

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 25, 2021
6:00 p.m.



Unalaska City Hall
Council Chambers
43 Raven Way

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

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

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Vincent M. Tutiakoff Sr., Mayor
Erin Reinders, City Manager
Marjie Veeder, City Clerk mveeder@ci.unalaska.ak.us

MINUTES

1. Call to order

Mayor Tutiakoff called the regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council to order on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

2. Roll call

Present in chambers:

Vincent Tutiakoff, Sr., Mayor
Thomas D. Bell
David Gregory
Alejandro Tungul

Present Via Telephone or Zoom:

Dennis Robinson

Absent/Excused:

Darin Nicholson
Shari Coleman

3. Pledge of allegiance

Council Member Gregory led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Adoption of agenda

Bell made a motion to adopt agenda; Tungul seconded.

Gregory made a motion to amend agenda to add item 13(f). UNFA Support Letter; Tungul seconded.

Roll call vote on motion to amend: Tungul – yes; Robinson – yes; Gregory – yes; Bell – yes.

Motion passed 4-0.

Roll call vote on main motion as amended: Gregory – yes; Tungul – yes; Robinson – yes; Bell – yes.

Motion passed 4-0.

5. Awards and Presentations:

- a. City Clerk to administer the Oath of Office to Police Officer Theodore Fike
City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Theodore Fike
- b. Ken Akerley Fire Service Leadership Award, Captain Ben Knowles, Unalaska Fire Department
Mayor and Council presented the Ken Akerley Fire Service Leadership Award to Captain Ben Knowles.
- c. Mayor's Proclamation declaring June 2021 as Workplace Safety Awareness Month
Mayor Tutiakoff read the Workplace Safety Awareness proclamation into the record.
- d. Recognize Council Member David Gregory's 14 years of service on the City Council

Mayor and Council presented Council Member David Gregory with a plaque recognizing 14 years of service on the City Council.

6. **Approve minutes of previous meetings:** May 10 Special Meeting; May 11, 2021 Regular Meeting

Tungul made a motion to approve the May 10 Special Meeting and May 11, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes; Gregory seconded.

Roll call vote: Tungul – yes; Gregory – yes; Robinson – yes; Bell – yes.

Motion passed 4-0.

7. **Reports:** City Manager

City Manager requested Council direction on the following items:

- Special Election to consider two (2) Ballot Measures
- Formal directive on sales tax increase for a utility infrastructure fund

City Manager answered Council questions regarding revenue estimate from a 1.5% sales tax

8. **Community Input & Announcements**

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- Summer Guide available now
- Theater Thursdays: Play in a Day
- 2 Mile Summer Solstice Run
- 4th of July Parade
- Camp Adgayux – July 26-30, 2021
- Ballyhoo Mountain Run
- Summer Soccer Program

Clerks

- Accepting letters of interest for Council Seat CC-D vacancy; letters due on or before 10:00am, June 4, 2021

9. **Public comment on agenda items** – None.

10. **Public hearing**

Mayor Tutiakoff opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2021-05 and Ordinance 2021-07.

Hearing no testimony, the Public Hearing closed.

- a. Ordinance 2021-05: Amending Chapter 6.52 of the Unalaska Code of Ordinances to adopt by reference the 2021 Alaska Remote Sellers Sales Tax Code; to amend Chapter 6.40 to amend definitions, eliminate interest on tax refunds and establish a penalty for late filing of sales tax returns; and amend Chapter 9.04.030 to adopt a new exemption from the business license ordinance for remote sellers who register with the Alaska Remote Sellers Sales Tax Commission
- b. Ordinance 2021-07: Adopting the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating and Capital Budget for the City of Unalaska

11. **Work session**

Tungul made a motion to enter into Work Session; Bell seconded.

Motion passed by consensus.

- a. Discussion & Presentation: Joint Trench Agreement with GCI - Planning Director William Homka and representatives of GCI
Planning Director gave a presentation on the Joint Trench Agreement with GCI.

The Planning Director, Rebecca Markley and John Burnett, GCI representatives, DPU Director and IS Supervisor answered Council questions.

Gregory made a motion to adjourn to Regular Session; Tungul seconded.
Roll call vote: Gregory – yes; Tungul – yes; Bell – yes; Robinson – yes.
Motion passed 4-0.

12. Consent agenda

Gregory made a motion to adopt Consent Agenda; Tungul seconded.
Roll call vote: Gregory – yes; Robinson – yes; Tungul – yes; Bell – yes.
Motion passed 4-0.

- a. Resolution 2021-32: Authorizing the City Manager to sign the FY22 Community Schools Agreement between the City of Unalaska and the Unalaska City School District
- b. Resolution 2021-33: Authorizing the City Manager to sign a joint trench agreement with Unicom, Inc. (GCI)
- c. Resolution 2021-36: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Federal Sign for the construction of the Tsunami Sirens Upgrade Project in the amount of \$333,450.60
- d. Resolution 2021-37: Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with PSI Water Technologies to Provide Owner Furnished Materials for the Pyramid Water Treatment Plant Chlorine Upgrades Project for \$288,000

13. Regular agenda

- a. Ordinance 2021-05: (2nd reading) Amending Chapter 6.52 of the Unalaska Code of Ordinances to adopt by reference the 2021 Alaska Remote Sellers Sales Tax Code; to amend Chapter 6.40 to amend definitions, eliminate interest on tax refunds and establish a penalty for late filing of sales tax returns; and amend Chapter 9.04.030 to adopt a new exemption from the business license ordinance for remote sellers who register with the Alaska Remote Sellers Sales Tax Commission

Gregory made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-05; Tungul seconded.
Roll call vote: Bell – yes; Gregory – yes; Robinson – yes; Tungul – yes.
Motion passed 4-0.

- b. Ordinance 2021-07: (2nd reading) Adopting the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating and Capital Budget for the City of Unalaska

Gregory made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-07; Tungul seconded.
Roll call vote: Bell – yes; Gregory – yes; Robinson – yes; Tungul – yes.
Motion passed 4-0.

- c. Resolution 2021-17: Authorizing the City Manager to sign a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Unalaska and the Public Safety Employees Association for represented employees

Tungul made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-17; Bell seconded.
Roll call vote: Gregory – yes; Tungul – yes; Robinson – yes; Bell – yes.
Motion passed 4-0.

- d. Resolution 2021-34: Continuing measures to protect public health

Gregory made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-34; Tungul seconded.

Melanee Tiura, IFHS Director answered Council questions.
City Clerk read into record a written comment submitted by Randy Batten.

Roll call vote: Gregory – yes; Bell – yes; Robinson – yes; Tungul – yes.
Motion passed 4-0.

- e. Resolution 2021-35: Authorizing the City Manager to implement a Wastewater Proprietary Fund rate increase of 40%, phased in over a four-year period

Gregory made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-35; Tungul seconded.
City Manager and DPU Director answered Council questions.
Roll call vote: Bell – yes; Robinson – yes; Tungul – yes; Gregory – yes.

- f. Unalaska Native Fisherman’s Association’s request for the City’s continued support of their request to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council for a Community Cod Allocation for Unalaska

Gregory made a motion approving UNFA’s request for a letter of support; Tungul seconded.

Mayor Tutiakoff requested council approval for a letter of continued support on behalf of UNFA to preserve small boat fishing opportunities in our community and region to be presented to the North Pacific Management Council Meeting on June 2-3, 2021

Roll call vote: Robinson – yes; Tungul – yes; Gregory – yes; Bell – yes.
Motion passed 4-0.

14. Council Directives to City Manager

Robinson made a motion to direct the City Manager to work with the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance amending Chapter 6.40 of the Unalaska Code of Ordinances to increase the sales tax levy by one percent (1%) for the purpose of funding a Utility Infrastructure Fund to supplement the Utility Proprietary Funds; Bell seconded.

Roll call vote: Robinson – yes; Tungul – yes; Bell – yes; Gregory – yes.
Motion passed 4-0.

15. Community Input & Announcements

Ballyhoo Lions Memorial Day Program, Monday, May 31, 2021 at 11:00 am.

16. Adjournment – Mayor Tutiakoff adjourned the meeting at 8:28 pm.

Marjie Veeder, CMC
City Clerk

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