

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK
HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2017
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. City Manager Aimée Kniaziowski, City Clerk Debra L. Marlar, and Deputy Clerk Michelle Shuravloff-Nelson 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 December 8, 2016, regular 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. Public Comments

Toby Sullivan, Executive Director, Kodiak Maritime Museum, thanked the Mayor and Council for their ongoing support. He said the Harbor Lights Festival was successful, stating 34 boats were decorated and 400 people voted on the boat decorations. He said the Harbor Lights Festival was partially funded by the City, and he thanked Manager Kniaziowski, the individuals that made cookies, and the Filipino dancers. He thanked the Council for granting a lease for the Thelma C and stated they are awaiting some architectural drawings, and he hopes that construction will start this spring and be in place by Crab Festival.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Resolution No. 2016–20(SUB), Amending Section 9, Harbor Fees, of the Schedule of Fees, Charges, and Tariffs and Authorizing Implementation of a Five-Year Rate Structure

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2016–20(SUB) by title. The Council has received presentations and discussed various scenarios for adopting a five-year rate structure to increase moorage and other harbor services. Resolution No. 2016–20(SUB), which proposed a five-year rate plan to increase moorage and other harbor services 18.5 percent in FY2017 and implement an annual inflationary increase based on Producer Price Index (PPI) each year thereafter, was postponed at the June 23, 2016, meeting. Council voiced a consensus at work sessions to endorse the originally recommended rate structure before it was substituted. To accomplish that in a simple, straight forward manner, staff recommends Council postpone indefinitely Resolution No. 2016–20(SUB). The most recently recommended five-year rate structure will be brought forward under New Business as a new resolution.

Councilmember Walker MOVED to postpone indefinitely Resolution No. 2016–20(SUB).

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

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Resolution 2017–01, Amending Section 9, Harbor Fees, of the Schedule of Fees, Charges, and Tariffs and Authorizing Implementation of a Five-Year Rate Structure**

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2017–01 by title. Harbor rates have not been adjusted since July 2011. Resolution No. 2017–01 authorizes a five-year rate plan that increases moorage and other harbor services 18.5 percent in FY2018 and implements a 2.8 percent annual inflationary increase based on Producer Price Index (PPI) for four years thereafter. The proposed increase is recommended by the City’s consultant Northern Economics, the Port & Harbor Advisory Board (PHAB), and staff. If approved as recommended, the new rates would be effective July 1, 2017, which is the beginning of FY2018.

Councilmember Arboleda MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2017–01.

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

b. **Authorization of Consent Agreement Dated October 31, 2016, Between Alaska Wireless Network LLC and AWN Tower Company LLC Pertaining to Pillar Mountain Communication Lease Site No. 9**

City Council and the City Manager approve communication site leases/subleases as required by Kodiak City Code 18.20.230. The existing five-year lease with GCI Communication Corporation (GCI) for Pillar Mountain Site No. 9 was adopted by Ordinance No. 1349 on September 8, 2016. This lease contained a sublease to Alaska Wireless Network LLC (AWN). Another assignment has been requested by AWN to AWN Tower Company LLC and requires Council approval.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to approve the consent agreement dated October 31, 2016, between Alaska Wireless Network LLC and AWN Tower Company LLC pertaining to Pillar Mountain Lease Site No. 9.

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

c. **Authorization of Design and Bidding of Lift Station 3 and 4 Replacement Project No. 11-06/7509**

Beginning in 2011, staff started to evaluate the condition of the downtown sanitary sewer lift stations 1 and 2. The design to rehabilitate lift stations 1 and 2 was completed, and the project was constructed in late summer/fall of 2016. Lift station 3 (located near KEA downtown office) and lift station 4 (on Father Herman Street) have the same serious corrosion, electrical, and pump problems as lift stations 1 and 2.

Councilmember Walker MOVED to authorize the professional service agreement with DOWL for the design and bidding support for lift stations 3 and 4 in the amount of \$244,195 with funds coming from the Sewer Capital Improvement Fund, Project No. 11-06/7509 and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents for the City.

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

d. Advisory Board Appointments

Several advisory board seats expired at the end of December. Volunteers were solicited via newspaper advertisements, public service announcements, and City Clerk and department head recruitment efforts. Applications have been received for appointment to the Personnel Board, Building Code Board of Appeals, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and Port and Harbors Advisory Board. Except for the Personnel Board whose appointments are made by the Council, appointments to the other boards are made by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council.

Mayor Branson made the following appointments:

- Jerrol Friend to a seat on the Building Code Board of Appeals ending December 31, 2019
- Marcus Dunbar, John Glover, Jessica Horn, and Ryan Murdock to regular seats and Jessica Eanes to the alternate seat ending December 31, 2019, and Erica Kostelecky to the student ex-officio seat on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- Norm Lenon and Stormy Stutes to regular seats on the Port and Harbors Advisory Board ending December 31, 2019

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to appoint Pat Szabo to a two-year seat on the Personnel Board and confirm the Mayoral advisory board appointments to the Building Code Board of Appeals, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and Port and Harbors Advisory Board as stated.

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

VI. STAFF REPORTS

a. City Manager

Manager Kniazowski commented that the plants were salvaged from the old library site and relocated to the Kodiak Police Department building. She said Bear Becker at the Wastewater Treatment Plant was named Wastewater Treatment Operator of the Year by Alaska Rural Water Association. She said the Incident Management Team met with scientists from the University of Fairbanks and the Tsunami Warning Center to discuss a draft Tsunami preparedness plan, which also changes mapping for inundation zones. She reminded the public the snow will be taken to the new site by the WWTP, which will take longer for snow removal, and she asked the public for their patience. She said Pillar Mountain remains closed due to the icy road and she commented the conditions make emergency response very difficult. She said the road is not maintained by the City in the winter. She stated the City's insurance company Alaska Public Entity Insurance (APEI) is coming to provide staff training. She said the Tsunami sirens on Mission Road and Gibson Cove need repair because they have corroded, and Aksala is currently working on the re-

pairs. She mentioned revenue is lower than normal in the fisheries industry and the effects on the water revenue for the City may be impacted. She informed the public there was a place on Selief Lane that had a drainage issue and clarified it was not a water leak. She shared that a Nixle Alert was sent informing customers to make sure their URL begins with www.city.kodiak.ak.us when making a utility payment online. The City's website is secure and has not been compromised, but KPD had been made aware of the website, www.doxo.com, which claims to process customers' monthly payment for utility services, which has no affiliation with the City of Kodiak.

b. City Clerk

City Clerk Marljar said the annual records management report was completed and submitted to Council per Kodiak City Code. She thanked the Deputy Clerk/Records Manager and the departmental Records Coordinators for their work on records management. She informed the public of the next scheduled Council work session and regular meeting.

VII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Branson congratulated Bear Becker for receiving the WWTP award. She thanked the residents that volunteered their services for the City's advisory boards. She said the Downtown Revitalization Committee continues to meet and said Sandy Solenberger, a subcommittee chair, will be working on the banners for the downtown area, and the safety subcommittee gave an update on the SB91 meetings. She said she is looking forward to the planning work session, and she wished the City Manager a happy birthday.

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Walker thanked the Public Work Director and department staff for their work on all the projects. He said he enjoyed the presentation from Ms. Ayers regarding an economic development plan. He said boy's basketball is occurring Friday and Saturday, and he informed the public a storm in Kodiak is probable over the weekend and to be safe.

Councilmember Davidson said it will be a challenging year for the City financially, and he encouraged the public to attend the planning work session. He wished everyone a happy Russian New Year.

Councilmember Arboleda said she was excited for Ms. Ayers' report. She reminded the public to drive safely.

Councilmember Whiddon said he enjoyed his trip to England and stated it is always wonderful to return to Kodiak, which is a wonderful place to live.

Councilmember Saravia stated he appreciated the Clerk's Office and thanked them for the records management report. He wished Councilmember Davidson and Manager Kniazowski a happy birthday. He thanked Mr. Becker for his work, demonstrating excellence on the job, and congratulated him on his award. He thanked the Public Works department for dealing with road concerns.

Councilmember Bishop wished Councilmember Davidson and Manager Kniazowski a happy birthday. He thanked the volunteers for serving on the advisory boards. He commented that it was helpful to have Senator Stevens at the work session. He commented the State is trying to

make payroll; he said it is enlightening to have Ms. Ayers' services, and he has high hopes for the economy and the island.

IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Major Dave Davis, Salvation Army, said they are a recipient of the City's nonprofit grant. He said the grant will help those that qualify to receive financial assistance for utilities and heat. He said the Salvation Army also received an additional grant from the Community Foundation, specifically for heat; he encouraged citizens to apply for assistance, if needed.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Review City Manager's Contract

Councilmember Arboleda MOVED to enter into executive session as authorized by Kodiak City Code Section 2.04.100(b)(2) to review the City Manager's employment contract.

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

The Council entered into executive session at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor Branson reconvened the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

XI. 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 8:55 p.m.



CITY OF KODIAK

Bob Branson

MAYOR

ATTEST:

Debra Marlon

CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: January 26, 2017