



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AT 7:00 P.M. WITH A WORKSHOP AT 5:30 P.M.

Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Our Vision. To have an infrastructure and city workforce that supports a sustainable, diversified and growing economy. We will partner with others to achieve economic development and other common goals that assure a high quality of living, and excellence in education.

MEETING INFORMATION

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

With a Workshop on the FY 26 School Budget at 5:30 p.m.

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS / 5:30 p.m. Workshop and 7:00 p.m. Special Meeting

141 Main Street, Dillingham, AK 99576 (907) 842-5212

Prior to the meeting, there was a workshop held where Rep. Bryce Edgmon spoke via Zoom about the Base Student Allocation and Capitol Projects and other topics of interest to the community.

Amy Brower and James Hall spoke on behalf of the school district in favor of the adoption of the full asked amount requested by the school district.

Call to Order

Mayor Alice Ruby called the Meeting to order at 7:26 PM.

Roll Call by the Clerk

Present:

- Councilman Bertram Luckhurst (Seat A – via Zoom)
- Councilman Steven Carriere (Seat C)
- Councilman Curt Armstrong (Seat D)
- Councilman Kaleb Westfall (Seat E)
- Councilman Kevin McCambly (Seat F)

Absent:

- Councilman Michael Bennett (Seat B)

Mayor Alice Ruby presided over the meeting.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Councilman Carriere.

Seconded by: Kaleb Westfall

Roll Call Vote:

- Unanimous Approval.
- **Motion carried.**

Citizen's Discussion (Public Comment)

1. **Phil Hulett** – Spoke on the importance of sustainable education funding and the impacts of state funding decisions.
2. **Terry Mann** – Newly elected school board member, emphasized prioritizing education and expressed concerns about potential program cuts.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution 2025-14 – School District Funding

1. **Motion to Table Until April 16 and Seek Legal Counsel Through Administration.**
 - Motion: Steven Carriere
 - Second: Kaleb Westfall
 - **Vote:** YES – Carriere, Luckhurst; NO – Armstrong, Westfall, McCambly
 - **Result:** Motion failed (required 4 affirmative votes)
2. **Amendment to Increase Funding to \$1,865,023 and strike last sentence.**
 - Motion: Kevin McCambly
 - Second: Kaleb Westfall
 - **Vote:** YES – Armstrong, McCambly, Westfall; NO – Carriere, Luckhurst
 - **Result:** Motion failed
3. **Amendment to Set Funding at \$1.7 Million**
 - Motion: Curt Armstrong
 - Second: Kaleb Westfall
 - **Vote:** YES – Westfall, Luckhurst, Armstrong; NO – McCambly, Carriere
 - **Result:** Motion failed (required 4 affirmative votes)
4. **Final Motion to Table Resolution 2025-14 to a Meeting Prior to April 16**
 - Motion: Steven Carriere
 - Second: Kevin McCambly
 - **Vote:** YES – Carriere, Luckhurst, Armstrong, McCambly; NO – Westfall
 - **Result: Motion carried**

Council directed staff to seek legal counsel regarding minimum funding obligations to the school district.

Council Comments

Council members expressed varying opinions regarding school funding:

- McCambly advocated for higher funding (\$1.86 million).
- Others supported maintaining current levels (\$1.7 million) or cited concerns over city infrastructure needs.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Alice Ruby provided closing comments on the following:

- Availability of DCRA training and an offer by Bill Dan to assist with training.
- Communication issues with the school district concerning resolution matters.
- Willingness to participate in facility committee meetings.
- Fire safety reminders, emphasizing caution with open flames during windy conditions.
- A moment of silence was held for those lost since the last meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

ATTEST:



Abigail Flynn, Acting City Clerk

Approval Date: 6/19/2025