

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK
HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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 Richard H. Walker were present and constituted a quorum. Councilmember John B. Whiddon 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.

Mayor Branson asked for a moment of silence to honor the victims and families of September 11, 2001.

II. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Councilmember Haines MOVED to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2014, special meeting and August 28, 2014, regular meeting as presented.

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

III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

a. Proclamation: Recognizing Kodiak's Seafood Processing Workers

Councilmember Saravia read the proclamation, which recognizes the hard work of seafood processing workers and the positive contribution they make to the community.

Mayor Branson handed out proclamations to the cannery representatives that were present, and Councilmember Saravia handed out t-shirts, and sweatshirts.

b. Proclamation: Declaring Hispanic Heritage Month

Mayor Branson read the proclamation, which urges all citizens to celebrate the rich history and recognize the important contributions of Hispanic Americans in Kodiak. She stated the proclamation will be given to Nancy Castro, a leader in the Hispanic community.

c. Proclamation: Declaring Senior Center Month

Councilmember Davidson read the proclamation, which urges all citizens to recognize the special contributions of senior center participants and the special efforts of the staff and volunteers who work every day to enhance and enrich the lives of the elder citizens in our community.

David Blacketer, President of the Senior Citizens of Kodiak Board of Director and Commissioner on the Alaska Commission on Aging accepted the proclamation. He stated it is a privilege to be an elder and said all seniors have great value in the community. He complimented the director and staff at the Senior Center.

d. Public Comments

Jim Graham with Brechan Enterprises Inc. thanked the Council and the City Engineer for the work they did on the rock quarry. He stated there is not a monopoly on the rock quarry.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Second Reading and Public Hearing, Ordinance No. 1323, Authorizing a Lease of a Communication Site in U.S. Survey 3945 on Pillar Mountain to NCWPCS MPL 31 – Year Sites Tower Holdings, LLC (Pillar No. 11)

Mayor Branson read Ordinance No. 1323 by title. The City has issued a lease for the Pillar Mountain Communication Site No. 11 with AT&T and affiliates since 2010. The current lease for Site No. 11 with CCATT, LLC, will expire in December 2014. Its successor, NCWPCS MPL 31- Year Sites Tower Holdings, LLC, through Crown Castle, requested the lease be renewed.

Councilmember Walker MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1323.

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

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

b. Second Reading and Public Hearing, Ordinance No. 1324, Amending Kodiak City Code 2.08.025, Compensation of Councilmembers, and Kodiak City Code 2.08.034, Compensation of Mayor, to Increase Monthly Compensation for Councilmembers From \$200 to \$400, and to Increase Monthly Compensation for the Mayor From \$250 to \$500

Mayor Branson read Ordinance No. 1324 by title. Councilmembers initiated discussion of increasing the elected officials' stipend in February 2014, have had discussions about the issue at work sessions, and have reviewed compensation of elected officials in other Alaska municipalities.

Councilmember Haines MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1324.

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 Bishop said he does not support the increase at this time, noting Kodiak's economic development needs improvement. He stated he did not feel an increase in compensation was a good marketing tool to attract new Councilmembers.

Councilmembers Davidson, Haines, Saravia, and Walker voiced support and noted the increase in the Council’s work load during the past few years. It was also noted the stipend was last raised in 1984, and the increase would put Kodiak’s elected officials at the midrange of statewide compensation for elected officials.

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

c. Second Reading and Public Hearing, Ordinance, No. 1325, Authorizing an Amendment to the Lease Between the City of Kodiak and NOAA for Office and Warehouse Space on Pier II

Mayor Branson read Ordinance, No. 1325 by title. Ordinance No. 1325 authorizes Amendment No. 1 to the existing NOAA Warehouse Lease at Pier II, which excludes a 147 square foot (sf) office on the second floor. Currently, NOAA leases warehouse and office space totaling 5,547 sf at \$17.55 per square foot per year. Exclusion of the office space will result in a reduction in rent of \$2,580.33 annually.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1325.

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

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

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution No. 2014–33, Accepting the 2013 Assistance to Firefighter Grant

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2014 – 33 by title. The City of Kodiak Fire Department has been awarded a 2013 Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) in the amount of \$77,600, with a local match of 5% or \$4,084. The funds will be used to replace a breathing air compressor module and two sets of hydraulic rescue tools.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2014–33.

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

VI. STAFF REPORTS

a. City Manager

Manager Kniazowski provided project updates for Pier III, the composting facility, Aleutian Homes Phase V, Monashka pumphouse, Baranof Park, the skate park and the various street pavement repairs. She said that Harbormaster Lon White has been working with the State on Pier I, and Parks and Recreation staff have been cleaning up the St. Paul Plaza. She indicated the

Candidate Forum sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce is on September 23. Manager Kniazowski stated the Kodiak Island Borough Community Development Department sent out October planning and zoning meeting dates for the rewrite of Title 16 and Title 17. She indicated she has been discussing an economic development summit with Joe Jacobson, State of Alaska Director of the Division of Economic Development and anticipates this will occur in January 2015.

b. City Clerk

City Clerk Marlar reminded registered voters of the City of Kodiak's Municipal Election on October 7, 2014, for two Councilmember seats. She stated voting will occur between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. at the Teen Center and the Fishermen's Hall. She said absentee voting would be available September 22 through October 6 in the Clerk's Offices. She provided an update of the next scheduled Council work session and regular meeting.

VII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Branson thanked the seafood processors for the work they perform and for attending the meeting. She thanked Fire Chief Kamai for securing the firefighter grant funds and the Parks and Recreation staff for the work they have done at the St. Paul Plaza. She encouraged the public to go to the Alaska Marine Highway System website to comment on the Kodiak ferry schedule services for 2015. She stated Resolution No. 2014-32 failed at the last regular meeting and cannot be considered on the Council agenda for a year. She said she does not support the timing of Ordinance No. 1324, regarding the compensation increase but did not veto the ordinance to continue her working relationship and provide support for the Council majority vote.

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Walker thanked Manager Kniazowski, Engineering, Public Works, and staff for their hard work. He said the upcoming weekend is homecoming for the high school, and he provided a schedule of events for the volleyball and football teams and encouraged the public to attend and provide support.

Councilmember Haines said he had disappointment and gently reminded the public and Council to provide a positive atmosphere of mutual respect when interacting on local topics. He encouraged the public to absentee vote; he thanked Engineer Glenn Melvin for his hard work; and he stated there is classical music on KMXT on Thursdays.

Councilmember Davidson thanked Engineer Glenn Melvin and the seafood processors for their hard work.

Councilmember Saravia thanked Manager Kniazowski and Engineer Glenn Melvin for their work. He thanked the seafood workers for their dedication and stated it is a privilege to represent the public. He shared he is proud to be Hispanic and thanked the Council for the recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month. He referenced an email he received from the PANDA group and reiterated he votes from his heart and his principles.

Councilmember Bishop gave his condolences to the families of September 11. He thanked Engineer Glenn Melvin and the seafood processors.

IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

CITY OF KODIAK



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: September 25, 2014

