

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 28, 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, Interim
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 28, 2023, at 6:05 p.m.
2. **Roll call.** The City Clerk called the roll. The Mayor and all Council Members were present, with Tungul participating remotely. Clerk Note: Robinson arrived at 6:07 p.m., before any action was taken.

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

3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Coleman led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Recognition of Visitors.** The Mayor recognized Dave Mathews of OCCP; Natalie Cale, Donna VanFlein and Denise Rankin of Ounalashka Corporation; Jim Wilson of UCSD; and Jarred Brand and Stefanie Moreland of Trident Seafoods.
5. **Adoption of Agenda.** Robinson moved to adopt the agenda with second by Looby.

Nicholson moved to amend the agenda to add an item at the end of the regular session, to review a liquor license application for San Diego Tacos to Go; second by Robinson. There being no objection, the amendment was approved.

Roll call vote on the main motion: all Council Members voted in the affirmative, adopting the agenda as amended.

6. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting.** Coleman moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 9, 2023, as presented, with second by Looby. There being no objection, the proposed minutes were approved.
7. **City Manager Report.** Acting City Manager Bil Homka gave the manager report and responded to Council questions.
8. **Community Input & Announcements**
 - a. PCR Director Roger Blakeley made announcements about PCR Programs
 - b. Virginia Hatfield made announcements for Museum of the Aleutians

- c. M. Lynn Crane made announcements for USAFV
- d. The City Clerk reminded the community of the March 31 deadline to submit Senior Citizen Sales Tax Refund applications; and the April 24 deadline to appeal assessed value of real property

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

10. **Public Hearing.** The Mayor opened the public hearing on 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. There being no testimony, the public hearing was closed.

11. **Work Session.** Nicholson moved to go into work session with second by Robinson. There being no objection, Council moved into work session at 6:20 p.m.

- a. Dave Matthews from Ounalashka Corporation/Chena Power, LLC (OCCP) provided an update to Council regarding the Makushin Geothermal Project and responded to inquiries from Council and Interim Manager Hladick.
- b. Assistant City Manager William Homka presented the FY24 Draft CMMP. Mr. Homka and other staff responded to questions from Council. Acting DPW Director Scott Brown reviewed the Rolling Stock Replacement Plan and the Facilities Maintenance Plan and responded to Council questions.

Robinson moved to return to regular session with second by Coleman; there being no objection, Council returned to regular session at 7:18 p.m.

12. **Regular Agenda**

a. Unfinished Business

- i. Ordinance 2023-01: 2nd Reading - 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

Coleman moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-01 with second by Looby.

Introduction by Acting City Manager Homka.

Council discussion.

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

b. New Business

- i. Ordinance 2023-02: 1st Reading, Amending Unalaska Code of Ordinances, Section 6.40.050, Subparagraph (C), Senior Citizen Refund

Robinson moved to introduce Ordinance 2023-02 and schedule it for public hearing and second reading on April 11, 2023; second by Nicholson.

The City Clerk introduced the ordinance followed by Council discussion.

Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative, scheduling Ordinance 2023-02 for public hearing and second reading on April 11, 2023.

- ii. Resolution 2023-10: Establishing the rate of levy on assessed property within the City of Unalaska for Fiscal Year 2024

Robinson moved to adopt Resolution 2023-10 with second by Coleman.

The Acting City Manager Homka introduced the ordinance.

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

Roll call vote: Looby – yes; Coleman – yes; Nicholson – yes; Robinson – yes; Tungul – yes; and Bell – no. Resolution 2023-10 adopted on a vote of five yes and one no.

- iii. Review Liquor License Application for San Diego Tacos to Go, submitted to the City by the State of Alaska, Division of Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office for comment. No action by Council.

13. Council Directives to City Manager. None.

14. Community Input & Announcements.

- a. Acting City Manager Homka thanked our first responders and community members who assisted during a recent emergency; and also recognized and thanked Chris Hladick and this, his last council meeting as our Interim City Manager.

15. Executive Session. Bell moved to go into Executive Session to discuss two matters: #1 - Personnel and financial matters related to upcoming Contract Negotiations with the Inland Boatman Union. Present during this discussion will be the Mayor and Council, along with Chris Hladick, Bil Homka, Amy Stanford, Peggy McLaughlin and Patrick Bliss; #2 - Personnel issues related to the City Manager. Present during discussion will be the Mayor and Council, along with Chris Hladick, Bil Homka, Amy Stanford and Marjie Veeder. Both are matters which, if immediately discussed in public, might negatively impact the interests of the City of Unalaska. Second by Nicholson. There being no objection the Mayor announced Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. and asked everyone to clear the room.

Clerk Note: Short break.

- a. Upcoming negotiations with the Inland Boatman Union
- b. Personnel Issues – City Manager

Discussion in Executive Session.

Robinson moved to return to regular session; second by Looby. There being no objection, Council returned to regular session at 9:08 p.m.

The Mayor announced that no formal action was taken in Executive Session.

16. Return to Regular Session

- a. Resolution 2023-11: Appointing William Homka as Acting City Manager

Robinson moved to adopt Resolution 2023-11 with second by Nicholson.

Council discussion.

Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative, adopting Resolution 2023-11.

17. **Adjournment.** Having completed all items on the agenda, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Unalaska City Council on April 11, 2023.

Marjie Veeder, CMC
City Clerk