

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK
HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 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, Mark Anthony G. Vizcocho, 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 February 23, 2012, regular meeting as presented.

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

III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Mayor Branson read a proclamation declaring March 29, 2012, "Choose Respect" Day, which asks Kodiak residents to join in standing up against domestic violence, sexual assault, and child sexual abuse and work together to end the suffering and bring a renewed sense of hope, security, and opportunity to all Alaskans.

Mayor Branson presented the proclamation to Jessica Schilleci, Outreach Coordinator for the Kodiak Women's Resource and Crisis Center, who said Kodiak was not immune to the problem of domestic abuse and sexual assault and thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting the effort to "Choose Respect."

a. Public Comments

Paul Converse, Kodiak Public Library Association Board of Directors, spoke in support of Resolution Nos. 2012-08 and 2012-09 and the approval of the Library Donor Recognition Policy. He said site clearing would begin soon for the new library project.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution No. 2012-06, Authorizing the Issuance of a Permit to the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce for Use of Public Property in Conjunction With the Kodiak Crab Festival

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2012-06 by title. The Kodiak Chamber of Commerce is the local organization that manages the annual Kodiak Crab Festival, a major event in Kodiak. It promotes Kodiak, gives a boost to the local economy, and provides fundraising opportunities for many local organizations and non-profits. This year the festival will run from May 24 through May 28, 2012. As in past years, Council authorizes a permit for the activities associated with Kodiak Crab Festival by adoption of a resolution.

Councilmember Haines MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2012-06.

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

b. Resolution No. 2012-07, Authorizing the City to Accept Dedications of Rights-Of-Way for Egan Way and Mill Bay Road in a Replat in U.S. Survey 2538A for the Kodiak High School Expansion

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2012-07 by title. The Kodiak Island Borough has requested the City agree to accept two parcels as dedications of rights-of-way to enable a replat within U.S. Survey 2538A for the Borough's high school expansion project. Council must authorize acceptance of the dedication of the rights-of-way requested by resolution and then the Borough can take up the replat.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2012-07.

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

c. Resolution No. 2012-08, Authorizing the City to Acquire from the Kodiak Island Borough Approximately 1,600 Square Feet of Land From the Eastern Portion of Lot 7B-1, U.S. Survey 2538A, for Inclusion in the Site for the New Kodiak Public Library

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2012-08 by title. In the process of preparing the site drawings, the City's architectural firm MRV recommended that the City acquire from the Kodiak Island Borough approximately 1,600 square feet of land from the eastern portion of Lot 7B-1, U.S. Survey 2538A, for inclusion in the site for the new Kodiak Public Library. The shape and existing features on and adjacent to the new library site present challenges for the proper sitting of the new Kodiak Public Library. The benefit of this additional property is to allow the Library parking to shift towards the northern property line and allow the building to move to the north pulling the northeast corner of the building away from the barn, away from the trees in the southwest corner of the site and away from the south property line. Request to acquire this parcel must be approved by Council and presented to the Borough, who will begin their own process that includes review and recommended approval from the Planning and Zoning Commission, final approval by the KIB Assembly, replat of the area, and recording of the new plat. Once these actions have been taken, the City will survey the property and begin the process to replat the new lot.

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2012–08.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to amend Resolution No. 2012–08 by striking 1,600 in the resolution title, fifth whereas clause, and Sections 1 and 2 and inserting 2,000.

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

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

d. Resolution No. 2012–09, Authorizing Submittal of a Full Tier 2 Proposal to the Rasmuson Foundation in the Amount of Up to \$500,000 for Capital Funding in Support of the New Kodiak Public Library

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2012–09 by title. The City and the Kodiak Public Library Association (KPLA) have been working in partnership to raise funds for construction of a new library in Kodiak since 2008. With assistance from KPLA, the City sent a Letter of Inquiry to the Rasmuson Foundation in February 2011, requesting their approval to apply for a Tier 2 grant of up to \$500,000. The City received a response from Rasmuson in August 2011 inviting the City to apply for the Tier 2 grant once 50% of the non-City local fundraising target has been reached. The fundraising halfway mark was reached in February 2012. Part of the Rasmuson proposal process requires the City to adopt a resolution demonstrating Council’s support of this proposal. Once approved, Resolution No. 2012–09 will be included in the full Tier 2 Proposal package to the Rasmuson Foundation. If selected for award, the City will receive up to \$500,000 in capital funding for the new Kodiak public library project.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2012–09.

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

e. Authorization of Library Donor Recognition Policy

The Kodiak Public Library Association has requested the City adopt a policy for donor recognition of gifts to the new library. The need for a policy like this was discussed at two Council work sessions. The recommended version of the policy is not in conflict with the City’s existing naming policy, which was adopted by Resolution No. 13–94.

Councilmember Haines MOVED to authorize the City of Kodiak’s Library Donor Recognition Policy.

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

VI. STAFF REPORTS

a. City Manager

Manager Kniazowski congratulated former Mayor Carolyn Floyd on her recent induction into the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame. She said was very grateful to work with former Mayor Floyd and to be able to attend the induction ceremony. She said she had been meeting with Councilmember Vizcocho to provide him with an orientation to the Council and City business. She said the UV Water Treatment Facility project was nearing completion and had gone very smoothly. She said work on the new library project was set to begin soon by clearing trees from the site.

b. City Clerk

City Clerk Marlar congratulated former Mayor Floyd and thanked Mayor Branson for nominating her for induction into the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame. She informed the public of the next scheduled Council work session, regular meeting, and joint work session. She said that the State of Alaska was working to recruit poll workers for upcoming elections.

VII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Branson said she had the privilege to attend former Mayor Floyd's induction ceremony, and said it was a very moving ceremony attended by people from all over the state. She said former Mayor Floyd had contributed greatly to the wellbeing of our community. She congratulated the Kodiak Public Library Association on meeting their fundraising goal, and said she was very impressed by the leadership and everyone participating in the library project. She said she would be traveling to Juneau for the joint City and Borough Legislative Reception on March 21, 2012, and would be discussing funding for City projects with state legislators.

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Vizcocho said he had been learning a lot in his first few weeks on the Council and was excited for the future.

Councilmember Haines congratulated former Mayor Floyd on her induction into the Alaska Women's Hall of Fame, and said she had meant a lot to the community and had always represented Kodiak well throughout the state. He congratulated the Kodiak Public Library Association on meeting their fundraising goal.

Councilmember Davidson congratulated former Mayor Floyd and said she had been a wonderful community leader and that it had been a privilege to work alongside her for 18 years.

Councilmember Whiddon commented on the recent crash of a United States Coast Guard helicopter in Mobile, Alabama. He encouraged the City to apply for a renewal of the Coast Guard City designation.

Councilmember Saravia said it was an honor for Kodiak to be a Coast Guard City, and it was important to continue that designation. He said it had been a privilege to be able to attend former Mayor Floyd's induction ceremony, and said she had done a lot of good things for the City. He said the local fishing fleet had been very busy in the last two weeks.

Councilmember Bishop congratulated former Mayor Floyd and wished the Mayor, Council, and staff safe travels as they headed to various meetings and conferences in March. He encouraged everyone to have a safe spring break.

IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. City Manager's Annual Evaluation

Annually, the City Council reviews the performance of the City Manager. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the City Manager does not object to the performance evaluation being done in executive session.

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to enter into executive session, as authorized by Kodiak City Code Section 2.04.100(b)(2), to conduct the City Manager's annual performance evaluation.

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

The Council entered into executive session at 8:13 p.m. The regular meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m. The Council took no action.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.



CITY OF KODIAK

Pat Ryan

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Diana Mandy
CITY CLERK