

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 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 March 12, 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. Mayor announced quorum established.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Coleman led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Recognition of Visitors.** No particular recognition made.
5. **Awards and Presentations.** The Mayor acknowledged the 10-year employment anniversary of Sean Peters from the Department of Public Safety. The Mayor also presented Mr. Peters with an anniversary plaque and pin.
6. **Adoption of Agenda.** Looby moved to adopt the agenda, with a second by Longo. There being no objection, the agenda was adopted by consensus.
7. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting.** Looby moved to approve the proposed minutes of the council meeting held February 27, 2024, as presented; with a second by Coleman. There being no objection, the minutes were approved by consensus.
8. **Reports**
 - a. Scott Goodman, Executive Director of the Bering Sea Fisheries Research Foundation, delivered a presentation about a high-priority crab research project focused on Bristol Bay Red King Crab, and answered questions from the Council.
 - b. City Manager Homka presented his report and answered Council questions.
 - c. Board and Commission Minutes (information only, no presentation): Library Advisory Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2024
9. **Community Input & Announcements**
 - a. PCR Director Roger Blakeley made announcements about PCR programs.

- b. M. Lynn Crane made announcements for the Museum of Aleutians and Unalaskans Against Sexual Assault and Family Violence.
- c. Katherine McGlashan announced the annual fundraising event for the Unalaska Visitors Bureau.
- d. City Clerk announced deadline for filing of Public Official Financial Disclosure forms.

10. Public Comment on Agenda Items. None.

11. Public Hearing.

- a. The Mayor opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2024-04 Amending UCO § 3.40.040 to adopt a new pay range matrix; and amending § 3.40.050 basis of pay rates. There being no testimony, the Mayor closed the public hearing.
- b. The Mayor opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2024-05 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. There being no testimony, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

12. Regular Agenda

- a. Ordinance 2024-04: 2nd 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 adopt Ordinance 2024-04, with a second by Longo.

Mr. Homka provided a brief introduction followed by Council discussion.

Ruth Marquez provided public comment in favor of adoption of the ordinance.

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

Motion failed: 4 no and 2 yes.

- b. Ordinance 2024-05: 2nd 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 adopt Ordinance 2024-05, with a second by Longo.

Mr. Homka provided a brief introduction.

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

Motion failed: 4 no and 2 yes.

- c. Resolution 2024-07: Acknowledging the closure and completion of various capital projects and purchases.

Coleman moved to adopt Resolution 2024-07, with a second by Looby.

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

Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative.

Motion passed unanimously.

13. **Council Directives to City Manager.** Bell moved to direct the City Manager to bring to Council a comprehensive change to Title 3, with a second by Coleman.

Council discussion.

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

Motion failed unanimously.

Council Member Nicholson asked for a 5-minute recess.

Back from recess at 7:20 p.m.

14. Nicholson made a motion to reconsider regarding Ordinance 2024-04 and Ordinance 2024-05, with a second by Tungul.

Council discussion.

Mayor asked for a roll call vote. Coleman commented about not needing a roll call vote when the motion to reconsider has been seconded. Bell made a point of order, stating that motion to reconsider has to be seconded, and voted on. City Manager Homka asked for a 5-minute break to consult with the City Attorney. City Attorney Charles Cacciola provided clarification on the matters at hand.

Roll call vote on the Motion to Reconsider: Coleman, Bell and Looby voted no; while Nicholson, Longo and Tungul voted yes, resulting in a tie with 3 no and 3 yes. The Mayor broke the tie by voting yes. Motion carried with 4 yes and 3 no.

Ordinance 2024-04 is back on the floor to be debated. Council discussion.

Bell made a motion to amend Ordinance 2024-04 to bring the amount to the 80th percentile, with a second by Looby.

Council discussion.

Roll call vote on the amendment: Longo – no; Bell – yes; Coleman – yes; Tungul – no; Looby – yes; Nicholson – no.

Roll call vote with 3 yes and 3 no. The Mayor broke the tie by voting no. Motion failed with 4 no and 3 yes.

Council discussion on the main motion.

Roll call vote on Ordinance 2024-04: Bell – no; Looby – no; Nicholson – yes; Longo – yes; Tungul – yes; Coleman – no. Roll call vote with 3 yes and 3 no. The Mayor broke the tie by voting yes. Motion adopted with 4 yes and 3 no.

Ordinance 2024-05 is back on the floor to be discussed. Hearing no discussion, Mayor called for a roll call.

Roll call vote: All council members voted in the affirmative. Motion passed unanimously.

15. Community Input & Announcements.

- a. M. Lynn Crane thanked the Council for allowing USAFV to hold over some money from previous fiscal years to do some interior maintenance work. USAFV will have an open house later in the year.

16. Executive Session. Bell moved to go into an executive session to discuss matters which, if discussed in public, could harm the reputation of a person; and which if immediately disclosed would tend to adversely affect the finances of the city. Present in the executive session with be the Mayor, Council Members and Deputy City Manager; with a second by Longo.

Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative.

With this vote, the Council entered into Executive Session at 7:56 p.m.

- a. Discussion of City Manager Annual Evaluation

Longo made a motion to return to regular session, with a second by Tungul.

Council reconvened to regular session at 8:20 p.m.

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

17. Adjournment. Having completed all items on the agenda, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Unalaska City Council on March 26, 2024.

Estkarlen P. Magdaong
City Clerk

