

**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 8, 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

*To Provide a Sustainable Quality of Life  
Through Excellent Stewardship of Government*

## **UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL**

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**Mayor:** Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr. **City Manager:** William Homka  
**Acting City Clerk:** Estkarlen P. Magdaong [emagdaong@ci.unalaska.ak.us](mailto:emagdaong@ci.unalaska.ak.us)

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## **MINUTES**

1. **Call to order.** Council Member Coleman called the regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council to order on August 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

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

**Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem.** Bell made a motion to appoint Shari Coleman as Mayor Pro Tem, with a second by Nicholson. Motion passed by consensus.

2. **Roll call.** Acting City Clerk called the roll. All council members were in attendance, with Robinson and Tutiakoff attending remotely. Mayor Pro Tem announced quorum established.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Coleman led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Recognition of Visitors.** Mayor Pro Tem recognized several people attending the meeting in the audience, including: Jeff Glaser and another gentleman with GCI Communication Corp.; Stephanie Mason with Zender Environmental; Nicole Baker with Net Your Problem, LLC
5. **Adoption of Agenda.** Nicholson made a motion to adopt the agenda, with a second by Looby. Bell moved to amend the agenda by adding a non-action item to consult with legal counsel regarding the rock behind the Latitude 54 building, with a second by Nicholson. Council discussion. Acting City Manager Veeder provided clarifications.

Roll call vote to amend the agenda to add item 11d: Coleman – yes; Bell – yes; Nicholson – yes; Robinson – no; Tungul – yes; Looby – yes; Motion passed 5-1

Hearing no objection from the Council, the agenda as amended was adopted by consensus.

6. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting.** Tungul moved to approve the proposed minutes of the council meeting held July 25, 2023 as presented; with a second by Nicholson. There being no objection, the minutes were approved by consensus.
7. **City Manager's Report.** Homka, attending remotely, provided an overview of his report.

**8. Community Input & Announcements** were made as follows:

- a. Roger Blakeley, PCR Director announced the Heart of the Aleutians Festival on August 19, 2023.
- b. Katherine McGlashan from Unalaska Visitor's Bureau gave an update on the incoming marine vessels.
- c. Steve Tompkins, DPU Director recognized the landfill employees for their work; announced the Household Hazardous Waste event on August 19-20, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; he will also speak at a Q-Tribe environmental program.
- d. Stephanie Mason from Zender Environmental in partnership with Qawalangin Tribe announced the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Collection Event happening on August 10-12, 2023 from 10 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
- e. Nicole Baker from Net Your Problem LLC made announcement regarding recycling fishing gear.
- f. Thomas Roufus with the Alaska State Firefighters Association Local Chapter in partnership with KUCB announced Tundra Golf Classic on August 12-13, 2023.
- g. Fire Chief Ben Knowles announced that three Deputy Fire Marshalls are in town.

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

10. **Public Hearing.** Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2023-08 Amending 'Executives' Chapter 3.56 by removing Chapter 3.56.040 Leave and revising Chapter 3.56.02 Recruitment and Appointment to allow the City Manager to negotiate personal leave for experienced professional candidates who are considering executive employment with the City of Unalaska

There being no testimony, Mayor Pro Tem closed the public hearing.

**11. Regular Agenda.**

- a. Ordinance 2023-08: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Amending 'Executives' Chapter 3.56 by removing Chapter 3.56.040 Leave and revising Chapter 3.56.02 Recruitment and Appointment to allow the City Manager to negotiate personal leave for experienced professional candidates who are considering executive employment with the City of Unalaska

Tungul moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-08, with a second by Nicholson.

Acting City Manager Veeder provided an overview of the ordinance and answered Council questions.

Council discussion.

Roll call vote: Nicholson – no; Looby – no; Coleman – no; Tungul – no; Robinson – no; Bell – no; Motion failed 0-6

- b. Resolution 2023-33: Acknowledging the closure and completion of various capital projects and purchases

Looby made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-33, with a second by Tungul.

Acting City Manager Veeder provided an overview of the ordinance and answered Council questions.

Roll call vote: Robinson – yes; Tungul – yes; Coleman – yes; Looby – yes; Bell – yes; Nicholson – yes; Motion passed 6-0

- c. Resolution 2023-35: Approving a 30-year Tideland Lease Agreement between the City of Unalaska and the Ounalashka Corporation, for Tract A-2 of Unalaska Tidelands Survey No. 103

Tungul made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-35, with a second by Looby.

Acting City Manager Veeder provided an overview of the ordinance.

Council discussion.

Robinson made a motion to amend Resolution 2023-35 to extend the lease from 30-year to 75-year Tideland Lease Agreement, with a second by Tungul.

Roll call vote on the amendment: Looby – no; Bell – no; Nicholson – no; Robinson – yes; Tungul – yes; Coleman – no; Amendment failed 2-4

Council discussion continued.

Thomas Roufos, Associate Planner, answered Council questions.

Roll call vote on the main motion: Bell – yes; Looby – yes; Nicholson – yes; Robinson – yes; Coleman – yes; Tungul – yes; Motion passed 6-0

- d. Consult with legal counsel regarding the rock behind Latitude 54 building

Acting City Manager Veeder provided a brief background on this discussion item.

Council discussion

Port Director Peggy McLaughlin provided information and answered Council questions.

12. **Council Directives to City Manager.** Bell moved to direct the City Manager to engage legal counsel regarding the rock behind the Latitude 54 building, with a second by Coleman. Council discussion.

Roll call vote: Coleman – no; Bell – yes; Looby – no; Nicholson – no; Tungul – no; Robinson – no; Motion failed 1-5

13. **Community Input & Announcements** were given as follows:

- a. Mayor Tutiakoff thanked the City of Unalaska Roads crew and those who participated in Camp Q, and the community.
- b. Acting City Clerk reminded everyone about local municipal election on October 3, 2023, and the voter registration deadline of September 2, 2023.
- c. Mayor Pro Tem thanked Steve Tompkins for his service with the City of Unalaska.

14. **Adjournment.** Having completed all the items on the agenda, Mayor Pro Tem adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Unalaska City Council on September 12, 2023.

  
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Estkarlen P. Magdaong  
City Clerk

