

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK
HELD THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2013
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 Charles E. Davidson, Terry J. Haines, Richard H. Walker, and John B. Whiddon were present and constituted a quorum. Councilmembers Randall C. Bishop and Gabriel T. Saravia were absent. City Manager Aimée Kniazowski, Deputy Clerk Michelle Shuravloff-Nelson, and Assistant Clerk Catherine Perkins 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 May 9, 2013, regular meeting as presented.

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

III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

a. Proclamation: Declaring Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Awareness Month

Mayor Branson read the proclamation that brings awareness of ALS, otherwise known as Lou Gehrig's disease, and encourages citizens to become aware of the disease and its devastating effects on patients, as well as their families and caregivers.

b. Public Comments

Alexis Kwachka expressed his frustration about the continued presence of intoxicated people loitering near and in the downtown public restrooms. He expressed that this ongoing problem did not present a positive image of Kodiak to tourists and youth and asked the Council to resolve the issue.

Sara Thayer, via telephone, spoke about the proclamation declaring May as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Awareness Month. She referred to her letter to the editor and said she wanted to make the public aware of the disease, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. She gave statistics regarding the disease and thanked the Council.

Carlie Franz Malley, Property Manager for Brechan Enterprises Inc., spoke about the ongoing problem of intoxicated individuals downtown. She said that as a property manager, she has a responsibility to provide a safe working environment for her tenants and said she is repeatedly re-

ceiving calls that her tenants feel unsafe and threatened in the downtown mall area. She asked the Council for help to find solution to make the area safer. She said this needs to be a community-wide effort and all need to all work together to help combat the issue.

Jennie de la Fuente commented the downtown mall looked great lately but wondered how long it would last. She said she witnessed a male urinating in a downtown parking lot and has also been harassed. She spoke against a loitering ordinance because the downtown mall area could be a nice place to sit and eat lunch in the future, as it was in the past. She suggested the Brother Francis Shelter may be an option to help and said she would like to work together to find a solution.

Tammy Estep, a taxicab driver, spoke about downtown safety issues involving intoxicated individuals. She gave examples of incidents and asked the Council to help find a solution.

Lisa Zeimer apologized to the Council for her display of emotion at the previous Council meeting and said she would like to work together with the Council to find a solution for restoring the downtown mall area. She said that adverse incidents downtown decreased when an arrest was made and said the enhanced police presence had produced positive results. She asked the Council to put a railing around an electrical box to help block access to prevent intoxicated individuals from sitting there. She suggested having the high school art and welding classes help with the railing.

Michelle Beltha said she works downtown and feels insecure and unsafe in the downtown mall area. She spoke in favor of a loitering ordinance for inebriants.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. **First Reading, Ordinance No. 1309, Levying Taxes and Appropriating Funds for the Expenses and Liabilities of the City of Kodiak for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of July 2013 and Ending on the Thirtieth Day of June 2014**

Mayor Branson read Ordinance No. 1309 by title. The budget document, which supports the ordinance, estimates all sources of revenue the City anticipates receiving between July 1, 2013, and June 30, 2014. The budget document also establishes an operating and capital expenditure plan for FY2014 that is based on staff's assessment of operational and community needs and the Council's FY2014 budget goals.

Councilmember Walker **MOVED** to pass Ordinance No. 1309 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 Davidson, Haines, Walker, and Whiddon in favor. Councilmembers Bishop and Saravia were absent. The motion passed.

b. Authorization of Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Contract for Geotechnical Work Associated With Pier III Replacement, Project No. 8013/11-07

PND Engineers Inc. has submitted a proposal to perform additional geotechnical engineering and preliminary engineering services in support of the Pier III design. The proposal includes a recommendation memo from Roe Sturgulewski, Pier III Project Manager.

Councilmember Haines MOVED to authorize Amendment No. 2 to the professional services contract with PND for geotechnical work and preliminary engineering work associated with the Pier III Replacement project in the amount of \$121,336, with funds coming from the Cargo Development Fund, Pier III project, Project No. 8013/11-07 and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

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

VI. STAFF REPORTS

a. City Manager

Manager Kniazowski announced that Charlie Powers accepted the Parks and Recreation Director position and she looks forward to working with him.

She reported on her trip with Mayor Branson to Washington D.C. for federal support. She said they discussed infrastructure projects and fisheries issues, including the Monashka Pumphouse Project; road and public works infrastructure, with an emphasis on Shelikof Street improvements; and Karluk Lake enhancement. She said they also met with NOAA Fisheries officials to discuss the Observer Program. She commented that they met with Sharon Wagoner with the Army Corp of Engineers and thanked her for helping to get the funding reallocated for dredging in the harbors this summer. She said they also met with Jon Soderburg about support for setting aside funding by the Congress for the Pacific Ocean Division so the Army Corp of Engineers could work in partnership with communities to develop port-related projects.

She mentioned they met with US DOT representatives to discuss new financing programs for public infrastructure projects. The Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) and Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA). TIFIA is a special funding program for communities that meet federal funding guidelines to receive low interest rate loans of 1.5 percent. She said they will continue to explore the viability of these options and the possibility of exploring them with the Borough.

She noted that City staff met with Army Corp of Engineers Colonel Lestochi about the harbor dredging projects.

She said the Governor signed the capital budget, which included the Monashka Legislative Grant, as well as the re-appropriation for the Monashka Pumphouse Project from the UV Project.

She mentioned that the Parks and Recreation personnel have been working on the downtown area to address clean up concerns, and this will be done regularly. She spoke about a letter she re-

ceived regarding concerns about Baranof Park access. She said the limited number of access points is intended to direct traffic to avoid tracking mud and debris onto the field. She said the changes are not meant to discourage access but to control access points while a security plan is being developed.

She said that City staff and Brechan Enterprises Inc. have been working to stabilize the Shelikof area rock and soil slide and noted that while that work is being done, the road has been limited to one lane.

She mentioned that Duane Dvorak from the Kodiak Island Borough Community Development Department is leaving the community and said she will greatly miss his expertise on the Emergency Management Team. She encouraged the public to enjoy Crab Festival and informed the Council of her travel schedule.

b. City Clerk

Deputy Clerk Shuravloff-Nelson informed the public of the next scheduled Council work sessions and regular meeting.

VII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Branson thanked the public who came to speak about the downtown area and said she is working on establishing a downtown re-vitalization committee. She noted at a June work session she will suggest to the Council the possibility of using bed tax funds to support the cleanup and re-vitalization of the downtown area. She said she was glad the first reading of the budget went well and thanked staff for their hard work. She said it was a successful trip to Washington D.C. and is excited about the WIFIA and TIFIA programs. She noted that no Alaskan municipality has applied for either of the programs at this time, and she is excited about the opportunity to possibly work with the Borough and become the first Alaska community to apply for the funds. She said she and Manager Kniaziowski also met with the new Fish and Wildlife Director and noted we will be getting a new Alaska Fish and Wildlife Director who will be in Kodiak to discuss the Karluk Lake issue. She mentioned she has been invited to participate in a "Think Tank" in Aspen, Colorado with Mayors from major cities around the country and said she will bring the downtown re-vitalization project to present to them. She welcomed Charlie Powers as the new Parks and Recreation Director and thanked him for responding to concerns and cleaning up the downtown mall area. She encouraged the public to attend Crab Festival and keep in mind it is Memorial Day weekend as well. Mayor Branson also wished Library Director Joe D'Elia a happy retirement and good luck in the future.

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Whiddon congratulated Charlie Powers on his position as Parks and Recreation Director and said he is looking forward to working with him. He thanked the public who voiced their concerns about the downtown area and said the Council is committed to resolve the issue. He mentioned he met with the individual who voiced his concern about Baranof Park access and said he would like to hear from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on how to better manage the area to maximize public access while protecting the multi-million dollar investment. He

also mentioned that salmon season begins June 9, which will result in increased activity in the harbor.

Councilmember Davidson thanked Library Director Joe D'Elia for his contribution to our community and wished him well. He also wished everyone a good Crab Festival and encouraged the public to attend.

Councilmember Haines thanked Library Director Joe D'Elia for 13 years of service to community. He recognized that there are problems in the downtown area and reminded the public that it is an illegal and jailable offense to harass and taunt people. He thanked Charlie Powers for accepting the Parks and Recreation Director position and said he believes there should be more discussion regarding access points to Baranof Park. He also urged the public to attend Crab Festival and get the chocolate covered bacon.

Councilmember Walker congratulated Charlie Powers as the new Parks and Recreation Director. He also congratulated Marcus Dunbar for the boys' high school track and field team for winning the state championship. He said he is looking forward to working with the community to find a solution for the downtown area and thanked the public for voicing their concerns. He thanked Finance Director Munk for her work on the budget and wished Duane Dvorak good luck on his new endeavors. He also noted that Joe and Anita Bailor are leaving the community and wished them good luck. He wished everyone a happy Memorial Day weekend and encouraged the public to attend Crab Festival.

IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

CITY OF KODIAK

Pat Prace

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Delva Mankin

CITY CLERK



Minutes Approved: June 13, 2013

