

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK
HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 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 Mark Anthony G. Vizcocho were present and constituted a quorum. Councilmember John B. Whiddon was absent. 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 Blacketer gave the invocation.

II. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Councilmember Haines MOVED to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2012, regular meeting as presented.

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

III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

a. Proclamation: Applauding the United States Coast Guard Presence in Kodiak

Mayor Branson read the proclamation, which urges all citizens to recognize our Coast Guard community for their individual and collective efforts in making Kodiak and all the navigable waters of Alaska a safer and better place to live, work, and play.

b. Proclamation: Fire Prevention Week

Councilmember Saravia read the proclamation, which urges all citizens to plan and practice a home fire escape plan during Fire Prevention Week 2012, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Kodiak's fire and emergency services.

Mayor Branson presented the proclamation to Firefighter EMT-3 Dan Farmer, who thanked the Mayor and Council for their continued support and reminded the public that it was important to have and practice a home fire escape plan.

c. Proclamation: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Councilmember Davidson read the proclamation, which urges all citizens to actively support and participate in the ongoing programs designed to reduce and eventually eliminate violence as a social problem.

Mayor Branson presented the proclamation to Victoria Mapalo from the Kodiak Women's Resource and Crisis Center, who thanked the Mayor and Council and said the problem of domestic violence affects the entire community and that it was important to understand the problem and support those it affects.

d. Public Comments

Bonnie McDonald spoke in opposition to raising the sales tax rate on the taxicab tariff. She also encouraged people working downtown to park in long-term parking so short-term parking would be available for their customers.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution No. 2012-27, Naming Election Workers for the October 2, 2012, Regular Municipal Election

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2012-27 by title. Kodiak City Code specifies that, prior to each election, the Council shall appoint judges and clerks for each City precinct and will also appoint a canvass board consisting of at least three persons. This resolution names election workers and canvass board members for the October 2, 2012, regular municipal election and authorizes the City Clerk to appoint other persons, if necessary, to ensure that an adequate number of workers are present to conduct and canvass the election.

Councilmember Saravia MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2012-27.

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

b. Resolution No. 2012-28, Appropriating Funds to Pay the Cost of Repairing the Baranof Park Ice Rink and Authorizing the City Manager to Award a Contract for the Repair Work

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2012-28 by title. There was a fire at the Baranof Park ice rink in the early morning of August 1, 2012, which caused a substantial amount of damage to the facility. The facility is insured, and the City has been working with the insurance company and adjustor to assess the damages and make preparations to repair the rink. Due to the nature of the damage and the timeframe needed to make immediate repairs and restoration to the rink to ensure its availability by November 2012, staff recommends the City enter into a contract with Jay-Brant General Contractors as the general contractor to oversee and facilitate the repairs. The City Attorney recommends that Council appropriate the funds for the repair by resolution because this is not a budgeted project.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2012-28.

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

c. Resolution No. 2012–29, Authorizing Revisions to the Downtown Parking Plan

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2012–29 by title. Staff proposes Council consider adopting by resolution the following amendments to the City Parking Plan: 1) Change the designation of 36, 2-hour parking spaces in the downtown Mall parking lot to 36, 9-hour parking spaces, with the location of these parking spaces to be designated by staff; 2) Eliminate two reserved parking spaces located in the State Courthouse parking and create two additional 2-hour parking spaces in the same location; and 3) Permit staff to improve parking signage throughout the downtown area.

Councilmember Vizcocho MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2012–29.

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

d. Resolution No. 2012–30, A Joint Resolution Supporting the Overall Approach to Fishery Issues by the Kodiak Fisheries Workgroup

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2012–30 by title. At the September 4, 2012, joint work session, the City Council and Borough Assembly agreed to adopt a joint resolution to support the overall approach the Kodiak Fisheries Workgroup will use when reviewing and responding to fisheries management issues. This joint resolution identifies the overall approach that will be used to further Kodiak's interests when dealing with fisheries management issues.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2012–30.

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

e. Resolution No. 2012–31, A Joint Resolution Supporting Comments to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council on Pending Actions Regarding Comprehensive Management of Prohibited Species Catch by the Trawl Fishery in the Central Gulf of Alaska

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2012–31 by title. At the September 4, 2012, joint work session, the City Council and Borough Assembly agreed to adopt a joint resolution to support comments to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) at their October 2012 meeting. The comments, developed by the Kodiak Fisheries Workgroup, support Kodiak's overarching approach and goals on a pending NPFMC action on comprehensive management of prohibited species catch by the trawl fishery in the central Gulf of Alaska. The joint resolution supports and identifies the overall approach that will be provided to the NPFMC by Kodiak's representatives at the October meeting to identify Kodiak's interests in this issue.

Councilmember Saravia MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2012–31.

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

f. Authorization of Bid Award for Shelikof Street Pedestrian Improvements, Phase I, Project No. 10-04/8016

The Shelikof Street Pedestrian Improvements project was developed to provide pedestrian improvements from Pier II to the downtown area. The City received legislative grants funded through the state's cruise ship excise tax fund. Phase I of the project is to make various pedestrian and associated parking improvements between Pier II and Jack Hinkle Way. The project was advertised in August 2012, and one bid was received on September 6, 2012. The bid was above the engineer's estimate and in excess of available funding. Staff negotiated the cost of the project to align with available funding.

Councilmember Haines MOVED to authorize award of the bid for the Phase I of the Shelikof Street Pedestrian Improvements project, Project No. 10-04/8016, to Brechan Enterprises in the amount of \$1,719,130 with funds coming from Harbor Cargo Development Fund project number 8016, and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the City.

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

g. Authorization of Contract for Baranof Park Storage Area Fencing

The Baranof Park storage facility consists of two 20-foot long containers, 24 feet apart with a roof covering the span between them. There is also a shed roof extending 16 feet from the back of the containers for increased storage area. Although this facility provides much needed storage space for equipment and supplies, is located in the biggest park facility, and is within short distance of two other major maintenance-activity areas, it needs to be fenced for security, safety, and aesthetic reasons. Staff requested quotes from local companies and received two quotes in early September 2012 that meet fencing requirements.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to authorize the City Manager to enter a contract with Bugni Enterprises, Inc. for the purchase and installation of fencing in the amount of \$20,090, with funds coming from Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement fund, Baranof Park Storage Improvements, Project No. 9007.

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

VI. STAFF REPORTS

a. City Manager

Manager Kniazowski said she had just returned from a valuable training seminar in human resources law. She notified the Council that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had awarded contracts for dredging the entrances to St. Paul and St. Herman harbors, and that work would begin

in spring 2013. She said City Lobbyist Brad Gilman had worked hard to secure the funding for the dredging projects.

She updated the Council on the Compensation and Classification Study, saying that new job descriptions would be presented to staff and all departments would be offered training in the new classification system. She said the City had recently hosted a reception for retired Parks and Recreation Director Ian Fulp and his wife Judy, and that had both appreciated the reception and the gift presented by the City.

She asked Council if they had a date preference for a budget training session, and the consensus was to select January 5, 2013.

b. City Clerk

City Clerk Marlar reminded the public to vote in the Municipal Election on October 2, 2012. She asked for volunteers to serve on the Canvass Board and help certify the results of the election. She also informed the public of the next scheduled Council work session and regular meeting.

VII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Branson said she had enjoyed a recent vacation but that it was always nice to return to Kodiak. She said there were a lot of major projects going on in the City, including the New Library, Baranof Park, Pier 3, and dredging of the harbor entrances and said that showed that the Council was responding to the infrastructure needs of the City. She said she was proud of the work done by the Fisheries Work Group and of the collaborative efforts of the City Council and Borough Assembly. She thanked those that volunteered as election workers and encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election.

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bishop commended Chief of Police T.C. Kamai and his staff for their work on the Downtown Parking Plan. He said he considered Pier 3 the most important piece of infrastructure in the City, and he encouraged the public to attend Council meetings and be involved in the process for its replacement. He reminded everyone to vote in the upcoming election.

Councilmember Saravia encouraged people to attend Council meetings and voice their opinion to the Council. He said it was important to vote in the upcoming election, and he encouraged more people to run for office.

Councilmember Davidson thanked City staff for their hard work and for trying to keep costs reasonable on various City projects. He reminded the public that people around the world have to fight for the right to vote and encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

Councilmember Haines thanked the members of the public who had attended a recent work session to provide input on the Downtown Parking Plan. He said he appreciated all the public input that had affected the policy recommendations made by the Fisheries Work Group. He encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election.

Councilmember Vizcocho thanked Dan Farmer and Victoria Mapalo for accepting their proclamations. He thanked the United States Coast Guard for everything they do for the State of Alaska, and he thanked Chief of Police Kamai and his staff for their work on the Downtown Parking Plan. He encouraged everyone to vote, saying one vote can make a difference.

IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

CITY OF KODIAK



MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: October 11, 2012

