

**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 10, 2023**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Council Members**  
Thomas D. Bell  
Darin Nicholson  
Daneen Looby



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

**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.** Mayor Pro Tem Robinson called the regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council to order on January 10, 2023, at 6:01 p.m.
2. **Roll call.** The City Clerk called the roll. All Council Members were present in person; Mayor Tutiakoff was absent due to illness.  
  
Nicholson read the City's Mission Statement: To provide a sustainable quality of life through excellent stewardship of government.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Recognition of Visitors.** Mayor Pro Tem recognized Santiago Ramirez of OSI in the audience.
5. **Adoption of Agenda.** Tungul moved to adopt the agenda with second by Nicholson. There being no objection, the agenda was adopted by consensus.
6. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting.** Coleman moved to approve the proposed minutes of the council meeting held December 27, 2022 as presented, with second by Looby. There being no objection, the minutes were approved by consensus.
7. **Reports**
  - a. Acting City Manager Homka introduced the Financial Reports for October 2022 and November 2022. Various staff members responded to council questions.
  - b. Interim City Manager Chris Hladick provided an overview of the written report and noted operational plans at DPS; Acting City Manager Bil Homka highlighted points from the report; and various staff members responded to council questions.
8. **Community Input & Announcements**
  - a. PCR Director Roger Blakeley made announcements about PCR Programs.
  - b. City Clerk Marjie Veeder announced deadlines for submission of applications for Property Tax Exemptions, Sales Tax Refunds and submission of Business Personal Property Tax Returns.
  - c. M. Lynne Crane made announcements on behalf of USAFV and expressed gratitude for the community's generosity in their fundraising efforts.

9. **Public Comment on Agenda Items.** None.

10. **Public Hearing.** The Mayor opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2022-22 Creating Budget Amendment #4 to the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget, increasing the Administration budget by \$100,000 for a Compensation and Classification Study; increasing the Ports budget by \$27,000 for a Site Survey for UMC positions 5-7; accepting \$400,000 from the Rasmuson Foundation and increasing the Library Improvement Project by \$400,000; appropriating \$450,000 from the General Fund for a Public Safety Records Management System; accepting \$386,400 from the Denali Commission and increasing the Water Fund transfers to Capital Projects by \$12,246 for matching funds and increasing the Captains Bay Road Waterline Project by \$398,646; increasing the Water Fund Operating Budget for transfers to Capital Projects and the project budget for the Pyramid Water Treatment Plant Inline Microturbines by \$105,000.

There being no testimony, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

11. **Consent Agenda.** Coleman requested this item be moved to the regular agenda for discussion. Consent Agenda not addressed.

a. Resolution 2023-01: Establishing taxicab rates for Calendar Year 2023

12. **Regular Agenda**

- a. Ordinance 2022-22: Second Reading, Creating Budget Amendment #4 to the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget, increasing the Administration budget by \$100,000 for a Compensation and Classification Study; increasing the Ports budget by \$27,000 for a Site Survey for UMC positions 5-7; accepting \$400,000 from the Rasmuson Foundation and increasing the Library Improvement Project by \$400,000; appropriating \$450,000 from the General Fund for a Public Safety Records Management System; accepting \$386,400 from the Denali Commission and increasing the Water Fund transfers to Capital Projects by \$12,246 for matching funds and increasing the Captains Bay Road Waterline Project by \$398,646; increasing the Water Fund Operating Budget for transfers to Capital Projects and the project budget for the Pyramid Water Treatment Plant Inline Microturbines by \$105,000

Tungul moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-22; second by Nicholson.

Acting City Manager Bil Homka provided an overview, followed by Council discussion. No public comment.

Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative, adopting Ordinance 2022-22.

- b. Resolution 2023-02: Approving a 20-year Tideland Lease Agreement between the City of Unalaska and Offshore Systems, Inc., for a 2.288 acre portion of Alaska Tidelands Survey no. 1432

Nicholson moved to adopt Resolution 2023-02; second by Looby.

Acting City Manager Bil Homka provided an overview, followed by Council discussion. No public comment.

Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative, adopting Resolution 2023-02.

- c. Resolution 2023-03: Approving a 20-year Tideland Lease Agreement between the City of Unalaska and Offshore Systems, Inc., for Tracts A and B of Alaska Tidelands Survey no. 1431

Looby moved to adopt Resolution 2023-03; second by Coleman.

Acting City Manager Bil Homka provided an overview, requesting that Council amend the resolution to provide for a 30 year term.

Council discussion.

Santiago Ramirez of OSI provided comment on the resolution.

Coleman moved to Amend Resolution 2023-03 to make it a 30 year lease rather than a 20 year lease; second by Tungul.

Roll call vote on the amendment: all Council Members voted in the affirmative, approving of the amendment to 30 years.

Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative, adopting Resolution 2023-03 as amended.

d. Resolution 2023-04: Identifying the City of Unalaska's State Priorities

Coleman moved to adopt Resolution 2023-04; second by Nicholson.

Acting City Manager Bil Homka introduced the resolution, followed by an overview provided by Interim City Manager Hladick. Council discussion. State Lobbyist Dianne Blumer provided comment. Hladick and Blumer responded to Council questions. Utilities Director Tompkins commented on the landfill gasifier project.

Bell moved to amend the resolution to remove the blank for the top priority and end the sentence as "... hereby identifies its top capital project funding priorities"; second by Tungul.

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

Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative, adopting Resolution 2023-04 as amended.

e. Resolution 2023-05: Authorizing the City Manager to sign a Settlement Agreement with Jacobs Engineering Group, In., to resolve *City of Unalaska vs. Jacobs Engineering Group, Inc.*

Nicholson moved to adopt Resolution 2023-05; second by Coleman.

Acting City Manager Bil Homka provided an overview, followed by Council discussion. No public comment.

Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative, adopting Resolution 2023-05.

f. Resolution 2023-01: Establishing taxicab rates for Calendar Year 2023

Clerk Note: this item moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda.

Coleman moved to adopt Resolution 2023-01; second by Looby.

City Clerk provided an overview. Coleman indicated she wanted the item on the regular agenda to allow for public comment, were any to be offered.

Council discussion. City Clerk responded to Council questions. No public comment offered.

Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative, adopting Resolution 2023-01.

g. Travel approval for Mayor and Council

i. AML Winter Legislative Conference, February 22-24, 2023, Juneau

Coleman moved to approve travel to the AML Winter Legislative Conference for the Mayor and Council Member Robinson; second by Tungul. No public comment. Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative, approving the travel.

ii. SWAMC Economic Summit & Membership Meeting, March 2-3, 2023, Anchorage

Coleman moved to approve travel to the SWAMC Conference for the Mayor and Council Members Robinson and Tungul; second by Nicholson. No public comment. Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative, approving the travel.

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

14. **Community Input & Announcements**

15. **Adjournment.** Having completed all items on the agenda, Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Unalaska City Council on January 24, 2023.



Marjie Veeder, CMC  
City Clerk

