

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK
HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018
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 Mike Tvenge, City Clerk Debra Marljar, 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 7, 2017, special meeting and December 14, 2017, 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

Stephanie Mason spoke in support of Ordinance No. 1372. She spoke in favor of an option to allow a longer transition time beyond April 22, 2018, for sellers to use their existing disposable plastic shopping bag inventory.

Aimee Williams, Executive Director for Discover Kodiak, provided an FY2018 second quarter report on tourism. She provided a summary of her meeting attendance and representation and stated there will be three new board members, and their annual meeting is on January 20. She said Discover Kodiak is working on an App, which will list shopping options, museums, historical sites, restaurants, etc. She said staffing at the visitor center is down, and they plan to use the unallocated staff funding for remodeling. She shared that there is an increase in social media responses.

Alexis Kwatcha said he hopes to find a solution for the downtown issues; he commented on the daily downtown poor behavior. He said he supports the plastic bag ban, and he stated the support of the bag ban demonstrates Council action makes a difference and he hopes they can make improvements in the downtown area.

Laurie Madsen, KPLA, via telephone, expressed her support for the Kodiak Public Library. She said she has not received a reply to her letter for funding. She said during the budget hardships, she predicts more people will use the library.

Major Dave Davis, Salvation Army, commented on the bag ban and said he supports using recyclable bags. He said the Salvation Army ordered 500 bags and they were disseminated within

the community rapidly. He supports environmental friendly initiatives and shared that he researched there are many options for bags and they reasonably priced.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. None

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. **First Reading, Ordinance No. 1372, Reducing the Use of Disposable Plastic Shopping Bags**

Mayor Branson read Ordinance No. 1372 by title. The current interest in Kodiak adopting its own “bag ordinance” started in December 2016, when the annual “Kodiak Strong!” Community Planning Event identified reducing local plastic waste, specifically single-use plastic shopping bags, as a top priority for consideration. In partnership with leaders of the community group working to raise public awareness regarding the impacts of single-use disposable plastic shopping bags, the Kodiak Island Borough’s Solid Waste Advisory Board drafted an ordinance, which was reviewed by the City Attorney, a transitional plan; timeline; and educational flyers to phase out single-use plastic shopping bags.

Councilmember Arboleda MOVED to pass Ordinance No. 1372 in the first reading and advance to second reading and public hearing at the next special or regular Council meeting.

Councilmember Whiddon said he is aware that some local vendors will have inventory of bags and hopes the effective date of the ordinance can be amended before the January 25, 2018, regular meeting.

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

b. **Resolution No. 2018–01, Rescinding Resolution No. 2017–25(SUB) and Re-Establishing an Economic Development Special Committee**

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2018–01 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 recommended the City establish a committee to achieve its economic development goals. The committee has held three meetings since November 3, 2017. Resolution No. 2018–01 has been revised to include committee recommendations by eliminating the alternate positions; establishing a quorum at five members; expanding community participation to include future representation by the Kodiak Island Borough, Kodiak Native Corporations, and USCG; and provide for committee participation via teleconference.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2018–01.

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

c. Resolution No. 2018–02, Rescinding City Resolution No. 2013–17 and Documenting the Kodiak Fisheries Work Group’s Scope and Authority

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2018–02 by title. This resolution re-defines the composition of the jointly formed Kodiak Fisheries Work Group (FWG) and formalizes their role and authority as they work on fisheries related issues for the Kodiak community. More specifically, it reduces the membership from three elected officials from each body to two elected officials; sets the meeting quorum at three members; removes the managers as non-voting ex-officio members; provides for monthly, instead of quarterly, reports from the fisheries analyst; and provides for teleconference participation.

Councilmember Walker MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2018–02.

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

d. Appointment of City Representatives to Kodiak Fisheries Work Group

Resolution No. 2018–02, which was adopted earlier in the meeting, re-established the scope and authority of the Kodiak Fisheries Work Group (FWG) and reduced the number of City and Borough representatives serving on the FWG from three to two. Mayor Pat Branson and Councilmembers John Whiddon and Randy Bishop are presently the City’s representatives to the FWG. Mayor Branson and Councilmember Whiddon have agreed to continue to serve on the FWG.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to appointment Pat Branson and John Whiddon to the Kodiak Fisheries Work Group to serve until successors are appointed.

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 Tvenge said the City Manager’s office has been busy but he did not have a formal report.

b. City Clerk

Clerk Marlar provided an overview of Council’s the upcoming work session and regular meeting, and she included the dates and times for the January Economic Development Committee.

VII. MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Branson provided a brief recap on the tax discussion from the Council’s Tuesday work session. She said the rules will be tightened for the senior sales tax exemption by requiring a power of attorney if seniors are unable to do their own shopping and stated tobacco and alcohol

will not be included in the senior exemption. She said she appreciated Mr. Kwatcha's comments and positivity to find solutions. She stated she is interested in having a meeting with agencies and individuals on January 24, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. to discuss the downtown issues. She hopes there is attendance by the Homeless Coalition, KPD, Brother Francis, Salvation Army, and churches. She said she hopes to get some solutions from the meeting to address some of the downtown issues. She said she is hopeful the City and Borough staff continues communicating to finalize a building department agreement, and she mentioned the local governments also work jointly on the animal control contract. She said this collaboration is necessary in the current budget climate.

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Walker said the Council has worked diligently on the budget, and they will continue to work on downtown improvements.

Councilmember Davidson said the Council is working on the downtown improvements and shared that there are constitutional rights of people, which dictate the management of issues. He wished everyone a safe winter.

Councilmember Arboleda encouraged people to attend the January 24, 2018, meeting and encouraged people to use downtown services.

Councilmember Whiddon said the Governor's office is working to address the concerns addressed in the Pacific Cod disaster letter that was sent by the City and Borough. He said there should be resolution regarding the pink salmon disaster declaration in the near future. He said the salmon work group is working on the allocation between the upper Cook Inlet and Kodiak, which is at the Board of Fish level. He said there is discussion regarding state management of federal waters in the reauthorization of the Magnuson Stevens Act. He shared that the NPFMC meeting is in Seattle next month; significant topics include electronic monitoring of bycatch quantities and the potential increase in the Chinook cap. He said the Fisheries Analyst contract expires next month and the Fisheries Work Group is working on a revised RFP.

Councilmember Saravia said he hopes the City and Borough continue to work together to provide services and work to improve communication.

Councilmember Bishop congratulated Finance Director Mayes for the audit and Fire Chief Mullican for his presentation at the work session. He said the planning meeting was productive and it demonstrated the good work, and he thanked City Manager Tvenge.

IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Stephanie Mason thanked the Mayor and Council for supporting the bag ban, and she anticipates it is the start of other environmentally friendly activities within the community.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Discussion With the City Attorney About City Litigation Cases

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to enter into executive session.

Clerk Marlar noted the executive session was allowed pursuant to AS 44.62.310(c)(1) to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the City.

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

Council entered into executive session at 8:06 p.m.

The Mayor reconvened the regular meeting at 9:25 p.m.


XI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Walker 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 9:26 p.m.

CITY OF KODIAK



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: January 25, 2018

