

**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 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. **Acting City Manager:** William Homka  
**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 Tutiakoff called the regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council to order on May 9, 2023 at 7:33 p.m. following the hearing held by the Board of Equalization.  
  
Council Member Tungul read the City's Mission Statement: To provide a sustainable quality of life through excellent stewardship of government.
2. **Roll call.** The City Clerk called the roll. All council members were in attendance, with Bell and Nicholson attending remotely. Mayor announced quorum established.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Recognition of Visitors.** The Mayor recognized several people attending the meeting in the audience, including: Members of the high school U.S. Government Class; Karel and Marie Machalek; Noel Rea and Virginia Hatfield from the IFHS Clinic; and Anfesia Tutiakoff from the Q-Tribe.
5. **Adoption of Agenda.** Robinson moved to adopt the agenda, with a second by Looby. There being no objection, the agenda was adopted by consensus.
6. **Presentations.** The Mayor announced that the U.S. Government class from the high school canceled their presentation.
7. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting.** Tungul moved approve the proposed minutes of the council meeting held April 25, 2023 as presented; with second by Robinson. There being no objection, the minutes were approved by consensus.
8. **Reports**
  - a. City Manager: Homka provided an overview of his report and responded to questions from Council, along with Peggy McLaughlin, Port Director.
  - b. Financials - March 2023: Interim Finance Director Clay Darnell presented the March financial reports and responded to comments and questions from Council.
9. **Community Input & Announcements**
  - Roger Blakeley made announcements regarding programs at Parks, Culture & Recreation
  - Virginia Hatfield made announcements regarding programs at the Museum of the Aleutians
  - Ben Knowles made announcements from the Unalaska Fire Department

- Vinny James provided input to Council regarding street lights remaining on after daylight, wasting energy
- Anfesia Tutiakoff made announcements for Camp Q and other programs of the Q-Tribe
- Karel and Marie Machalek provided an update to Council regarding the Unalaska Fisherman Memorial by the Rusting Man Foundation

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

**11. Work session**

Coleman moved to go into work session with second by Tungul. There being no objection, Council moved into work session at 8:14 p.m.

- a. Iliuliuk Family Health Services' Request for Site Control of Parcel Adjacent to Clinic. Homka introduced the work session item and invited Noel Rea, IFHS Executive Director and Virginia Hatfield, IFHS Board Member, to speak to the clinic's request. Mr. Rea discussed the clinic's request followed by Council discussion. Mr. Rea responded to council questions.

Tungul moved to return to regular session with second by Coleman. There being no objection, Council returned to regular session at 8:30 p.m.

**12. Regular Agenda**

- a. Resolution 2023-18: Amending Resolution 2023-16 Adopting the FY24-FY33 Capital and Major Maintenance Plan

Tungul moved to adopt Resolution 2023-18, with a second by Looby.

Homka provided an overview of the resolution followed by Council discussion.

Roll call vote: All Council members voted in the affirmative unanimously adopting Resolution 2023-18.

- b. Resolution 2023-19: Appropriating Funding for the Qawalangin Tribe Culture Camp, Camp Qungaayux, as well as a year round Culture Preservation Program

Looby moved to adopt Resolution 2023-19, with a second by Coleman.

Homka provided an overview of the resolution followed by Council discussion.

Council Member Robinson recused himself from voting; Mayor acknowledged that Robinson has no substantial financial interest in the issue, but stated he understands Robinson's position.

Continued Council discussion.

Public comment provided by Anfesia Tutiakoff from the Q-Tribe.

Roll call vote: Bell – yes; Looby – yes; Nicholson – yes; Robinson – abstain; Coleman – no; and Tungul – yes. Motion passes with 4 yes, 1 no and 1 abstention, adopting Resolution 2023-19.

- c. Resolution 2023-20: Authorizing the Mayor to sign the First Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding between the Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska, the City of Unalaska and the Ounalashka Corporation

Coleman moved to adopt Resolution 2023-20, with a second by Tungul.

Homka provided an overview of the resolution followed by Council discussion.

Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative unanimously adopting Resolution 2023-20.

- d. Resolution 2023-21: Committing to provide 24.04% contribution, estimated to be \$3,162,462, of the total project cost of \$13,155,000 for the Community Transportation Program Captains Bay Road Paving Project if selected by DOT&PF to Support

Coleman moved to adopt Resolution 2023-21, with a second by Tungul.

Homka provided an overview of the resolution followed by Council discussion.

Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative unanimously adopting Resolution 2023-21

- e. Ordinance 2023-03: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating and Capital Budget

Robinson moved to introduce Ordinance 2023-03 and schedule it for public hearing and second reading on May 23, 2023; with a second by Looby.

Homka and Darnell provided an overview of the Ordinance and FY24 Budget, followed by Council discussion, during which Darnell responded to Council questions and comments.

Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative unanimously scheduling Ordinance 2023-03 for public hearing and second reading on May 23, 2023.

- f. Ordinance 2023-04: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Authorizing the City Manager to dispose of surplus personal property by Manufacturer Buy Back of Specialty Chlorine Gas Containers from Pyramid Water Treatment Plant

Coleman moved to introduce Ordinance 2023-04 and schedule it for public hearing and second reading on May 23, 2023; with a second by Tungul.

Homka provided an overview of the ordinance followed by Council discussion.

Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative unanimously scheduling Ordinance 2023-04 for public hearing and second reading on May 23, 2023.

### 13. Executive Session

Coleman moved to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters related to the city manager and a proposed consulting agreement with Chris Hladick, matters which if immediately discussed in public may tend to harm the reputation of a person. Present in executive session will be the Mayor, City Council Members attending the meeting, and City Attorney Brooks Chandler. Second by Tungul. There being no objection, Council moved into Executive Session at 9:25 p.m.

- a. Discuss proposed Employment Agreement with William Homka to serve as City Manager of the City of Unalaska
- b. Discuss proposed Professional Services Agreement with Chris Hladick

Tungul moved to return to regular session, with second by Looby. There being no objection, Council returned to regular session at 10:31 p.m., having taken no action in Executive Session.

### 14. Return to Regular Session

- a. Resolution 2023-22: Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Employment Agreement between the City of Unalaska and William Homka to serve as City Manager of the City of Unalaska

Robinson moved to adopt Resolution 2023-22, with a second by Looby.

Each Council member spoke in favor of the Resolution and hiring Homka as City Manager.

Roll call vote: all Council members voted in the affirmative, unanimously adopting Resolution 2023-22.

- b. Resolution 2023-23: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Chris Hladick doing business as Chris Hladick Consulting

Coleman moved to adopt Resolution 2023-23, with a second by Robinson.

Council discussion.

Roll call vote: all Council members voted in the affirmative, unanimously adopting Resolution 2023-23.

#### 15. Council Directives to City Manager

- a. Sight Control for Block 2-A of Plat 97-14: Robinson moved to direct the City Manager to bring to the council a plan for site control for the IFHS, fashioned after the current agreement between the City and IFHS regarding parcel ID 0409232; second by Coleman. Council discussion. Roll call vote: all Council members voted in the affirmative, unanimously adopting the directive to the City Manager.
- b. Tungul moved to direct the City Manager to provide a policy change regarding the community grant on the Qawalangin Tribe; second by Robinson. Council discussion. Roll call vote: all Council members voted in the affirmative, unanimously adopting the directive to the City Manager.

16. **Community Input & Announcements:** Robinson acknowledged his wife's birthday.

17. **Adjournment.** Having completed all items on the agenda, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10:47 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Unalaska City Council on May 23, 2023.

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Marjie Veeder, CMC  
City Clerk