

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 26, 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 26, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Council Member Bell 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. Mayor announced quorum established.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Nicholson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Recognition of Visitors.** No particular recognition made.
5. **Adoption of Agenda.** Nicholson made a motion to adopt the agenda, with a second by Looby. 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 meeting held March 12, 2024 and the special meeting held March 18, 2024, as presented; with a second by Nicholson. There being no objection, the minutes were approved by consensus.
7. **Reports**
 - a. February Financial reports were included in the packet. City Manager provided a brief introduction. No questions from the Council.
 - b. City Manager provided an overview of his written report and answered Council questions.
 - c. Parks, Culture and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes for January 22, 2024 was included in the packet. No questions from the Council.
8. **Community Input & Announcements** were provided as follows:
 - a. Roger Blakeley, PCR Director announced multiple programs scheduled at the PCR.
 - b. Dr. Virginia Hatfield announced programs and events for the Museum of the Aleutians.
 - c. M. Lynn Crane announced Unalaska Visitors Bureau's fundraising event. She also mentioned the Inter-agency Cooperative Meeting.

9. Public Comment on Agenda Items:

- a. Margo Peters provided a comment regarding additional staff position requests for the Fire department.

10. Work Session. Looby made a motion to enter into Work Session, with a second by Nicholson. There being no objection, the Council entered into Work Session at 6:26 pm.

- a. Public Works Director Scott Brown provided updates on the Capital Projects and answered Council questions.
- b. Planning Director Cameron Dean presented the Draft FY25-34 CMMP and answered Council questions. Dennis Robinson provided a comment on this topic.
- c. City Manager Homka provided an introduction for the requests of additional staff positions for FY25. PCR Director Roger Blakeley, Fire Chief Ben Knowles and Acting Public Utilities Director Erik Hernandez answered Council questions.

Public comments were provided in person by Thomas Roufus, Greg Peters, David Gibson, Douglas Bartel, PA and Salvador H. Alvarado. Denise Rankin provided her comment via Zoom platform. City Clerk read into record the written comment submitted by Ferdinand Lopez.

- d. City Manager provided a brief introduction for the Proposal for IFHS Clinic Funding for FY25 and answered Council questions. Dennis Robinson provided a comment on this item.

Tungul made a motion to return to Regular Session, with a second by Nicholson. There being no objection, the Council reconvened to Regular Session at 9:07 pm.

11. Regular Agenda.

- a. Resolution 2024-09: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Project Partnership Agreement with the United States Army Corps of Engineers for the dredging the Iliuliuk Bay Entrance Channel, to include payment of an estimated \$8,644,000 for construction and an amount equal to 10% of the total project cost, estimated to be \$3,457,600

Nicholson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-09, with a second by Tungul.

City Manager Homka provided a brief introduction for the resolution.

Council discussion. Ports Director Peggy McLaughlin answered Council question.

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

- b. Resolution 2024-10: Supporting of the City's grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant due April 1, 2024

Looby made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-10, with a second by Bell.

City Manager provided a brief overview of the resolution and answered Council questions.

Council discussion.

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

12. **Council Directives to City Manager.** None.

13. **Community Input & Announcements.** None.

14. **Executive Session.** Bell made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss two items:

- a. **Breda v. City of Unalaska:** to receive legal advice from an attorney regarding matters of pending or anticipated litigation. In addition to the Mayor and Council Members, present in Executive Session will be the City Manager, Deputy City Manager, attorney Sam Severin and insurance representative Kyle Hardin; and
- b. Discuss a possible Real Estate Transaction, a matter that, if immediately disclosed, would tend to adversely affect the finances of the City. In addition to Mayor and Council Members, present in Executive Session will be the City Manager and Deputy City Manager; with a second from Tungul. Motion passed by consensus.

With this vote, the Council entered into Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.

Discussion in Executive Session.

Council member Looby moved to return to Regular Session, with a second by Coleman. Motion passed by consensus.

Council returned to Regular Session at 10:28 p.m.

Mayor announced that no formal action was taken in Executive Session other than to provide direction to the City Attorney.

15. **Adjournment.** Having completed all items on the agenda, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 10:29 pm.

These minutes were approved by the Unalaska City Council on April 9, 2024.



Estkarlen P. Magdaong
City Clerk

