

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
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

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

1. **Call to order.** Mayor Tutiakoff called the regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council to order on Tuesday, February 13, 2024.

Council Member Nicholson 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. The Mayor and all Council Members, with the exception of Longo, were present. Longo's absence excused. Mayor announced quorum established.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Recognition of Visitors.** Mayor acknowledged the presence of U.S. Army Reserve personnel composed of Col. Brad Hughes, Lt. Col Brad Morris, Capt. Sarah Robinson and Master Sgt. Ian Thigpen. They are part of the 351st Civil Affairs based out of Mountain View, CA brought by the Innovative Readiness Training Program.
5. **Adoption of Agenda.** Looby moved to adopt the agenda, with a second by Nicholson. There being no objection, the agenda was adopted by consensus.
6. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting.** Tungul moved to approve the proposed minutes of the council meetings held January 23, 2024 and February 6, 2024 as presented, with a second by Nicholson. There being no objection, the minutes were approved by consensus.
7. **Reports**
 - a. **City Manager.** Acting City Manager Veeder provided several updates on the City Manager's written report and answered Council questions.
 - b. **Annual Reports from City Boards, Committees and Commissions**
 - i. Travis Swangel, Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission, presented the annual report.
 - ii. Travis Swangel, Chair of the Planning Commission and Platting Board, presented the annual report to Council.
 - iii. Thomas Roufos, Chair of the Parks, Culture and Recreation Committee, presented the annual report.
 - iv. Library Advisory Committee report will be presented on February 27, 2024

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

- a. Katherine McGlashan with the Unalaska Visitors Bureau announced that UVB will have their 18th annual fundraiser on April 27th at the Grand Aleutian Hotel. She also mentioned that there are 22 cruise ships and five ferries set for the 2024 spring-summer season.
- b. Roger Blakeley, PCR Director, announced Polar Bear Run event will happen on Saturday, February 24th at 1:30 p.m. The Unalaska Public Library had their first Filipino Story Time last February 9th and it was a huge success. The next one will be on March 1st at the library.
- c. City Clerk announced that Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence will have their Soup-Off fundraiser on March 30th.

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

10. **Public Hearing.** The Mayor opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2024-03: Creating Budget Amendment No. 4 to the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, appropriating \$220,175 from the General Fund to create the Highschool Boiler Replacement Project.

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

11. **Work Session.** Coleman moved to go into work session, with a second by Nicholson. There being no objection, work session began at 6:27 p.m.

- a. Discuss Proposed State Legislative Priorities: Acting City Manager Veeder presented the proposed priorities and answered Council questions. Dianne Blumer, City lobbyist and City Manager Homka were available online to answer any questions from the Council.
- b. Review FY25 Revenue Projections and Proposed Budget Goals: Patricia Soule, Finance Director, presented her report and responded to Council questions. Natural Resource Consultant Frank Kelty provided information and answered Council questions.
- c. Follow up to Title 3 Classification & Compensation Study Report: Acting City Manager Veeder provided an introduction and a chance for more discussion regarding the report, and responded to Council questions. Council discussion. City Manager Homka also provided information and answered Council questions.

Coleman moved to go back to regular session, with second by Nicholson. There being no objection, regular session reconvened at 7:34 p.m.

Mayor called for a recess shortly thereafter.

Back in session at 7:41 p.m.

12. **Regular Agenda**

- a. Ordinance 2024-03: 2nd reading, Creating Budget Amendment No. 4 to the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, appropriating \$220,175 from the General Fund to create the Highschool Boiler Replacement Project

Nicholson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-03, with second by Tungul.

Council discussion.

Roll call vote: All Council Members voted in the affirmative. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Resolution 2024-03: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Electric Power Systems, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$130,000

Nicholson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-03, with second by Tungul.

Acting City Manager Veeder provided an overview of the resolution.

Council discussion.

City Manager Homka answered Council questions. Patricia Soule also provided information and answered Council questions.

Roll call vote: All Council Members voted in the affirmative. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Resolution 2024-04: Approving the Mayor's Appointments to the Library Advisory Committee, the PCR Committee, the Planning Commission, Platting Board and the Historic Preservation Commission

Coleman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-04, with second by Looby.

Acting City Manager provided an overview of the resolution.

Roll call vote: All Council Members voted in the affirmative. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. Resolution 2024-05: Approving Council's Goals for the FY25 Budget

Tungul made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-05, with a second by Nicholson.

Acting City Manager provided a brief overview of the resolution.

Council discussion. City Manager and Patricia Soule answered Council questions.

Roll call vote: All Council Members voted in the affirmative. Motion passed unanimously.

13. Council Directives to City Manager

Coleman made a motion to direct the City Manager to revise the Title 3 employee classification and wage scale based on the findings of the McGrath study, with second by Looby.

Council discussion. Acting City Manager and City Manager asked for clarification on the directive.

Roll call vote: All Council Members voted in the affirmative. Motion passed unanimously.

Coleman made a motion to direct the City Manager to seek consultation on the development of an electrical generation and transmission cooperative between the private and municipal power producers in Unalaska, with second by Looby.

Council discussion.

Roll call vote: All Council Members voted in the affirmative. Motion passed unanimously.

14. **Community Input & Announcements.** City Clerk reminded the Mayor and Council that the School Board is looking for a representative from the elected officials to serve on their budget committee meeting. Council member Looby has been appointed and has accepted, while Tungul expressed interest in serving as back-up, if need be.

15. **Executive Session.** Tungul made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter and receive advice from the City Attorney regarding pending or anticipated litigation. In addition to Mayor and Council Members, present in executive session will be the City Attorney, a representative of the City's insurer, the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Human Resources Manager and Risk Manager; with second by Nicholson.

- a. Andrew Breda v. City of Unalaska

Hearing no objection, the Council entered into executive session at 8:24 p.m.

On motion by Tungul with a second by Nicholson, and there being no objection, Council returned from Executive Session at 8:58 p.m.

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

16. **Adjournment.** Having completed all items on the agenda, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Unalaska City Council on February 27, 2024.



Estkaelen P. Magdaong
City Clerk

