

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK
HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012
IN THE BOROUGH CONFERENCE ROOM**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Pat Branson called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m. Councilmembers Charles E. Davidson, Terry J. Haines, Gabriel T. Saravia, and John B. Whiddon were present and constituted a quorum. Councilmember Randall C. Bishop was absent. City Manager Aimée Kniazowski and Deputy Clerk Matthew Gandel were also present.

II. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING, ORDINANCE NO. 1295, ESTABLISHING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION NO. 1 TO THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JULY 2011 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JUNE 2012

Mayor Branson read Ordinance No. 1295 by title. It is customary for the City Council to approve at least one supplemental budget annually to authorize the adjustments of current revenues and expenses. These adjustments are for the operating funds as well as additions to project funds for grant revenues received and additional expenditures needed that were not known at the time the original budget was adopted. Supplemental Appropriation No. 1 to the FY2012 budget totals \$19,030,137.

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1295.

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to amend Ordinance No. 1295 by striking the \$2.5 million transfer from the Enhancement Fund and inserting it into the General Fund, and revising the funding for the New Library project and Baranof Park project to show a transfer from the General Fund rather than the Enhancement Fund.

Mayor Branson closed the special meeting and opened the public hearing.

Patty Holmes, Vice-Chair of the Kodiak Public Library Association, said the funding included for the new library project in Ordinance No. 1295 represented a major step on the path to completing the project. She said the new library would be an asset to the community and thanked the Council for its support.

Rick Langfitt thanked the Council for its support of the Baranof Park project. He said he was hopeful that completing phase one of the project would help encourage the State to fund phase two. He said both the Baranof Park and new library projects would make Kodiak a better place for families.

Natasha Hayden, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, thanked the Council for its support of the Baranof Park project, and said the project would benefit the community.

There being no further public testimony, the Mayor closed the public hearing and reopened the special meeting.

Councilmember Davidson said the two major capital projects included in Ordinance No. 1295 were critical projects for the growth of the community.

Councilmember Whiddon said he appreciated the efforts of City Manager Kniazowski and Finance Director Mary Munk for working within the budget to make it possible to use money from the General Fund to fund the new library and Baranof Park projects. He said he wanted to make sure the public understood that the gap between City revenues and expenses was closing, and that would necessitate some hard choices on how to increase revenues and which projects to fund.

Councilmember Haines recognized the efforts of community members who had been working on behalf of the new library and Baranof Park projects. He said it was vital to invest in the community by completing capital projects, but that revenues would have to be increased to afford those investments.

Councilmember Saravia thanked the members of the public who had contributed their time and energy to the new library and Baranof Park projects.

The roll call vote on the amendment was Councilmembers Davidson, Haines, Saravia, and Whiddon in favor. Councilmember Bishop was absent. The amendment passed.

The roll call vote on the main motion was Councilmembers Davidson, Haines, Saravia, and Whiddon in favor. Councilmember Bishop was absent. The motion passed.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



CITY OF KODIAK

Pat Brunson

 MAYOR

ATTEST:

Debra Mank

 CITY CLERK