

Special Meeting
Thursday, January 9, 2020
6:00 p.m.



Unalaska City Hall
Council Chambers
43 Raven Way

Council Members
Vacant
Darin Nicholson
David Gregory

UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL

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Dennis Robinson
Alejandro Tungul
Shari Coleman

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

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Pledge of allegiance
4. Persons interested in appointment to City Council Seat B
 - a. Jason Gates
 - i. Statement by Jason Gates
 - ii. Questions from Council
 - b. Thomas D. Bell
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 - c. Greg Peters
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5. Resolution 2020-01: Appointing a member to the Unalaska City Council Seat CC-B
6. Oath of Office for Council Seat CC-B
7. Executive Session:
 - a. Status of AIG Insurance Claim
 - b. Alaska Mechanical, Inc. vs. City of Unalaska; and City of Unalaska vs. Advanced Blasting Services, LLC
 - c. Personnel Matters, Proposed Employment Agreement
8. Adjourn

December 16, 2019 – received via email

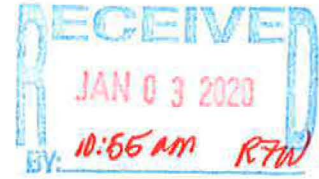
Council,

My name is Jason Gates and I was born in Missouri and moved to Tennessee when I was eleven. I came to Alaska in 1989 at the age of 14 to help my sister transition through a divorce. At 15 I moved out on my own, worked various positions at Safeway all the while staying in school and Graduated from East Anchorage High School at 17. Aviation was my love and I became a licensed A&P mechanic at 18. This career field took me to Washington, Hawaii, and back to Alaska. I started work for Pen Air in 2000 and in 2004 a mechanic position opened up in Unalaska. I first came to Unalaska in March of 2004, was given a cursory tour by the outgoing mechanic for 2 days, and then I was on my own. I quickly grew to love it here, not only because I was able to work on historic aircraft, but the history and beauty of this island is astounding. I met my wife in 2005 and we married in 2007 on the ramp in front of the Hanger with the Goose in the background. With the completion of the runway on Akun, I was laid off from full time employment with Pen Air and took a position with the State of Alaska as an equipment operator in Akun on week on/week off schedule. I volunteered to stay on as the on-call mechanic for Pen Air, as I was the only one on the island qualified to work on the Saab Aircraft. I then moved to a position with the City as a Wastewater Operator. I spent almost 5 years learning wastewater systems and regulations. I still offer my knowledge and experience to the current crew at the wastewater plant when they come across something that they need a little help with. I currently work for TelAlaska as the Area Supervisor and have loved every minute of it. Working in Utilities definitely helps one understand how a City is designed, built and the infrastructure that it takes to keep the city running. In 2009-2010 my wife and I owned a house in Wasilla, she was a stay at home mother while I continued to travel to Unalaska for Pen Air. I have called Unalaska my permanent home since 2010 when my daughter was born and we moved back as a family. We decided to sell our Wasilla home in 2013 and in January 2014 we purchased our home in Unalaska. I love Unalaska and have a desire to serve in a capacity that would help shape the future of this city.

Thank You for your consideration.

Jason Gates

Thomas D. Bell
PO Box 72
479 Steward Road
Unalaska AK 99685



January 3, 2020

Mayor and Council,

I am submitting this statement to express my interest in being appointed to the council seat recently vacated by council member Fitch.

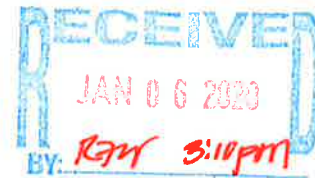
As a nineteen year resident of Unalaska I have always been interested in staying informed about city projects and issues that affect the community. This interest led me to the Planning Commission where for the past few years I have served and gained knowledge about city processes, procedures, ordinances and insight into how city government functions.

As a long term resident I have experienced first-hand the issues and unique challenges we all face living here every day. I have raised three children, all who attended and graduated from Unalaska City School. I have owned a business in the community and own a home here. Over the past nineteen years I have seen the change and growth the City has experienced and the challenges our community has overcome, as well as those that we still face. I welcome the opportunity to become a member of city council to work to address these challenges and serve my community.

Thank you for your consideration,


Thomas D. Bell

City of Unalaska
City Clerk's office
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I would like to express my interest to be considered for the open City Council Seat CC-B. I have lived in the Unalaska community since January, 1996. Since that time, I have been employed with Alyeska and Westward Seafoods and have served on the Coastal Resource Service Area board, the City of Unalaska Capital Improvement Committee, and currently serve on the PCR advisory committee. Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Thanks.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Peters", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Greg Peters
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CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA

RESOLUTION 2020-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL APPOINTING A MEMBER TO CITY COUNCIL SEAT CC-B

WHEREAS, Unalaska City Code § 2.12.050(a)(3) states that the office of City Council member is vacated when a Council member resigns and the resignation is accepted by Council; and

WHEREAS, the office of a City Council member becomes vacant upon the declaration of vacancy by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, City Council Member James Fitch submitted his resignation from City Council Seat CC-B;

WHEREAS, with the adoption of Resolution 2019-60 on November 26, 2019, City Council accepted the resignation of James Fitch and declared Council Seat CC-B vacant effective December 13, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk advertised the vacancy in the community and Council considered all letters of interest timely delivered.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Unalaska City Council appoints _____ to City Council Seat CC-B.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a duly constituted quorum of the Unalaska City Council on January 9, 2020.

Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Marjie Veeder
City Clerk

MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Marjie Veeder, City Clerk
Through: Erin Reinders, City Manager
Date: January 9, 2020
Re: Resolution 2020-01, appointing a member to City Council Seat CC-B

SUMMARY: Seat CC-B was declared vacant effective December 13, 2019 following the resignation of Council Member James Fitch. Council must appoint a qualified person fill the vacancy within 30 days. Adoption of Resolution 2020-01 will accomplish this requirement.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Council accepted Mr. Fitch's resignation on November 26, 2019 with Resolution 2019-60 and declared Seat CC-B vacant effective December 13, 2019. Council also directed the City Manager to advertise the vacancy, accept letters of interest and to invite such interested persons to tonight's meeting. Council's directive was accomplished.

BACKGROUND and DISCUSSION: Vacancies on council are filled, pursuant to UCO 2.12.050(C), by the remaining council members, within 30 days of vacancy, appointing a qualified person to fill the vacancy. The appointed person will serve until the following year's regular election in October 2020. Coincidentally, the regular term for Seat B expires in October 2020. The qualifications for a person appointed to fill a vacancy are the same as qualifications for anyone who wants to declare candidacy for council: they must be a voter registered in the city who has resided in the city for no less than twelve consecutive months immediately prior to the time of submission of declaration of candidacy.

Letters of interest were submitted by the following individuals:

1. Jason Gates. The City Clerk has confirmed that Mr. Gates meets the eligibility requirements.
2. Thomas D. Bell. The City Clerk has confirmed that Mr. Bell meets the eligibility requirements.
3. Greg Peters. The City Clerk has confirmed that Mr. Peters meets the eligibility requirements.

Mr. Bell is a member of the Planning Commission. Pursuant to UCO § 8.04.060(C)(5), no member of the City Council may serve concurrently as a member to the City of Unalaska Planning Commission and Platting Board. If Mr. Bell is appointed to Council, his membership on the Planning Commission is immediately forfeited.

Mr. Gates is a member of the Parks, Culture & Recreation (PCR) Committee, which is an advisory committee relating to the improvement, operation and maintenance of the City's PCR facilities and programs. There is no prohibition in code against serving concurrently on the City Council and the PCR Committee.

ALTERNATIVES: There are no alternatives.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Not applicable.

LEGAL: Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that Council adopt Resolution 2020-01 after motion is made to amend the resolution to insert a name.

PROPOSED MOTIONS:

1. Main motion: I move to adopt Resolution 2020-01.
2. Motion to Amend: I move to amend Resolution 2020-01 by inserting the name “_____” in the blank.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: I support staff's recommendations.