

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK  
HELD THURSDAY, MAY 25, 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, Richard H. Walker and John B. Whiddon were present and constituted a quorum. Councilmember Gabriel T. Saravia was absent. Finance Director Kelly Mayes 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 Arboleda MOVED to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2017, regular meeting as presented.

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

**III. PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

**a. Proclamation: Salvation Army Week**

Mayor Branson read the proclamation, which recognizes the Salvation Army for its service to Kodiak and throughout Alaska.

Major Dave Davis accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Salvation Army. He said the Salvation Army has been in Kodiak for 25 years. He said he and Lola Davis are grateful to be in town and expressed appreciation for the proclamation.

**b. Proclamation: Mental Health Month**

Mayor Branson read the proclamation, which recognizes the importance of mental health treatment and encourages the community to increase awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps one can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illnesses.

Mary Guiles Hawver, Director, Providence Kodiak Counseling Center, accepted the proclamation. She stated mental health and physical health are intertwined, and she spoke about the stigma of mental illnesses and reminded people to not feel shame. She spoke of having increased awareness and encouraged people to seek assistance. She provided an overview of Alaska's statistics of mental health; including the high suicide rate within the state. She stated there are depression screenings at Providence Kodiak Counseling Center.

**c. Public Comments**

**Christopher Johnson**, a salmon seiner, telephonically said he supports the crane on Oscar's dock in the budget.

**Bob Bowhac** said he supports the harbor budget as presented; he emphasized that fisherman need the infrastructure, and he said he supports the crane. He commented on the volume of pounds across the Kodiak docks and all permit holders that it would benefit. He thanked those that have worked on the crane project, and he indicated they have done a thorough job problem solving.

**Gary Lester** spoke in opposition of sales tax for tobacco. He spoke about the recent city, borough, and state increase to tobacco tax discussions. He said it is fair to tax all products, not to increase only tobacco. He said dealing with different taxation would impact his business adversely. He said he is in opposition of a smoking ban and commented that businesses should be able to make their own choices regarding tobacco.

**Theresa Peterson**, telephonically, said she supports funding for the crane and said it will benefit the community and asked the Council to support the project. She thanked the harbormaster, staff, fisherman, and PHAB for their work on the crane project. She said there was a petition regarding the Kodiak City Code that prohibits selling fish off the dock, and a group will plan to pick up the discussion in the fall after the salmon season at the PHAB and at the Fisheries Work Group meetings.

**Alexis Kwatcha** said he supports Oscar's dock getting a crane and referred to the success of Ouzinkie's crane. He spoke about improving the downtown area. He offered financial support to address the poor behaviors in the area; spoke about revitalizing the area; and increasing the island's economic engine. He commented the current tax rate for Kodiak should be reassessed.

**Darius Kapernak** a local fisherman and member of the Alaska Jig Association supports retaining funding in the FY2018 harbor budget for the crane and the harbor infrastructure improvements. He also supports rescinding the City's ordinance that prevents selling fish off the dock.

**Betty MacTavish** thanked the Council for reviewing Resolution No. 2017-15. She spoke about the following: a statewide survey and the statistics of smoke free work places; e-cigarette awareness and education; health issues caused by second hand smoke; and initiatives to reduce exposure to second hand smoke. She thanked the Council for their consideration and support of making Alaska's work places smoke free.

**Peter Allen**, telephonically, said he is a long time boat owner that supports the crane and the icehouse.

#### IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

**a. First Reading, Ordinance No. 1363, Levying Taxes and Appropriating Funds for the Expenses and Liabilities of the City of Kodiak for the Fiscal Year Commencing on the First Day of July 2017 and Ending on the Thirtieth Day of June 2018**

Mayor Branson read Ordinance No. 1363 by title. Ordinance No. 1363 provides for the adoption of the City of Kodiak's FY2018 budget. The budget document, which supports the ordinance, estimates all sources of revenue the City anticipates receiving between July 1, 2017, and June 30, 2018. The budget document also establishes an operating and capital expenditure plan for FY2018, which is based on staff's assessment of operational, and community needs and the Council's FY2018 budget goals. Staff made the FY2018 budget presentation to Council and the public during a special budget work session on May 6, 2017.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to pass Ordinance No. 1363 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, Bishop, Davidson, Walker, and Whiddon in favor. Councilmember Saravia was absent. The motion passed.

**b. Resolution No. 2017-14, Establishing a City of Kodiak Economic Development Special Committee**

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2017-14 by title. The City Council has identified the need for an economic development plan. Economic Development Consultant Wanetta Ayers has been retained to assist with this plan and recommends the City establish a committee to achieve those economic development goals. Resolution No. 2017-14 establishes the membership and guidelines of this committee.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2017-14.

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

**c. Resolution No. 2017-15, Supporting a Law in Alaska to Make All Workplaces 100% Smoke Free to Protect the Health and Safety of All Workers and Visitors From the Dangers of Secondhand Smoke**

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2017-15 by title. Resolution No. 2017-15 voices support of a statewide Alaska law to make all workplaces 100 percent smoke free to protect the health and safety of all workers and visitors from the dangers of secondhand smoke.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2017-15.

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

**d. Authorization of Professional Services Contract for Auditing Services**

Each year, the City Council retains a qualified professional audit firm to perform an independent audit of the City's financial records. The City Charter and the City Code require the Council to accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report at the completion of the audit. The City's request for these services is to award a three-year contract with the option to extend for two additional years.

Councilmember Walker MOVED to authorize a three-year professional services contract, with an option to extend for an additional two years, with Altman Rogers & Co to perform an annual independent audit in the amount of \$69,300 for FY2017, \$70,925 for FY2018, and \$73,020 for FY2019 with funds from the Finance Administration Professional Services account.

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

## **VI. STAFF REPORTS**

### **a. City Manager**

Finance Director Kelly Mayes informed the public that the Parks and Recreation department is working on the swimming pool and it is scheduled to reopen on May 29, 2017; she provided a schedule of events. She said further pool updates can be referenced on the City's website. She stated the Crab Festival starts on May 25, 2017, through Memorial Day and reminded everyone to be safe and informed the public to be cautious of the pedestrians.

### **b. City Clerk**

Deputy Clerk Shuravloff-Nelson informed the public of the next scheduled Council work session and regular meeting.

## **VII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Branson provided an update on the two Community Health Needs Assessment meetings held during the month of May, which were arranged by her and Mayor Dan Rohrer with Mary Guiles Hawver, Director Providence Counseling Center, and staff. She said the outcome will be an action plan this fall from the meetings, which included health care providers, law enforcement, drug enforcement agents, and other participants. She said the plan will outline the services within the community and involve participation and input from other agencies in the near future. She commended the staff on the preparation of the FY2018 budget and said it has been an ongoing process throughout the year and she appreciates the suggestions that have been provided. She said a budget is an ongoing process; she opposes quick cuts to a budget and prefers the review of priorities that are needed in order to maintain a quality of life for the community. She encourages comments from the public and said they will continue to work through the FY2018 budget. She reminded everyone the City is about infrastructure and services. She gave a brief overview of the visit to Washington DC, which was very productive, and voiced appreciation for the collaboration with the Coast Guard. She said they met with USCG Admirals in Kodiak this week.

## **VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Walker congratulated the high school and middle school graduates and wished them luck into the future. He thanked Parks and Recreation Director Gronn for the pool maintenance and complimented the school district on the excellent graduation rate this year. He said the budget should reflect the quality of life to sustain into the future. He stated the City has a responsibility for a vast infrastructure. He encouraged the public to ask questions about the budget and he encouraged everyone to enjoy the Crab Festival.

Councilmember Bishop thanked staff and the department heads for their hard work and their conservative approach to the budget. He encouraged the community to enjoy Crab Festival.

Councilmember Whiddon provided an overview of his recent Washington D.C. the trip and the meetings that occurred. He said there was a focus on the Coast Guard to include: new cutters; aircraft; and additional personnel coming to Kodiak. He said it is important to recognize veterans during the Memorial Day weekend.

Councilmember Arboleda stated she wished everyone a fun and safe Crab Festival weekend.

Councilmember Davidson congratulated the high school graduating seniors. He wished everyone a great Crab Festival and he asked everyone to drive safety. He thanked the staff for the work that has been done on the budget.

## IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

**Bob Bowhac** said he is in support of Kodiak Harvest Co-op, a great economic development project. He spoke about enhancing the waterfront and encouraged the support of this group.

**Ryan Horwath**, telephonically, said he supports the crane project in the harbor budget.

**Betty MacTavish** thanked the Council for adopting Resolution No. 2017-15. She provided an update on SB63 in the legislative process.

**Jim Mullican**, Fire Chief, thanked the Council for their continued support. He said Medic No. 1 has arrived in town and is in the parking lot for viewing. He said it came in less than budgeted, and it has a ten-year life span with a potential rehabs up to three times. He said the City may have this ambulance for 40 years. He said this is important during the budget cycle. He thanked them for their support.

## X. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

*Delia Marlan*

CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: June 8, 2017

