

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK
HELD THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014
IN THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS**

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

Deputy Mayor Gabriel T. Saravia called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Councilmembers Randall C. Bishop, Charles E. Davidson, Terry J. Haines, Richard H. Walker, and John B. Whiddon were present and constituted a quorum. Mayor Pat Branson was absent. City Manager Aimée Kniazowski, City Clerk Debra L. Marlar, and Deputy Clerk Michelle Shuravloff-Nelson were also present.

II. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2014, regular meeting as presented.

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

III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

a. Public Comments

Gretchen Saupe, Senior Citizens Inc. Board member, thanked the Council for their support and gave an overview of senior programs. She said the Senior Citizens Inc. is the lead agency for the KATS bus. She said she appreciates the Council's support, and she encouraged individuals that would like to know more about the services to contact the Senior Center.

John Glover, President of the Kodiak Hockey League, stated the league is requesting the use of City property to fundraise, and he thanked the Council for their consideration.

Tiffany Brunson, Executive Director, Kodiak Historical Society and member of Kodiak Non-profit Network gave a brief update of the nonprofit entities and activities within the community. She said the nonprofits are social programs serving the community, and she thanked the Council for their support of the local nonprofit organizations.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. First Reading, Ordinance No. 1328, Authorizing a Contract With the Kodiak Historical Society to Operate the Baranov Museum

Deputy Mayor Saravia read Ordinance No. 1328 by title. The City of Kodiak has partially funded the Kodiak Historical Society (KHS) to operate the Baranov Museum for many years. The

KHS requested that the City enter into an operating agreement or contract with them for the services. The City Manager worked with the KHS Executive Director over several months to develop a two-year agreement. Based on City Charter requirements and legal advice, the approval for a two-year operating agreement will be made by Council through the ordinance process.

Councilmember Haines MOVED to pass Ordinance No. 1328 in the first reading and advance it to second reading and public hearing at the next regular or special meeting.

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

b. Resolution No. 2014–37, Issuing a Permit to Kodiak Hockey League to Sell Concessions for Hockey Games at Baranof Park

Deputy Mayor Saravia read Resolution No. 2014–37 by title. Kodiak Hockey League is a newly formed non-profit organization that provides up to 150 Kodiak youth the opportunity to learn the game of hockey as well as sportsmanship, fair play, respect, and teamwork. KHL wants permission from the City to sell concessions in an effort to fundraise on City property to support its activities. Youth sport clubs like KHL do great work in the community and alleviate some of the burden on the City Parks and Recreation Department in administering those programs.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2014–37.

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

c. Appointment to the City Position on the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council

The City of Kodiak has a dedicated seat for a representative on the Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (PWSRCAC). Jane Eisemann, who has served as the City's representative since 2001 has resigned her position, and another individual needs to be appointed to the City-designated seat. Ms. Eisemann's seat expires in May 2015. PWSRCAC staff has informed the City that the Council may recommend appointment through May 2015 or may recommend appointment through May 2017.

Councilmember Haines MOVED to appoint the City representative to the Prince William RCAC by a secret vote on paper ballot, provided that the first candidate to receive four affirmative votes be appointed for a term ending May 2017, and further provided that if no candidate receives four affirmative votes in the first ballot, a second-round ballot shall be cast, and if no candidate receives four affirmative votes in the second round, the vote shall be postponed to the January 8, 2015, meeting when the Mayor is present to break a tie.

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

Clerk Marlar initiated the first secret ballot and announced a tie vote.

Clerk Marljar initiated a second round ballot and announced another tie vote; she restated the vote will be postponed to the January 8, 2105, meeting when the Mayor is present to break a tie.

d. Authorization to Purchase Vehicle for Public Works

Each vehicle and piece of heavy equipment is evaluated by the City shop to determine its mechanical safety and condition prior to being recommended for replacement. By using a mechanical and structural evaluation process, the maintenance crew evaluates each piece first for safety issues and second for significant mechanical issues requiring major investment in repairs. In the FY2015 budget, Public Works budgeted for the replacement of an existing maintenance pickup for the water/distribution division. The existing pickup has been through a mechanical evaluation by the City maintenance shop and is recommended for replacement.

Councilmember Walker MOVED to award the Public Works vehicle bid to Kodiak Motors for a ½ ton 4x4 pickup truck in the amount of \$23,300, with funds coming from the Water Department, machinery and equipment account line item.

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

e. Authorization of Professional Services Agreement With State Lobbyist

The City Council selected Ray Gillespie of Gillespie & Associates to be the City's state lobbyist in 2011. The contract will expire on December 31, 2014. Ray Gillespie has requested to be retained by the City. In recognition of Mr. Gillespie's efforts of the past three years, the Manager recommended Council authorize a one-year contract in the amount of \$48,735, with a two-year contract extension option.

Councilmember Walker MOVED to authorize Contract No. 218110 from January 1, 2015, to December 31, 2015, with an option to renew for two additional years, with Gillespie and Associates for state lobbying services in the amount of \$48,735 plus expenses, with funds coming from the General Fund Legislative Professional Services account and authorize the City Manager to sign the contract for the City.

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

f. Authorization of Professional Services Contract for Design and Bidding Services for Downtown Lift Stations Nos. 1 & 2 PN 11-06/7509.

Beginning in 2011, staff started the evaluations of both lift stations 1 and 2. Based on their condition, staff did not feel either could wait until work began as part of the downtown master plan to replace utilities. A major failure of electric or leak within the dry well would be catastrophic. Both lift stations are below ground and consist of dry wells containing electrical controls, pumps and operation valves. The wet wells sit right next to the dry well and serve as the collection points to pump from. The dry wells are underground steel units that are entered from above ground by permanent ladders inside. Through the evaluation work, corrosion study, and cost estimating, it was determined that both stations could be refurbished for considerably less than re-

placement and still provide many more years of service. The corrosion study indicated that there is significant life remaining in both stations and are good candidates for refurbishment.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to authorize a professional services agreement with DOWL/HKM for design and bidding of the Downtown Lift Stations Nos. 1 & 2, Project No. 11-06/7509 in the amount of \$93,673, with funds coming from the Sewer Capital Improvement fund project number 7509 and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents on behalf of the City.

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

g. Election of Deputy Mayor

Under the provisions of City Charter Article II, Section 2, the City Council shall elect one of its members as Deputy Mayor no sooner than thirty days, nor more than sixty days, from the beginning of the newly-elected Councilmembers' terms. The Deputy Mayor serves a one-year term and acts as Mayor in the Mayor's absence. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Mayor, the Deputy Mayor serves until another Mayor is elected by the Council.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to elect Terry Haines as Deputy Mayor for a one-year term.

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 Kniaziowski shared that Mayor Branson was awarded the Vic Fischer award at AML in November. She stated Trident has been in the news recently regarding the apartment evictions, and she was given an update on their work to relocate families during a recent meeting. She met with the Department of Transportation, and she indicated the Tustumena is currently docking at Pier I, and they have issued a press release that work at the dock is suspended until a modified permit is issued. She indicated that DEC will issue comments on the City composting permit application, and public notice and comments will be open until January 20 at 5 p.m. She gave a reminder that Michelle Drew, BDO, will be presenting the FY2014 audit in January, and DOWL will present on the downtown water and sewer master plan. She said the Monashka project is going well. She stated Planning and Zoning approved the Gibson Cove road right-of-way for placement of the flywheels. She referred to the Washington DC lobbyist report and gave a brief update on Pier III. She stated she will be on leave from December 20 until January 4, and she wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

b. City Clerk

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

VII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Branson was absent.

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Walker thanked City workers, and he commented on all the special projects. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season.

Councilmember Bishop congratulated Mayor Branson on the Vic Fischer award and Terry Haines on becoming Deputy Mayor. He reminded everyone to be safe and not to drink and drive during the holiday season. He commented on the good work of CHARR and said that downtown drinking establishments will give out free taxi vouchers on New Year's Eve.

Councilmember Haines thanked the Council for electing him as Deputy Mayor; he said it is an honor and he enjoys working with them. He congratulated Mayor Branson on her award and thanked her for her public service. He commented he was pleased on the pump station and the work to refurbish it. He encouraged the public to view the size of the Tustumena replacement to ensure the smaller communities are served. He said he is excited for the DOWL presentation in January, and he feels it will aid the progress of the revitalization of downtown. He said he is glad the delegation made a three-year extension to the vessel discharge act, and he will continue to support a permanent solution and hopes that extensions are not necessary in the future.

Councilmember Whiddon congratulated Councilmember Haines on his election as Deputy Mayor. He said he was disappointed they were not able to appoint a Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council seat during the meeting; however, it demonstrated the caliber of applicants. He said he was glad the kids are participating in hockey and complimented the abundance of opportunities on the island. He said Trident is an American company investing in the Kodiak community, and he hopes they are seen as a proactive company that worked to address a housing issue that was brought up by the processors a few years ago. He wished everyone happy holidays.

Councilmember Davidson said he attended AML, and was present when Mayor Branson received the Vic Fischer award, which he said was the highlight. He said the infrastructure in Kodiak is solid with electrical rates, water supply, docks, and kid activities, and he commended staff, Council, State elected officials, and the State. He said during AML there was discussion about the marijuana law, and he said governments are awaiting legislation to be set up to deal with sales and distribution. He said state revenue will be in a downturn and it will affect the road funding for Kodiak. He emphasized it will be a lean budgetary year. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Saravia congratulated Councilmember Haines and Mayor Branson. He thanked the public for their attendance at the meeting, and he wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season. He thanked the community for providing activities for the kids.

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 8:33 p.m.



CITY OF KODIAK

Pat Mason

MAYOR

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CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: January 8, 2015