

**Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 10, 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

P. O. Box 610 • Unalaska, Alaska 99685
(907) 581-1251 • www.ci.unalaska.ak.us

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

Council Members

Dennis M. Robinson
Alejandro R. Tungul
Shari Coleman

MINUTES

1. Call to order

Mayor Tutiakoff, Sr. called the regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council to order on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:10 pm.

2. Roll call

Present in chambers:

Vincent Tutiakoff, Sr., Mayor
David Gregory

Present Via Telephone or Zoom:

Dennis Robinson
Thomas D. Bell
Darin Nicholson
Alejandro Tungul
Shari Coleman

Absent:

None

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

4. Recognition of visitors – Tim and Marie Schliebe

5. Adoption of agenda

Gregory made a motion to adopt Agenda; Robinson seconded.

Gregory made a motion to amend Agenda to remove Executive Session; Robinson seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Roll Call Vote on main motion as amended: Gregory – yes; Coleman – yes; Tungul – yes; Nicholson – yes; Robinson – yes; Bell – yes.

Motion passed 6-0.

6. Presentation of Community “Extra Mile” Award: Tim and Marie Schliebe

Mayor and Council recognized and awarded Tim and Marie Schliebe the Extra Mile award.

7. Approve minutes of previous meeting: October 27, 2020

Gregory made a motion to approve October 27, 2020 meeting minutes; Robinson seconded.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

8. City Manager Report – in the packet

City Manager provided an update and answered Council questions regarding:

- First reported community spread case of COVID-19 in Unalaska
- Update on Airport Master Plan

Ports Director updated and answered Council questions regarding

- Ravn Air scheduled service and charter service

9. Community Input & Announcements

Daneen Looby, Norwegian Rat Saloon, announced temporary closure until further notice but will provide curbside delivery.

10. Public testimony on agenda items - None

11. Work session

Gregory made a motion to move into Work Session; Tungul seconded.

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

Gregory – yes,

Motion passed 6-0.

a. CMMP project ranking criteria and weights – Thomas Roufos, Acting Planning Director

Acting Planning Director presented the results from the CMMP Project ranking criteria and weights and answered Council questions.

b. Tobacco Excise Tax – City Clerk, Marjie Veeder

City Clerk presented a summary and background information on this issue. Staff requested Council direction on the proposed ordinance imposing an excise tax on tobacco, rate of levy, fund dedication options and whether to proceed with an increased sales tax levy on alcohol and marijuana.

Marge Stoneking, Alaska American Lung Association Director, provided testimony and answered Council questions.

Charles Cacciola, City Attorney, answered Council questions regarding taxing cigarettes sold on commercial fishing vessels.

Caroline Nevak, APIA, provided testimony and answered Council questions.

c. Proposed Amendments to Title 18, Port and Port Facilities - Peggy McLaughlin, Director of Ports & Harbors

Ports Director discussed proposed changes to Title 18 that Council will be asked to consider at the first meeting in December. No Council action was required at this meeting.

d. Site selection, new Public Safety facility – Thomas Cohenour, DPW Director with Corey Wall of JYW Architects and Jay King, Police Chief

City Manager provided a summary and a list of previous Council action on this item and requested Council direction.

Corey Wall, JYW Architects, led the discussion on the conceptual design executive summary and reviewed analysis of alternate sites to house either a new DPS department with both Police and Fire Departments or a stand-alone new Police Department and utilize the existing building for the Fire Department.

DPW Director presented an overview of alternative sites for the new Public Safety facility. Staff supported proceeding with architectural designs for the new facility at the Skate Park site.

City Manager, DPW Director and Corey Wall answered Council questions.

Public Comment given by Travis Swangel

e. Police vehicle visual appearance – Jay King, Police Chief

Police Chief presented an overview of the Police Division Departmental Fleet and the proposed changes in background color and graphics.

Deputy Chief Simms provided background information regarding the research to change the visual appearance of the police vehicles to help promote community interest and local recruitment and to provide for a more professional presence in the community and to reflect pride for the profession.

Sgt. Wood provided testimony in favor of changing the Police vehicle visual appearance to help promote department moral and community pride.

City Manager, Police Chief and DPW Director answered Council questions.

9:41 pm – Recess

9:51 pm – Back on record

12. Regular agenda

Gregory made a motion to reconvene to Regular Agenda; Robinson seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Gregory – yes; Bell – yes; Coleman – yes; Coleman – yes; Nicholson – yes; Robinson – yes. Tungul did not vote.

Motion passed 5-0.

a. Resolution 2020-71: Extending the Declaration of a Local Emergency and authorizing the City Manager to take necessary actions to reduce the impact and spread of the Coronavirus known as COVID-19 throughout the City of Unalaska

Gregory made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-71; Robinson seconded.

Robinson made a motion to amend Resolution 2020-71 to delete *June 30, 2020* and insert *June 30, 2021*; Gregory seconded.

Roll Call Vote on motion to amend: Robinson – yes; Tungul – yes; Coleman – yes; Gregory – yes; Bell – yes; Nicholson – yes.

Motion passed 6-0.

Roll Call Vote on main motion as amended: Bell – yes; Coleman – yes; Nicholson – yes; Robinson – yes; Tungul – yes; Gregory – yes.

Motion passed 6-0.

b. Resolution 2020-72: Continuing Measures to Protect the Public Health

Gregory made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-72; Robinson seconded.

City Clerk read a letter submitted for Public Comment by Greg Peters.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

13. Council Directives to City Manager – None

14. Community Input & Announcements


Mayor and Council acknowledge the efforts of the Norwegian Rat Saloon for taking precautionary measures to protect the community by temporarily closing their doors.

Mayor Tutiakoff, Sr. thanked all Veterans and all other Military Service Personnel for their service.

15. Executive Session: Continued discussion with City Manager regarding Annual Review and Goals

This item was removed from the agenda through a motion to amend agenda by a vote of 6-0.

16. Adjournment - Mayor Tutiakoff, Sr., adjourned the meeting at 10:30 pm.



Roxanna F. Winters, CMC
Deputy Clerk



Rfw/Sdh