

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK
HELD THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2016
IN THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS**

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

Mayor Pat Branson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Councilmembers Laura B. Arboleda, Randall C. Bishop, Charles E. Davidson, Gabriel T. Saravia, Richard H. Walker, and John B. Whiddon were present and constituted a quorum. Deputy City Manager Mike Tvenge, City Clerk Debra L. Marlar, and Assistant Clerk Nanci Sharratt were also present.

Salvation Army Major Dave Davis gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2016, regular meeting and July 21, 2016, special meeting as presented.

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

III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

a. Presentation of GFOA Award to the Finance Department

The Government Finance Officers Association notified the City that the Finance Department received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in financial reporting for the City's FY2015 comprehensive annual financial report. The award of this certificate represents one of the highest levels of achievement in governmental financial reporting for the Department and City.

Finance Director Kelly Mayes accepted the award and shared her appreciation for her staff and their hard work.

b. Public Comments

Jone Suleski voiced her concern about the termination of body cameras by the Kodiak Police Department.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Continued First Reading, Ordinance No. 1349, Authorizing a Lease Between the City of Kodiak and GCI Communication Corporation for Pillar Mountain Communication Lease Site No. 9, Described as a Portion of Tract B, U.S. Survey 2538-A

Mayor Branson read Ordinance No. 1349 by title. City Council and the City Manager approve communication site leases/subleases as required by Kodiak City Code 18.20.230. The existing

lease with GCI Communication Corporation expired June 30, 2016. The new lease agreement has a term of five years and requires approval by ordinance.

[Clerk's Note: The vote on the motion to pass Ordinance No. 1349 in the first reading and advance to second reading and public hearing was postponed at the May 12, 2016, regular meeting.]

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

b. Second Reading and Public Hearing, Ordinance No. 1354, Amending Kodiak City Code 14.04.010; Regarding the Adoption of Building Codes

Mayor Branson read Ordinance No. 1354 by title. The State of Alaska adopted new construction codes. As a deferred jurisdiction the City is required to adopt codes that meet or exceed the State's adopted codes. The Joint Building Code Review Committee met numerous times to discuss, review, and amend the proposed codes.

Councilmember Arboleda MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1354.

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 Arboleda, Bishop, Davidson, Saravia, Walker, and Whiddon in favor. The motion passed.

c. Second Reading and Public Hearing, Ordinance No. 1355, Authorizing A Memorandum of Agreement With the Alaska Marine Highway System Regarding Joint Use of Pier I, and a Supplemental Agreement No. 1 With the Alaska Marine Highway System for the Lease of Office Space and a License for Use of Pier II

Mayor Branson read Ordinance No. 1355 by title. The City of Kodiak entered into an agreement with the State of Alaska, Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS), authorizing the State to replace Kodiak's existing Pier I. The replacement project was scheduled for completion in July 2016, at which time Pier I was ready for use again by AMHS vessels. Memorandum of Agreement No. 2517S004 and Supplemental Agreement No.1, No. 2517S005, spell out the terms for AMHS's use of Pier I and II for the next five years.

Councilmember Walker MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1355.

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 Arboleda, Bishop, Davidson, Saravia, Walker, and Whiddon in favor. The motion passed.

d. Second Reading and Public Hearing, Ordinance No. 1356, Authorizing a Lease to Kodiak Maritime Museum and Art Center of a 2,000+ Square Foot Portion of Alaska

Tidelands Survey No. 49 Located in St. Paul Harbor for the Thelma C Display and Re-scinding Ordinance No. 1340

Mayor Branson read Ordinance No. 1356 by title. The Kodiak Maritime Museum (KMM) developed the idea of restoring and displaying an historic 36' fishing vessel, the Thelma C, in the harbor area downtown. KMM representatives came to several City Council meetings since 2013 with their idea, which Council and harbor users supported. The KMM was given formal approval of the original lease site on the harbor spit and recently requested the location be adjusted to make the installation more affordable.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1356.

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 Arboleda, Bishop, Davidson, Saravia, Walker, and Whiddon in favor. The motion passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. First Reading, Ordinance No. 1358, Authorizing the Expenditure of the \$25,000 Appropriated to Ballot Initiative Expense in the FY2017 Operating Budget to Inform the Public Regarding the Effects of the Collective Bargaining Ordinance Initiative Proposition and the Kodiak Island Borough Proposition to Consolidate the Kodiak Island Borough and the City of Kodiak Into a Single Unit of Government, Including Without Limitation Information That May Influence the Outcome of the Election on Either Proposition**

Mayor Branson read Ordinance No. 1358 by title. For the past several years the Council has appropriated funds in the General Fund Legislative Budget Account No. 450.138 titled Ballot Initiative Expense that may be used to educate the public on ballot measures. \$25,000 was budgeted in the FY2017 budget for this purpose. This year there are two ballot questions for which the City may desire to provide public education. One is an initiative for collective bargaining for City employees under the Public Employment Relations Act, and the other is a Kodiak Island Borough Assembly advisory proposition to pursue the idea of consolidating the Borough and City of Kodiak into a single unit of government. While AS 15.13.145(c)(2) permits the City to provide the public with nonpartisan information about a ballot proposition, AS 15.13.145(b) prohibits the City from using public funds to influence the outcome of an election concerning a ballot proposition unless the City specifically appropriates funds for this purpose by ordinance. The Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC), which enforces these State statutes, interprets the statutes very narrowly so that the City cannot inform the public fully about the effects of the ballot propositions without including information that APOC likely would categorize as influencing the outcome of the election on the ballot propositions. Ordinance No. 1358 conforms with APOC requirements and would permit the City to provide public information about these two initiatives.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to pass Ordinance No. 1358 in the first reading and advance to second reading and public hearing at the next special or regular meeting.

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

b. Resolution No. 2016–27, Authorizing the Issuance of a Permit to Kodiak Football League for the Use of Public Property to Sell Concessions and Collect Admission Fees during Kodiak High School and Youth Football Games at Baranof Park

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2016–27 by title. Resolution No. 2016–27 authorizes the issuance of a permit to the Kodiak Football League to use the Baranof Football Field to sell concessions from August 11 to October 31 and to collect gate fees at home high school football games.

Councilmember Arboleda MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2016–27.

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

c. Resolution No. 2016–28, Appropriating \$650,000 From the Cargo Terminal Fund to the Cargo Development Capital Project Fund to Pay Settlement Costs Related to the Construction of Pier III Replacement Project No. 11-07/8024

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2016–28 by title. Pacific Pile and Marine, LLC construction is complete. Additional funding is requested through this resolution for settlement of disputed costs mutually agreed upon during the mediation process.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2016–28.

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

d. Authorization of Lease Assignment and Sublease of a Portion of Pillar Mountain Antenna Site Lease 3 From Alaska Wireless Network, LLC (AWN) to AWN Tower Company, LLC and the Purchase of AWN Tower Company, LLC by Vertical Bridge Tower II, LLC, and the Sublease From AWN Tower Company, LLC to Alaska Wireless Network, LLC

The Council adopted Ordinance No. 1265 on September 24, 2009, which authorized a five-year agreement with GCI for a lease at the City's Pillar Mountain antenna site. The lease includes four automatic five-year extensions at the option of the tenant. The City received a letter from Alaska Wireless Network (AWN) requesting the City to assign the lease to Vertical Bridge Tower II, LLC.

Councilmember Walker MOVED to approve the assignment of the Lease dated November 1, 2009, of a portion of Pillar Mountain Antenna Site Lease 3 from Alaska Wireless Network, LLC to AWN Tower Company, LLC and the purchase of AWN Tower Company, LLC by Vertical Bridge Tower II, LLC, and the sublease from AWN Tower Company, LLC to Alaska Wireless Network, LLC of a portion of the leased premises, all as described in the Consent Agreement

dated May 2, 2016, that now is before the Council, pursuant to Kodiak City Code 18.20.230 and 18.20.240 and authorize the City Manager to execute the lease assignment on behalf of the City.

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

e. Authorization of Bid Award of the FY2017 Mill Bay Road Pavement Rehabilitation Project, Project No. 17-02/5036

This project will repair and overlay sections of Mill Bay Road pavement. The project was advertised for bid on June 29 and two bids were opened on August 1, 2016. During the design of the project, areas of work were compromised in order to bring the project within available funding level based on the Engineer's estimate. The two bids were within project funding.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to authorize the bid award of Mill Bay Road Pavement Rehabilitation FY2017, Project No. 17-02/5037 to Brechan Construction, LLC in the amount of \$956,925 with funds coming from the Streets Capital Improvement Fund Project No. 5036, Pavement Repairs.

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

f. Authorization of Purchase of Used Mini-Excavator for the Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments

Both the Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments have need for and use mini-excavators on a regular basis. The Parks and Recreation Department has a 2002 Terex HR16 mini-excavator that was purchased used from Kodiak Rental Center in 2010 and is in need of replacement. This machine is used for park maintenance as well as support of the cemetery. Public Works has used this machine also for water and sewer maintenance work and has rented other mini-excavators from Kodiak Rental Center. Between the two departments, approximately 400 hours of annual use on the machine is anticipated. City Code Section 3.12.100 allows the Public Works Department to purchase used equipment.

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to authorize purchase of a used 2012 Model Case CX36B mini-excavator from Yukon Equipment in the amount of \$40,020 FOB Kodiak and authorize the City Manager to execute documents on behalf of the City.

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

g. Authorization of a Technical Services Contract With Willard A. Feda to Operate the Marine Travelift in Kodiak Shipyard

Willard (Bill) Feda has been under contract with the City to operate the Marine Travelift since operations started in 2009. His contract expires August 31, 2016. A new two-year contract with a continuation of the same terms was discussed with the contractor and is ready for Council approval.

Councilmember Walker MOVED to authorize a two-year technical services agreement, Agreement No. 224103, with Willard A. Fedra to operate the Harbor Marine Travelift, with funds coming from the Boat Yard/Vessel Lift Enterprise Fund, Professional Services Account.

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

h. Authorization of Bid Award for Harbor and Parks and Recreation Department Vehicles

Vehicle bid No. 536 consists of replacement vehicles for the Harbor and Parks and Recreation Departments. Both Harbor and Parks and Recreation are replacing existing maintenance pickups with new four-wheel-drive 1/2 ton standard cab pickups. The existing vehicles have been through a mechanical evaluation by the City maintenance shop and have been recommended to be replaced.

Councilmember Walker MOVED to award the bid for purchase of two new four-wheel-drive 1/2 ton standard cab pickup trucks to Kodiak Motors in the amount of \$52,400 from the following accounts: \$26,200 with funds from the Boat Harbor, machinery and equipment account and \$26,200 with funds from the Parks and Recreation, machinery and equipment account.

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

i. Authorization of Bid Award of Final Parking Lot Pavement for Pier III Replacement, Project No. 11-07/8024

This project is outside the scope of work previously authorized by Council and performed by Pacific Pile & Marine LP. Under the recommendation of Roe Sturgulewski, Pier III Project Manager, and PN&D Project Engineers, a section of pavement adjacent to the new pier was not paved last fall in order to allow for stabilization in the soils. The expected soil stabilization was achieved during recent months, and the area is now ready for pavement.

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to authorize the bid award of final parking lot pavement for Pier III Replacement, Project No. 11-07/8024, to Brechan Construction, LLC in the amount of \$39,880 with funds from the Cargo Development Capital Project Fund.

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

j. Authorization of Ambulance Purchase

The City Fire Department provides Emergency Medical Advance Life Support (ALS) services and transport to the citizens of the City as well as those on the road system. The Fire Department supports three ALS ambulances to meet the current service requests. The Council approved sole source purchases for ambulances in 2003 and 2007.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to authorize the purchase of a 2017 North Star 167-1 Ambulance from Braun NW Inc. in the amount of \$195,000 with funds from the FY2017 General Fire Department Budget Line item and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents on behalf of the City.

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

k. Authorization of Purchase of Skate Ramps

The final phase of the 2012 Baranof Park Improvement Project included replacement of skate park ramps. The skate park project is being constructed in phases. Phase I was completed in 2015 and Phase II is scheduled for 2016/2017. In preparation for Phase II, a Sole Source Request for Proposal based on Kodiak City Code Section 3.12.070 "Exceptions to bidding requirements" was issued to American Ramp Company.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to authorize purchase of Phase II skate park equipment from American Ramp Company in amount of \$116,427.96 with funds coming from Parks and Recreation Improvement Fund, Skate Park Improvements, Project No. 15-4/9015.

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

l. Authorization of Bid Award for Bobcat Utility Work Machine for the Parks and Recreation Department

Bid No. 537 consists of a replacement utility work machine for the Parks and Recreation Department. Parks and Recreation is replacing an existing Toolcat, recommended for replacement, with a new four-wheel-drive Bobcat Toolcat 5600 G-Series.

Councilmember Walker MOVED to award Bid No. 537 for the purchase of a Bobcat Utility Work Machine in the amount of \$55,500 to Craig Taylor Equipment Company with funds coming from the Parks and Recreation-administration machinery and equipment budget.

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

m. Authorization to Terminate the Building Inspection Program MOA

On April 15, 1988, the Kodiak Island Borough and the City of Kodiak established a single program for inspection of buildings within the jurisdiction of both governments. This agreement was modified in May 1997 and stands as the MOA used today. The Borough has breached the agreement objective to ensure a consistent application of building regulations in the City of Kodiak and the Kodiak Island Borough.

Councilmember Arboleda MOVED to terminate the Building Inspection Program Memorandum of Agreement between the Kodiak Island Borough and City of Kodiak dated May 16, 1997.

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to postpone the vote on the motion to terminate the Building Inspection Program MOA until the next regular or special meeting.

A discussion ensued.

Councilmember Whiddon stated he heard concerns from the Fire Department and the Building Department at a City work session, and that the Building Code Review Committee didn't support the change of the 2012 codes back to the 1997 codes, which is forcing Kodiak Island Borough and the City to work under two different codes for inspecting, which affects the entire Borough. He expressed that he would like both elected bodies to come together to discuss this, because input has not been given for the change and the resulting consequences need to be discussed.

Councilmember Saravia stated that he does not support the postponement based on the information heard from the fire and building departments. He stated the City would still have 90 days to have a discussion with the Borough if the MOA termination moves forward. He stated a joint work session would be held in two weeks and, depending on the outcome, the City could reverse its decision to terminate.

The roll call vote on the postponement was Councilmembers Arboleda, Bishop, Davidson, Walker, and Whiddon in favor. Councilmember Saravia opposed. The motion passed.

n. Authorization of Payment of Final Closeout Costs Related to the Primary Construction Contract for Pier III Replacement, Project No. 11-07/8024

The construction of Pier III had numerous challenges for the contractor, Pacific Pile and Marine LP (PPM). During the project twelve change orders were submitted to the City and approved in entirety or partially. As the project came to a close, there were disputed costs involved and resolutions to cure were unsuccessful. Formal mediation was held in Kodiak on July 26, 2016. A settlement agreement was reached between PPM and the City. The City Manager on behalf of the City Council agreed to make final payment on the disputed claims in which the City would pay PPM \$650,000 by wire transfer within thirty (30) calendar days of the effective date of the agreement.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to authorize the Settlement and Change Order between the City of Kodiak and Pacific Pile & Marine, LP dated August 2, 2016.

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

VI. STAFF REPORTS

a. Deputy City Manager

Deputy City Manager Tvenge shared that the City has received a certificate of achievement award titled "Storm Ready and Tsunami Ready" from the State of Alaska. He shared that this was a result of the inspection, review, and documentation of our emergency operation center, manual, training documentation, and certifications received. He stated that the award is valid through 2019. He shared the City recently had an Occupational Safety Health Administration

(OSHA) facility inspection. He shared that overall the police, fire, and two public work facilities were found to be in good working order with minor corrections noted with most of them having already been corrected and the final report is expected in the following weeks.

Deputy Manger Tvenge asked Police Chief Rhonda Wallace to provide an update on the body worn cameras and the community outreach program.

Chief of Police Wallace addressed the suspension of the body worn camera trial project. She stated that the program was implemented in February 2015 and appeared beneficial as it provided visual facts of the incidents and accountability to both officers and citizens in addition to using it as a tool for reviewing and assessing officer's interactions with the community. She shared the concerns and challenges that were discovered, which included technical failures, user-errors, recorders being slow to begin recording from the sleep mode, recorders easily being knocked off the officer, and a button inadvertently depressed could turn the volume off, which would then provide no sound to the video. She expressed that one of the most important concerns was the risk to individual privacy rights that the body cameras presented. She shared that recordings included the individuals involved and those not involved, but were in the background, and the Police Department doesn't have the resources to "blur" the identity of those who do not want to have their image on video. Chief Wallace stated that in her experience that instead of feeling comforted by the recordings, victims, witnesses, and perpetrators generally became more guarded and hesitant to engage with officers for fear that their privacy would be violated. She expressed that with the limitations of current body camera technology and the privacy implications of creating video footage of every police contact within the City of Kodiak, the suspension of the program served the best interest of the community. She also shared that she continues to seek out programs and assess the value of technological advances that would assist the police department in serving and protecting the community and building the community's confidence in law enforcement officers. She also shared information regarding a positive community outreach program sent out via Nixle regarding Children and Resident Encounter (C.A.R.E.) initiative. She stated that over the last several months, gaps in training were identified, and as a result, the police department is working on those gaps and has introduced new programs and trainings. She stated that C.A.R.E. started during the Law Enforcement Torch Run and has been very successful and participants are continuing to sign up.

b. City Clerk

City Clerk Marlar informed the public of the October 4, 2016, election where two petitions for Councilmember seats were due by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 15, 2016. She shared that the last day to register to vote for the October 4, 2016, election is September 4, 2016, and informed those that have moved to update their address, which could impact where they vote. She shared that Canvass board workers are needed to verify the results of the October 4, 2016, election and will meet October 12, 2016. City Clerk Marlar informed the public of the next scheduled City Marijuana Advisory Committee meeting, the Fisheries Work Group meeting, the Joint work session, and the City Council Special meeting.

VII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Branson clarified statements made at Kodiak Island Borough Assembly meetings. She expressed that Kyle Crow stated that she is opposed to consolidation, which is not a true state-

ment. She shared that this is evident by the letter she signed, along with the Council, that went to the Borough Assembly. She stated that the letter voiced concern about the Assembly not speaking with the Council prior to introducing Borough Ordinance FY2017-02, which placed on the October ballot a vote on whether to proceed with investigating and researching consolidation. She shared that the City letter took no position on consolidation, nor has she ever stated that she is opposed to consolidation. Mayor Branson expressed that continuing this misrepresentation is neither responsible nor respectful nor does it represent good communication between elected officials. She stated that no elected official should speak for another elected official. She said that it has also been stated at Assembly meetings that the City removed the consolidation topic from discussions at joint work session meetings. She explained that at the last joint work session held in March and chaired by the Borough that consolidation was not on the agenda, it was only listed under the to be scheduled list. She stated that the City has not cancelled any joint work sessions due to consolidation being on any agenda, and joint work sessions are only postponed due to the availability of the Council and the manager. She shared that consolidation is a topic on the agenda for the August 23, 2016, joint work session. She voiced that the Assembly should have called for a joint work session prior to the ordinance being brought up for discussion to give notification to the City and the outlining communities regarding the Borough's intent. She asked for better communication between the Kodiak Island Borough, the City, and elected officials, understanding that they represent all Kodiak residents. She read from the 2008 Kodiak Island Borough Comprehensive Plan under issues on page 13. She suggested moving forward in the spirit of better communication that joint work sessions be scheduled every other month regardless of how many people can attend, and that this need will be addressed at the August 23, 2016, joint work session.

She stated that City nonprofit grant awards have been allocated and nonprofits are now receiving their money for FY2017. She also commented on the unresolved State budget and grants being held up, and of the benefit to nonprofits to receive local grant funds in a timely fashion. She expressed that she would like to bring back the Food Bank to discuss their needs, as the Council previously discussed during the nonprofit discussion. She shared that the Governor should be coming to Kodiak in October. She expressed that, hopefully, a community forum will be scheduled presenting information on the State budget situation to allow the community to hear and to ask questions of the Governor. She shared that Alaska Fish and Game Commissioner Cotten will attend the next Fisheries Work Group meeting on August 23, 2016.

She shared that City administration will continue to present information to the Council on reviewing sales tax, business licenses, and the sales tax cap in the next couple of months and how changes can be made to ensure continued quality services and affordable living for our residents. She shared that as action has been taken tonight, Pier III is completed. She stated the City has a great partnership on Pier III with Matson and the crane along with KEA and the flywheel, and the new pier will last 30 years or more. She explained that the City will continue to seek funding for other major infrastructure replacements, such as Mill Bay road; be engaged with federal and state fish regulations that affect our economy; and put effort into how we can best have an economic proactive piece in place. She congratulated the Finance Department for their award and their hard work.

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Walker expressed gratefulness for Pier III being completed. He thanked Corey Gronn for his work on the different projects at the park and keeping things operating smoothly and Lon White for his presentation on harbor fees and the future of the harbor. He thanked Kelly Mayes and her department for their hard work and expressed appreciation for the presentations given. He shared that school starts on August 29 and August 30 and to watch out for the buses and kids. He shared that the football team will have their first game on Friday.

Councilmember Davidson encouraged everyone to vote and register to vote if not done already. He shared that he turned in his petition for re-election. He congratulated the finance department and Kelly Mayes for their superb work. He shared that he understands the efforts to make government more efficient regarding consolidation and expressed that he wants to know how much it is going to cost before making a decision either way.

Councilmember Arboleda thanked the staff for all their hard work this summer.

Councilmember Bishop gave an update on the City Marijuana Committee. He shared that the City opted out for six months, while the Borough opted out for a year. He shared that presently the City is at a standstill regarding zoning since the Borough has zoning authority. He encouraged everyone to attend the joint work session on August 23, 2016. He shared that the musical festival is this weekend. He expressed thanks to CHARR for providing free transportation to and from the musical festival.

Councilmember Saravia thanked Chief of Police Wallace and City police officers for their hard work. He shared that the park is always full and very clean and thanked Parks and Recreation for doing an excellent job. He said consolidation is good if it saved money. He stated the City and Borough each have different powers and responsibilities. He expressed that more information is required, and it should be given in a public forum before taking action that affects the whole community.

Councilmember Whiddon congratulated Kelly Mayes, the finance staff, and department heads for their work they put into receiving the budget award. He shared that the Fisheries Work Group meeting is on August 23, 2016, and there are no real hot button topics right now since the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC) is not going to address the Gulf trawl bycatch motion at their October meeting. He stated that the Fisheries Work Group will discuss how it will address its position for the December NPFMC meeting. He shared that he has been in contact with the Sitka Economic Development Association and discussed how and when Kodiak should start working on an economic development initiative as a community. He stated that if we can create more economic activity in our community, it can create more jobs and can stabilize the tax base. He expressed that the Sitka Economic Development Association has done great work, and he hopes to learn from what they have been able to do for their community. He shared his dismay when reading a headline in the paper that the City approved \$25,000 to influence elections. He noted that the article was accurate, but expressed the headline was not true. He expressed that the money is set aside to provide education on any measure and to inform the public because without supporting information, voters may not know what they are voting for on the ballot. He expressed that if information is being given that is not factual, the City has a responsi-

bility to voters to not take sides, but to give correct information to make an informed decision. He expressed to the Kodiak Daily Mirror to get facts straight before making headlines.

IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Bonny McWethy thanked Police Chief Wallace for the presentation. She advocated for the City to reconsider the removal of the body cameras. She shared information from a study through the University of South Florida that showed that the accountability of body cameras keep civilians and officers safer. She thanked officers for their services.

Ginger Duncan shared that accountability for all parties is a good thing. She shared an experience where use of body cameras allowed individuals to be held accountable. She advocated for the City to reconsider the removal of the body cameras. She spoke about the possible requirement of the City to require business licenses to participate in different farmers markets and bazaars. She expressed that requiring a business license and potentially being taxed on items being made would hamper the creativity and ability of people to make any money and could possibly allow inspectors to come into our homes at their will.

Nick Adams expressed his agreement with the previous public comment on business licenses and taxation. He expressed that some of the total cost to rework the skate ramps could possibly be used to provide something at the skate park for the younger kids.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

CITY OF KODIAK

Pat Bran

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Debra Mank

CITY CLERK

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