

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK
HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019
IN THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS**

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

Deputy Mayor Laura B. Arboleda called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Councilmembers Randall C. Bishop, Charles E. Davidson, Terry J. Haines, Richard H. Walker, and John B. Whiddon were present and constituted a quorum. Mayor Pat Branson 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 October 10, 2019, regular meeting, as presented.

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

III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

a. Public Comments

Major Dave Davis from the Salvation Army reported on the Food Bank's relocation stating there have been volunteers and contractors working on the Salvation Army's building. He shared the coolers were relocated and new freezers were added. He announced that Tuesday, October 22 was the first food distribution and Tuesday and Friday afternoons would be when food distribution is scheduled to occur.

Councilmember Whiddon expressed that processors may have donations and he inquired what the freezer capacity is for the Salvation Army. Major Davis said the Coast Guard Petty Officers assisted in dealing with the frozen food. He stated he did not have the details on the freezer capacity; however, he could gather and present that information at a future work session.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution No. 2019-20, Authorizing the Borrowing From the Alaska Clean Water Fund of an Aggregate Amount Not to Exceed Five Million Four Hundred Thirty Five Thousand (\$5,435,000) to Pay For the Cost of an Upgrade to the City of Kodiak Wastewater Treatment Plant Ultraviolet Effluent Disinfection Facility**

Deputy Mayor Arboleda read Resolution No. 2019–20 by title. The last Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) upgrade was completed in 1999. Generally, wastewater treatment plants are evaluated and upgraded approximately every 20 years. Originally, the City developed a concept plan using four phases to complete the project, this has been put on temporary hold. Based on the ADEC mandated schedule of compliance for the City’s new APEDS Permit No. AK0021555 issued July 1, 2018, the City is required to secure project construction funding and submit its proposed construction schedule to ADEC by July 2020 and complete construction by June 30, 2023. Staff is requesting Council adopt Resolution No. 2019–20, which authorizes the application for a \$5,435,000 dollar loan from the Alaska Clean Water Fund (ACWF) loan program to complete the WWTP UV Facility requirement.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2019–20.

Councilmember Whiddon suggested a further analysis for the difference between 20-year versus a 30-year loan.

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

b. Resolution No. 2019–21, Accepting a 2019 State Homeland Security Grant From the State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for ALMR Compliant Capability Radios, Replacement Tsunami Sirens, and Emergency Shelter Bedding

Deputy Mayor Arboleda read Resolution No. 2019–21 by title. The City has been awarded a State Homeland Security Program Grant in the amount of \$586,063.12 to provide funding for the following three requested projects. The first project is \$250,690 to purchase and install replacement portable radios to bring the City of Kodiak up to Alaska Land Mobile Radio (ALMR) compliant capability radios. The second project is \$272,873.12 to purchase and install replacement Tsunami Sirens for the City of Kodiak. The final project is \$62,500 to purchase emergency shelter bedding of 500 cots for the Kodiak Emergency Shelter for the housing of displaced residents during emergency events.

Councilmember Walker MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2019–21.

Councilmembers Haines and Whiddon thanked Chief of Police Putney and Fire Chief Mullican for their work in obtaining the grant.

Councilmember Whiddon stated that the City has received funding for half of the sirens needed for the City.

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

c. Authorization of Professional Services Agreement for State Legislative Lobbying Services with Diane Blumer of Blumer & Associates

The Council would like to continue a professional service agreement for a lobbyist with sound knowledge of public policy, clear understanding of the legislative and state administrative processes, and effective communication skills. The professional service agreement recommended would start on January 1, 2020, with a term ending December 31, 2020. The cost of this agreement is \$ 43,450, which includes Lobbying services of \$43,200 and APOC registration fee of \$250. This cost amount excludes travel or other expenses, which require advanced approval by the City of Kodiak.

Councilmember Haines MOVED to authorize Professional Services Agreement No. 247157 with Dianne Blumer, dba Blumer & Associates from January 1 through December 31, 2020, in the amount of \$43,450 with funds coming from the General Fund Legislative Professional Services account and authorize the City Manager to sign the documents on behalf of the City.

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

d. Authorization to Cancel the November 28, and December 26, 2019, Regular Meetings and Authorize the City Manager to Schedule Special Meetings if Needed

The regularly scheduled Council meetings for November and December may be cancelled to reflect the holidays and elected official and staff travel schedules. Elected officials and staff attend the Annual Alaska Municipal League Conference November 18 through November 22. Thanksgiving is on November 28 and December 26 is following the Christmas holiday, these are both regular meeting days. Staff discussed the meeting schedule with the Council at the October 8, 2019, work session, and Council recommended cancelling the work sessions and the November 28 and December 26, 2019, regular meetings and authorizing the City Manager to schedule special meetings if needed.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to cancel the November 28, and December 26, 2019, regular meetings and authorize the City Manager to schedule additional special meetings if needed.

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

e. Certification of Election

The City of Kodiak held a regular election October 1, 2019, and voters casted ballots for the two-year Mayoral position and the two three-year City Council positions. The Canvass Board met on October 9, 2019, to tally the votes of the admissible questioned, personal representative, and absentee ballots, together with votes counted on election night. The final results of the October 1, 2019, Municipal City election are below:

Mayor—One Two-Year Term	
Pat Branson	398
Write-ins	19

City Council—Two Three-Year Terms

Charles Davidson	365
John Whiddon	342
Write-Ins	24

Of the 4,056 registered City voters, 454 cast eligible City ballots, for an 11 % voter turnout, which is 1% higher than last year.

Councilmember Walker MOVED to certify the results of the October 1, 2019, regular election and declare Pat Branson elected Mayor for a two-year term and Charles Davidson and John Whiddon elected to the City Council for three-year terms.

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

VI. STAFF REPORTS

a. City Manager

Manager Tvenge said the City received award notification for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). He stated that he, the Fire Chief, and Chief of Police met with Homeland Security’s Program Manager Dan Belanger to discuss Tsunami sirens procurement. He informed the public that the water reservoir is full.

b. City Clerk

Clerk Javier gave an overview of the upcoming work session and regular Council meetings. She said the City offices will be closed on November 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

VII. MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Arboleda congratulated Mayor Branson and Councilmembers Davidson and Whiddon on re-election and she thanked the election workers.

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Walker congratulated Mayor Branson and Councilmembers Davidson and Whiddon. He said there is still is a bear problem and reminded everyone to be bear aware especially during the Halloween holiday.

Councilmember Davidson thanked everyone that voted in the election and stated that he hopes that voter turnout will increase next year.

Councilmember Whiddon thanked everyone that voted and stated it is a privilege to serve as an elected official for the City. He said they continue to move forward and make progress. He shared that Pollock season will be closing.

Councilmember Bishop congratulated the re-elected officials for their time and dedication noting that it is an honor to serve with them. He highlighted that there will be a downtown Halloween trick or treat event and thanked the downtown businesses for participating in the activity.

Councilmember Haines congratulated the re-elected officials and encouraged citizens to get involved and participate in local government.

IX. OATH OF OFFICE

Clerk Javier administered the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Whiddon and Davidson.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Discussion With the City Attorney About the City of Kodiak-Ocean Beauty Lease Agreement Post Termination Issues

The City Council will enter into executive session to discuss post termination issues regarding the Ocean Beauty lease agreement with the City Attorney.

Councilmember Haines MOVED to enter into executive session pursuant to KCC 2.04.100(b)(1) and (c) to discuss legal matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the City.

Councilmember Whiddon stated he could have a potential conflict of interest since he works for one of the local processors.

Deputy Mayor Arboleda declared Councilmember Whiddon had no conflict of interest and stated he should be able to participate in the executive session.

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

Deputy Mayor recessed the regular meeting at 8:02 p.m. and entered into executive session.

Deputy Mayor reconvened the regular meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Deputy Mayor stated the Council discussed the City of Kodiak-Ocean Beauty Lease Agreement Post Termination issues and no action was taken in executive session other than to provide direction to the manager and attorney.

XI. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to adjourn the meeting.


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The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

The roll call vote was Councilmembers Arboleda, Bishop, Davidson, Haines, Walker, and Whid-
don in favor.

CITY OF KODIAK



MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: November 14, 2019

