

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK
HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 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, Charles E. Davidson, 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 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 April 13, 2017, regular meeting as presented.

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

III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

a. Presentation of GFOA Award to the Finance Department

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada awarded Finance Director Kelly Mayes and the Finance Department with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the City's Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

Kelly Mayes, Finance Director accepted the award for the Finance Department.

b. Public Comments

Dennis Symmons said he supports the outcry to keep senior exemptions. He said senior citizens are amongst the most consistent voters and a majority of the seniors were born and raised in Kodiak. He commented it would be unfortunate to take away the exemption benefit from seniors, and he expressed his appreciation for Council dealing with budgetary decisions.

Jonathan Strong, via telephone, commented that the Pedestrian Pathway Plan does not have wheelchair access to the local businesses in the downtown area.

Linda Lance, President of the Kodiak Animal Shelter and the Human Society of Kodiak said they have had the contract to manage the animal shelter since 1994. She gave a staff update and reported on the level of services provided. She highlighted some of the following: foster programs; shelter volunteers; impounds; adoptions; education and resources for pet care; and the spay and neuter pet program.

— **Karen Yashin**, Vice President of the Humane Society of Kodiak spoke about emergency veterinary care, long term foster care, the Winston Checker program, and the spay and neuter program. She thanked the City for their nonprofit grant award and for the shelter renovations. She highlighted a current dog trot challenge event that is underway.

Betty MacTavish spoke about the tobacco tax and said she worked for the tobacco program for many years. She said in Kodiak there are about 200,000 packs of cigarettes sold per year. She gave several options for taxing tobacco products and said she could be contacted for information. She mentioned there are health benefits to not using the tobacco product and said deterring the youth from tobacco products is important.

Tom Lance with Sun'aq Tribe said the tribe represents ancestry from 8000 years ago. He supports Resolution No. 2017-12 and said this resolution means a lot to the tribal members. He expressed support for culture, the ocean, and the military. He spoke about continued collaboration with NOAA and the UAF Science program.

Sharon Blakeslee said as a City resident she was concerned to hear the E911 system became obsolete; she expressed that systems of such importance should not be able to deteriorate before they are replaced.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

— None

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. First Reading, Ordinance No. 1362, Establishing Supplemental Appropriation No. 1 to the Budget for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of July 2016 and Ending on the Thirtieth Day of June 2017

Mayor Branson read Ordinance No. 1362 by title. The Supplemental Appropriation No. 1 to the budget for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of July 2016 and ending on the thirtieth day of June 2017 is in the amount of \$4,922,454. It is customary for the City Council to approve at least one supplemental budget annually to authorize the adjustments of current revenues and expenses as detailed in the attachments provided. These adjustments are for the operating funds as well as additions to project funds for grant revenues received and additional expenditures needed that were not known at the time the original budget. This is the first supplemental appropriation of FY2017.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to pass Ordinance No. 1362 in the first reading and advance to second reading and public hearing at the next regular or special Council meeting.

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

b. Resolution No. 2017–11, Authorizing the Transfer of \$21,000 From the FY2017 General Fund Balance to the General Capital Project Fund – Kodiak Fire Station Deferred Maintenance Project No. 4015

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2017–11 by title. The existing 1000 gallon fuel tank at the City Fire Station is in need of immediate replacement. This single walled tank has been in service for over twenty years supplying fuel for both Fire Departments boiler/hot water and emergency generator. Recent external inspections have revealed several areas showing significant sign of impending failure. John's Heating submitted a quote to complete required fuel tank and fuel line replacement in the amount of \$20,943.85. Currently, the Fire Department Deferred Maintenance account does not have enough funds to complete this project.

Councilmember Walker MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2017–11.

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

c. Resolution No. 2017–12, Supporting Changes to Timing and Location of the U.S. Department of Defense “Northern Edge 19” Training Exercise, and Subsequent Operations, in the Gulf of Alaska

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2017–12 title. Northern Edge is a U.S. Pacific Command exercise, hosted by the Alaskan Command. The exercise is designed to sharpen combat skills, improve command, control and communication relationships, and mature interoperable plans and programs. This resolution requests the Navy and Alaska Command consider the location and timing of the U.S. Navy's Northern Edge 2019 training activities in the Gulf of Alaska. City Council recommends a training date after the month of September, when marine mammal, fish and migratory bird abundances are lower and utilize a training location to avoid the northwestern area of the Temporary Marine Activities Area.

Councilmember Arboleda MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2017–12.

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

d. Authorization of Pedestrian Pathway Plan

During the Council work session on April 11, 2017, DOWL gave a presentation on the final draft of the Kodiak Pedestrian Pathway Plan, which was supported by Council. DOWL has held several open houses for public comment since the planning and design phases, and the plan was posted for public comment from March 16 through April 10, 2017. The City Council received a final Kodiak Pedestrian Pathway Plan from DOWL dated April 2017 to accept by motion during a regular meeting

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to accept the Kodiak Final Pedestrian Pathway Plan dated April 2017.

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

e. Port and Harbors Advisory Board Appointment

The recent appointments for the Port and Harbors Advisory Board (PHAB) in 2017 were on January 12, 2017, and March 23, 2017, during the Council's regular meetings. The one alternate seat that remains vacant has a term ending December 31, 2017; the seat is a one-year term. Two applications have been received for the Port and Harbors Advisory Board. The Mayor makes the Port and Harbor Advisory Board appointments and they are confirmed by the Council.

Mayor Branson appointed Lloyd Shanely to the alternate seat on the Port and Harbors Advisory Board with a term ending December 31, 2017.

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to confirm the Mayoral advisory board appointment to the Port and Harbors Advisory Board as stated.

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

VI. STAFF REPORTS

a. City Manager

Manager Kniaziowski said it has been a busy week in preparation of the budget. She said the budget presentation will be on May 6, 2017. She said Captain Dave Billing will be retiring on May 8 and she thanked him for his service. She commented that the Fire department will be short staffed by four positions and they are having difficulty recruiting for those positions. She stated the Fire department staff will change their shift rotation to 48 hours shifts to cover necessary services. She reminded the public the pool will be closed for maintenance from May 1 through May 21. She said Public Works Director Mark Kozak provided an update that DEC has issued the final certificate for the WWTP. Manager Kniaziowski said her last day of work is on April 30 and she said it was an honor to work and serve the City of Kodiak.

c. City Clerk

Deputy Clerk Shuravloff-Nelson informed the public of the next scheduled Council work session and regular meeting and she wished Manager Kniaziowski a happy retirement.

VII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Branson said Manager Kniaziowski has been with the City for eight years and complimented her operational management abilities and said it was an honor to work with her. She highlighted some of Manager Kniaziowski's accomplishments as City Manager which include the hiring of numerous department heads, the Compost facility, Pier I and III, Transit Float, the new Library, a vehicle replacement program, and the Monashka Pump house. Mayor Branson stated Manager Kniaziowski has provided quality and stability to the Kodiak City residents. She thanked her for her public service and said it was a pleasure to work with her.

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Walker said Manager Kniaziowski has been great to work with and commended her on the array of projects she has been involved with during the eight years she has served as the City Manager; he stated she truly cares about the community. He congratulated Finance Director Mayes on the GFOA award. He congratulated Mr. Billings on his retirement and stated that he hopes the fire department positions get filled soon. He encouraged people to go to the City parks.

Councilmember Davidson congratulated Finance Director Mayes on the GFOA award. He said to Manager Kniaziowski that it has been an honor, and he appreciates the sacrifices and hard work she has done over the years. He commended her on the hiring of department heads, and he commented that the quality of life has improved during her tenure. He said she has been an amazing leader and he wished her well.

Councilmember Arboleda gave her greatest appreciation to Manager Kniaziowski. She said cheers to the newest chapter of her life.

Councilmember Whiddon congratulated Finance Director Mayes on the GFOA award and commended her on her abilities, in depth of knowledge, and leadership in finance. He congratulated Mr. Billings on his retirement. He said he has appreciated working alongside of Manager Kniaziowski, and she sets the bar high for public service. He said she has established a legacy and he wished her fair winds and following seas.

Councilmember Saravia thanked the Finance department for their excellent work. He thanked Manager Kniaziowski for her hard work and he wished her a great retirement.

IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

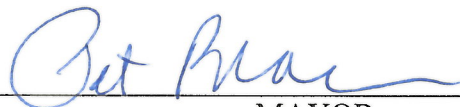
X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

CITY OF KODIAK



MAYOR

APRIL 27, 2017

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ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: May 11, 2017

