

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK
HELD THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2019
IN THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pat Branson called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Councilmembers Laura B. Arboleda, Charles E. Davidson, Terry J. Haines, Richard H. Walker, and John B. Whiddon were present and constituted a quorum. Councilmember Randall C. Bishop was absent. City Manager Mike Tvenge, City Clerk Nova Javier, and Deputy Clerk Michelle Shuravloff-Nelson were also present.

Salvation Army Major Dave Davis gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2019, regular meeting, as presented.

The roll call vote was Councilmembers Arboleda, Davidson, Haines, Walker, and Whiddon in favor. Councilmember Bishop was absent. The motion passed.

III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

a. Public Comments

Alexis Kwatcha thanked the Mayor and Council for their work on the letter addressed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Alaska District regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Pebble Mine Project. He said he was pleased with the closing of the downtown road for Crab Festival and suggested that future parades go through downtown Kodiak, as it historically did. He shared his concern about boats not mooring properly to avoid harbor fees.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. First Reading, Ordinance No. 1386, Levying Taxes and Appropriating Funds for the Expenses and Liabilities of the City of Kodiak for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of July 2019 and Ending on the Thirtieth Day of June 2020

Mayor Branson read Ordinance No. 1386 by title. Ordinance No. 1386 provides for the adoption of the City of Kodiak's FY2020 budget. The budget document, which supports the ordinance, estimates all sources of revenue the City anticipates receiving between July 1, 2019, and June 30, 2020. The budget document also establishes an operating and capital expenditure plan for FY2020 that is based on staff's assessment of operational and community needs and the Coun-

cil's FY2020 budget goals. Staff made the FY2020 budget presentation to Council and the public during a special budget work session on April 27, 2019.

Councilmember Walker MOVED to pass Ordinance No. 1386 in the first reading and advance to second reading and public hearing at the next regular or special Council meeting.

Councilmember Whiddon stated this is the budget during his term that he is most pleased with because it meets the budget goals and does not use the general fund reserve. He thanked staff for their efforts and diligence to prepare this budget, especially with the unknown in state funding.

The roll call vote was Councilmembers Arboleda, Davidson, Haines, Walker, and Whiddon in favor. Councilmember Bishop was absent. The motion passed.

b. Approval of a Letter Addressed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Alaska District Regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Pebble Mine Project

The City Council met on April 27, 2019, during a special work session and discussed the Draft Pebble Mine Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Given the connection of Kodiak's seafood industry to the Bristol Bay region, the Council expressed concern for the need of better study and understanding of the potential impact of the proposed alternatives on the Bristol Bay salmon fisheries.

There are over 70 commercial fishermen and fishing families from Kodiak who are Bristol Bay permit holders. An average of 30 of Kodiak's large capacity fishing boats work as salmon tenders to service the fleet and deliver to seafood processors in Bristol Bay. The combined fishing and tender fleet from Kodiak represents over 500 jobs that depend on a healthy Bristol Bay fishery. At various times during the season, deliveries of Bristol Bay sockeye are tendered back to Kodiak to be processed by our shore side fish processors, further supplementing local wages and income, including a "raw fish" tax at \$1.8M (City share \$859,000 FY 2019) that funds local government services. The multiplier impact of purchases of fishing gear, fuel, marine supplies, and boat repair and servicing further benefits the Kodiak Island economy.

Councilmember Arboleda MOVED to approve the letter addressed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Alaska District Regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Pebble Mine Project.

Councilmember Whiddon clarified that this letter does not take a stance for or against the Pebble Mine project; he stated that it focuses on the EIS study and the affects.

Councilmember Haines thanked Councilmember Whiddon for working on the letter.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

a. City Manager

Manager Tvenge stated that Senior Harbor Officer Mark Keplinger has retired after nearly 17 years with the City. He wished Mark the best in his retirement. He shared that the Parks and Rec-

reation had 70 racers participate in the Crab Fest Sunday Pillar Mountain Classic and the Bike race from Pasagshak into town. He shared that several other summer activities are sponsored by the department and citizens should contact the Teen Center for reservations 486-8665 or use the City Parks and Recreation Department website to join various activities.

He thanked the Public Works Crew, Engineering, Brechan Construction, High Mark Fabrication and Tim Willman Surveying for their immediate response to the sewer main break earlier this month. He said they have worked around the clock, making decisions to restore the system with little interruption in service to the utility customers. He stated the repair is complete and informed the public that it was the largest sewer break in over 25 years.

b. City Clerk

Clerk Javier gave an overview of the upcoming meeting schedule work session and regular Council meetings.

VII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Branson thanked the following: the Public Works Department for their work on restoring the sewer line; Deputy Mayor Arboleda for presiding over the last meeting; and Councilmember Whiddon for spearheading the letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Alaska District. She said she is very pleased with the budget process and she thanked the Manager, Finance Director, and Department Heads for their work. She thanked Manager Tvenge for his monthly report and said it will be on the website and thanked the manager and deputy for this report. She highlighted that City staff received the following pins for years of service: Daniel Farmer, KFD Captain received his 20 year pin; Susan Stout, KPD Public Safety Dispatcher and Steel McNeil, KFD Captain both received their 10 year pins; and Kathleen Gambling, KPD Detective received her five year service pin. She congratulated Constantino Bormuel for receiving the "Large System Manager of the Year" a statewide award from the Alaska Water Wastewater Management Association.

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Walker thanked Councilmember Whiddon for his eloquent way of writing. He thanked Public Works Director Walton and staff along with Brechan for their work on the sewer line. He thanked Finance Director Mayes for her work on the budget and he thanked the Parks and Recreation Department staff for their work at Crab Festival. He wished everyone a great summer.

Councilmember Davidson said school is out and he asked the public to watch out for children on the road. He thanked Public Work's staff and stated he was pleased with the budget process. He thanked the Mayor and Councilmember Whiddon for the letter regarding the draft EIS for the Pebble Mine project.

Councilmember Arboleda said there is much to be thankful for and it is of high importance the fishing industry is well taken care of. She commended Crab Festival and those that participated in the event and thanked the military for their service. She said she recently presented cruise ships with plaques and was thankful for the opportunity.

Councilmember Whiddon said when the City’s sewer line broke while Manager Tvenge was in Washington D.C. and he was able to share the pictures of the City’s aging infrastructure to legislators. He provided an update on the Fisheries Work Group meeting. He said the amount of usage at Baranof Park is amazing, which demonstrates the health and wellness of the community. He thanked the Parks and Recreation departmental staff for their work to provide the park services. He commented on the budget process and stated the mill rate and taxes were not increased and all City services continue during the state’s uncertainty in the budget.

Councilmember Haines thanked the veterans for their service. He said at the City’s shipyard there is a new operator. He thanked City staff for their work on the budget and he realizes the importance of the budget process and the impacts of the budget on the citizens and the affordability within the community.

Mayor Branson said on the City and Borough website is Providence’s Community Health Assessment for the public’s participation. She said the State’s website has a new Board of Fish member from Willow. She indicated that Kodiak could use more representation and encouraged citizens to get involved in local and statewide boards and committees.

IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

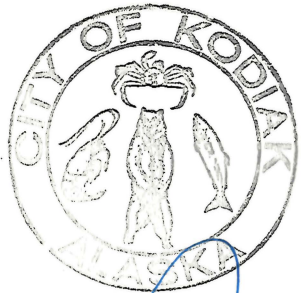
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X ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The roll call vote was Councilmembers Arboleda, Davidson, Haines, Walker, and Whiddon in favor. Councilmember Bishop was absent. The motion passed.



CITY OF KODIAK

Pat Branson

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Nora M. Clark
CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: June 13, 2019