

**Special Meeting  
Friday, October 25, 2019  
6:00 p.m.**



**Unalaska City Hall  
Council Chambers  
43 Raven Way**

**Council Members**

James Fitch  
Darin Nicholson  
David Gregory

**UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL**

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Vincent M. Tutiakoff Sr., Mayor  
Erin Reinders, City Manager

**Council Members**

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Alejandro Tungul  
Shari Coleman

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## MINUTES

1. Call to order  
Mayor Tutiakoff Sr. called the Special Meeting of the Unalaska City Council to order at 6:00pm, in the Unalaska City council chambers.
2. Roll call  
Present:  
Vincent Tutiakoff Sr., Mayor  
Dennis Robinson, Vice Mayor  
Darin Nicholson  
James Fitch (Telephonic)  
Alejandro Tungul  
David Gregory  
Shari Coleman  
  
Absent:  
None
3. Reports Regarding Commercial Flights Servicing Unalaska, Alaska
  - a. City Manager  
Erin Reinders, City Manager, gave a report on the city's efforts to:
    - Communicate timely, accurate, and actionable information to all community members
    - Communication with representatives and their staff, city lobbyists, media, community members, city staff, and a variety of airlines about the current situation, challenges and questions.
    - Acknowledged the efforts of community members with the creation of a Facebook page, Unalaska Plane Charter Coordination; a group to help air charter coordination in and out of Unalaska/Dutch Harbor and a clearinghouse for community members to share information about available seats on existing charters.
    - Telephonic Participants:
      - Dave Pflieger, President and CEO, RavnAir Group
        - Mr. Pflieger offered condolences and acknowledged all those injured and their families, presented a three-part plan to restore normal PenAir Saab 2000 service to Dutch Harbor, and answered questions from City Council and community members.
      - Derek Shanks, Chief Commercial Officer, RavnAir Group
        - Mr. Shanks answered questions regarding schedules, pricing, and reservations and other questions from City Council and community members.
      - Missy Roberts, Director of Marketing and Alliances, RavnAir Group
      - Marilyn Romano, Regional Vice President, Alaska Airlines
        - Ms. Romano offered condolences and acknowledged all those injured and their families, explained the pause in marketing flights into Unalaska, and stated goal of resuming flying through a relationship with RavnAir Group, and answered questions from City Council and community members.
      - Scott Habberstad, Director Sales and Community Marketing, Alaska Airlines
        - Mr. Habberstad answered questions from City Council and community members

- Tim Thompson, Manager External Relations, Public Relations, Alaska Airlines
  - Cory Clark, Vice President of Stations, Grant Aviation
    - Mr. Clark welcomed comments from Council and community on how to further help the community get closer to mainline haul until regularly scheduled flights into and out of Unalaska resume.
  - Bryce Edgmon, State Representative
    - Mr. Edgmon commented on conversations he has had with Alaska Airlines representatives, Senator Murkowski staff, seafood industries, and regulatory agencies in an effort to resume regular passenger service into and out of Unalaska.
  - Peggy McLaughlin, Ports director
  - KUCB
  - Matt Leseman, KTUU News
- b. Mayor and Council  
Mayor and Council asked questions and expressed concerns to airline representatives regarding plans to resume scheduled air service between Anchorage and Unalaska

4. Public Comment

The following community members provided public comment/questions:

- Tom Robinson
- Frank Kelty
- Brianna Dwyer
- Carlos Tayag
- Peggy McLaughlin
- Matt Scott
- Doug Leggett
- Shirley Marquardt
- Mike Barber
- Melanee Tiura, IFHS Clinic Director
- Katherine Wayner
- Killian Baker
- Jim Wilson, High School Principal
- Reise Wayner

The City Manager provided closing comments regarding:

- Alaska Airline Customer Service phone number
- Research on a longer runway
- Additional community meetings
- Research on a longer runway
- Review processes on how to declare a state of emergency
- Provide feedback on debriefing on the actual event

Dennis Robinson, Vice Mayor, acknowledged the efforts of the first responders to the PenAir accident and the efforts of community businesses, and community members during this time.

Mayor Tutiakoff, Sr. thanked the City Manager and staff for all their work, acknowledged the efforts of first responders and the community's efforts in response to the PenAir accident.

5. Adjournment

Tungul made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Coleman seconded.

No objection.

The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.



Marjie Veeder  
City Clerk



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