

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

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

Deputy Mayor John B. Whiddon called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Councilmembers Randall C. Bishop, Charles E. Davidson, Terry J. Haines, Gabriel T. Saravia, and Mark-Anthony G. Vizcocho were present and constituted a quorum. Mayor Pat Branson was absent. City Manager Aimée Kniazowski, Deputy Clerk Matthew Gandel, and Administrative Assistant Catherine Perkins were also present.

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

**II. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Councilmember Haines MOVED to approve the minutes of the August 9, 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**

**a. Proclamation: Recognizing Kodiak's Seafood Processing Workers**

Councilmember Vizcocho read the proclamation, which recognizes the hard work of seafood processing workers and the positive contribution they make to the community.

Deputy Mayor Whiddon presented copies of the proclamation to representatives from Alaska Fresh Seafoods, Alaska Pacific Seafoods, Ocean Beauty Seafoods, Pacific Seafoods, and Western Alaska Fisheries.

**b. Public Comments**

None.

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Second Reading and Public Hearing, Ordinance No. 1300, Amending Kodiak City Code 3.08.010(A), Levy of Sales Tax, to Increase the Rate of Bed Tax From Eleven Percent to Twelve Percent on All Rentals of Transient Rooms; Amending Kodiak City Code 3.08.025, Allocation of Sales Tax Proceeds, to Conform to the Increase in Bed Tax and the Increase in Sales Tax Under Ordinance Number 1297, and to Eliminate the Annual Public Hearing on Sales Tax Expenditure Priorities; Amending Kodiak City Code**

**3.08.090(F), Addition of Tax, to Conform to the Increase in Sales Tax Under Ordinance Number 1297; and Amending Kodiak City Code 3.08.110(A), Tax Schedule, to Reflect the Increase in the Bed Tax Rate**

Deputy Mayor Whiddon read Ordinance No. 1300 by title. Council adopted Ordinance No. 1297 on June 14, 2012, which increased the City's sales tax from six percent to seven percent. However, the ordinance did not include language to amend related sections of Kodiak City Code (KCC) Title 3 to increase the sales tax portion of the City's bed tax to reflect the new sales tax rate of seven percent. The existing language in KCC 3.08.010 (a) is confusing and references the collection of an eleven percent bed tax for transient room rentals, when, in fact, the eleven percent reflects a transient room tax of five percent and sales tax of six percent, equaling eleven percent. Ordinance No. 1297 did not increase the six percent sales tax portion of the transient room rental to seven percent. This ordinance corrects that oversight and will also amend related language regarding the allocation of the sales tax portion of the transient rental tax and eliminate a redundant requirement for annual public hearings on some sales tax allocations. Ordinance No. 1300 will become effective on October 1, 2012, in order to stay on the same implementation timeline as Ordinance No. 1297.

Councilmember Saravia MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1300.

Deputy Mayor Whiddon closed the regular meeting, opened and closed the public hearing when no one came forward to testify, and reopened the regular meeting.

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

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Appointment**

Natasha Hayden was appointed to a vacant regular seat on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on January 13, 2011, for a term ending December 31, 2013. At the time of appointment, Ms. Hayden resided within the Kodiak City limits. Ms. Hayden now resides outside the Kodiak City limits and has requested reappointment as non-City resident. Resolution No. 2011-23 stipulates membership shall reflect cultural and ethnic diversity and shall consist of four regular members from residents within the Kodiak City limits and three regular members from residents inside or outside the Kodiak City limits. Excluding Ms. Hayden, of the other six regular members, five reside within the Kodiak City limits and one resides outside the City limits.

Deputy Mayor Whiddon read a memo prepared by Mayor Branson appointing Natasha Hayden to a non-City resident seat on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term ending December 31, 2013.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to confirm the Mayoral advisory board appointment of Natasha Hayden to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as stated.

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

**VI. STAFF REPORTS****a. City Manager**

City Manager Kniazowski thanked the seafood processing workers for the hard work they do for Kodiak. She reminded the public that school had started and encouraged everyone to be careful while driving and adhere to road signs in school zones and construction zones. She reported on a recent meeting with staff members for Senator Mark Begich to review capital projects and to discuss community needs. She said that the Classification and Compensation Study consultant would be in Kodiak in September to meet with employees and give their report and recommendations to Council. She reported that the New Library and Baranof Park projects had been going very well. She encouraged the public to vote in the upcoming primary election.

**b. City Clerk**

Deputy Clerk Gandel reminded the public that September 2, 2012, was the deadline to register to vote in the October 2, 2012, municipal election. He also informed the public of an upcoming scheduled Fisheries Work Group meeting, a joint work session, and Council work sessions and regular meetings.

**VII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Deputy Mayor Whiddon thanked the seafood processing workers for attending the meeting and accepting the proclamation. He said the meeting with Senator Begich's staff had been very informative. He encouraged the public to attend upcoming meetings of the Kodiak Fisheries Advisory Committee and the Fisheries Work Group.

**VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Bishop thanked the seafood processing workers, congratulated Natasha Hayden on her reappointment to the Parks and Recreation advisory board, and wished the public a good rest of the summer.

Councilmember Saravia thanked the seafood processing workers for their hard work. He said he was excited about the Baranof Park and New Library projects. He encouraged the public to vote in the upcoming elections.

Councilmember Davidson thanked Councilmember Saravia for initiating the salute to seafood processing workers and expressed appreciation for the workers' hard work. He thanked his fellow Councilmembers for moving forward with various City projects.

Councilmember Haines thanked the seafood processing workers for the hard work they do for the community. He encouraged the public to vote in the upcoming elections and stay informed about the issues on the ballots. He reminded the public that Fisheries Work Group meetings were open to the public and encouraged people to attend. He thanked Natasha Hayden for volunteering to serve on the Parks and Recreation advisory board.

Councilmember Vizcocho congratulated Natasha Hayden on being reappointed to the Parks and Recreation advisory board. He thanked seafood processing workers for their hard work. He congratulated the Kodiak High School football team on their recent wins, encouraged the public to vote in the upcoming elections, and to drive safely in school zones.

Deputy Mayor Whiddon added that he was very proud of the processing workers and said it was a privilege to work with them.

**IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

None.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Davidson 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 8:03 p.m.



CITY OF KODIAK

DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST:

DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: September 13, 2012