

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK
HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2015
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 Charles E. Davidson, Terry J. Haines, Gabriel T. Saravia, Richard H. Walker, and John B. Whiddon were present and constituted a quorum. Councilmember Randall C. Bishop 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

Mayor Branson stated the Clerk noted and corrected typos in the fourth and fifth paragraphs under City Manager staff reports. Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2015, regular meeting as presented.

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

III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

a. Public Comments

Bonnie McDonald, a cab driver, stated the Mayor and Council were there for the people and to listen to their concerns. She presented her understanding of budget calculations and said the increase in City salaries and benefits have consumed the previous increase of sales tax. She implored the City to reduce to spending and said she does not support the City limits changing, does not support a sales tax increase, and asked the Council to lower spending and the sales tax.

Neal Cooper said he would like the City to stop spending money. He said the State Troopers are being pulled out of communities statewide to reduce spending. He said he was a voter and asked the Council to reduce the budget.

Nick Szabo, Chairman, Port and Harbors Advisory Board gave an overview and history of the Shipyard operation and funding to clarify any misconceptions about the necessity of the Shipyard. He explained approximately ten years ago local boat owners identified a need for a Shipyard, which would reduce their time traveling between ports, limit time away from their families, reduce their fuel costs, and provide them with more ownership of their vessel repairs. He said the vessel repairs in the Shipyard occur from multiple vendors and generate funds that stay within the community. He summarized the Shipyard funding over the last five years and stated the enterprise funds are at a breakeven point.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution No. 2015–08, Adopting an Alternative Method for the FY15 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program and Certifying That This Allocation Method Fairly Represents the Distribution of Significant Effects of Fisheries Business Activity in Fisheries Management Area 13: Kodiak Island**

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2015–08 by title. Resolution No. 2015–08 adopts an alternative allocation method and certifies that the allocation method fairly represents the distribution of significant effects of Fisheries Business activity in Fishing Management Area (FMA) 13. This resolution adopts an alternative allocation from the long form, which has been used in the past. This departure from the use of the long/standard form is decided on an annual basis and is being done to maximize city revenues.

Councilmember Walker MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2015–08.

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

- b. Acceptance of Downtown Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain Master Plan, Project No. 07-15/7021**

The City Council approved the Downtown Water, Sewer and Storm Drain Master Plan in October 2007. The City advertised an RFP for the downtown master plan and two engineering firms submitted proposals. The City selected DOWL and the project was awarded. The primary goal was to evaluate existing utilities for sizing and, particularly, routing in order to begin the replacement of the old utility system. DOWL presented the final draft of the Master Plan to the City Council at the January 6, 2015, work session and comments and corrections were completed.

Councilmember Haines MOVED to accept the 2015 Downtown Water, Sewer, and Storm Drain Master Plan from DOWL.

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

- c. Authorization of Professional Services Contract with Golder Associates for Updating SPCC Plans and Multi Sector General Permit for SWPPP at the WWTP Project No. 03-01/5035 and Project No. 03-01A/5035**

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Oil Pollution Prevention regulations apply to any facility that has more than 1,320 gallons combined in above ground storage of oil products. Regulations require any facility that meets these criteria to have a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan (SPCC). This project will complete the five-year plan updates for the Harbor, Police, and Public Works Departments as required by regulation. In addition, it will update

the Multi-Sector General Permit for Storm Water (MSGP) at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). Regulations require any WWTP that has flow in excess of one million gallons per day to have a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for the facility. The State of Alaska is issuing a new MSGP for SWPPP, and the City's plan must be compliant with the new permit.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to authorize a professional services contract with Golder Associates for updating Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plans and Multi Sector General Permit for Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$40,000, with funds from the Streets Capital Improvement Fund Project 5035.

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

VI. STAFF REPORTS

a. City Manager

Manager Kniazowski gave an update on the progress of the Monashka Pumphouse project. She said she is waiting to hear back from the Department of Community and Regional Affairs regarding the pathway funds. She said she has met with City staff and will plan to meet with Andy Schroeder of Island Trails Network regarding the grant funds awarded by the State of Alaska in FY2012. She said she is reviewing the draft composting permit, and the composting project is out to bid and will be awarded on March 26. She said the sweeper will arrive in May and will have decals honoring the 2014 Girls basketball team championship. She said the Department heads will start preparing their budgets, and the initial budget presentation to Council is scheduled for May 9, 2015. She said she is working with Police Chief Wallace to provide legislators with the Kodiak jail statistics. She indicated a UAA Professor will facilitate the Business Retention and Expansion training in Kodiak April 1 through 2. She said the Strategic Planning session with Sara Barton is scheduled with City Department heads on April 17 and the City Council on April 18. She said there will be an interview for a Finance Director in March. She stated she will attend SWAMC March 3 through March 7. She said she read in the newspaper and clarified the Council meeting does not have an armed guard present; the Police Chief is routinely present at meetings as a department head of the City.

Manager Kniazowski recommended the March 12 and 26 regular meetings be cancelled and special meetings scheduled March 17 and 19.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to cancel the March 12 and 26 regular Council meetings and schedule special meetings March 17 and March 19.

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

b. City Clerk

City Clerk Marljar informed the public of the next scheduled Council work session and special meetings and clarified the meetings will be held in the KIB conference room.

VII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Branson thanked Nick Szabo for coming to share facts on the PHAB operations and funding and noted the FY2014 City audit indicates the Harbor enterprise funds are at a breakeven point. She shared that the City budget was cut five percent last year. She stated during the planning work session annexation was on the agenda for discussion only. She said the Council has done good work on looking at the full spectrum of the budget. She said the focus of the Council is the infrastructure of the City and emphasized the acceptance of the DOWL Master Plan. She clarified that the budget process will include the review of revenues and expenses.

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Walker said he agreed with Mayor Branson's comments.

Councilmember Haines thanked the public for their comments. He said the Council shares many of the concerns identified by the citizens regarding the budget. He invited the public to the strategic planning and the budget work sessions. He said the Council's priorities are to keep Kodiak a vibrant City, which will require infrastructure that works. He referred to the water pipes as a priority and he said that staffing is a City investment and critical to the services the City provides.

Councilmember Davidson said he agreed with Councilmember Haines and encouraged the public to attend Council meetings to become informed and to provide comments. He said he attended Alaska Municipal League with the City Manager and met with legislators and informed the citizens the legalization of marijuana will continue to be discussed. He said the Office of Management and Budget gave an overview of state funding, and he spoke to the Commissioner of Corrections regarding Kodiak funding. He said he felt Kodiak was in a good position to maintain funding levels due to the routine maximum capacity at the jail. He congratulated KPD for the local drug bust.

Councilmember Whiddon said he concurs with his fellow Councilmembers. He said the City is about providing infrastructure for citizens. He commented about the higher cost of living and stated Kodiak is an island in the Gulf of Alaska, and some higher costs can be expected. He confirmed the costs are increasing and the revenue is falling and requested the community help to determine what level of services are a priority in the City of Kodiak. He commented that Councilmembers are not paid professional politicians; they are committed to doing a good job and feels proud and privileged to perform those duties. He said the Council is committed to working through the budget process to manage the costs.

Councilmember Saravia said he agrees with his constituents comments. He thanked the public for their comments; he commented that the meeting audience was sparse and it would be optimal to have more people present. He encouraged citizens to apply for the City Council, and he said the Council is there to represent the community as a whole not specific individuals.

IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Bonnie McDonald said the sewer and water pipes should be replaced in a timelier manner. She said she appreciates the Council for the budget cuts last year and their time commitment. She said the City expenses need to be reduced. She asked the Council to protect and honor the fisherman and shared concern that fishermen pay for parking.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Discussion About Contractor Claims Related to the Reconstruction of Pier III

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to enter into executive session pursuant to AS 44.62.310(c)(1) to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the City, specifically, contractor claims related to the reconstruction of Pier III.

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

The Council entered into executive session at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor Branson reconvened the meeting at 9:53 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.



CITY OF KODIAK

Tony Hines
DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST:

Michelle Sharkey-Nelson
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: March 19, 2015