

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 22, 2024
6:00 p.m.



Unalaska City Hall
Council Chambers
43 Raven Way

Council Members
Thomas D. Bell
Darin Nicholson
Daneen Looby

Council Members
Anthony Longo
Alejandro R. Tungul
Shari Coleman

UNALASKA CITY COUNCIL

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Mayor: Vincent M. Tutiakoff, Sr. **City Manager:** William Homka
City Clerk: Estkarlen P. Magdaong, emagdaong@ci.unalaska.ak.us

MINUTES

1. **Call to order.** Vice Mayor Tungul called the regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council to order on October 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Council member Coleman read the City's Mission Statement: *To provide a sustainable quality of life through excellent stewardship of government.*

2. **Roll call.** City Clerk called the roll. Council members Nicholson, Bell, Coleman and Tungul were present while Mayor Tutiakoff and Ms. Looby participated remotely. Mr. Longo was absent, excused.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.** Vice Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Recognition of Visitors.** Acting City Manager made the following recognition of visitors:
 - a. Denise Rankin and Laresa Syverson from the Ounalashka Corporation;
 - b. Virginia Hatfield from the Museum of the Aleutians;
 - c. Julie Toomey and Ethan Tyler from the Aleut Corporation;
 - d. Sinclair Wilt from Alyeska & Westward Seafoods; and
 - e. Joe Bundrandt and Paul Doremus from Trident Seafoods.
5. Vice Mayor read into record the proclamation declaring November 1, 2024 as Extra Mile Day.
6. **Awards and Presentations.** Vice Mayor acknowledged the 30-year employment anniversary of Trudie Rose-McKeague, from the Supply Division at Department of Public Works. DPW Director Scott Brown spoke and thanked her for her years of service. Vice Mayor and Mr. Brown presented Ms. Rose-McKeague with an anniversary plaque and pin.

Vice Mayor also recognized the 20-year employment anniversary of Mark Chisum, from the Facilities Maintenance Division at the Department of Public Works. Mr. Brown also spoke briefly and thanked Mr. Chisum for his years of service. Vice Mayor and Mr. Brown presented Mr. Chisum his anniversary plaque and pin.
7. **Oaths of Office.** City Clerk administered the oaths of office for Council member Alejandro Bong Tungul for Seat CC-F and Council member Shari Coleman for Seat CC-G.

8. **Appointment of Vice Mayor.** Nicholson moved to appoint Tungul as Vice Mayor, with second by Coleman.

Roll call vote: Coleman – yes; Bell – yes; Nicholson – yes; Tungul – yes; Looby – yes

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no.

9. **Adoption of Agenda.** Nicholson moved to adopt the agenda, with second by Coleman. Hearing no objection, motion passed by consensus.

10. **Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting.** Coleman moved to approve the proposed minutes of the meeting held October 8, 2024 as presented, with second by Nicholson. Hearing no objection, the proposed minutes were approved.

11. **Reports.**

a. Acting City Manager provided additional information for the written report and answered Council questions.

Clerk's note: Acting City Manager welcomed U.S. Representative Mary Peltola as she stopped by and spoke briefly at the meeting.

b. Board and Commission Minutes (no presentation)

i. Library Advisory Committee Meeting, September 9, 2024 was also included in the packet for Council's information.

12. **Community Input & Announcements** were given as follows:

a. Parks, Culture and Recreation Director Roger Blakeley announced programs happening at the PCR.

b. Virginia Hatfield, MOTA Executive Director, announced programs and events happening at the Museum.

c. Fisheries Consultant Frank Kelty provided an update on crab season.

13. **Public Comment on Agenda Items.** None

14. **Public Hearing.** Vice Mayor opened the public hearing on Ordinance 2024-13 Amending Title 17 of the Unalaska Code of Ordinances.

There being no testimony, Vice Mayor closed the public hearing.

15. **Work Session.** Nicholson moved to enter into Work Session, with second by Coleman. Hearing no objection, Council entered into Work Session at 6:40 p.m.

a. Federal Lobbyists Sebastian O'Kelly and Rick Marks discussed proposed Federal Legislative Priorities for FY25 and answered Council questions.

Council discussion.

Coleman moved to return to regular session, with second by Nicholson. Hearing no objection, Council returned to regular session at 7:17 p.m.

16. **Regular Agenda**

a. Ordinance 2024-13: (2nd reading) Amending Title 17 of the Unalaska Code of Ordinances

Coleman moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-13, with second by Nicholson.

Acting City Manager Veeder provided a brief introduction of the ordinance.

Council discussion.

Roll call vote: Bell – yes; Looby – yes; Nicholson – yes; Coleman - yes; Tungul – yes

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no. With this vote, Council has adopted Ordinance 2024-13.

- b. Ordinance 2024-14: (1st Reading) Amending Unalaska Code of Ordinance, Section 6.40.050 (C), Senior Citizen Refund

Coleman moved to introduce Ordinance 2024-14 and schedule it for public hearing and second reading on November 12, 2024; with second by Nicholson.

Acting City Manager provided an overview of the proposed ordinance and introduced City Attorney Sam Severin who provided more information and answered Council questions.

Council discussion.

City Clerk provided information and answered a question from the Mayor.

Roll call vote: Coleman – yes; Tungul – yes; Nicholson – no; Bell – no; Looby – yes

Motion failed with 3 yes and 2 no. Ordinance 2024-14 will not advance to public hearing and second reading.

- c. Resolution 2024-44: Amending the language of the funding source for Community Support Grants Program

Nicholson moved to adopt Resolution 2024-44, with second by Bell.

Acting City Manager provided an overview of the resolution.

Council discussion.

Looby moved to amend the resolution as to the funding formula, by increasing from 3.5% to 4.5% of the average General Fund revenue for the five most recently completed and audited fiscal years, with second by Coleman.

Council discussion.

Roll call vote on the amendment: Looby – yes; Coleman – no; Nicholson – no; Tungul – no; Bell – no.

Motion to amend failed with 1 yes and 4 no.

Roll call vote on the main motion: Coleman – yes; Bell – no; Looby – yes; Nicholson - yes; Tungul – yes

Main motion passed with 4 yes and 1 no. With this vote, Council has adopted Resolution 2024-44.

d. Resolution 2024-45: Amending the Community Support Grant Program Guidelines

Nicholson moved to adopt Resolution 2024-45, with second by Coleman.

Acting City Manager provided a brief introduction of the resolution.

Council discussion.

Roll call vote: Bell – no; Nicholson – yes; Tungul – yes; Looby – yes; Coleman – yes.

Motion passed with 4 yes and 1 no. With this vote, Council has adopted Resolution 2024-45.

e. Resolution 2024-46: Identifying the City of Unalaska's Federal Priorities for fiscal years 2025 and 2026

Coleman moved to adopt Resolution 2024-46, with second by Bell.

Acting City Manager provided an introduction for the resolution.

Council discussion.

Bell moved to postpone to the November 12th meeting, with second by Nicholson.

Council discussion.

Roll call vote on the postponement: Tungul – no; Coleman – yes; Looby – yes; Bell – yes; Nicholson – yes.

Motion passed with 4 yes and 1 no. With this vote, Resolution 2024-46 has been postponed to the November 12th meeting.

f. Resolution 2024-47: Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Knik Construction Co., Inc. for the supply of aggregate (rock and traction sand) for road maintenance and landfill use

Nicholson moved to adopt Resolution 2024-47, with second by Coleman.

Acting City Manager provided an overview of the resolution.

Council discussion.

DPW Director Scott Brown answered Council questions.

Roll call vote: Nicholson – yes; Looby – yes; Coleman – yes; Bell – yes; Tungul – yes.

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no. With this vote, Council has adopted Resolution 2024-47.

g. Travel approval: Washington, D.C. Lobbying; and Alaska Municipal League Annual Meeting in Anchorage

Coleman moved to approve the Mayor to travel to Washington D.C. and AML in Anchorage, with second by Nicholson.

Council discussion.

Bell moved to amend the motion to include the Mayor and up to two Council members to travel, with second by Nicholson.

Council discussion.

Roll call vote: Tungul – yes; Looby – yes; Bell – yes; Coleman – yes; Nicholson – yes

Motion passed with 5 yes and 0 no. With this vote, Council has approved travel for the Mayor and up to two Council members to travel.

17. **Council Directives to City Manager.** None

18. **Community Input & Announcements** were given as follows:

- a. Mayor Tutiakoff extended his congratulations to Council members Coleman and Tungul on their reelection, and reminded Council members who would like to travel to confirm with the City Manager as soon as possible.

19. **Adjournment.** Having completed all items on the agenda, the Vice Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Unalaska City Council on November 12, 2024.

Estkarlen P. Magdaong, CMC
City Clerk