



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6:30 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Dillingham City Council was held on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at the Dillingham City Council Chambers and via video conferencing, in Dillingham, Alaska. Mayor Ruby called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ruby was present.

Council members present and establishing a quorum (a quorum being four):

Michael Bennett	Steve Carriere	Curt Armstrong
Bert Luckhurst	Kaleb Westfall	Kevin McCambly

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of December 14, 2023; Regular Council Meeting

Minutes of December 21, 2023; Special Council Meeting

MOTION to approve minutes made by Michael Bennett. Seconded by Kaleb Westfall.

- City Clerk corrected grammatical errors in the published packet, including misspelled names and grammatical usage.
- Councilman Bennett requested his name be reflected as Michael instead of Mike.
- Councilman McCambly expressed a need for earlier distribution of meeting packets for better preparation.
- Councilman Armstrong questioned the completeness of the vote tally for Ordinance 2023-06 on the December 21st meeting and inquired about electronic minutes.
- Mayor Ruby acknowledged the existence of electronic minutes and asked Councilman Armstrong if he sought more detail in the written minutes.
- Councilman McCambly suggested providing more elaboration on speakers' positions in the minutes, moving beyond stating they spoke to specifying their stance on particular issues.
- Mayor Ruby shared her perspective on minutes during the meeting. She mentioned having a brief conversation with the Clerk earlier and expressed her understanding that minutes are meant to record actions and not necessarily include detailed discussions. While she acknowledged not being certain about the legality or parliamentary rules, she conveyed that it was her understanding based on her past teachings. Mayor Ruby suggested that if the council desired more detail in the minutes, it should be a topic of discussion with the Clerk.
- Mayor Ruby continued by highlighting the practical challenges of including various opinions and statements in written minutes. She pointed out that doing so could result in lengthy minutes, making it difficult to manage the documentation effectively. Drawing on her experience, she

mentioned instances with other organizations that utilize verbatim minutes, resulting in lengthy records, sometimes spanning fifty pages or more, due to recording every comment made by each participant.

- During the discussion, Councilman Westfall expressed the opinion that the council should be cautious about potentially mischaracterizing someone's statement or position. He emphasized the importance of avoiding any misinterpretation, whether it is in favor of or against a particular subject.
- Councilman Westfall further elaborated by pointing out that the council had experienced issues related to mischaracterization several years ago, which were addressed. He emphasized the ongoing need to accurately capture what happened in the written minutes without delving into such detail that it misrepresents the actual statements or ideas expressed during the discussions.

VOTE Yea: Council Member Bennett, Council Member Carriere, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Luckhurst, Council Member McCambly and Council Member Armstrong.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

There was no consent agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION to approve agenda Kaleb Westfall, seconded by Steve Carriere.

MOTION to amend the agenda made by Kaleb Westfall to amend unfinished business to change City Manager Search to Deputy City Manager Search.

Discussion within the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE Yea: Council Member Westfall, Council Member Carriere, Council Member Luckhurst, Council Member Bennett.

ROLL CALL VOTE No: Council member McCambly, Council Member Armstrong.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. Pearson Consulting Report

- Tim Pearson supplied a verbal report to the council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION to move into executive session made by Kaleb Westfall at 7:18 PM. Seconded by Steve Carriere

POINT OF INFORMATION made by Michael Bennett

Discussion within the motion.

QUESTION CALLED by Kaleb Westfall. Seconded by Michael Bennett

VOTE Yea: Council Member Westfall, Council Member Carriere, Council Member Luckhurst, Council Member Bennett.

VOTE No: Council member McCambly, Council Member Armstrong.

ROLL VOTE ON MAIN MOTION Yea: Council Member Westfall, Council Member Carriere, Council Member Luckhurst, Council Member Bennett, Council member McCambly.

ROLL VOTE ON MAIN MOTION No: Council Member Armstrong.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

The Council suspended executive session at 9:06 PM to allow Citizens Comments.

MOTION Kaleb Westfall made a motion to suspend rules to open the agenda to allow citizens comments. Seconded by Steve Carriere.

VOTE Yea: Council Member Bennett, Council Member Carriere, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Luckhurst, Council Member McCambly and Council Member Armstrong.

Citizens addressing the council in person:

- Terry Mann
- Frank Woods
- Maria Dosal
- Cade Woods

Citizens addressing the council through Zoom:

- Amber Webb
- Tiffany Webb
- Fritz Johnson
- Brandi Olson
- Gregg Marxmiller
- Fritz Johnson

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Kaleb Westfall moved to return to executive session. Seconded by Steve Carrier.

Discussion with the motion.

VOTE Yea: Council Member Bennett, Council Member Carriere, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Luckhurst, Council Member McCambly and Council Member Armstrong.

NEW BUSINESS

5.
 - a. City Manager Selection
 - b. 2.21.030 Qualifications- Suspension of one prohibition
 - c. Resolution 2024-06 Appointing Kimberly Johnson as City Manager

MOTION: Steve Carriere moved to adopt resolution 2024-06. Seconded by Michael Bennett.

Discussion within the motion.

MOTION: Curt Armstrong moved to postpone resolution 2024-06 to the February meeting. Seconded by Michael Bennett.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO POSTPONE Yea: Council Member Armstrong, Council Member McCambly, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Luckhurst.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO POSTPONE NO: Council Member Bennett, Council Member Carriere, Resolution 2024-06 postponed to February meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

5. Reports

- a) Strategic Plan Report
 - Work in progress
- b) Manager and staff reports

- Ms. Johnson gave her report to the council.

c) Standing Committee Reports (Appointments)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

8. RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01 A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING AN ALTERNATIVE ALLOCATION METHOD FOR THE FY24 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 adopt Resolution No. 2024-01 made by Michael Bennett. Seconded by Kaleb Westfall.

VOTE Yea: Council Member Bennett, Council Member Carriere, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Luckhurst, Council Member McCambly and Council Member Armstrong.

9. Resolution 2024-02 A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL ENTERING INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CASHVEST FOR THE PURPOSE OF LIQUIDITY AND TREASURY ANALYSES

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2024-02 made by made by Michael Bennett. Seconded by Kaleb Westfall.

VOTE Yea: Council Member Bennett, Council Member Carriere, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Luckhurst, Council Member McCambly and Council Member Armstrong.

10. RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03 A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS ON DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE YEARS 2017-2023

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2024-03 made by Kaleb Westfall. Seconded by Bert Luckhurst.

VOTE Yea: Council Member Bennett, Council Member Carriere, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Luckhurst, Council Member McCambly and Council Member Armstrong.

11. RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04 A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE COMPETITIVENESS AND RESILIENCE OF THE ALASKA SEAFOOD INDUSTRY.

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2024-04 made by Michael Bennett. Seconded by Kaleb Westfall.

VOTE Yea: Council Member Bennett, Council Member Carriere, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Luckhurst, Council Member McCambly and Council Member Armstrong.

12. RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05 A RESOLUTION OF THE DILLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL APPROVING A FY2024 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND THE FY2024 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES LIST.

MOTION to adopt Resolution No. 2024-05 made by Michael Bennett. Seconded by Kaleb Westfall.

VOTE Yea: Council Member Bennett, Council Member Carriere, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Luckhurst, Council Member McCambly and Council Member Armstrong.

CITIZEN’S DISCUSSION (Open to the Public)

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

- Kevin McCambly asked about the grant writer position.
- Kaleb Westfall said that he would like to see the org chart in the next meeting. He would also like to see a community needs assessment.
- MOTION made by Michael Bennett to have the city manager look into city property that could be subdivided to accommodate housing. He would like this to be actionable by May. Seconded by Kevin McCambly.

VOTE Yea: Council Member Bennett, Council Member Carriere, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Luckhurst, Council Member McCambly and Council Member Armstrong.

- Bert Luckhurst thanked Mr. Severin and Mr. Pearson for attending the council meeting.
- Kevin McCambly indicated the lights are out at the harbor and that Nushagak Cooperative would be reaching out to the city.

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

- Alice Ruby asked why the library volunteer program hasn’t been approved by the council.
- Asked for a moment of silence.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM

Mayor Alice Ruby

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ATTEST:

Daniel E. Decker Sr, City Clerk

Approval Date: _____