

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
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 February 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Roll call.** The City Clerk called the roll. The Mayor and all Council Members were present, with Mr. Bell attending remotely.

Nicholson read the City's Mission Statement: To provide a sustainable quality of life through excellent stewardship of government.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Tungul led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Recognition of Visitors.** No particular recognitions made.
5. **Adoption of Agenda.** Nicholson moved to adopt the agenda with second by Robinson. There being no objection, the agenda was adopted by consensus.
6. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting.** Robinson moved to approve the proposed minutes of the council meetings held January 24 and January 27, 2023, as presented, with second by Nicholson. There being no objection, both minutes were approved by consensus.
7. **Reports**
 - a. Chris Hladick gave a brief overview of the financials for December 2022.
 - b. Mr. Hladick gave the City Manager Report and responded to Council questions.
8. **Community Input & Announcements**
 - a. PCR Director Roger Blakeley made announcements about PCR Programs.
 - b. M. Lynn Crane made announcements for USAFV.
 - c. The City Clerk announced deadlines for submission of applications for Property Tax Exemptions, Sales Tax Refunds and submission of Business Personal Property Tax Returns; and reminded Mayor, Council, School Board and Planning Commission members of the deadline for submission of annual Public Official Financial Disclosures to APOC.
9. **Public Comment on Agenda Items.** None.

10. **Work Session.** Tungul moved to go into work session with second by Looby. There being no objection, work session began at 6:14 p.m.

- a. Chris Hladick, Bil Homka and Bob Cummings led the discussion with Council regarding the Captains Bay Road Improvement & Utilities Upgrade Project and responded to Council questions.

Robinson moved to return to regular session with second by Nicholson; there being no objection, Council returned to regular session at 7:14 p.m.

11. Regular Agenda

- a. Resolution 2023-07: Approving the Council's goals for the FY24 Budget

Coleman moved to adopt Resolution 2023-07; second by Robinson.

Mr. Hladick provided an overview.

Looby moved to amend Resolution 2023-07 to include Tobacco Excise Tax Funding, so that the second paragraph under "Operating Expenses" on page 2 reads as follows (new language italicized):

The total amount available to fund the Community Support Program grants will continue to follow the formula of up to 3.5% of the five-year average revenue for the General Fund and up to all of the Bed Tax Fund balance for the most recently completed fiscal year. *Additionally, all of the tobacco excise tax fund balance for the most recently completed fiscal year may be used for any public health programs or tobacco education and cessation programs that are applied for through the Community Support Grant Program. (Revenues do not include Other Financing Sources.)*

Second by Robinson.

Roll call vote on the amendment: all council members voted in the affirmative, adopting the amendment.

Roll call vote on the main motion: all Council Members voted in the affirmative, adopting Resolution 2023-07, as amended.

- b. Resolution 2023-08: Approving the Mayor's appointments Committees and Commissions

Tungul moved to adopt Resolution 2023-08; second by Looby.

City Clerk provided an overview.

Mr. Robinson thanked the committee and commission members for their service.

Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative, adopting Resolution 2023-07.

12. Council Directive to City Manager

Looby moved to direct the city manager to conduct research and provide information to Council at a future meeting regarding the senior citizen sales tax refund, so Council has information necessary to determine if the refund amount should be increased due to increases in the cost of living; and whether Council should consider tightening eligibility requirements for the refund. Please include the number of applicants per year for the last five years, the present eligibility requirements and any proposed additional eligibility requirements. Second by Coleman.

Roll call vote: all council members voted in the affirmative, approving the directive to City Manager.

13. **Community Input & Announcements** None

14. **Executive Session**

- a. **City Manager Recruitment and Personnel Issues.**

Looby moved to go into Executive Session to discuss City Manager Recruitment and Personnel Issues, which if discussed in public, may tend to harm the reputation of a person. Present in Executive Session will be the Mayor and Council Members, along with Interim City Manager Chris Hladick. Second by Tungul.

There being no objection, Council moved into Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.

On motion by Coleman, with second by Nicholson, and there being no objection, Council returned from Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

Council Directives to City Manager: Robinson moved to direct the City Manager to contact AMMA as to the availability of an interim City Manager. Second by Nicholson.

Roll call vote: all council members voted in the affirmative, approving the directive to City Manager.

15. **Adjournment.** Having completed all items on the agenda, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Unalaska City Council on February 28, 2023.



Marjie Veeder, CMC
City Clerk

