

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK  
HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2012  
IN THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS**

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

Mayor Pat Branson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Councilmembers Randall C. Bishop, Charles E. Davidson, Terry J. Haines, Gabriel T. Saravia, and John B. Whiddon were present and constituted a quorum. City Manager Aimée Kniazowski, City Clerk Debra L. Marlar, and Deputy Clerk Matthew Gandel were also present.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Salvation Army Sergeant Major Dave Blackater gave the invocation.

**II. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2012, regular meeting and February 2, 2012, special meeting as presented.

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

**III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

**a. Proclamation: African American History Month**

Councilmember Davidson read the proclamation, which urges all citizens to recognize the extraordinary achievements of African Americans and their essential role in shaping the story of America.

Mayor Branson presented the proclamation to Opal Oliver, who thanked the Council for recognizing the varied cultures that make Kodiak a unique place to live.

**b. Public Comments**

None.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Resolution No. 2012-04, Adopting the FY2013 Budget Goals**

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2012–04 by title. The Council reviewed a list of current and proposed budget goals at their annual planning meeting in January 2012. They selected goals that will be used to develop the FY2013 budget. The goals are similar to those used for FY2012, but also include new goals that articulate Council’s direction. The goals will be used by staff in the development of the FY2013 City budget.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2012–04.

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

**b. Resolution No. 2012–05, Rescinding Resolution No. 08–02 and Re-Establishing Standing and Special Rules of the Council**

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2012–05 by title. In accordance with Kodiak City Code, the most current edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised* (RRNR) is the Council’s parliamentary authority. RRNR permits special and standing rules be adopted via resolution. Special rules supersede rules in the parliamentary authority (RRNR), and standing rules relate to the details of administration of the Council. The Council reviewed its special and standing rules at the January 28, 2012, planning work session and voiced a consensus to amend Section 3 of its rules, which pertains to setting work session agenda discussion items. Resolution No. 2012–05 includes the changes discussed at the January 28, 2012, planning work session.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2012–05.

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

**c. Authorization to Purchase a Kodiak Police Department Vehicle**

This authorization enables the Kodiak Police Department to replace a 1997 Ford Explorer SUV, which has been recommended for replacement in FY2012, with a new or current model year all-wheel-drive or four-wheel-drive Ford Escape.

Councilmember Haines MOVED to authorize the purchase of a new or current-year model all-wheel-drive or four-wheel-drive Ford Escape from Kodiak Motors, Inc. in the amount \$24,006, with funds coming from the General Fund, Police, Drug Enforcement, Machinery and Equipment Account.

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

**d. Authorization of Professional Services Contract for Pier III Wave Model Study**

Pier III is nearly 40 years old and must be replaced within the next few years. The process of designing a new pier includes wave modeling and tank testing to ensure that a new dock design is suitable for use in all weather conditions including southeasterly wind and swell, the worst case scenario. PND Engineers, Inc. produced a design study report, which indicates that a sheet-pile

dock would cost considerably less than the current pile-supported dock. Wave modeling is necessary to insure that a sheet-pile structure would function satisfactorily when a ship lays alongside during rough weather. PND Engineers submitted a proposal for the wave tank modeling.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to authorize a professional services contract to PND Engineers, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$187,420 to conduct a wave model study for the replacement of Pier III, with funds coming from the Cargo Capital Development Fund, Inspection/Design Pier III, Project No. 8013.

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

#### **e. Advisory Board and Committee Appointments**

There are two open seats on City's Building Code Board of Appeals that expire in December 2012 and two vacant alternate seats on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board that also expire in December 2012. Every few years members are also needed for the Joint Building Code Review Committee. The last appointments to this committee were made by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council in 2005. The Joint Building Code Review Committee will consist of the combined appointments made by the City Council and Borough Assembly. Except for the Personnel Board, whose members are appointed by the Council, and the Employee Advisory Board, whose members are elected by City employees, members of advisory boards are appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council. At the work session on February 21, 2012, Mayor Branson and Councilmembers considered applications.

Mayor Branson appointed Scott Arndt and Ed Mahoney to regular seats on the Building Code Board of Appeals with terms ending December 31, 2012, Mary Kay Bunker to an alternate seat on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with a term ending December 31, 2012, and Scott Arndt, John Butler, and Ed Mahoney to City seats, and Councilmember Bishop as the City Council representative, on the Joint Building Code Review Committee for terms ending December 31, 2012.

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to confirm the Mayoral advisory board and committee appointments to the Building Code Board of Appeals, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and the Joint Building Code Review Committee as stated.

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

#### **f. Councilmember Appointment**

Josie Rosales called the City Clerk on January 4, 2012, and tendered her resignation from the City Council, and the Council accepted her resignation at the January 26, 2012, regular meeting. City Code requires the vacancy be filled within thirty days of acceptance. The City Clerk's Office advertised for applicants to fill the vacant Council position. Tracy Craig, William Kersch, and Mark Anthony Vizcocho submitted letters of interest and the City's financial disclosure form by the February 15, 2012, deadline. The Council interviewed applicants at its February 21, 2012, work session.

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to select the applicant for appointment to the Council vacancy by a secret vote on paper ballot, provided that the first applicant to receive four affirmative votes be appointed for a term ending in October 2012 and further provided that if no applicant receives four affirmative votes in the first ballot, that the applicant with the fewest votes be removed from consideration on subsequent ballots, until an applicant receives four affirmative votes.

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

Mark Anthony Vizcocho was selected on the second ballot.

**g. Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Councilmember**

Kodiak City Charter Article IV, Section 7 requires officers of the City to take and subscribe to the Oath of Office. The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Mark Anthony Vizcocho.

**VI. STAFF REPORTS**

**a. City Manager**

City Manager Kniazowski welcomed Councilmember Vizcocho to the Council and said she looked forward to working with him. She said the recent Alaska Shield 2012 emergency exercise had been very successful. She thanked all the partners who participated and Fire Chief Rome Kamai for all his hard work organizing the exercise. She reported on her attendance at a recent meeting of the Alaska Municipal League (AML) where she had focused on lobbying for funding assistance for the replacement of Pier III and for projects on the City's capital improvements program list. She said she had also attended a meeting of the Southwest Alaska Municipal Conference (SWAMC), and said it was a very valuable conference and a good chance to meet with representatives from throughout southwest Alaska. She said the UV Water Treatment Facility project was nearing completion, and the New Library and Baranof Park projects were both progressing on schedule.

**b. City Clerk**

City Clerk Marlar welcomed Councilmember Vizcocho and said she looked forward to working with him. She also informed the public of the next scheduled Council work sessions and regular meeting.

**VII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Branson commented on high energy costs across the state, and said revenue sharing was important to benefit smaller communities. She said she recently testified to the Senate Transportation Committee on the need for replacement of Pier III, and had encouraged state legislators to include it in an upcoming general obligation bond ballot. She reported on her attendance at the SWAMC meeting. She congratulated Councilmember Vizcocho and thanked everyone who had applied for the open Council seat and to serve on City advisory boards. She commented on how

important the Boat Lift was to Kodiak, and said the City was working hard to make it a financial success.

### **VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Davidson welcomed Councilmember Vizcocho. He reported on his recent attendance at the AML and SWAMC meetings, and said both were very informative and good opportunities to meet with state legislators and other representatives from other municipal governments. He said he had the opportunity to talk to legislators from all over the state, and always reminded them about the need for funding for the replacement of Pier III. Councilmember Davidson added that he had met with a group at the SWAMC meeting that would be coming to Kodiak to do a survey on broadband internet and look at ways to upgrade Kodiak's technology infrastructure.

Councilmember Saravia congratulated Councilmember Vizcocho and thanked the other applicants. He said it was always nice to see people come forward and volunteer their time to help the citizens of Kodiak. He said it had been a busy couple of weeks for the fishing industry, with lots of pollock and grey cod coming into Kodiak.

Councilmember Haines congratulated Councilmember Vizcocho on his appointment. He reported on his attendance at the AML meetings. He said it was important to get Pier III funding included on the upcoming general obligation bond and thanked Kodiak's state legislative delegation for making it a priority.

Councilmember Whiddon welcomed Councilmember Vizcocho to the Council and thanked the other candidates who had applied. He encouraged members of the public to run for office in the October election. He said he had attended a SWAMC meeting for the first time and was impressed by the geographic diversity of the different communities that were represented and the talent and energy of the people attending. He said he was grateful for a busy fishing season, saying it would benefit local retailers and merchants.

Councilmember Bishop congratulated Councilmember Vizcocho and thanked the other candidates who had applied. He said Kodiak was going through some tough economic times and encouraged the public to come to meetings and express their opinion on financial matters.

Councilmember Vizcocho thanked the Mayor and Council for his appointment and said he was very excited and honored to work with everyone.

### **IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

None.

### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Minutes Approved: March 8, 2012

