

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK  
HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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, Gabriel T. Saravia, Richard H. Walker, and John B. Whiddon were present and constituted a quorum. Councilmember Terry J. Haines was absent. City Manager Aimée Kniazowski, City Clerk Debra L. Marlar, Harbormaster Lon White, 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 25, 2014, 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: Declaring Filipino American History Month**

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

**Mary Guilas-Hawver**, President of the Fil-Am Association accepted the proclamation; she stated that Filipinos settled the continental United States in 1587. She indicated that on October 30, 2014, there will be a historical presentation at the Baranov Museum.

**b. Proclamation: Extra Mile Day**

Councilmember Walker read the proclamation, which urges citizens to go the extra mile to maximize their personal contribution to their individual ambitions, family, friends, and the community.

Mayor Branson said Kodiak is a beautiful community where citizens go the extra mile.

**c. Public Comments**

**David Blacketer** commented that the Ketchikan Gateway Borough recently voted to not allow a blessing/invocation at their meetings. He thanked the Mayor, Council, staff, and the public for their support of an invocation at meetings.

**Rick Kniazowski** said the three contracts between the City and Horizon Lines are on the agenda for second reading and public hearing. He thanked the Council and the negotiating team for their work to finalize the contracts, which give Horizon Lines the stability to bring in the new crane.

**David Haught**, KMXT called and stated there was an audio issue with the City Council meeting broadcast.

Clerk Marlar indicated there were audio difficulties in the Assembly Chambers earlier in the afternoon and was told by staff it was resolved; she apologized to the public.

#### IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**a. Second Reading and Public Hearing, Ordinance No. 1326, Authorizing the City to Enter Into a Preferential Use Agreement, a Terminal Operation Contract, and a Warehouse Lease Agreement With Horizon Lines of Alaska, LLC**

Mayor Branson read Ordinance No. 1326 by title. Ordinance No. 1326 authorizes the City of Kodiak to enter into the following agreements with Horizon Lines of Alaska, LLC: a Preferential Use Agreement for a term of ten years, plus two five-year renewals upon mutual agreement; a Terminal Operation Contract for a term of ten years, plus two five-year renewals upon mutual agreement, and a Pier II Warehouse Lease Agreement for a term of five years, plus one five-year renewal upon mutual agreement. These agreements replace agreements with Horizon Lines that expired on December 31, 2013, and that were extended on a month-to-month basis by Resolution No. 2014-01, dated January 7, 2014.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1326.

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, Saravia, Walker, and Whiddon in favor. Councilmember Haines was absent. The motion passed.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

**a. First Reading, Ordinance No. 1327, Authorizing Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid Agreements Between the City of Kodiak and the Kodiak Island Borough and the United States Coast Guard Base Kodiak**

Mayor Branson read Ordinance No. 1327 by title. The City of Kodiak Fire Department maintains fire and rescue mutual aid agreements with both Kodiak Island Borough Fire Protection Areas at Bayside and Womens Bay Service Area, and with the United States Coast Guard Base Kodiak for the mutual protection of life and property pursuant to Alaska Statute 18.70.150-160 (relating to the adoption of mutual fire aid agreements) and Article X, 13 of the Alaska Constitution (authorizing intergovernmental agreements for cooperative or joint administration of municipal functions or powers). The mutual aid agreements have expired and require renewal.

Councilmember Walker MOVED to pass Ordinance No. 1327 in the first reading and advance to the second reading and public hearing at the next regular or special Council meeting.

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

**b. Resolution No. 2014–35, Adopting a FY2016 State Capital Improvements Program List**

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2014–35 by title. Following Council and staff discussion of a suggested draft FY2016 state CIP list on September 9 and further discussion with Representative Alan Austerman and Doug Letch from Senator Gary Stevens’ staff on October 21, 2014, Council indicated support for the attached list of state capital funding priorities for FY2016. The state is facing major financial limitations again this year. Resolution No. 2014–35, is a short, cost-reduced list of infrastructure improvements and long-term priority projects.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2014–35.

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 7, 2014, and voters cast ballots for two three-year City Council positions. The Canvass Board met October 15, 2014, to tally the votes of the admissible questioned and absentee ballots, together with votes counted on election night. The final results of the October 7, 2014, Municipal City election were:

City Council—Two Three-Year Terms	
Randall Cruz Bishop .....	317
Terry Haines .....	375
David Haught .....	123
Marnie Leist .....	257
Write-Ins .....	16

Of the 3,443 registered City voters, 698 cast eligible City ballots, for a 20% voter turnout, which is 4.5% higher than last year.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to certify the results of the October 7, 2014, regular election and declare Randall Cruz Bishop and Terry Haines 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 Kniaziowski congratulated the re-elected Councilmembers Haines and Bishop. She said the skate park project is out to bid. She shared the Parks and Recreation Director is working on park fencing and she was pleased to announce the City submitted the permit to DEC for the composting facility. She said the Kodiak drummers will be playing in the Plaza during the Halloween festivities. Manager Kniaziowski stated the ice rink will be worked on to prepare for usage; the Monashka project is underway; she gave an update on the Aleutian Homes Phase V; and she stated the downtown sewer and water master plan will be reviewed. She stated she will be working with KIB Manager Cassidy and the lobbyist to schedule the legislative reception. She said the auditors were onsite last week and they are working on the FY2014 CAFR. She indicated the Pier III project is progressing. She informed the public if they have concerns on the ebola outbreak the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services epicenter is a resource at [epi@alaska.gov](mailto:epi@alaska.gov) as well as the local hospital. She said her risk management training was very informative and she will be out of the office October 27 through 31.

**b. City Clerk**

City Clerk Marlar thanked the election workers, Canvass Board, and Councilmember Davidson for their work on the Municipal Election. She informed the public of the next scheduled Council work session and regular meeting. She stated the Request for Proposal for the City-website redesign and replacement is being advertised and is posted online.

**VII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Branson congratulated re-elected Councilmembers Bishop and Haines. She said she attended by teleconference the Board of Fish meeting, which discussed the pollock industry and she attended NPFMC and the advisory panel meetings. She said people are watching the Kodiak fisheries discussions. She shared the Downtown Kodiak Revitalization Sub-committee chairs will meet soon to regroup, and she thanked the City staff for their work on the downtown priorities. She complimented the negotiating team and Councilmember Walker for their work on the completion of the Horizon Lines agreements. She encouraged the citizens to vote on November 4 and reminded them that absentee voting is available.

**VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Bishop thanked the public for voting. He acknowledged the other candidates for getting involved. He shared there are important propositions, which include the legalization of marijuana and the minimum wage increase on the November 4 ballot. He thanked the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce for putting on the Halloween trick or treat event, and he encouraged businesses to get involved.

Councilmember Saravia congratulated re-elected Councilmembers Bishop and Haines. He thanked the Horizon Lines negotiating team for the work on the contracts. He asked citizens to be careful driving during Halloween, and he gave a fishing update.

Councilmember Whiddon congratulated the re-elected Councilmembers, and he thanked Harbormaster Lon White for his professionalism when dealing with harbor issues. He informed the public of the Fisheries Work Group meeting on October 29.

Councilmember Davidson encouraged everyone to vote during the state election in November. He urged the public to be careful of trick or treaters.

Councilmember Walker thanked the re-elected Councilmembers and Mayor Branson for asking him to read the Extra Mile Day proclamation, because he thinks volunteers make the City a better place. He thanked Harbormaster White and the Horizon Lines negotiating team for their hard work on the contracts. He encouraged citizens to vote during the state election.

Councilmember Saravia inquired how the Kodiak voter list is updated. Clerk Marlar explained the process and stated the voter list is updated by the State of Alaska Division of Election staff.

**IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

None

**X. OATH OF OFFICE**

KCC 2.28.080 requires elected officials to take and subscribe to the Oath of Office. The City Clerk indicated that Councilmember Haines was administered the Oath of Office the previous day due to his fishing commitment, and he extended his apology for his absence. She administered the Oath of Office to the City's re-elected Councilmember Bishop.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Davidson 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 8:30 p.m.



CITY OF KODIAK

MAYOR

ATTEST:

*Makela Sheralyf Nelson*  
for CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: November 13, 2014