



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, April 07, 2022 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Dillingham City Council was held on Thursday, April 7, 2022, at the Dillingham City Council Chambers and via video conferencing, in Dillingham, Alaska. Mayor Ruby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Ruby was present.

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

Aksel Buholm	Perry Abrams	Chris Napoli
Curt Armstrong	Kaleb Westfall	Michael Bennett

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of February 10, 2022; Regular Council Meeting
2. Minutes of March 3, 2022; Regular Council Meeting
3. Minutes of March 5, 2022; Special Council Meeting

MOTION: Chris Napoli moved and Perry Abrams seconded the motion to approve the February 10, March 3, and March 5 council meeting minutes in block.

- The March 3, 2022 minutes will reflect all council members were present at the workshops.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Buholm, Council Member Napoli, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

4. Adopt **Resolution 2022-11**; A Resolution of the Dillingham City Council Expressing Thanks and Commendation to Gina Carpenter

MOTION: Kaleb Westfall moved and Chris Napoli seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Buholm, Council Member Napoli, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION to approve the agenda made by Perry Abrams, seconded by Chris Napoli.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Buholm, Council Member Napoli, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett

STAFF REPORTS

5. City Manager and Staff Reports

- Noted the commendable job of Chief Dan Pasquariello's 30 during his years of service with the Department of Public Safety.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. Ordinance 2022-03; An Ordinance of the Dillingham City Council Amending Title 4 of the Dillingham Municipal Code to Adopt an Excise Tax on Importation of Marijuana

Gordon Isaacs:

- Spoke regarding the need for clarification in terminology for license types, recommended limiting it to retail licenses to eliminate confusion.
- Stated the marijuana black market is alive and well, and not paying taxes.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS (Prior Notice or Agenda Items)

There were no comments.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

7. Adopt **Ordinance 2022-03**; An Ordinance of the Dillingham City Council Amending Title 4 of the Dillingham Municipal Code to Adopt an Excise Tax on Importation of Marijuana

MOTION: to adopt Ordinance 2022-03 made by Kaleb Westfall, seconded by Perry Abrams.

- Proposed changes to the ordinances were reviewed. Point of retail will be the focus.
- City Attorney noted more time would be needed to consider potential consequence.

MOTION: to table Ordinance 2022-03 to the next meeting made by Chris Napoli, seconded by Perry Abrams.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Buholm, Council Member Napoli, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett

Item postponed to next regular meeting.

8. Adopt **Resolution 2022-12**; A Resolution Of The Dillingham City Council In Support Of Alaska State House Bill 272 (HB-272), Which Would Increase The Base Student Allocation (BSA) In The Foundation Formula For FY23 And FY24

MOTION: to adopt Resolution 2022-12 made by Kaleb Westfall, seconded by Chris Napoli.

- This resolution supports an increase in the per student allocation.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Buholm, Council Member Napoli, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett

9. Adopt **Resolution 2022-13**; A Resolution Of The Dillingham City Council In Support Of Alaska State House Bill 273 (HB-273), Which Would Link The Base Student Allocation (BSA) Directly To The Consumer Price Index For Urban Alaska

MOTION: to adopt Resolution 2022-13 made by Kaleb Westfall, seconded by Perry Abrams.

- This resolution supports linking the base student allocation to the Consumer Price Index for Urban Alaska.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Buholm, Council Member Napoli, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett

10. Adopt **Resolution 2022-14**; A Resolution Of The Dillingham City Council In Support Of Alaska State House Bill 350 (HB-350), Which Would End The Current School Bond Debt Moratorium On July 1, 2022 And Increase The Amount Of Reimbursable School Bond Debt

MOTION: to adopt Resolution 2022-14 made by Chris Napoli, seconded by Kaleb Westfall.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Buholm, Council Member Napoli, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett

11. Adopt **Resolution 2022-15**; A Resolution Of The Dillingham City Council Committing \$500,000 In Matching Funds To Priorities and Capital Projects Identified In The City Of Dillingham Waterfront Strategic Plan

MOTION: to adopt Resolution 2022-15 made by Chris Napoli, seconded by Kaleb Westfall.

- Recommended by Lobbyist Chris Hladick.
- Shows legislature the City has invested in projects when requesting funding.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Buholm, Council Member Napoli, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Citizen Committee Appointments

- Library Advisory Board, one seat
- Senior Advisory Commission, four seats.
- Friends of the Landfill, one seat.
- Port Advisory Committee, three seats.
- Planning Commission, two seats.

12. Letter of Interest: Senior Advisory Committee, Library Advisory Board, and Friends of the Landfill

Mayor Ruby recommended Janet Dieckgrafe be appointed to the Senior Advisory Commission, the Library Advisory Board, and the Friends of the Landfill.

MOTION: to concur with Mayor Ruby's recommendation made by Chris Napoli, seconded by Perry Abrams.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Buholm, Council Member Napoli, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett

NEW BUSINESS

13. Nerka Subdivision Street, Drainage and Utility Improvements Presentation

Isaac Pearson, Bristol Engineering Services Company, LLC made the following points:

- Curyung Tribal Transportation Program
- Project will be undertaken on a phased construction approach
- To include, drainage issues, utility locates, pedestrian / vehicular safety, asphalt pavement, pedestrian pathway
- Phase one scheduled to start summer 2022
- Curyung Tribal Council to schedule an open house.
- Construction easements will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

14. Additional Meetings Schedule

Budget Meeting / Workshop
Special Council Meeting
Board Of Equalization

Budget cycle requires extra meetings/workshops, council projects have been referred to various committees, school budget received March 29 – city has 30 days to respond.

MOTION: to approve the meetings and workshops schedule as presented in packet by the manager and clerk made by Chris Napoli, seconded by Aksel Buholm.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Buholm, Council Member Napoli, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett

15. Adopt **Action Memorandum 2022-02**; Authorize the City Manager to collaborate with Nushagak Cooperative for a Community Cleanup, May 19 - 21, 2022

MOTION: to adopt Action Memorandum 2022-02 made by Chris Napoli, seconded by Perry Abrams.

VOTING Yea: Council Member Buholm, Council Member Napoli, Council Member Armstrong, Council Member Abrams, Council Member Westfall, Council Member Bennett

CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION (Open to the Public)

Mark Lisac:

- Spoke in favor of the Nerka Road project
- Noted appreciation for council diligence
- Expressed support for a raw fish tax

Gordon Isaacs:

- Spoke in favor of the Nerka Road project
- Noted the need to address the marijuana black market
- Expressed support for a raw fish tax

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Aksel Buholm:

- Requested resolutions supporting HB272, HB273, and HB350 get to the appropriate people.

Kaleb Westfall:

- Thanked Manager and Staff for comprehensive reports
- Noted need to address raw fish tax, and illegal sale of marijuana

Michael Bennett:

- Stated need for raw fish tax
- Noted equipment upgrades are required, and a need to pay attention to the city fleet

Perry Abrams:

- Commented on citizens' concerns regarding road conditions
- Expressed need to fill Public Works Director position.

Chris Napoli:

- Noted City Managers comprehensive report, amount of work done in 30 days, and straightforward writing style.
- Commended staff for dedicated work.
- Noted appreciation for planner report.
- Thanked Chief for 30 years with the City.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Expressed appreciation for Chief Pasquariello.
- Stated the School Budget will go to the Finance & Budget Committee, then to City Council.

- A moment of silence was observed for Daisy Barnes, and all those lost since the last meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ruby adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

Mayor Alice Ruby
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ATTEST:

Lori Goodell, City Clerk

Approval Date: _____