

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 24, 2023
6:00 p.m.



Unalaska City Hall
Council Chambers
43 Raven Way

Council Members
Thomas D. Bell
Darin Nicholson
Daneen Looby

Council Members
Anthony Longo
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
City Clerk: Estkarlen P. Magdaong, emagdaong@ci.unalaska.ak.us

MINUTES

- Call to order.** Mayor Tutiakoff called the regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council to order on October 24, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Looby read the City's Mission Statement: To provide a sustainable quality of life through excellent stewardship of government.
- Roll call.** The City Clerk called the roll. Mayor Tutiakoff and Council members Coleman, Looby and Longo were present in person while Nicholson and Bell participated remotely. Council member Tungul was absent, but excused.
- Pledge of Allegiance.** Coleman led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Recognition of Visitors.** No particular recognition was made.
- Oath of Office.** City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Council Member Anthony Longo.
- Appointment of Vice Mayor.** Longo made a motion to appoint Tungul as Vice-Mayor, with a second by Looby.

Roll call vote: Looby – yes; Bell – yes; Coleman – yes; Nicholson – yes; Longo – yes

Motion passed. Council member Tungul has been appointed Vice Mayor.
- Mayoral Proclamation.** The Mayor read the proclamation into record, declaring November 1, 2023 as Extra Mile Day in Unalaska.
- Adoption of Agenda.** Coleman moved to adopt the agenda, with a second by Looby. Motion adopted by consensus.
- Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting.** Coleman made a motion to approve the proposed minutes of the regular meeting held October 10, 2023, as presented, with a second by Looby. There being no objection, the Mayor announced the minutes approved.
- City Manager Report.** Mr. Homka provided an overview of his report to Council and answered Council questions.
- Community Input & Announcements** were provided as follows:

- a. Roger Blakeley made announcements regarding programs at Parks, Culture & Recreation.
- b. KUCB annual fundraiser will run for 30 hours from Thursday evening, October 26th with Museum Trivia at 6 pm, live radio open mic night at 7 pm, local DJs will play all night and day on Friday, October 27th. The event will close at the Norwegian Rat Saloon at midnight.
- c. Museum of the Aleutians will have their annual membership dinner and auction on November 4th at the Margaret's Bay Café at 6:00 pm.
- d. APIA's Community 4 Community group meets 2nd Monday of the month at 5 pm at the Library. This group meet to discuss and reduce the impact of substance misuse in the community. APIA's Healthy Relationship team from Anchorage is in town to do some outreach activities for domestic violence awareness month.
- e. Unalaska Interagency Cooperative meets at the Library every 4th Thursday at noon.
- f. OptimEra Holdings, Inc. in partnership with USAFV will be doing Christmas for Kids program. USAFV is also getting ready for their Winter Raffle. Soup-off will take place on March 30, 2024.
- g. City Clerk announced Runoff Election on October 30, 2023 for the School Board, Seat SB-B; Sales tax and tobacco excise tax report deadline on October 31, 2023; As part of the fundraising committee of the Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks, City Clerk announced she is selling raffle tickets to help fund scholarships for municipal clerks in Alaska.
- h. Denise Rankin of the Ounalashka Corporation mentioned that trick or treaters aged 1-15 are welcomed at the OC office on Halloween.

12. Public Comment on Agenda Items. None

13. Work Session. Coleman made a motion to enter into Work Session, with a second by Longo. There being no objection, work session began at 6:28 p.m.

- a. New Year's Eve exception to operating hours for bars and restaurants serving alcohol by the drink

City Manager provided information and answered Council questions.

Council discussion.

Ellis Berry and Denise Rankin provided comments into record.

Longo made a motion to return to regular session, with a second by Looby. There being no objection, Council returned to regular session at 6:47 p.m.

14. Regular Agenda

- a. Resolution 2023-43 Supporting full funding for the State of Alaska Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program in the Fiscal Year 2025 State Capital Budget in the amount of \$7,644,677

Coleman moved to adopt Resolution 2023-43, with a second by Longo.

City Manager provided an overview and answered Council questions.

Ports Director Peggy McLaughlin provided information regarding the resolution.

Roll call vote: Longo – yes; Coleman – yes; Looby – yes; Bell – yes; Nicholson – yes

Motion passed 5-0.

b. Travel approval

- i. Alaska Municipal League Local Government Conference, December 6-8, 2023
Anchorage, AK

Coleman made a motion to authorize the Mayor and up to three council members to travel to the AML Local Government Conference, with a second by Looby.

Council discussion.

Coleman moved to amend the motion to insert the names of Mayor Tutiakoff, and Council Members Coleman and Tungul, with a second by Longo.

Roll call vote on the amendment: All Council Members voted in the affirmative. Amendment passed 5-0.

Roll call vote on the main motion as amended: All Council Members voted in the affirmative. Motion passed 5-0.

- ii. Washington DC Lobbying Trip, December 11-13, 2023

Looby made a motion to authorize the Mayor and up to three council members to travel to Washington D.C. for the purpose of federal lobbying, with a second by Coleman.

Council discussion.

Looby made a motion to amend the motion to insert Council Members Looby, Bell, Coleman and Mayor Tutiakoff; with a second by Longo.

Roll call vote on the amendment: All Council Members voted in the affirmative. Motion passed 5-0.

15. **Council Directives to City Manager.** Coleman made a motion to direct the City Manager to prepare a non-code ordinance with a one-day exemption to code for New Year's Eve 2023, with a second by Longo.

Council discussion.

Roll call vote: Bell – yes; Nicholson – yes; Looby – yes; Longo – yes; Coleman – yes

Motion passed 5-0.

16. **Community Input & Announcements.** None.

17. **Adjournment.** Having completed all items on the agenda, we are adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Unalaska City Council on November 14, 2023.

Estkarlen P. Magdaong
City Clerk