

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 25, 2022
6:00 p.m.



Unalaska City Hall
Council Chambers
43 Raven Way

Council Members
Thomas D. Bell
Darin Nicholson
Daneen Looby

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

UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL

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

MINUTES

1. **Call to order.** The Mayor called the regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. **Roll call.** The City Clerk called the roll. The Mayor and all Council Members present. Mayor announced a quorum established.

Coleman read the City's Mission Statement: To provide a sustainable quality of life through excellent stewardship of government.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Nicholson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Recognition of Visitors.** The Mayor recognized Karel and Marie Machalek; and IFHS Interim Director Will Rogers in the audience.
5. **Adoption of Agenda.** Nicholson moved to adopt the Agenda; second by Tungul. Robinson moved to amend the agenda to remove item 10(b), a review of the draft cost-benefit analysis of the Captains Bay Road Paving and Utility Extension project; second by Looby. There being no objection, the agenda, as amended, was adopted by consensus.
6. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting.** Tungul moved to approve the proposed minutes of the January 11, 2021 meeting; second by Nicholson. There being no objection, the minutes were approved.
7. **City Manager Report.** City Manager presented her report and responded to council questions and comments.

Mayor Tutiakoff apologized for negative comments he made at the January 24, 2022 special meeting regarding a named city employee.

Mayor Tutiakoff also encouraged everyone to receive COVID vaccines and boosters; and to practice social distancing.

8. **Community Input & Announcements:** The Mayor provided an opportunity for community input and announcements. PCR Director Roger Blakeley announced upcoming PCR programs; the City Clerk announced upcoming deadlines for business personal property returns; applications for real property tax exemptions; and applications for senior citizen sales tax refunds.

9. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** The Mayor provided an opportunity for public comment on agenda items. No comments offered.
10. **Public Hearing.** The Mayor opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2022-01 Creating Budget Amendment #3 to the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget, accepting an ARPA Easy Grant for Libraries award in the amount of \$6,000 from the Alaska State Library; increasing the Electric Utility Fund budget in the amount of \$3,000,000 due to increased diesel fuel costs; and returning a portion of project costs to the original funding sources for selected capital projects. No comments offered.
11. **Work Session.** Coleman moved to go into Work Session; second by Tungul. There being no objection, motion adopted by consensus.

6:17 p.m. – Entered into Work Session

- a. Funding Request for the Memorial to the Fishermen of Unalaska, Mr. Karel Machalek. The Mayor introduced this topic. Council members commented and asked questions to which Mr. and Mrs. Machalek responded.
- b. ~~Review draft Cost-Benefit Analysis, Captains Bay Road Paving & Utility Extension, HDR.~~ This item was removed from the agenda earlier in the meeting.

6:50p.m. – Completed Work Session

Robinson moved to return to regular agenda; second by Tungul; there being no objection, motion adopted by consensus.

12. **Consent Agenda.** Robinson moved to adopt the Consent Agenda; second by Nicholson. Roll call vote: all council members voted in the affirmative. Motion passed unanimously 6-0 adopting the following item:
- a. Ordinance 2022-01: 2nd Reading - Creating Budget Amendment #3 to the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget, accepting an ARPA Easy Grant for Libraries award in the amount of \$6,000 from the Alaska State Library; increasing the Electric Utility Fund budget in the amount of \$3,000,000 due to increased diesel fuel costs; and returning a portion of project costs to the original funding sources for selected capital projects

13. Regular Agenda

- a. Ordinance 2022-02: Amending Chapter 6.40 of the Unalaska Code of Ordinances to provide a limited exemption from sales tax to federally recognized tribes

Robinson moved to introduce Ordinance 2022-02 and schedule it for public hearing and second reading on February 8, 2022; second by Nicholson.

The City Clerk provided an overview. Council discussion.

No public comment offered.

Roll call vote: all Council members voted in the affirmative; motion passed unanimously 6-0.

- b. Approve Travel for Mayor and Council: Looby moved to approve travel to all three meetings not including names of travelers. Motion retracted and died for lack of a second.

- i. Looby moved to approve travel for the Mayor and Council Member Robinson to attend the AML Winter Legislative Conference, February 16-18, 2022 in Juneau. Second by Tungul. Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative; motion passed.
- ii. Looby moved to approve travel for the Mayor and Council Members Tungul, Robinson and Bell for the City Lobbying Trip to Juneau February 28-March 2; and the SWAMC Economic Summit and Membership Meeting, March 3-4, 2022, in Anchorage. Second by Bell. Roll call vote: all Council Members voted in the affirmative; motion passed.

14. **Council Directives to City Manager.** None.

15. **Community Input & Announcements.** The Mayor provided a final opportunity for community input and announcements. The Mayor encouraged financial support for the memorial to the fishermen of Unalaska. Robinson said there are 201 bills before the house and senate that impact municipalities and offered to send the list to anyone who requested it. Jim Paulin commented about the closure of the Legislative Information Office in Unalaska and requested the City of Unalaska to take a stance to advocate for the reopening of the LIO.

16. **Adjournment:** Having completed all items on the agenda, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Unalaska City Council on February 8, 2022.

Marjie Veeder, CMC
City Clerk