

**Regular Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 27, 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](mailto:emagdaong@ci.unalaska.ak.us)

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## **MINUTES**

1. **Call to order.** Mayor Tutiakoff called the regular meeting to order on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 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.*

2. **Roll call.** The City Clerk called the roll. The Mayor and all Council Members were present, with Coleman attending remotely. Mayor announced quorum established.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Tungul led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Recognition of Visitors.** The Mayor acknowledged the people in attendance along with Dylan Faber, Government and Community Affairs Manager for Alaska from Matson.
5. The Mayor acknowledged the 10-year employment anniversary of Jennifer Van Deventer from the Finance department. The Mayor also presented Ms. Van Deventer with an anniversary plaque and pin.

Mayor also recognized and awarded Steve and Jennifer Van Deventer the Community Extra Mile award for their time and tireless efforts to play as Mr. and Mrs. Claus during Christmas.

6. **Adoption of Agenda.** Nicholson moved to adopt the agenda, with a second by Tungul. There being no objection, the agenda was adopted by consensus.
7. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting.** Tungul moved to approve the proposed minutes of the council meeting held February 13, 2024 as presented, with second by Nicholson. There being no objection, the minutes were approved by consensus.

8. **Reports.**

- a. Library Advisory Committee Annual Report – M. Lynn Crane, Chair of the Library Advisory Committee presented the annual report to Council.
- b. Financials, January 2024 – Patricia Soule, Finance Director presented the January financial reports and answered Council questions.
- c. City Manager – Mr. Homka provided an overview of his report and responded to questions from Council.

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

- a. Roger Blakeley, PCR Director announced that the Youth Swim League will start on March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Dr. Virginia Hatfield, Executive Director of the Museum of the Aleutians, announced several events for MOTA.
- c. Alyssa McDonald with University of Alaska Fairbanks mentioned that the Unalaska Learning Center provides classes for the community. Please call (907) 581-1666 for more information. Ms. McDonald also teaches yoga classes at the PCR on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:00 pm – 8:00 p.m.
- d. M. Lynn Crane with Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence will bring out Mike Walsh from the Foraker Group to provide board training for non-profit organizations, tentatively scheduled for Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Soup-off fundraiser will be on March 30, 2024.
- e. City Clerk reminded elected officials, School Board Members and Planning Commissioners to submit their annual Public Official Financial Disclosure form which is due on March 15, 2024.

#### 10. Public Comment on Agenda Items

- a. Rufina Shaishnikoff provided a comment regarding Downtown Nuisance Abatement.
- b. Cole McCracken commented on the Makushin Geothermal Project.
- c. Travis Swangel commented on the Makushin Geothermal Project.
- d. Joe Henning provided a comment regarding the Makushin Geothermal Project.
- e. Alyssa McDonald provided a comment on the Makushin Geothermal Project.

11. **Work Session.** Longo moved go to into work session, with a second by Nicholson. There being no objection, Council moved into work session at 6:34 p.m.

- a. William Lierman of the Alaska Permanent Capital Management presented the Fiscal Sustainabillity Plan and answered Council questions.
- b. Noel Rea, CEO of Iliuliuk Family and Health Services, Inc. presented the IFHS clinic's funding request and answered Council questions.

Dennis Robinson (via Zoom) provided comment regarding the funding request.

**Clerk's note:** Mayor called for a five-minute break before proceeding with the next agenda item.

- c. Cameron Dean, Planning Director presented the Downtown Nuisance Abatement topic and answered Council questions.

Council discussion.

City Clerk read into the record a written comment submitted by Suzi Golodoff.

Laresa Syverson, Dennis Robinson, Rufina Shaishnikoff, Michael Tutiakoff and Janice Krukoff (via Zoom) provided their comments regarding this topic.

- d. Peggy McLaughlin, Port Director, provided a brief introduction and Dylan Faber, Matson's Manager of Government and Community Affairs presented a slide show for the Matson Shipping and City of Unalaska Partnership for UMC Project Positions 5-7 Upgrades and answered Council's questions.

Council discussion.

Travis Swangel and Frank Kelty (via Zoom) provided comment regarding this item.

- e. City Manager Homka presented an overview of the Makushin Geothermal Project & OCCP's Request for 4<sup>th</sup> Amended PPA and answered Council questions.

Council discussion.

Dennis Robinson and Ellis Berry provided their comment in person, while Ronni Wilcock, Alyssa McDonald, David Matthews and Janice Krukoff, all participating via Zoom, provided their comments as well.

City Clerk read into the record a written comment submitted by Dan Magone.

Tungul made a motion to return to regular session, with a second by Nicholson. There being no objection, Council returned to regular session at 9:33 p.m.

## 12. Regular Agenda

- a. Resolution 2024-06: Identifying the City of Unalaska's State Legislative Priorities

Nicholson moved to adopt Resolution 2024-06, with a second by Looby.

The City Manager introduced the resolution and provided a summary, followed by Council discussion.

Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative, adopting Resolution 2024-06.

- b. Ordinance 2024-04: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Amending UCO § 3.40.040 to adopt a new pay range matrix; and amending § 3.40.050 basis of pay rates

Tungul made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2024-04 and schedule it for public hearing and second reading on March 12, 2024; with a second by Bell.

Council member Bell addressed conflict of interest as he is in a domestic partnership with a Title 3 employee and disclosed that there is no significant financial benefit for him should Ordinance 2024-04 pass, and asked the Mayor if he sees it otherwise. Mayor agreed that there is no significant financial benefit.

Longo also disclosed that he is in the same situation as his wife is a Title 3 employee and in the same situation as far as the financial gain. Mayor thanked him and mentioned that he could participate in the discussion and vote and that he sees no significant financial gain.

Council discussion. Mayor ruled that there is no significant financial gain for Bell and Longo from this ordinance and asked to move on.

City Manager Homka provided an overview followed by Council discussion.

Looby moved to amend Ordinance 2024-04 by changing PCR/Aquatics to just PCR; Administration department to HR department and move the Deputy City Manager to go to City Manager's office, with a second by Bell.

Council discussion.

Looby asked to withdraw amendment. City Clerk clarified that we cannot withdraw the motion as it has been seconded and it belonged to the legislative body.

Roll call vote on the amendment: All council members voted against the amendment. Motion to amend failed.

Looby made another motion to amend Ordinance 2024-04 to bring it to 78<sup>th</sup> percentile, with a second by Coleman.

Council discussion.

Roll call vote on the motion to amend: Coleman – yes; Bell – no; Looby – yes; Nicholson – no; Tungul – no; Longo – no

Motion failed 2 yes and 4 no.

City Clerk read into record the written comment submitted by Michelle Price.

Roll call vote on the main motion: All Council Members voted in the affirmative. With this vote, the Council has introduced Ordinance 2024-04 and scheduled it for public hearing and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on March 12, 2024.

- c. Ordinance 2024-05: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Creating Budget Amendment #5 to the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget to fund increases in wages, fringe benefits and associated State of Alaska PERS contribution for unrepresented employees

Tungul made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2024-05 and schedule it for public hearing and second reading on March 12, 2024, with a second by Longo.

City Manager provided an introduction of the ordinance, followed by Council discussion.

Roll call vote: All Council Members voted in the affirmative. Motion passed and scheduled for public hearing and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on March 12, 2024.

### 13. Council Directives to City Manager

- a. Coleman made a motion to direct the City Manager to initiate the development of an Investment Policy Statement for the establishment of the permanent fund, with a second by Looby.

Council discussion.

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

- b. Coleman made a motion to direct the City Manager to provide an administrative extension of six months to the current PPA with OCCP.

Motion failed for a lack of a second.

- c. Bell made a motion to direct the City Manager to bring to Council proposals to fund IFHS request, with a second by Tungul.

Roll call vote: Tungul – yes; Longo – yes; Coleman – no; Looby – yes; Bell – yes; Nicholson – yes

Motion passed 5-1

- d. Bell made a motion to direct the City Manager to move option 2 as presented on February 27, 2024 memorandum to Council with regards to nuisance abatement, with second by Nicholson.

Council discussion.

Roll call vote: Nicholson – yes; Longo – yes; Looby – yes; Coleman – no; Bell – yes, Tungul – yes

Motion passed 5-1

14. **Community Input & Announcements.** None

15. **Adjournment.** Having completed all items on the agenda, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10:45 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Unalaska City Council on March 12, 2024.

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Estkarlen P. Magdaong  
City Clerk