

SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, June 15, 2020
6:00 p.m.



Unalaska City Hall
Council Chambers
43 Raven Way

Council Members
Thomas D. Bell
Darin Nicholson
David M. Gregory

UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL

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Council Members
Dennis M. Robinson
Alejandro R. Tungul
Shari Coleman

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

Pursuant to the City's Manager's Emergency Order of March 17, 2020, suspending the provisions of UCO §2.20.075 regarding council member participation in meetings by teleconference, and due to recommended social distancing measures to stop the spread of coronavirus, this meeting was conducted primarily via telephone conference call. The call-in number was published with the agenda. Members of the public were encouraged to participate by telephone and to email testimony in advance. Audio of the meeting was broadcast on local television and radio stations.

MINUTES

1. Call to order

Mayor Tutiakoff called the Special Meeting of the Unalaska City Council to order on Monday, June 15, 2020, in the Unalaska City council chambers at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll call

Present in Chambers:
Vincent Tutiakoff, Sr., Mayor
Thomas D. Bell
David Gregory
Shari Coleman

Present Telephonically:
Dennis Robinson
Darin Nicholson
Alejandro Tungul

3. Pledge of allegiance – Council Member Bell led the Pledge of Allegiance

4. Adoption of agenda

Gregory made a motion to adopt agenda; Coleman seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Tungul – yes; Robinson – yes; Nicholson – yes; Gregory – yes; Bell – yes;
Coleman – yes.
Motion passed 6-0.

5. Work session

Coleman made a motion to enter into Work Session; Gregory seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Bell – yes; Nicholson – yes; Gregory – yes; Robinson – yes; Coleman – yes;
Tungul – yes.
Motion passed 6-0.

a. Presentation and discussion – CARES Act funding and support for local businesses and non-profit organizations

i. Overview of the CARES Act

Interim Finance Director presented an overview of the intent and goal of the CARES Act program and reviewed the payment schedule as follows:

- Provide grant funding to City residents, businesses and not-for-profits negatively impacted by COVID-19 (Grants)
- Cover the cost associated with the City's response to the Pandemic (Response)
- Cover costs associated with the prevention and anticipation of future COVID-19 related outbreaks (Prevention)
- CARES Act Payment Schedule
 - 1st payment - \$5.4 million received first week of June
 - 2nd payment - \$3.9 million made available July 1st but after 80% of first installment spent
 - 3rd payment - \$3.9 million available October 1, 2020

Interim Finance Director presented an initial proposal for council discussion. Council will be asked for further direction on this matter. The following are proposed distribution percentages as outlined in the Director's memo:

- Grants, \$3,363,488 (25%)
- Response, \$4,036,186 (30%)
- Prevention, \$6,054,278 (45%)

City Manager mentioned that the Coronavirus Relief Fund FAQ's and Federal Coronavirus Relief Fund Guidance were included in the council packet and made available to the public.

Planning Director presented an overview of the CARES Act Program which included proposed or implemented programs from other local governments around the state as follows:

- Flat Rate Grants to each business in varying amounts
- Payments directly to the citizens
- City Resiliency
- CARES Act Guidelines

ii. City Staff proposal

Council will be asked for further direction on this matter.

Planning Director presented the following for City Council consideration:

- Assistance to Small Businesses; essential and non-essential, and Non-Profit organizations
- Three funding concepts
 - Flat Rate by annual income
 - Flexible based on Gross Income
 - Flexible based on Net Income
 - Maximum Payment
- Proposed Application Requirements
- Assistance for Unalaska Local Government

iii. Council Discussion

City Manager, Planning Director and Interim Finance Director answered Council questions.

iv. Public Input

The following community members provided public comment:

- Bill Shaishnikoff for Bering Shai Rock & Gravel, Bering Shai Marine, Bering Shai Pedwell Transportation
- Daneen Looby, Bookkeeper for various local businesses
- Jeff Manns, Amelia's Restaurant
- Susan Honan, Alexandria House
- Andy Dietrick for Aleutian Aerial, Aleutian Excursions

City Clerk read into the record letters submitted for public comment by:

- Melissa Good
- Lisa Tran, Airport Restaurant Manager

6. **Council Directives to City Manager** – No formal Directive made.

Mayor requested City Manager to have the following items ready by the next scheduled council meeting on June 23, 2020:

- Grant Application form
- Grant Application election process
- Information regarding the historical revenues for each small business and non-profit organization

7. **Community Input & Announcements**

- PCR – Community Clean-up Update; Solstice Run; 4th of July Parade

8. **Adjournment**

Gregory made a motion to adjourn; Coleman seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Tungul – yes; Gregory – yes; Robinson – yes; Bell – yes; Nicholson – yes; Coleman – yes.

Motion passed 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.



Marjie Veeder, CMC
City Clerk



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