

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK
HELD THURSDAY, JULY 11, 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 Randall C. Bishop, Terry J. Haines, Gabriel T. Saravia, Richard H. Walker, and John B. Whiddon were present and constituted a quorum. Councilmember Charles E. Davidson was absent. City Manager Aimée Kniazowski, City Clerk Debra L. Marlar, and Deputy Clerk Michelle Shuravloff-Nelson 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 June 27, 2013, regular meeting as presented.

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

III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

a. Public Comments

None

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution No. 2013–19, Establishing a Downtown Kodiak Revitalization Special Committee

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2013–19 by title. Mayor Branson was selected by the Rasmuson Foundation as one of several mayors to participate in the Aspen Institute's September workshop on how to develop successful community projects that incorporate creativity and art in projects in public spaces. Projects presented by the mayors will be reviewed and discussed by a group of experts in their fields who will evaluate the projects and provide feedback on what type of opportunities they see in each project. This invitation may provide professional resources and tools to address the frustrations and concerns expressed by community members and downtown businesses recently and enhance the downtown area to make it attractive to businesses and users of the space.

Councilmember Walker MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2013–19.

Councilmember Whiddon congratulated Mayor Branson for being selected to the Aspen Institute. He said that there are only seven mayors selected nationwide.

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

b. Resolution No. 2013–20, Authorizing the Issuance of a Permit to the Filipino-American Association of Kodiak for the Use of Public Property to Host Its Philippine Consulate Outreach Program

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2013–20 by title. The Filipino-American Association of Kodiak requested the use of the Teen Center on August 2 and 3, 2013, to host the consular outreach program during the visit of the Philippine Consulate General from San Francisco. The purpose of the visit is to provide consular outreach services to Filipino Americans in Kodiak. The Philippine Consulate will collect fees for services rendered, and the Filipino-American Association will also ask for donations from participants to help offset costs associated with the outreach program.

Councilmember Haines MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2013–20.

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

c. Resolution No. 2013–21, Adopting the 2013 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2013–21 by title. The Kodiak Chamber of Commerce has been under contract with both the City of Kodiak and the Kodiak Island Borough to provide economic development planning to the community and island. Part of the Chamber's responsibility under the contract is to prepare a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the City and Borough. Resolution No. 2013–21 documents the City's approval of the 2013 Kodiak Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2013–21.

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

d. Resolution No. 2013–22, Authorizing the Issuance of a Permit to the American Cancer Society for the Use of the Teen Center for a Dance in Conjunction with Relay for Life Fundraising Activities

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2013–22 by title. This resolution authorizes issuance of a permit to the American Cancer Society for the use of the Teen Center on July 19 or 20, 2013, to host a dance for young people to raise awareness of cancer's impact and to raise funds in con-

junction with the annual Relay for Life event at the end of July. The resolution also waives permit fees.

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2013–22.

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

e. Appointment to the Trawl Vessel Seat on the Kodiak Fisheries Advisory Committee

Trevor Brown, the facilitator of the Kodiak Fisheries Advisory Committee (KFAC), notified the City and Borough Clerks on May 9, 2013, that Al Burch wished to resign his seat as a trawl vessel representative on KFAC and suggested Kent Helligso be appointed to the seat. The Borough took action to confirm the change at their July 2, 2013, meeting. The City must also confirm the change, which can be done by a motion of the Council.

Councilmember Haines MOVED to confirm the appointment of Kent Helligso to the trawl vessel seat on the Kodiak Fisheries Advisory Committee.

Councilmember Haines thanked Al Burch for his service and welcomed Kent Helligso.

Councilmember Whiddon thanked Al Burch for his long standing commitment to KFAC and welcomed Kent Helligso.

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

VI. STAFF REPORTS

a. City Manager

Manager Kniazowski attended the Planning and Zoning Commission's work session with Engineer Glenn Melvin and Public Works Director Mark Kozak to discuss the City's application for leased land for composting. She said she appreciated that the Planning and Zoning Commission and Kodiak Island Borough (KIB) have been supportive of this community project. The leased land application will be discussed at the KIB meeting on July 17, 2013.

Manager Kniazowski met Bob Pederson, the new KIB Community Development Director, who worked for the KIB previously as a planner and is familiar with Kodiak.

Manager Kniazowski said Sara Barton has agreed to work on a community outreach program for composting. She stated her familiarity with Kodiak will be very useful in this undertaking.

Manager Kniazowski congratulated Craig Walton on his promotion to Public Works Maintenance Supervisor. Craig replaced Kris Lund, who retired after 25 years of service.

Manager Kniazowski shared that the Alaska Redistricting Board has a proposed new redistricting plan and reviewed how Kodiak may be affected.

Manager Kniazowski said the Army Corp project engineers will be here next week for the harbor dredging project.

She said the Shelikof Street slide area is closed, and the crew will begin working on the repairs next week. The expected closure time will be five weeks. She thanked the businesses and individuals that have been affected by this closure for their patience.

Manager Kniazowski stated that the Aleutian Homes Phase Five project is 60 percent complete.

She informed the Council that the work on the baseball outfield has started and the excavation has begun, and she is working with Engineer Glenn Melvin to create a barrier for the excavation.

She highlighted that the Library project is moving forward as planned. Manager Kniazowski said they received two bids for furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the Library and will plan to move the award process forward at the next regular meeting.

b. City Clerk

City Clerk Marlar informed the public of the next scheduled Council work session and regular meeting.

Clerk Marlar let the public know the City needs election workers, which are paid positions. She noted the two-year Mayoral seat and two three-year Councilmember seats will be up for election in October. The candidate packets will be available in the Clerk's office on July 22, 2013.

VII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Branson thanked the Council for their support of the Downtown Revitalization Committee. She shared that Councilmember Bishop will also be a member and thanked him. The first meeting will be scheduled soon after consultation with Chief of Police T.C. Kamai on the downtown area.

Mayor Branson thanked Al Burch for his service on the Kodiak Fisheries Advisory Committee.

She stated the Multi-Cultural group will start up in the fall and will seek additional membership.

Mayor Branson congratulated Ben and Hazel Ardinger for their store's 50th anniversary and for their commitment, quality, and excellent customer service.

She commented on Kodiak's economic impact due to the Tustumena's third delay and will express her concerns to the state. She requested a resolution regarding Kodiak ferry service be drafted for the next meeting.

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bishop said he hoped everyone had a nice Fourth of July and requested that the general public pick up fireworks and trash on the beaches to keep the community clean. He

shared his support for the Downtown Revitalization Committee. He commented that the beautification process for downtown has been discussed for several years and, most importantly, he was pleased that progress can be made toward the economic development of Kodiak.

Councilmember Saravia thanked Al Burch for his wonderful service on the Kodiak Fisheries Advisory Committee. He gave a fisheries update.

Councilmember Whiddon congratulated Ben and Hazel Ardinger for their store's 50th anniversary. He commented on their great customer service. Councilmember Whiddon said he was concerned for the fishing industry and the economic impact on the Kodiak community of the Tustumena's third delay. He said that the Council should share their concern with the legislature. He shared that he received an invitation to participate in an association of retired USCG personnel, and he commented that there are 150 retired USCG personnel within the community. He stated that next month is USCG appreciation month and thanked them for their service.

Councilmember Haines thanked Mayor Branson for her energy, leadership, and development of the Downtown Revitalization Committee. He thought the timing was good for this committee to begin and compared his observation of Juneau's downtown area during his recent visit. He congratulated the Ardinger's on their store's 50th anniversary and their support of music displayed in their stores. He said he has bought his harmonicas at Ardingers for years. He also stated his concern for the Kodiak community regarding the Tustumena's third delay. He encouraged the public to wear their personal floatation devices.

Councilmember Walker congratulated Kris Lund on his retirement and congratulated Craig Walton as the new Maintenance Supervisor. He thanked Al Burch for his service on KFAC, and he thanked PND Engineers Inc. for their presentation this week. He thanked Manager Kniazowski for arranging this presentation.

IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

CITY OF KODIAK



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ATTEST:



CITY CLERK



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