 Energy who presented the report. Council discussion. Mr. Tompkins responded to Council questions.
- b. **Captains Bay Road Development Plan.** Assistant City Manager Bil Homka presented the development plan. Council discussion. Mr. Hladick and Mr. Homka responded to Council questions.
- c. **Unalaska Fishermen Memorial by Rusting Man Foundation.** Assistant City Manager Homka provided an overview. Karel and Marie Machalek, along with Barry Malpass, gave a status report. Council discussion. City Manager responded to Council questions.
- d. **Federal Legislative Priorities.** City Manager Chris Hladick led the discussion and suggested postponing adoption of the resolution. Chris Price from the Q-Tribe provided public comment.

Bell moved to return to regular session with second by Looby. There being no objection, back in regular session at 8:12 p.m. following a 10 minute break.

12. **Regular Agenda**

- a. Ordinance 2022-18: 2nd Reading, Amending Sections of Title 17, Buildings and Construction, of the Unalaska Code of Ordinances, by Adopting Portions of the 2018 Edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code, the 2020 Edition of the National Electrical Code, and the 2021 Edition of the International Residential Code

Looby moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-18; second by Bell.

Assistant City Manager Homka provided an overview followed by Council discussion. City Engineer Bob Cummings responded to Council questions.

Roll call vote: all Council members present voted in the affirmative, adopting Ordinance 2022-18 unanimously with 4 yes votes.

- b. Ordinance 2022-19: 2nd 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

Looby moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-19; second by Bell.

Council discussion. Mr. Hladick and the City Clerk responded to Council questions.

Roll call vote: Bell – no; Looby – yes; Robinson – yes; Tungul – yes. Motion fails with 3 yes and 1 no vote.

- c. Ordinance 2022-20: 2nd 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

Bell moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-20; second by Looby.

Council discussion.

Motion to amend #1: Bell moved to amend Ordinance 2022-20, making the wage increase 24% rather than 10%; second by Looby. Mr. Bell spoke to his amendment. Council discussion. Vote on the amendment: Bell – yes; Looby – no; Tungul – no; Robinson – no. Amendment fails with 1 yes and 3 no.

Motion to amend #2: Bell moved to amend Ordinance 2022-20, making the wage increase 18% rather than 10%; second by Looby. Mr. Bell spoke to his amendment. Council discussion. Vote on the amendment: Looby – no; Robinson – no; Tungul – no; Bell – yes. Amendment fails with 1 yes and 3 no.

Roll call vote on the main motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-20: Looby – yes; Bell – no; Robinson – yes; Tungul – yes. Motion fails with 3 yes and 1 no.

- d. Ordinance 2022-21: 1st Reading, Retaining Certain Tax Foreclosed Property for a Public Purpose

Tungul moved to introduce Ordinance 2022-21 and schedule it for public hearing and second reading on November 22, 2022; second by Looby.

City Clerk provided an overview followed by Council discussion.

Roll call vote: all Council members voted in the affirmative, passing the motion with 4 yes and 0 no.

- e. Resolution 2022-43: Identifying the City of Unalaska's Federal Priorities

Looby moved to adopt Resolution 2022-43; second by Bell.

Mr. Hladick provided an overview and suggested postponing adoption.

Bell moved to postpone consideration of Resolution 2022-43 to November 22, 2022; second by Looby.

Roll call vote: all Council members voted in the affirmative, passing the motion with 4 yes and 0 no.

13. Council Directives to City Manager.

- a. Bell moved to direct the City Manager to bring a resolution to Council approving \$XXX for Unalaska Fisherman Memorial; second by Tungul. Roll call vote: all Council members voted in the affirmative, passing the motion with 4 yes and 0 no.
- b. Bell moved to direct the City Manager to schedule a work session with Council to discuss changes to Title 3; second by Looby. Roll call vote: Looby – yes; Tungul – yes; Robinson – no; Bell – yes. Motion fails with 3 yes and 1 no.

14. Community Input & Announcements. Mayor Pro Tem provided a final opportunity for community input and announcements; none provided.

15. Executive Session. Bell moved to go into Executive Session to discuss city manager applicants, which if discussed in public could harm the reputation of one or more of the candidates; and to receive an update on and provide direction to the city attorney regarding lawsuits against the City of Unalaska, the immediate public discussion of which may tend to adversely affect the legal positions of the City. Present in Executive Session will be the Mayor, Council Members Bell, Looby, Robinson and Tungul; City Manager Chris Hladick, Assistant City Manager Bil Homka and HR Manager Amy Stanford. Second by Looby.

There being no objection, Mayor Pro Tem announced executive session at 9:13 p.m.

- a. Discuss City Manager Applicants
- b. Update regarding lawsuits against the City of Unalaska

Looby moved to return to regular session; second by Bell. There being no objection, back in regular session at 9:49 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

16. Adjournment. Having completed all items on the agenda, the Mayor Pro Tem adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Unalaska City Council on November 22, 2022.

Marjie Veeder, CMC
City Clerk