

Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 9, 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 March 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Roll call.** The City Clerk called the roll. The Mayor and all Council Members were present, with Tungul participating remotely.

Nicholson read the City's Mission Statement: To provide a sustainable quality of life through excellent stewardship of government.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Bell lead 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 Bell.

Robinson moved to amend the agenda to add an executive session to discuss personnel matters related to the City Manager; second by Looby. 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 the amended agenda.

6. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting.** Robinson moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 28, 2023, as presented, with second by Nicholson. There being no objection, the proposed minutes were approved.
7. **Reports**
 - a. Interim Finance Director Clay Darnell provided the Financial Reports for January 2023 in the packet. No questions from Council.
 - b. Acting City Manager Bil Homka gave the manager report. Interim City Manager Chris Hladick commented.

8. **Community Input & Announcements**

- a. Acting PCR Director Amanda Schmahl made announcements about PCR Programs.
- b. Estkarlen Magdaong made announcements for USAFV; and the availability of tickets for the Preschool Ice Cream Social.
- c. The City Clerk reminded Mayor, Council, School Board and Planning Commission Members of the March 15 deadline for submission of annual Public Official Financial Disclosures to APOC; and announced the March 31 deadline to submit Senior Citizen Sales Tax Refund applications.
- d. Daneen Looby announced that Vy's Corner Store will open on Monday.
- e. Denise Rankin thanked the Council for considering an increase in the senior citizen sales tax refund.

9. Public Comment on Agenda Items. None.

10. Work Session. Looby moved to go into work session with second by Nicholson. There being no objection, Council moved into work session at 6:15 p.m.

- a. The City Clerk led the discussion with Council regarding the Senior Citizen Sales Tax Refund as to the amount of the refund and alternatives for tightening eligibility requirements.

Several rounds of Council Discussion ensued. The City Clerk responded to questions and comments from Council.

Peggy McLaughlin provided public comment.

Robinson moved to return to regular session with second by Nicholson; there being no objection, Council returned to regular session at 7:09 p.m.

11. Regular Agenda

- a. Review Application to Transfer Ownership of the Airport Liquor License. No action by Council.
- b. Ordinance 2023-01: Creating Budget Amendment #5 to the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget, Accepting the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Mobile Integrated Healthcare Community Paramedicine Rural Extension of Care Grant \$166,666.66 to fund a mobile medical trailer; accepting the Brownsfield Community Wide Assessment Grant \$500,000; and Increasing the appropriations for generator fuel in the Electric Utility Fund \$1,850,000

Robinson moved to introduce Ordinance 2023-01 and schedule it for public hearing and second reading on March 28, 2023; second by Coleman.

Mr. Homka reviewed the ordinance.

Council discussion. Acting Fire Chief Ben Knowles responded to a question from Council.

Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative, scheduling Ordinance 2023-01 for public hearing and second reading on March 28, 2023.

12. Council Directive to City Manager:

Looby moved to direct the City Manager to bring forward to Council a proposed ordinance to change to Unalaska Code of Ordinances 6.40.050(C) Application for Tax Refund to include an increase in the dollar amount to \$400 and a change in the residency requirements to be a registered voter in the State of Alaska qualified to vote in Unalaska or proof of a PFD. Also to research the Real ID as an option for proof of residency. Second by Bell.

Council discussion.

Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative, adopting the directive.

13. Community Input & Announcements: None.

14. Executive Session: Robinson moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues related to the city manager, matters 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 and Acting City Manager Bil Homka. Second by Nicholson. There being no objection, Council moved into Executive Session at 7:24 p.m.

Discussion in Executive Session.

Robinson moved to return to regular session; second by Nicholson. There being no objection, Council returned to regular session at 8:19 p.m.

15. Directive to City Manager: Robinson moved to direct the City Manager to contact Jim Hunt to bring him out for an interview for City Manager; second by Nicholson. Roll call vote: Bell – yes; Nicholson – yes; Tungul – yes; Looby – yes; Robinson – yes; Coleman – no. Directive adopted with 5 yes and 1 no.

16. Adjournment. Having completed all items on the agenda as amended, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

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



Marjie Veeder, CMC
City Clerk

