

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 25, 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. **Acting City Manager:** William Homka
City Clerk: Marjie Veeder, mveeder@ci.unalaska.ak.us

MINUTES

1. **Call to order.** Council Member Tungul called the regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council to order on April 25, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

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

2. **Roll call.** The Acting City Clerk called the roll. Council Members Bell, Looby and Tungul were present in person, while Mayor Tutiakoff and Vice Mayor Robinson attended remotely. Council Members Coleman and Nicholson were absent (excused).
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Looby led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Recognition of Visitors.** Acting City Manager recognized community support grant applicants in the audience.
5. **Adoption of Agenda.** Looby made a motion to adopt the agenda, with a second by Bell.

Looby moved to amend the agenda by adding an Executive Session item, in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c), to discuss personnel and financial matters related to the Inland Boatmen's Union contract negotiations, a matter which if immediately discussed in public might negatively impact the interests of the City; second by Bell. There being no objection, motion adopted by consensus.

6. **Mayor's Proclamations.** Tungul read into record the proclamations declaring April 30 through May 6, 2023 as Municipal Clerk Week and the week of May 7 through May 13, 2023 as Public Service Recognition Week.

Clerk's Note: Acting City Clerk requested a motion to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem. Bell moved to appoint Tungul as Mayor Pro Tem, with a second by Looby. There being no objection, motion adopted by consensus.

7. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings.** Bell moved approve the proposed minutes of the council meeting held April 10, April 11 and April 13, 2023 as presented; with second by Looby. There being no objection, the minutes were approved by consensus.
8. **City Manager's Report.** Homka provided an overview of his report.
9. **Community Input & Announcements.**

- Roger Blakeley, PCR Director, mentioned the grand opening of the Unalaska Public Library on Sunday April 30th from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm. A short video teaser was also presented. Saturday, April 29th will be the performance of Little Mermaid at 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm at High School Gymnasium; and Community Clean-up Week starting May 1st until May 15th.
- Virginia Hatfield, Museum of the Aleutians Director, announced their trial run for Sunday hours from noon until 4 pm. Trivia night happens every last Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm in partnership with KUCB.
- M. Lynn Crane, Executive Director of USAFV, announced May as Mental Health Awareness Month. They will have some public service type activity in cooperation with APIA. It is also “Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Awareness Month” and there will be a film showing at the WWII Center on Friday, May 5th; and Unalaska Inter-agency Cooperative takes place every 4th Thursday at noon.
- Ruth Marquez from Unalaska Public Safety announced the passing of former Public Safety Director Jamie Sunderland on April 23, 2023.

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

11. **Regular Agenda**

a. Airport Restaurant liquor license renewal: No action recommended and none was taken.

b. Resolution 2023-13: Approving scholarships to be awarded to graduating seniors at Unalaska High School

Bell moved to adopt Resolution 2023-13, with a second by Looby.

Homka provided a brief introduction followed by Council discussion.

Roll call vote: Bell – yes; Robinson – yes; Tungul – yes; Looby – yes.

Motion passed 4-0

c. Resolution 2023-14: Establishing the sum to be made available from the City of Unalaska to the Unalaska City School District for Fiscal Year 2024

Looby moved adopt Resolution 2023-14, with a second by Bell.

Homka provided a brief introduction and mentioned the school’s business manager Leticia Holloway and Superintendent Wilson are available should there be questions from Council.

Council discussion.

Roll call vote: Looby – yes; Tungul – yes; Robinson – yes; Bell – yes

Motion passed 4-0

d. Resolution 2023-15: Establishing the Sums to be made available for Community Support from the City of Unalaska to the applicants for Community Support for Fiscal Year 2024

Main Motion: Looby moved to adopt Resolution 2023-15, with a second by Bell.

Homka provided an introduction followed by Council discussion.

Amendment 1: Bell moved to remove the Q-Tribe from the Community Grant resolution, to be brought back at the next Council meeting, with a second by Looby.

Roll call vote on the amendment: Bell – yes; Looby – yes; Robinson – yes; Tungul – yes.

Motion on amendment #1 passed 4-0.

Amendment 2: Bell moved to remove the 5th whereas statement in the Resolution which states: *Whereas, the City Council also recommends funding the Rusting Man Foundation a second and final contribution of \$125,000 for the completion of a Fishermen Memorial Sculpture per FY23 funding year presentations and discussions.* Second by Looby.

Council discussion.

Roll call vote on the second amendment: Looby – yes; Bell – yes; Robinson – yes; Tungul – yes.

Motion on amendment #2 passed 4-0

Continued council discussion.

Amendment 3: Looby moved to amend Resolution 2023-15 to fund the remaining entities at the full amount requested for a total of \$1,407,414.18, with a second by Bell.

Roll call vote: Bell – yes; Looby – yes; Tungul – yes; Robinson – yes.

Motion on amendment #3 passed 4-0

Amendment 4: Bell moved to amend Resolution 2023-15 to insert the word Tobacco on the second whereas paragraph to say *Tobacco Excise Tax* and to include 4th whereas paragraph to say: *whereas, the Tobacco Excise Tax funds are dedicated to the Community Support Grant Program for the benefit of public health programs or tobacco education and cessation programs in Unalaska. These funds in the amount of \$156,414.00 are appropriate to aid funding to either APIA or IFHS through the grant program.* Second by Looby.

Council discussion.

Roll call vote: Looby – yes; Robinson – yes; Tungul – yes; Bell – yes.

Motion on amendment #4 passed 4-0.

Continued council discussion.

Roll call vote on the main motion, as amended: Robinson – yes; Tungul – yes; Looby – yes; Bell – yes

Motion passed 4-0.

e. Resolution 2023-16: Adopting the FY24-33 Capital and Major Maintenance Plan

Bell moved to adopt Resolution 2023-16, with a second by Looby.

Homka provided an overview followed by Council discussion.

Scott Brown, Interim Public Works Director, answered Council questions.

Roll call vote: Bell – yes; Tungul – yes; Looby – yes; Robinson – yes

Motion passed 4-0

- f. Resolution 2023-17: Authorizing financial support of aerial salmon surveys during calendar year 2023 by Aleutian Aerial LLC in the amount of \$5,300, with funding from FY23 Council Planned Sponsorships Budget

Looby moved to adopt Resolution 2023-17, with a second by Bell.

Homka provided an overview followed by Council discussion.

Roll call vote: Robinson – yes; Bell – yes; Tungul – yes; Looby – yes

Motion passed 4-0

- g. Travel Approval: Alaska Municipal League Board Meeting, May 12, 2023

Bell moved to approve travel for Dennis Robinson to attend AML Board Meeting, with a second by Looby.

Roll call vote: Tungul – yes; Robinson – yes; Looby – yes, Bell – yes.

Motion adopted unanimously.

12. Council Directives to City Manager

Looby moved to direct the City Manager to bring forward to Council two separate resolutions to fund Rusting Man and Q-Tribe's Culture Camp which were removed from the Community Support Grant Program (Resolution 2023-15), with a second by Bell.

Roll call vote: Robinson – yes; Looby – yes; Bell – yes; Tungul – yes

Directive to City Manager passed 4-0

13. Community Input & Announcements

- Katherine McGlashan, Unalaska Visitor's Bureau Executive Director, announced the Wine Tasting Extravaganza on May 6th from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm at the Grand Aleutian Hotel. Tickets are available at the office, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm; and the 1st cruise ship of the season will be here on May 8th, and the second on May 10th.

14. Executive Session

Bell moved to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel and financial matters related to the Inland Boatmen's Union contract negotiations, which if immediately discussed in public might negatively impact the interests of the City. Present in executive session will be Vice Mayor Robinson and Mayor Tutiakoff who are participating remotely, Council Members who are physically present, Port Director Peggy McLaughlin, Deputy Port Director Patrick Bliss, Acting City Manager William Homka, and HR Director Amy Stanford.

Additionally, to discuss personnel matters pertaining to City Manager position, a matter which, if discussed in public, could harm the reputation of one or more of the candidates. Present in executive session will be Mayor Tutiakoff and Vice Mayor Robinson who are participating remotely, City Council Members physically present, and HR manager Amy Stanford.

Second by Looby.

There being no objection, motion adopted by consensus.

7:59 pm – adjourned to Executive Session

Bell moved to return to regular session, second by Looby. There being no objection, motion adopted unanimously.

8:50 pm – back to Regular Session

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

15. **Adjournment.** Having completed all items on the agenda, Mayor Pro Tem adjourned the meeting at 8:52 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Unalaska City Council on May 9, 2023.

Marjie Veeder, CMC
City Clerk

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