



## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, August 07, 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

##### AGENDA: AMENDMENT 1

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CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS / 7:00 p.m.

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Amended to add and subtract items from the originally published agenda.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Alice Ruby.

#### ROLL CALL

- Present: Michael Bennett, Steven Carriere, Curt Armstrong, Kaleb Westfall, Kevin McCambly, Alice Ruby (Mayor), Bertram Luckhurst (via Zoom).

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- June 19, 2025 minutes were not included in the packet.
- Other minutes required corrections.
- Approval deferred to next meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

None.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Motion:** Approve agenda. Moved by Steven Carriere, seconded by Curt Armstrong.
- **Amendment:** Remove and postpone:
  - Resolution 2025-26 (Personnel Policy – Juneteenth Holiday)
  - Resolution 2025-28 (Change Mayor's Sale to online platform)
  - Resolution 2025-29 (Negotiate Lease Agreement with GCI)
  - Moved by Kevin McCambly, seconded by Michael Bennett.

- **Vote:** Passed unanimously.
- **Vote on Amended Agenda:** Passed unanimously.

## STAFF REPORTS

Staff reports received; council Q&A regarding landfill bears/electric fence, AML lease, housing grant focus, harbor/utility easements, labor negotiations timeline, airport water line RFP, financial reports and cash position, internet/Zoom capability, signage, and litigation updates. No formal actions taken.

- Strategic Plan Report- no updates
- City Manager and Staff Reports-given
- Reports presented by City Manager and staff.
- Council Q&A covered:
  - Landfill bears and electric fence installation
  - AML lease status
  - Housing grant focus areas
  - Harbor and utility easements
  - Labor negotiations timeline
  - Airport water line RFP
  - Financial reports and cash position
  - Harbor cold storage and refrigeration projects
  - Internet/Zoom capability and public access
  - Signage and litigation updates
- Standing Committee Reports- none

Citizen Committee Appointments-None.

## CITIZEN'S COMMENTS (Prior Notice or Agenda Items)

- **Craig Maines** – Opposed Resolution 2025-30; requested continued Zoom access.
- **Earl Robinson** – Commented on city cash management.
- **Alex Buholm** – Addressed cost of living and tax concerns.
- **Laticia Swift** – Urged council to support community members and second chances.
- **Gordon Isaacs** – Spoke on Resolutions 2025-30 and 2025-31; contract clause clarification.
- **Gayla Hoseth**– Requested improved spill response planning, tribal coordination, and continuation of Zoom access.

## ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

**Resolution 2025-30:** Terminate City Manager Contract, Without Cause:

- **Motion:** Adopt Resolution 2025-30. Moved by Steven Carriere, seconded by Kaleb Westfall.

**Amendment 1** – Strike Section 2 (Acting City Manager appointment).

- Votes:
  - Yes – Bennett, Westfall, McCambly
  - No – Armstrong, Luckhurst, Carriere
  - Mayor Ruby voted **No** (tie-break).
- Amendment failed.

**Amendment 2** – Clarify Section 2 appointment is temporary until next special meeting.

- Votes:
  - Yes – Bennett, Westfall, McCambly
  - No – Armstrong, Luckhurst, Carriere
  - Mayor Ruby voted **Yes** (tie-break).
- Amendment passed.

**Final Vote on Resolution 2025-30 (as amended):**

- Yes – Bennett, Westfall, McCambly, Luckhurst, Carriere
- No – Armstrong
- Motion passed 5–1.

**Resolution 2025-31: Amendment to City Manager's Contract.**

- No motion made. Resolution died on the floor.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Discuss Upcoming Committee Meetings: Calendar reviewed; staff to coordinate schedules. No formal action.
- iPads to Council: Devices available; two councilmembers declined. No formal action.

**CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION (Open to the Public)**

- Additional public comments received. No action.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- **Motion:** Re-establish Zoom access for public participation in Council meetings.
  - Moved by Michael Bennett, seconded by Kevin McCambly.
  - Votes:
    - Yes – Bennett, Westfall, McCambly, Luckhurst
    - No – Armstrong, Carriere
  - Motion passed 4–2.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

- Mayor to schedule a special meeting on August 14, 2025 to address interim manager process and next steps.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

**ATTEST:**\_\_\_\_\_  
Acting City Clerk

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Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

8/04/2025