

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK
HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 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 Marlar, and Deputy Clerk Michelle Shuravloff-Nelson were also present.

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

II. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2018, 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. Proclamation: Applauding the USCG and Proclaiming USCG Appreciation Day

Councilmember Whiddon and retired Commander of the USCG read the proclamation, which urges all citizens to recognize our Coast Guard community for their individual and collective efforts in making Kodiak and all the navigable waters of Alaska a safer and better place to live, work, and play. The City applauds the USCG and proclaims February 17, 2018, as Coast Guard Appreciation Day.

b. Public Comments

Bettye MacTavish spoke in support of SB63, an act prohibiting smoking in certain places; relating to education on the smoking prohibition; and providing for an effective date. She said the bill is going back to the Rules Committee; and she recommended if anyone feels strongly in support of SB63, they should contact the Kodiak Legislative Office or Representative Stutes.

Jason Waggoner, via telephone, stated he does not support Ordinance No. 1372. He said reusable bags have unsanitary consequences. He said the modern world is plastic and asked for reconsideration of the bag ban.

Stephanie Mason, via telephone, expressed her support for Ordinance No. 1372. She said there are many citizens nationwide that support the bag ban. She said this is an environmentally friendly initiative.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Second Reading and Public Hearing, 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 Whiddon MOVED to adopt Ordinance No. 1372.

Councilmember Whiddon MOVED to amend Ordinance No. 1372 by inserting the following sentence at the end of Section 4: “However, those inventories of disposable plastic shopping bags purchased by sellers prior to the passage of this ordinance may be used after April 22, 2018, until these inventories of pre-purchased bags have been expended, but not later than December 31, 2018.”

Mayor Branson closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing.

Kelly Krueger, Sun’aq Tribe of Kodiak, said the Tribe supports Ordinance No. 1372 and they are seeking funding from National Geographic, specifically a grant for reducing marine plastics. She said they have pursued funding, which would help to purchase 2,000 recyclable bags for the City and Borough.

Mike Mulligan said he supports the ordinance on the bag ban. He said he researched and referenced another location that has a plastic bottle ban, which reduced costs and eliminated plastic bottles in the landfill. He predicted Kodiak will not eliminate plastic bag usage, but there will be a significant reduction, and it will reduce littering. He said he appreciates the concerns expressed by the retailers and overall thinks it is a good idea.

Mary Ruskovich voiced support of Ordinance No. 1372. She said she wants citizens to put the world and community first by putting the natural resources first instead of personal convenience by reducing their use of plastic bags. She said Kodiak could be showcased for protecting the beautiful national resources.

Mayor Branson closed the public hearing after testimony and reopened the regular meeting.

Discussion ensued on the definition of disposable plastic bags.

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

The roll call vote on the main motion as amended was Councilmembers Arboleda, Bishop, Davidson, Saravia, Walker and Whiddon in favor. The motion passed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Resolution No. 2018–03, Adopting an Alternative Method for the FY2018 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program and Certifying That This Allocation Method Fairly Represents the Distribution of Significant Effects of Fisheries Business Activity in Fisheries Management Area 13: Kodiak Area**

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2018–03 by title. Resolution No. 2018–03 adopts an alternative allocation method and certifies the allocation method fairly represents the distribution of significant effects of Fisheries Business activity in Fishing Management Area (FMA) 13. This resolution adopts an alternative allocation from the long form, which was used in the past. The decision to use the short or alternative form is agreed upon by the Kodiak Island Borough, other Kodiak local governments, and the City each year by resolution.

Councilmember Arboleda MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2018–03.

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

b. **Resolution No. 2018–04, Approving the City Council’s Budget Goals for FY2019**

Mayor Branson read Resolution No. 2018–04 by title. The Council reviewed a draft list of proposed budget goals for FY2019 at the annual planning meeting on January 6, 2018. The goals are similar to those of FY2018 with some changes and suggested deletions for clarification. The approved goals will be used by staff in the development of the FY2019 City budget.

Councilmember Walker MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 2018–04.

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

c. **Appointment to the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council**

The City of Kodiak has a dedicated seat for a representative on the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens’ Advisory Council (CIRCAC). Rob Lindsey has served in the City’s primary seat for several years. Mr. Lindsey’s current term ends in April 2018, and CIRCAC has indicated Mr. Lindsey wishes to continue to serve for another three-year term.

Councilmember Arboleda MOVED to appoint Rob Lindsey as the City of Kodiak’s appointee to the Cook Inlet Citizens’ Advisory Council for a three-year term ending in April 2021.

Councilmember Whiddon thanked Rob Lindsey for his service on this board.

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

d. Acceptance of the FY2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Audit)

Each year the City Council retains a qualified accounting firm to perform an annual audit of the City's financial records and accounting practices. The City Charter and the City Code require the Council to accept the comprehensive annual financial report. Council typically accepts the report and results of the audit by motion. Staff recommends Council approve the results of the financial statement audit for Fiscal Year 2017 in accordance with KCC 3.24.020 and accept the Fiscal Year 2017 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Councilmember Bishop MOVED to accept the City's Fiscal Year 2017 audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

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

e. Authorization to Cancel the February 22, 2018, Regular Meeting and Authorize the City Manager to Schedule a Special Meeting if Needed

The regularly scheduled Council meeting for February 22, 2018, may be cancelled to reflect elected official and staff travel schedules. Elected officials and staff attend the annual winter Alaska Municipal League Conference February 20-23 and meet with Juneau officials. At a recent work session, the Council voiced a consensus to cancel the February 22 regular meeting and authorize the City Manager to schedule a special meeting if needed.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to cancel the February 22, 2018, regular meeting and authorize the City Manager to schedule a special meeting if needed.

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 at Discover Kodiak's annual meeting they presented the Kodiak Public Library with the 2017 Baranof Award for its contribution to the development of Kodiak's visitor industry. The award specifically commends the City's Library Cruise Ship Welcome Program as an example of the way the library goes above and beyond to promote Kodiak's cultural and business venues, and to offer hospitality to the thousands of visitors that come to the island each year. He said the library was recognized for their commitment to providing resources, trainings, and collaborative programs in support of Kodiak's economic development. He commented that the library enjoys a strong partnership with Discover Kodiak and the City accepts the award with deep appreciation.

Manager Tvenge said early Tuesday morning, January 23, 2018, Kodiak citizens were all awoken by the rumbling of the earth followed by a tsunami warning. He commented that one week prior the Emergency Services Council met to discuss their role during an emergency and the responsibilities of the Emergency Operation Center. He stated that the Coast Guard, School District, City, Borough, and others train for such an incident and showed their ability to respond that night during the tsunami warning. He thanked those who volunteered to provide shelter and services, and were “on watch” during the warning. He said fortunately, Kodiak was spared from a damaging tsunami. He shared that the earthquake did cause structural damage throughout town and he urged the public to inspect their homes and businesses for damage.

He said everyone needs to have an evacuation plan and he stated in the coming weeks the Incident Management Team will put together information of safe escape routes, available shelters, informational media sites, and a map of the most recent tsunami inundation zone. He thanked the public for orderly evacuation and the discipline showed in a time of emergency.

b. City Clerk

Clerk Marlar provided an overview of the Council’s upcoming work session and regular meeting. She thanked City Manager Tvenge for his calm leadership during the emergency at the Incident Command Center.

VII. MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Branson thanked Manager Tvenge for his leadership during the emergency tsunami warning. She said it was a collaborative effort during the warning and she is thankful it can be used as a test drill for the community. She said the community helped one another during the emergency. She said she will meet with the manager to debrief and determine areas for improvements. She congratulated Finance Director Mayes and staff on the FY2017 audit. She thanked Rob Lindsey for his willingness to serve on CIRCAC. She said there was a meeting regarding downtown revitalization and discussion ensued about the current services for the social issues seen in the area and the future ideas to improve downtown. She said recommendations would be coming to the Council soon to address some of the issues in the area. She said on Saturday, February 17, 2018, the Kodiak Chamber of Commerce would have an event to applaud the USCG for their service. She said Senator Murkowski invited her to testify before the Senate Committee on natural disasters in Washington D.C. next week. She said she will be traveling and has received help from the Deputy Manager and the City’s DC lobbyist in preparation of this testimony.

VIII. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Walker commended the professionalism of staff during the emergency and he thanked the Fire and Public Works departments for their work. He thanked Finance for the audit. He said the Council would address downtown issues. He thanked the USCG for their service and he thanked the people of Kodiak for their calm demeanor during the time of a community emergency.

Councilmember Davidson thanked the citizens for their calmness during the emergency. He thanked Finance Director Mayes and her staff for their work on the audit. He reminded the pub-

lic during the cold temperatures to watch for freezing pipes. He expressed his appreciation for the Coast Guard.

Councilmember Arboleda thanked and commended the Kodiak community, City, Borough, and fellow neighbors for helping each other. She shared her experience at the high school where she went for shelter. She congratulated Finance Director Mayes for a successful audit and Library Director Baxter for the award from Discover Kodiak. She said she went to the Downtown Revitalization meeting, which was well attended and stated positive ideas were shared. She encouraged citizens to drive safely and she let the listening audience know they were aware some sirens were not working properly.

Councilmember Whiddon commended the USCG and families for their service. He acknowledged Finance Director Mayes for her exceptional performance, including the FY2017 audit. He said KMXT did an excellent job reporting to the public during the tsunami warning. He said the community came together during an emergency, which makes Kodiak a special place to live.

Councilmember Saravia commended Manager Tvenge for his performance at the command center and said he has heard positive feedback. He congratulated the Coast Guard and expressed his appreciation.

Councilmember Bishop said events, such as the earthquake and tsunami warning make you realize it is important to be thankful. He said he is thankful for KPD, the Fire department, the City Manager, and Emergency Operation Center.

IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Future Use of Gibson Cove

The City Council will enter into executive session to discuss the future use of Gibson Cove.

Councilmember Davidson MOVED to enter into executive session 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 8:27 p.m.

The Mayor reconvened the regular meeting at 9:30 p.m.

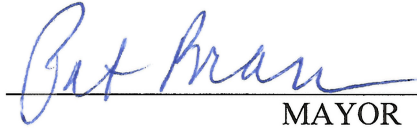
XI. ADJOURNMENT

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 9:30 p.m.

CITY OF KODIAK


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: February 8, 2018

