

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK
HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2014
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 John B. Whiddon were present and constituted a quorum. Councilmember Richard H. Walker arrived at 7:32 p.m. City Manager Aimée Kniazowski, City Clerk Debra L. Marlar, 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 January 16 and 21, 2014, Special Meetings and January 23, 2014, Regular Council Meeting as presented.

The roll call vote was Councilmembers Bishop, Davidson, Haines, Saravia, and Whiddon in favor. Councilmember Walker was not present. The motion passed.

III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

a. Proclamation: Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

Councilmember Walker arrived.

Councilmember Davidson read the proclamation, which encourages all citizens of Kodiak to actively support and participate in the ongoing programs designed to reduce and eventually eliminate teen dating violence.

Sandra Wilkins accepted the proclamation for the Kodiak Women's Resource and Crisis Center.

b. Public Comments

Lawrence Anderson, Senior Citizens of Kodiak, gave an update on the organization's services and accomplishments. He noted there has been an increased rate in home-delivered meals, information referrals, and service requests. He said there is a new Kodiak Area Transit (KATS) bus, and the adult day program is at full capacity. He said the Senior Center received national accreditation in October for the third time, and he encouraged the Council to tour the Senior Center.

Amanda Blott, President of Kodiak High School 4-H Club, spoke in support of a Kodiak cooperative extension agent. She said the 4-H Club has helped her and many other students and stated a cooperative extension agent would further enhance the program.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**a. Second Reading and Public Hearing, Ordinance No. 1315, Establishing Supplemental Appropriation No. 1 to the Budget 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. 1315 by title. Supplemental Appropriation No. 1 to the FY2014 budget is in the amount of \$1,472,180. [*Clerk's Note: Supplemental Appropriation No. 1 was amended to \$1,557,180.*] 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.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1315.

Mayor Branson closed the regular meeting, opened and closed the public hearing when no one came forward to testify, and reopened the regular meeting.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to amend Ordinance No. 1315 by adding \$85,000 to General Fund expenses for Fire Department overtime, with funds coming from the General Fund fund balance and directed the Finance Director to adjust budget totals accordingly.

The roll call on the amendment was Councilmembers Bishop, Davidson, Haines, Saravia, Walker, and Whiddon in favor. The amendment passed.

The roll call on the motion as amended was Councilmembers Bishop, Davidson, Haines, Saravia, Walker, and Whiddon in favor. The motion passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS**a. First Reading, Ordinance No. 1316, Authorizing a Lease to Afognak Native Corporation of a 15,000 Square Foot (0.34 Acre) Portion of USS 4947 Located Adjacent to Tract D-1B**

Mayor Branson read Ordinance No. 1316 by title. The Afognak Native Corporation has expressed interest in the purchase of City-owned land adjacent to their property on Near Island since 2009. Following a series of meetings with City staff starting in 2010, Afognak expressed the desire to acquire some or all of the land within USS 4947. At previous work sessions the Council expressed a preference to not sell City land until a master land plan was completed. Therefore, Afognak requested a lease of the property for the purpose of view shed protection. Manager Kniazowski informed the Council of a discrepancy pertaining to the requested lease and recommended the Council postpone the first reading until the issue is resolved.

Councilmember Walker MOVED to pass Ordinance No. 1316 in the first reading and advance to second reading and public hearing at the next regular or special Council meeting.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to postpone the vote on the first reading of Ordinance No. 1316 to a future meeting to be determined by the City Manager.

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

b. Resolution No. 2014–08, Approving the City Council’s FY2015 Budget Goals

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2014–08 by title. The Council reviewed a list of current and proposed budget goals at its annual planning meeting on February 1, 2014, that will be used to develop the FY2015 budget. The goals are similar to FY2014 with only a few changes that clarify Council’s policy direction. The goals will be used by staff in the development of the FY2015 City budget.

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2014–08.

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

c. Resolution No. 2014–09, Supporting the Reinstatement of a Fulltime Cooperative Extension Agent From the University of Alaska Fairbanks to Kodiak

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2014–09 by title. Joe Dinnocenzo, the local manager of the Kodiak Soil and Water Conservation District office, has requested that Council adopt a resolution supporting the reinstatement of a cooperative extension agent in Kodiak. The Borough Assembly adopted a similar resolution on January 16.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2014–09.

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

d. Resolution No. 2014–10, Authorizing the Borrowing From the Alaska Drinking Water Fund of an Aggregate Amount not to Exceed \$2,500,000 to Pay for the Construction of the Monashka Pumphouse

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2014–10 by title. City staff began the evaluation to rebuild or replace the Monashka Pumphouse in October 2010. The analysis and feasibility study are now complete and the design is underway. The City used local funds and has acquired Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) grants and a State of Alaska legislative grant for the project. The Alaska Municipal Matching Grant program through ADEC requires a 30 percent match by the City. Staff submitted an Alaska Drinking Water Fund loan questionnaire for this project and is eligible to apply for a loan. One of the requirements of the program requires the City Council to adopt a resolution authorizing the loan application and another authorizing acceptance of the loan.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2014–10.

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

e. Authorization of an Agreement With Kodiak Electric Association and Horizon Lines of Alaska, LLC for Electrical Improvements to the Pier III Replacement Project No. 8024

As the City has moved forward with the Pier III Replacement Project, the need for electrical improvements has been discussed at Council Work Sessions on September 24, 2013, and October 22, 2013. As a result of the discussions, Project Manager Roe Sturgulewski has facilitated a “Three Party Agreement” with the City of Kodiak, Horizon Lines, and Kodiak Electric Association (KEA). Council action is requested in order to facilitate procurement of the “Flywheels” and other long lead time items that KEA needs to purchase to meet the crane commissioning date in late 2015.

Councilmember Walker MOVED to authorize the Pier III Letter of Agreement with the Kodiak Electric Association and Horizon Lines and authorize expenditure of \$400,000 from the Cargo Fund.

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

f. Authorization of Amendment to the City Manager’s Contract

The Manager, Mayor, and Council met in executive session on January 23, 2014, to evaluate the Manager’s performance and to discuss renewal of the contract, per Sections 2 and 13 of the agreement. It is the intent of both parties to extend the contract for another year from April 2014 through April 2015 under the same terms.

City Manager Kniazowski thanked the Council for their support and said it is an honor and privilege to work for them and for the public.

Councilmember Haines MOVED to amend the City Manager’s employment contract, record No. 210865, by striking April 27, 2014, and inserting April 30, 2015, in Section 2 A.

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

g. Advisory Board Appointments

Several advisory board seats expired at the end of December. Volunteers were solicited via newspaper advertisements, public service announcements, and City Clerk and department head recruitment efforts. Additional recruitment efforts were made in January, and applications have been received for appointment to the Building Code Board of Appeals and to the ex-officio seats on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Appointments to these boards are made by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council.

Mayor Branson appointed Ed Mahoney to the regular seat on the Building Code Board of Appeals, with the term ending December 31, 2015, and R. Scott Bonney and Gregg Hacker to regular seats on the Building Code Board of Appeals, with terms ending December 31, 2016; Deborah P. Bitanga to the ex-officio student seat on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, with the term ending May 2015; and Andrew Joca, to the ex-officio USCG seat on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a three-year term.

Councilmember Haines MOVED to confirm the Mayoral advisory board appointments to the Building Code Board of Appeals and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as stated.

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

VI. STAFF REPORTS

a. City Manager

Manager Kniazowski said she has been preparing for the Juneau Legislative Reception. She reported she and Mayor Branson had a teleconference with the City's Juneau lobbyist and Unalaska City Manager regarding the State's proposal to decommission the P/V Wolstad and move the P/V Stimson from Unalaska to Kodiak. She said Mayor Branson wrote a letter on behalf of the City in opposition to the proposal and said the proposal did not receive much support from the subcommittee. She also noted that Representative Austerman is against the plan.

She informed the Council she has been working with the Kodiak Island Borough staff to provide jointly owned property as a community garden.

She said the Pier III project is moving along well, and there will be an authorization to pre-purchase pipe and sheet pile at an upcoming special meeting. She noted that there will be a construction pre-bid meeting February 14, and Roe Sturgulewski will be in town for it. She said the construction bid award should be ready by March 13.

She informed the Council of her upcoming travel to Juneau and the AML Winter meeting.

b. City Clerk

City Clerk Marljar informed the public of the next scheduled Council work session and regular and special meetings. She also informed the public that the City is transitioning to holding future work sessions at the Multipurpose Room at the Kodiak Public Library.

VII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Branson thanked advisory board volunteers and said she looks forward to providing training and a reception for them. She thanked staff for their work on the Horizon Line contracts. She commended City Manager Kniazowski. She wished everyone a happy Valentine's Day.

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Whiddon thanked Chief Wallace and the Kodiak Police Department for their response when he needed their assistance. He said they were professional and compassionate, and he is impressed with the work they do.

Councilmember Davidson thanked City Manager Kniaziowski for her service to the City. He encouraged the public to drive safely.

Councilmember Saravia gave a fisheries update. He thanked the department heads for their service and for attending Council meetings. He said it is a pleasure to work with City Manager Kniaziowski. He encouraged the public to drive safely.

Councilmember Haines gave an update on his attendance at the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council meeting. He spoke about Pollock, the Halibut cap, the Observer Program, and the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. He said he is glad there is a Fisheries Analyst in place again.

Councilmember Bishop thanked Finance Director Mary Munk and the Finance Department for their hard work on the budget. He also thanked City Manager Kniaziowski for her hard work and dedication. He reported that he participated in a non-profit fundraiser recently and acknowledged nonprofits.

Councilmember Walker thanked City Manager Kniaziowski for her hard work. He also thanked City Engineer Glenn Melvin for stepping in for Mark Kozak and gave a special thanks to Finance Director Munk for her work on the budget. He said he is glad to see the old jail torn down and wished everyone a happy Valentine's Day.

IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Davidson 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 8:23 p.m.

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Pat Moran

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Debra March

CITY CLERK

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