

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK
HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 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, Richard H. Walker, 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 Blacketer gave the invocation.

II. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2012, regular meeting as presented.

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

III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

a. Proclamation: Extra Mile Day

Mayor Branson read the proclamation, which urges citizens to take time to not only “go the extra mile” in his or her own life, but to also acknowledge those who are inspirational in their efforts and commitment to make their organizations, families, community, country, or world a better place.

b. Public Comments

Vikki Jo Kennedy expressed concerns about the use of the Kodiak Police Department K-9 unit.

Sandra West encouraged the City Council to sign an agreement with the Alaska Department of Transportation to construct a bike path from Pier 2 to Deadmans Curve.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. First Reading, Ordinance No. 1301, Establishing Supplemental Appropriation No. 2 to the Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of July 2011 and Ending on the Thirtieth Day of June 2012, and Repealing Ordinance No. 1296**

Mayor Branson read Ordinance No. 1301 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. 2 to the FY2012 budget totaled \$165,086 identified in Ordinance No. 1296. Ordinance No. 1296 contained minor errors, which must be corrected by adopting a new ordinance.

Councilmember Haines MOVED to pass Ordinance No. 1301 in the first reading and advance to second reading and public hearing at the next regular or special Council meeting.

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

b. Resolution No. 2012–33, Adopting the FY2014 Prioritized State Capital Improvements Program List

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2012–33 by title. Each year the City Council adopts a resolution identifying the City's top funding priorities for capital improvement projects important to the maintenance or improvement of the City's infrastructure. This year's proposed list identifies and prioritizes four projects: funding for an upgrade to the Monashka pumphouse, funding to replace the failing E911 system, funding for Phase 3 of the ongoing Shelikof pedestrian improvement project, and funding assistance for a new fire engine.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2012–33.

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

c. Acceptance of Compensation and Classification Report

The City began the classification and compensation project in the spring of 2011. The City Manager reported she had informed the Council at the October 23rd work session that the final compensation and classification report, which had been scheduled for approval at this meeting, needed to be postponed due to unexpected issues that require further review.

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to accept the Fox Lawson and Associates' report on the classification and compensation study conducted for the City of Kodiak.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to postpone the vote on acceptance of the Fox Lawson and Associates' classification and compensation study until a future meeting to be determined by the City Manager.

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

d. Authorization of a Professional Services Contract for Biosolid Management, Project No. 7517

The City has been evaluating potential long-term disposal options for biosolids produced by the City's wastewater treatment plant since 2008. A sludge disposal study and a composting pilot project were completed between 2008 and 2010. City staff has been in discussion with Peter Olsen of Quayanna Development Corporation (QDC) since September 2010, following completion of the composting pilot project. In June of 2012, the Kodiak Island Borough formally notified the City that, within six months, they would no longer be able to accept biosolids for a period of time that ranged from roughly six months up to two years. Staff has continued discussions with the Borough over the operational timeline that affects biosolid disposal as well as discussions with QDC to avoid an extremely serious situation with no plan or place for the disposal of biosolids. Based on ongoing discussions with QDC and a recent meeting with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation about the QDC permit application for the composting facility, staff recommends Council authorize the five-year agreement with QDC for the purpose of biosolid disposal.

Councilmember Haines MOVED to authorize a five-year agreement, Contract No. 205796, with Quayanna Development Corporation with annual disposal payments of \$332,250, with funds coming from the Sewer Utility Enterprise Fund, Sewer Service Charges account and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary paperwork.

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

VI. STAFF REPORTS

a. City Manager

City Manager Kniazowski said she was happy to have Councilmember Saravia on the Council for another term and welcomed Councilmember Walker to the Council. She reported on a recent meeting in Anchorage with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation to discuss the City's biosolids permit and said it had been a successful meeting. She said only two councilmembers had attended the recent capital projects tour and said she would be organizing another tour in November. She said the City would be holding an upcoming auction for goods and vehicles in the old Kodiak Police Department building. She said the Mission Road retaining wall project had been completed. She introduced Dan Keyes, an applicant for the Parks and Recreation Director position. She encouraged everyone be careful due to increased bear activity and reviewed a handout provided by the Kodiak Interagency Bear Safety Group with bear safety tips for Halloween.

Mayor Branson asked City Manager Kniazowski to respond to the public comments made by Vikki Jo Kennedy, and City Manager Kniazowski said the KPD K-9 unit was currently active and there were no restrictions on its use. She said there had been discussion of possible cuts during the FY2013 budget cycle, but no cuts had been made.

b. City Clerk

City Clerk Marlar welcomed Councilmembers Saravia and Walker, and informed the public of the next scheduled City Council-Borough Assembly joint work session, and Council work session and regular meeting.

VII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Branson welcomed Councilmembers Saravia and Walker. She said the projects on the City CIP list were important infrastructure projects that contributed to the safety of Kodiak. She reminded the public of the general election on November 6, 2012, and explained one of the items on the state ballot was a general obligation bond to fund various transportation projects around the state, including the replacement of Pier 3. She said Pier 3 was a vital piece of Kodiak's infrastructure, and that replacing it was a very important and costly project for the City and that the GO bond was a great opportunity to get funding to complete the project. She said she hoped voter turnout for the state and federal election would be higher than the recent municipal election.

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Walker thanked everyone for welcoming him to the Council and said he looked forward to working with everyone to make a better Kodiak.

Councilmember Haines welcomed Councilmembers Saravia and Walker. He said he appreciated the sentiment of the Extra Mile Day proclamation and encouraged everyone to take some time to volunteer or help out their neighbors. He said the Council would be having upcoming discussions on the budget, and unless changes were made to the sales tax rate or cap, budget cuts would have to be made. He said the Council will look closely at each area of the City budget.

Councilmember Bishop welcomed Councilmembers Saravia and Walker. He said the projects on the CIP list were vital to Kodiak's infrastructure and helped sustain our quality of life. He encouraged everyone to take part in Halloween festivities.

Councilmember Saravia welcomed Councilmember Walker. He said he was excited to serve another three years and work with the Council and City staff to make Kodiak a better place. He said there were some places the KPD K-9 unit could not go due to conflicting laws and that cutting the K-9 unit would not save much money. He said the Council would continue to discuss the proposed bike path from Pier 2 to Deadmans Curve, but it was important to know how much it was going to cost and where the funding was coming from. He encouraged everyone to be safe on Halloween.

Councilmember Whiddon welcomed Councilmembers Walker and Saravia. He encouraged everyone to vote for the state general obligation bond and reminded the public that there would be no cost to local taxpayers. He said the City had taken a strategic approach to developing its CIP list to compete with other communities looking for funding. He said before approving new projects the Council had to make sure they were a wise use of City money and that there would be some value for the money that was spent.

Councilmember Davidson welcomed Councilmembers Saravia and Walker. He encouraged everyone to vote for the state general obligation bond saying it was the best opportunity to get funding for replacing Pier 3 without using City money.

IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Sandra West said it was important to replace Pier 3 and encouraged everyone to vote for the general obligation bond on the upcoming state ballot.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

CITY OF KODIAK



MAYOR

ATTEST:



Deputy CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: November 8, 2012