

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK  
HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2013  
IN THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS**

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

Mayor Pat Branson called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Councilmembers Randall C. Bishop, Charles E. Davidson, Richard H. Walker, and John B. Whiddon were present and constituted a quorum. Gabriel T. Saravia arrived at the conclusion of roll call. Councilmember Terry J. Haines 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 September 26, 2013, regular meeting as presented.

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

**III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

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

Councilmember Whiddon 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: Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

Councilmember Walker 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.

Penny Lampl thanked the Council for the acknowledgement of domestic violence awareness.

**c. Proclamation: Declaring Filipino American History Month**

Mayor Branson read the proclamation, which urges all citizens to celebrate the rich history and contributions of Filipino Americans in Kodiak.

Mary Guilas-Hawver accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Filipino American community.

**d. Public Comments**

None

#### IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

**a. First Reading, Ordinance No. 1312, Authorizing the City to Enter Into a Memorandum of Agreement With the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Regarding the Kodiak Ferry Terminal and Dock Improvements**

Mayor Branson read Ordinance No. 1312 by title. Several years ago Congress authorized funding for the planning, design, and construction of an Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) terminal in Kodiak. The dock will be a component of the National Highway System. The State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) is responsible for planning design and construction of a new dock at Pier I. Engineering is essentially complete. City staff was included and consulted in all aspects the planning. Construction is anticipated for 2014 and is estimated to cost \$14.3 million. When complete, the dock becomes the property of the City of Kodiak. DOT&PF requires the City to enter into a memorandum of agreement, which covers the terms, scope, design, construction, ownership, right-of-way, operations, and maintenance obligations for the life of the facility – about 30 years.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to pass Ordinance No. 1312 in the first reading and advance to second reading and public hearing at the next regular or special Council meeting.

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to postpone the vote on the passage of Ordinance No. 1312 until staff has finalized the Ferry Terminal and Dock Improvements MOA with the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

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

**b. Authorization to Cancel the November Regular Meetings and Authorize the City Manager to Schedule a Special Meeting if Needed**

The regularly scheduled Council meetings for November must be cancelled due to schedule conflicts with the November 14 regular meeting date and the Thanksgiving holiday on November 28. Elected officials and staff will attend the annual Alaska Municipal League or National League of Cities conferences in November. Staff discussed meeting scheduling with the Council at a previous work session and recommended a special meeting be scheduled for November, if needed.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to cancel the November 14 and 28 regular meetings and authorize the City Manager to schedule a special meeting for November, if needed.

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

**c. Certification of Election**

The City of Kodiak held a regular election October 1, 2013, and voters cast ballots for the Mayoral position and two three-year City Council positions. The Canvass Board met October 9, 2013, to tally the votes of the admissible questioned and absentee ballots, together with votes counted on election night. The final results of the October 1, 2013, Municipal City election were:

Mayor—One Two-Year Term	
Pat Branson .....	450
Write-Ins .....	22
City Council—Two Three-Year Terms	
Charles E. Davidson.....	413
John Whiddon .....	371
Write-Ins .....	18

Of the 3,513 registered City voters 544 cast eligible City ballots, for a 15.5% voter turnout, which is 2.25% higher than last year.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to certify the results of the October 1, 2013, regular election and declare Pat Branson elected as Mayor for a two-year term and Charles E. Davidson and John Whiddon elected to the City Council for three-year terms.

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

**VI. STAFF REPORTS**

**a. City Manager**

Manager Kniazowski congratulated Mayor Branson and Councilmembers Davidson and Whiddon on their re-election.

Manager Kniazowski indicated the recent visit to the composting sites in Washington and Idaho were helpful, and she is beginning to present the outcomes of the trip. She indicated that an invitation to visit these four sites was extended to Monashka Bay area residents and the Kodiak Island Borough Assembly.

Manager Kniazowski said she will present the City’s composting plans to the Kodiak Borough Assembly during their work session later in the evening. She said the Borough Assembly will meet on October 17, 2013, and the City’s long- term license agreement for class A composting is on their agenda. The approval of the long-term license agreement will transfer the requested land to the City to move forward with the composting site.

She stated that there was a surprise retirement party for former Chief of Police T.C Kamai. She stated the hiring process for the Chief of Police is underway and comprehensive background checks were being performed.

She indicated that Katie Baxter, the new Library Director, will arrive in Kodiak next week and will begin work on October 21, 2013. Manager Kniaziowski said the new library mechanical inspection will occur next week; after this occurs, the City should be able to take possession of the building. She said the furniture has been delayed in the new library at the City's request until November after the book move has occurred. She stated that the old library will close at 9 p.m. on October 17, 2013, to allow for transition to the new library. She announced the grand opening for the new Kodiak Public Library will be on December 9, 2013.

Manager Kniaziowski said the proposed demolition of the old KPD building and Mission Road building cannot occur until the EPA issues a permit to the contractor. She said this is delayed due to the governmental shut down.

Manager Kniaziowski said the core dredging project completion will occur this week. She indicated the M/V Kennicott damaged Pier II during a windstorm when it was docking. She indicated that this cost is typically incurred by the City and reimbursed by the State of Alaska. Staff are coordinating the repair.

She said the federal shutdown is affecting in Bristol Bay red king crab fishery and the Kodiak Fisheries Development Association because they cannot award quotas for the Kodiak community.

Manager Kniaziowski stated she will be on medical leave from October 18 until October 27, 2013. Finance Director Mary Munk will be acting City Manager in her absence.

#### **b. City Clerk**

City Clerk Marlar thanked the Canvass Board members and the election workers for their assistance during the election.

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

### **VII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Branson clarified remarks made at the last meeting and stated the Library Capital Campaign fund hit its fund raising target, and the amount collected at this time is \$700,000. She said it is an opportunity for anyone to donate at this time to collect the remaining \$50,000.

She thanked the election workers and the residents of the City for their support in the election. She said she looks forward to working with the Council and congratulated her colleagues on their re-election. She looks forward to making and keeping Kodiak a livable and affordable community. She complimented Manager Kniaziowski, Clerk Marlar, and staff for their dedication and professionalism.

### **VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Davidson thanked everyone who supported his candidacy during the election. He stated he would be interested in feedback to improve the City's voter turnout of 15.5%. He stated while he was on the composting tour, the Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, site was identified as a composting site similar to the site to be built by the City of Kodiak. He said he appreciates the U.S.C.G. and thanked them for all they do. Councilmember Davidson congratulated his colleagues and thanked the election workers.

Councilmember Whiddon congratulated Mayor Branson and Councilmember Davidson on their re-election. He said he appreciates the leadership Mayor Branson has provided. He thanked those who voted for him during the election. He commented that people from his corporate office were at the cannery to assist workers with challenging health care insurance decisions. He suggested the Fil-Am Association and Latino Association assist cannery workers with this process to due to the complexity of the new health insurance law. He said the Fisheries Work Group met, and he encouraged those influenced to become engaged in the current discussions. He said he toured the new library and it is an astonishing facility. He thanked the U.S.C.G. and families for their service to the Kodiak community.

Councilmember Walker congratulated his colleagues for re-election and he looks forward to working with them in the future. He said that Manager Kniazowski did an excellent presentation on composting this week at the work session, and he believes the City is moving in a positive direction. He congratulated the Kodiak football team on making the playoffs.

Councilmember Bishop congratulated Mayor Branson and Councilmembers Whiddon and Davidson on their re-election. He said he is honored to work with each of them. He thanked the election workers for their hard work. He said he has been involved with Alaska Cabaret, Hotel, Restaurant & Retailer's Association (CHARR) this week. He explained they promote safety and assist with funding transportation at events, such as the "Warm Summer Nights" in Kodiak. He said that last year's downtown Halloween trick or treat for children was successful and encouraged a similar event this year.

Councilmember Saravia congratulated his colleagues on their re-election. He gave a fisheries update. He thanked the election workers for their contributions. He encouraged people to be involved and to vote. He said he was pleased with composting information that has been brought back from the composting site visit. He encouraged the public to attend the U.S.C.G. dinner and to express appreciation for their service. He thanked the public and the police department staff for their presence at the meeting.

## **IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

**Vicki Jo Kennedy** called in and thanked the U.S.C.G. for saving lives. She said the audio system is poor and needs to be fixed so the public can be heard. She thanked Mayor Branson and the City of Kodiak.

## **X. OATH OF OFFICE TO RE-ELECTED OFFICIALS**

KCC 2.28.080 requires elected officials to take and subscribe to the Oath of Office. The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the City's re-elected officials.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Davidon MOVED to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

CITY OF KODIAK



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DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST:



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CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: October 24, 2013

