



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND WORKSHOP
Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 8:00 PM

MINUTES

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MEETING INFORMATION

SECOND AMENDED AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS / 8:00 p.m.
141 Main Street, Dillingham, AK 99576 (907) 842-5212

A Council Workshop on Prioritization was held at 7:27 PM in the Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER time: 8:06 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ruby

Kaleb Westfall, Michael Bennett, Bert Luckhurst, Curt Armstrong,

(via ZOOM), Kevin McCambly; Steven Carriere was excused but joined via ZOOM @ 8:40 PM

Council members present and a quorum established. *(a quorum being four)*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

11/07/2024 Regular Council Meeting

Motion: Kaleb Westfall

Second: Bert Luckhurst

Discussion: Michael Bennett moved to postpone approval; Kaleb Westfall 2nd; unanimous approval, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – N/A

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dan Decker recommended the Executive Session be deleted.

MOTION to approve agenda by Michael Bennett; 2nd by Kaleb Westfall.

MOTION to amend the agenda to delete executive session by Bert Luckhurst; 2nd by Curt Armstrong

ROLL CALL VOTE YEA: Bert Luckhurst, Curt Armstrong

VOTE NO: Michael Bennet, Kaleb Westfall, Kevin McCambly. MOTION FAILED.

RETURN TO ORIGINAL MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

ROLL CALL VOTE YEA: Kevin McCambly, Curt Armstrong, Kaleb Westfall, Michael Bennett, Bert Luckhurst. MOTION CARRIED. (confirmed votes on recording, this is what happened.)

MOTION TO MOVE EXECUTIVE SESSION to later in the meeting by Michael Bennett; 2nd by Kaleb Westfall; unanimous approval, motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Manager's Report

- Dan Decker stated that Sgt. Nickels was awarded a grant for a K-9 unit. The City to provide \$4,500 in matching funds. Sgt. Nickels will be provided training and a narcotics detection animal.
- PFAS test kits for the Lake Road fire station are on the way.

Staff Reports

Public Works Director, Phillip Baumgartner, reported the Windmill Hill sewer lift station had frozen after experiencing rocks in the pump station system.

CRW engineering is conducting a structural evaluation of cracks at the City Hall Building. Phillip assured the council that the building was sound.

Philip stated that new locks and doors were needed at the Police, Library & Museum.

Chief of Police, Tracy Omalley, reported a "lockdown" at Kananak Hospital due to children playing on a phone.

Planning Director, Chris Maines, is seeking letters of interest from community members to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission

Committee Reports

Curt Armstrong provided a report on the Budget & Finance Committee.

Committee Appointments: None

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Bennett stated that disposal of the garage door panels from the Lake Road fire station should have gone out to public bid.

Councilman McCambly questioned if CRW was the most cost effective and feasible for the city. Phillip Baumgartner stated that CRW is providing an integral service.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-48:

MOTION: Michael Bennett moved to postpone until after RESOLUTION 2024-51; Kaleb Westfall 2nd, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 49: A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZING PHIL AND EMILY HULETT AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR THEIR POSITIVE COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION IN BUILDING AND HOSTING THE PALLET MAZE EVENT FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN OCTOBER.

MOTION TO APPROVE by Michael Bennett; 2nd by Kaleb Westfall; unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED, RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-50: A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING AN ALTERNATIVE ALLOCATION METHOD FOR THE FY25 SHARED FISHERIES BUSINESS TAX PROGRAM AND CERTIFYING THAT THIS ALLOCATION METHOD FAIRLY REPRESENTS THE DISTRIBUTION OF SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS OF FISHERIES BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN FMA 5: BRISTOL BAY AREA

MOTION TO APPROVE by Kaleb Westfall; 2nd by Michael Bennett,

DISCUSSION: Mayor Ruby described an alternative "Fish Tax". Anita Foran, Finance Director, explained that the city receives these monies on an annual basis.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL, MOTION CARRIED, RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-51: A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXTENDING THE CONTRACT WITH CRW ENGINEERING FOR ONE ADDITIONAL VOTED YEAR.

MOTION TO APPROVE by Kaleb Westfall; 2nd by Bert Luckhurst. Unanimous approval
MOTION CARRIED

DISCUSSION: Dan Decker asked for a one-year contract extension, as there were no other bids. Kevin McCambly questioned whether engineering services should be put out to bid.

Unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED, RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-48 A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM AUTHORIZING CRW ENGINEERING TO DESIGN AN HVAC PACKAGE FOR CITY HALL AND PROVIDE A SITE VISIT AND REPORT FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING HVAC

MOTION TO RETURN TO THE TABLE by Bert Luckhurst; 2nd by Kaleb Westfall

DISCUSSION: Kaleb Westfall asked if we had budgeted for the \$149,960 contract extension. Dan Decker explained that it would require a budget revision in FY26

ROLL CALL

Vote Yes: Bert Luckhurst, Michael Bennett, Curt Armstrong, Steven Carriere, Kaleb Westfall.

Vote No: Kevin McCambly

MOTION CARRIED, RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

RESOLUTION NO 2024-52: A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL AWARDING ADMINISTRATIVE TIME OFF TO CITY EMPLOYEES FOR DECEMBER 24TH AND DECEMBER 31ST, 2024, AS A GIFT IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION THROUGHOUT THE PAST YEAR

MOTION TO APPROVE by Michael Bennett; 2nd by Kaleb Westfall

DISCUSSION: Bert Luckhurst suggested that city employees be given turkeys or hams.

Unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Manager Recruitment Update

The Council requested a draft of steps to follow and a review of all 16 applications during the January 07, 2025, regular city council meeting.

Councilman Kevin McCambly expressed concern about the process potentially losing applicants: (Recording timestamp at 01:52:39) 'We're maybe losing interest of others and it might even actually been one particular applicant's actual best interest.'

NEW BUSINESS

CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION (Open to the Public)

Gregg Maxmiller expressed concern about the discontinuance of Zoom access to the council meetings. Enforcement of Title 12 regarding marine equipment being stored on city property. The CIP being moved through the Planning Commission and the City Manager selection.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

MOTION to provide turkeys and hams to city employees by Bert Luckhurst; 2nd by Kaleb Westfall, unanimous approval, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION: Michael Bennett moved to have staff schedule a public meeting to gain public input regarding subdivisions, zoning and specifically land adjacent to "the old school property" on Waskey road; 2nd by Kaleb Westfall, UNANIMOUS APPROVAL, motion carried.

Kevin McCambly expressed favor of the council meetings being available on ZOOM.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Encourages the council to Invite Alaska State Representative Bryce Edgmond to speak to the council in January in a workshop setting.

Requests Kaleb and Michael to give a ten-minute report to the council in January about the AML Conference, especially some of the positions that AML might have taken on the property tax issue and changes to local school contribution.

Mayor Ruby would like to see a "Parks & Recreation Committee" established to become a point of contact for all activities within the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The following subjects may be discussed in an Executive Session, from which the public is excluded:

a. Subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTE SESSION made by Kaleb Westfall; 2nd by Bert Luckhurst, unanimous approval, motion carried at 10:18 PM

MOTION TO LEAVE EXECUTIVE SESSION made by Kaleb Westfall; 2nd by Michael Bennett, unanimous approval. Motion carried at 11:16 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ruby called adjournment of the meeting at 11:17PM.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Legislative process
- Deed approach to local contributions
- AML Prop Tax work plan and school contributions

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ATTEST:



Abigail Flynn, Acting City Clerk

Approval Date: 33/06/2025