

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK
HELD TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2016
IN THE KODIAK CITY CONFERENCE ROOM**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Pat Branson called the meeting to order at 12 p.m. Councilmembers Laura B. Arboleda, Charles E. Davidson, Richard H. Walker, and John B. Whiddon were present. Councilmembers Randall C. Bishop and Gabriel T. Saravia were absent. A quorum was present. City Manager Aimée Kniazowski, Deputy City Manager Mike Tvenge, and Deputy Clerk Michelle Shuravloff-Nelson were also present.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEM ONLY

None

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF A LETTER TO THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL FOR GULF OF ALASKA TRAWL BYCATCH MANAGEMENT

The fisheries analyst and the Kodiak Fisheries Work Group (KFWG) recommend that the Borough and the City submit public comment to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council for Gulf of Alaska Trawl Bycatch Management. Through joint resolutions, the City and Borough have identified ten community goals for fishery management program. The ten goals include maintenance of healthy harvesting and processing sectors, a healthy community, and the letter could support the aspects of a management program that provide for these goals.

Councilmember Whiddon said the KFWG has been working to address the alternatives in the motion. He provided an overview and reviewed each page of the letter to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council for Gulf of Alaska Trawl Bycatch Management. He stated NPFMC will be in Kodiak the week of June 6 through June 14.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to approve the May 31, 2016, letter to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council for Gulf of Alaska Trawl Bycatch Management Agenda Item C5.

Councilmember Walker voiced his concerns regarding the impact of how the IFQ's limited the fishing industry and supports the communities receiving a percentage for growth.

Mayor Branson referred to the Economic Impact of the Seafood Industry on the Kodiak Island Borough report prepared by McDowell Group.

Councilmember Whiddon said the letter supports the ten goals adopted by Council in Resolution No. 2012-31.

Councilmember Arboleda asked what the major issues of local concern that may arise from this letter.

Councilmember Whiddon clarified that major issues that have voiced concern at the KFWG meetings are in Element 8 of Alternative 2.

Councilmember Whiddon said the letter is meant to analyze the alternatives not support.

Councilmember Walker said he supports the letter to NPFMC.

Mayor Branson recapped the purpose of the letter from the KFWG.

Councilmember Whiddon provided the Council with a copy of a letter he wrote independently addressed to the NPFMC for transparency.

Councilmember Davidson said he supports the letter and there is always diversity in the fishing community and he hopes NPFMC agrees with the letter submitted.

Councilmember Whiddon stated the NPFMC got an advanced copy of the Economic Impact of the Seafood Industry on the Kodiak Island Borough report.

Councilmembers Davidson expressed his appreciation for the time and effort of the KFWG to prepare the letter.

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

Councilmember Whiddon stated he would like the Council to review the membership of the KFWG and determine if three members are needed.

Mayor Branson stated the membership inquiry should be taken to the KFWG prior to Council recommendation.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

CITY OF KODIAK



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ATTEST:

Debra Martin

CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: June 9, 2016

