

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 22, 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

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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.** Vice Mayor Robinson called the regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council to order on March 22, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** The City Clerk called the roll. Council Members Bell, Looby and Robinson were present in person; Council Member Coleman participated remotely via ZOOM. Mayor Tutiakoff and Council Members Nicholson and Tungul were absent (Nicholson attempted to participate remotely via ZOOM but experienced technical difficulties). Vice Mayor announced Tungul's absence excused. Vice Mayor announced establishment of a quorum.

Robinson read the City's Mission Statement: To provide a sustainable quality of life through excellent stewardship of government.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Recognition of Visitors.** Robinson recognized Denise Rankin, President of Ounalashka Corporation and community member Travis Swangel in the audience.
5. **Adoption of Agenda.** Looby moved to adopt the agenda as presented; second by Bell. Bell moved to amend the agenda to include an item to approve travel to a federal grant symposium in Anchorage on April 11 and 12; second by Looby. Roll call vote on the amendment: Robinson, Looby, Coleman and Bell voted in the affirmative; motion passed 4-0. Roll call on main motion, as amended: Robinson, Looby, Coleman and Bell voted in the affirmative; motion passed 4-0.
6. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings.** Looby moved to approve the proposed minutes of the meetings held March 7 and March 8, 2022, as presented; second by Bell. There being no objection, the minutes were approved by consensus.
7. **City Manager Report.** Acting City Manager JR Pearson presented his report. Robinson and Coleman commented.
8. **Community Input & Announcements.** Vice Mayor provided an opportunity for community input and announcements, which were provided by:
 - a. Director Roger Blakeley made announcements for the Department of Parks, Culture & Recreation
 - b. Travis Swangel commented on benefits of the Captains Bay Road project that did not appear in the cost-benefit analysis report

- c. Thomas Roufos, PCR Advisory Board Chair, spoke in favor of moving up the PCR Study project on the CMMP
- d. Denise Rankin, President of OC, spoke against proposed Ordinance 2022-05
- e. Frank Kelty commended the performance at tournament of the UCSD boys' and girls' basketball teams

9. **Public Comment on Agenda Items.** The Vice Mayor provided an opportunity for public comment on agenda items. Travis Swangel and Thomas (TC) Bell spoke in favor of proposed Ordinance 2022-05.

10. **Work Session.**

- a. FY23-32 Capital and Major Maintenance Plan (CMMP)

Looby moved to go into Work Session; second by Bell. There being no objection, motion adopted by consensus.

6:20 p.m. – Entered into Work Session

William Homka, Planning Director, presented the FY23-32 Capital and Major Maintenance Plan (CMMP).

Council discussion, comments and questions to staff.

7:16 p.m. Completed Work Session

Looby moved to return to regular session; second by Robinson. There being no objection, motion adopted by consensus.

7:16 p.m. Returned to regular session

Vice Mayor announced a 10 minute break

7:27 p.m. Return from break

11. **Regular Agenda.**

- a. Ordinance 2022-05: Amending Title 14 of the Unalaska Code of Ordinances regulating the use of off-road vehicles within city limits

Bell moved to introduce Ordinance 2022-05 and schedule it for public hearing and second reading on April 12, 2022; second by Looby.

Acting City Manager JR Pearson provided an overview.

Council discussion.

Public comment offered by Travis Swangel (in favor of Ordinance 2022-05) and by Frank Kelty (in opposition to Ordinance 2022-05).

Bell moved to amend Ordinance 2022-05 to strike former paragraph (G), new paragraph (F), "Between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m."; second by Looby. Council discussion. Roll call vote: Looby – yes; Coleman – yes; Robinson – no; Bell – yes. Motion fails, 3 yes and 1 no.

Bell moved to postpone to a time certain, April 12, 2022, the vote on Ordinance 2022-05; second by Looby. Roll call vote: Bell – yes; Looby – yes; Robinson – no; Coleman – no. Motion fails, 2 yes and 2 no.

Roll call vote on the main motion: Coleman – yes; Bell – no; Looby – yes; Robinson – no. Motion fails, 2 yes and 2 no. Proposed Ordinance 2022-05 failed on first reading.

- b. City Manager Recruitment: Council discussed recruitment of a new city manager; and hiring an interim city manager.
- c. Approve travel: Looby moved to approve travel for Mayor Tutiakoff and Council Member Robinson to a Federal Grant Symposium in Anchorage on April 11 and 12, 2022; second by Bell. Council discussion. Roll call vote: Robinson – yes; Coleman – yes; Bell – yes; Looby – yes. Motion passes, 4 yes and 0 no.

12. **Council Directives to City Manager.** Coleman moved to direct city management to present the updated city manager position description to Council for review; to begin the recruitment process for the position of city manager; and to prepare contract options for an interim city manager. Second by Bell. Council discussion. Roll call vote: Robinson – yes; Coleman – yes; Looby – yes; Bell – yes. Motion passes, 4 yes and 0 no.

13. **Community Input & Announcements.** The Vice Mayor provided a final opportunity for community input and announcements. None offered.

14. **Executive Session.**

a. Anthony Recco vs. City of Unalaska

Bell moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the case of Anthony Recco versus the City of Unalaska, the immediate public discussion of which may adversely affect the legal positions of the City. Present in the Executive Session will be Council Members Robinson, Looby, and Bell; City Attorneys Sam Severin and Clinton Campion via telephone; and Acting City Manager JR Pearson. Second by Looby. There being no objection, motion adopted by consensus.

City Clerk note: City Code prohibits participation in executive session via telephone. Therefore, Council Member Coleman, who participated in the regular meeting by telephone, was not included in Executive Session, resulting in lack of quorum. The Vice Mayor opted to continue with executive session with the city's attorneys to receive information, recognizing that no direction could be given to the city's attorneys during executive session.

8:18 p.m. Entered into Executive Session

9:00 p.m. On motion by Bell with second by Looby, and there being objection, Council returned from Executive Session.

The Vice Mayor announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

15. **Adjournment.** Having completed all items on the agenda, Vice Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Unalaska City Council on April 12, 2022.

Marjie Veeder, CMC
City Clerk