

CITY OF UNALASKA
UNALASKA, ALASKA
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2007

The regular meeting of the Unalaska City Council was called to order by Mayor Marquardt at 7:00 p.m., October 23, 2007, in the Unalaska City Hall Council Chambers. Roll call was taken and the following members were present:

Mayor - Shirley Marquardt

Members - D. H. "Kris" Flanagan
- Katherine McGlashan
- Juanita Lewis
- Roger Rowland
- Rocky Caldero

Absent - Richard Peck (excused)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Marquardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1. Add as New Business #2 and #3 - Mayor's Travel request- Risk Assessment meeting and Council travel request-AML. Mayor Marquardt declared agenda approved as revised.

MINUTES: Hearing no revisions, Mayor Marquardt declared the minutes October 9, 2007, October 12, 2007 and October 15, 2007 adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Tonya Miller, Finance Director, reported that FY07 books are closed; financial reports for September 2007 will be available next meeting; comprehensive annual financial report will be presented in November.

BOARD/COMMISSION REPORTS: Planning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission minutes included in the packet.

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS: None

MANAGER'S REPORT: Chris Hladick, City Manager, reported on the Arctic Energy conference held last week in Anchorage; conference was represented by 16 countries; attended panel discussions on policy development for cargo movement across the North Pole concerning exploration in the Arctic; the topics discussed were geothermal energy, wind power, and electric power; met with Rene Evans and EPA Representatives and discussed the Wastewater project; permit process was stopped; may do an environmental assessment because EPA is raising concerns about Stellar Eiders; EPA may impose fines on City for non-compliance with the permit; discussed the final mitigation plan for the Small Boat Harbor with Fish & Wildlife; City requested \$1.5 million from Alaska Dept. of Energy for a geothermal exploration drilling project in Makushin.

COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Absentee voting for the November 5th run-off election begins on Thursday, October 25th.
2. Unalaska Fire Department, EMS and Volunteers were introduced; stated the different valuable services provided to the community.
3. Thank you to the Fire Department, EMS, and Volunteers; appreciate all the hard work.
4. Thank you to the Fire Department for the quick response during the Unisea-G1 plant incident.
5. Encourage everyone to visit the Fire Department.
6. Pete Gray, Alaska Marine Pilots, expressed appreciation to Mayor Marquardt for being the catalyst for the Aleutian Risk Assessment; encourage everyone to support the Risk Assessment meeting to be held in the community.
7. Crab brokers will be in town this Thursday; please show Unalaska hospitality.
8. The ethics policy for the City of Unalaska will be discussed on the next meeting.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY ON AGENDA ITEMS: None

LEGISLATIVE:

1. **OATH OF OFFICE:**

Rowena Lacson, Acting City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Shirley Marquardt and Council Member Roger Rowland.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 2007-11:** CREATING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE FY08 BUDGET FOR SOLID WASTE RATE STUDY, AIRPORT BEACH EROSION PROJECT, AND REVENUE SHARING REVENUE.

PUBLIC HEARING: Cont.:

Mayor Marquardt opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2007-11.
Mayor Marquardt closed the public hearing. No public testimony.

2. **ORDINANCE NO. 2007-12:** REZONING A PORTION OF TRACT A, DRIFTWOOD SUBDIVISION FROM A HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT TO PUBLIC/QUASI-PUBLIC ZONING.

Mayor Marquardt opened the public hearing on Ordinance No. 2007-12.
Mayor Marquardt closed the public hearing. No public testimony.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-47:** ADOPTING AN ALTERNATIVE ALLOCATION METHOD FOR THE FY08 SHARED FISHERIES BUSINESS TAX PROGRAM AND CERTIFYING THAT THIS ALLOCATION METHOD FAIRLY REPRESENTS THE DISTRIBUTION OF SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS OF FISHERIES BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN THE ALEUTIAN ISLANDS FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA.

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-55:** CONFIRMING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF CAROLINE S. WILLIAMS TO THE UNALASKA PLANNING COMMISSION/PLATTING BOARD.

Hearing no objections, Mayor Marquardt declared the Consent Agenda adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 2007-11: SECOND READING:** CREATING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE FY08 BUDGET FOR SOLID WASTE RATE STUDY, AIRPORT BEACH EROSION PROJECT, AND REVENUE SHARING REVENUE.

McGlashan move to adopt Ordinance No. 2007-11, Lewis second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

2. **ORDINANCE NO. 2007-12: SECOND READING:** REZONING A PORTION OF TRACT A, DRIFTWOOD SUBDIVISION FROM A HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT TO PUBLIC/QUASI-PUBLIC ZONING.

McGlashan move to adopt Ordinance No. 2007-12, Caldero second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-54:** AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH CHRIS HLADICK FOR THE POSITION OF CITY MANAGER.

Flanagan move to adopt Resolution No. 2007-54, Lewis second.

Public Testimony: Public testified urging Council to consider the rising personnel costs on health insurance and PERS before approving the City Manager's contract; explained that the increases are also applicable to the City Manager's contract; Council has frozen all merit increases for City employees; the merit increases are the only source in place to mitigate the rising cost of living which is increasing at more than 3% per year according to the Anchorage CMI; many City employees are struggling to find solutions to cope with the increases, the City Manager is not concerned; the contract guarantees the City Manager will receive a raise at least the Anchorage CMI increase this year; unlike the City employees who are facing an uncertain financial future; request Council to consider the message approving the City Manager's contract will send to other City employees; employees who have faithfully served the community and are being denied wage increases to compensate for increasing cost of living; approximately 100 City employees are without a contract; over 150 City employees share the same concerns; urged Council to make a decision equitable to all City employees and not just one.

DISCUSSION: Mayor Marquardt explained the City Manager's contract; will retain existing annual base salary in the event the City employees covered under Title 3 are not to receive merit increases in FY07; will receive an increase when Title 3 employees receive merit increases.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

2. MAYOR'S TRAVEL REQUEST - RISK ASSESSMENT MEETING.

Rowland move to approve Mayor Marquardt's travel to the Risk Assessment meeting provided the State will reimburse the City; Flanagan second.

DISCUSSION: Council discussion that the travel request was brought back due to the State offering to reimburse the City for the Mayor's travel to Risk Assessment meeting; State can only reimburse expenses and not pay up front; will support the Mayor's travel.

Public inquiring about the rules and procedures on late additions to the agenda. Mayor Marquardt explained the procedure in amending Council agenda; try to avoid major discussion items added to the agenda as staff has no time to prepare information and the public is not properly noticed; the discussion on ethics policy was not added to the agenda due to the request was not received within the time line; small housekeeping items that do not expend money can be added to the agenda.

Council discussion inquiring if the Department of Ports is involved with the Risk Assessment; Alvin Osterback, Port Director, explained that the Ports is involved in maintaining and deploying the ETS system; Risk Assessment should be turned to the Department of Ports; agree that Ports should be involved in terms of long term sustainability; discussion that Council can direct the City Manager to direct the Ports Department to get involved with the Risk Assessment.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

3. COUNCIL MEMBER TRAVEL REQUEST - AML IN FAIRBANKS, ALASKA.

Flanagan move to approve Council Members McGlashan and Flanagan travel to AML, Caldero second.

Discussion: Council discussion in agreement for Council Member McGlashan to attend the AML conference; good idea to send Council Member Flanagan even though he will no longer be with the Council; will learn a lot with the remainder of his term.

Council discussion inquiring on the need to send the Mayor and three Council Members to the conference. Mayor Marquardt explained the benefits of attending the AML conference; attended by Clerks, Directors, Managers, Council Members, and Mayors; advocacy group for the entire State; AML addresses issues on a statewide basis like capital funding, Governor's budget, PERS and TERS system, and revenue sharing; annual meeting is well attended by rural communities; newly elected officials training is very helpful.

Council discussion not in favor of Council Member Flanagan attending AML; have a lot of respect for Council Member Flanagan and have learned from him when started as a new Council Member; do not believe it is fiscally responsible to spending money for someone who is leaving Council.

Council discussion that there are so many sessions to attend to; attendees can't attend all sessions offered but as a newly elected official is it very helpful to learn the protocol; concur that Council Member Flanagan should not attend the conference; will no longer be with the Council soon.

VOTE: NAY-5, AYE-0

Lewis move to approve Council Member McGlashan's travel to AML, Caldero second.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: UNANIMOUS

4. FISHERIES UPDATE: FRANK KELTY, RESOURCE ANALYST.

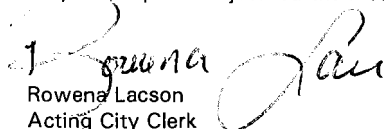
Frank Kelty, Natural Resource Analyst, gave a fisheries update.

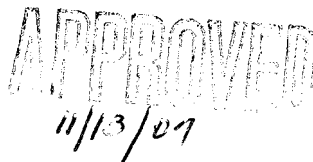
COUNCIL DIRECTIVES: None

COMMUNITY INPUT/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Remind everyone about the Red Ribbon Week this week and USAFV Domestic Violence month; luncheon was a good turn out; appreciate the support.
3. Breast Cancer Research annual fund raising garage sale on October 26th to October 29th at Eagle Quality Store.
4. Thank you to all the people who donated, helped, and participated on the UCB fundraising this week; met goal this year.

Mayor Marquardt adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.


Rowena Lacson
Acting City Clerk


APPROVED
11/13/07