

## CALL TO ORDER

The April 29, 2025, special meeting of the Whittier City Council was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mayor Blair.

## OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Blair led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

## ROLL CALL

There were present:

Daniel Blair, presiding, and  
Peter Denmark, Dave Dickason, Renner Macal tao, Victor Shen, David Pinguoch, and Tom Wagner, comprising a quorum of the Board.

Also Present:

Jackie C. Wilde, City Manager  
Shelby Carlson, City Clerk  
Holly Wells, City Attorney  
Richard Moses, City Attorney (virtual)  
David Borg, Harbormaster  
Andre Achee, Public Safety Director  
Jason Cates, Fire/EMS Chief

## CITIZEN COMMENTS ON ANY SUBJECT EXCEPT THOSE ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING

**R. Travis Brazelton** shared his concerns regarding Resolution 2025-020.

## APPROVAL OF THE SPECIAL AGENDA

Motion (Wagner/Denmark)

Approval of Special Agenda

Motion Passed

Unanimous

## SPECIAL MEETING BUSINESS

### Presentation of President's Address

President Trump's address for American Samoa was played. See  
[https://www.youtube.com/live/jz\\_6FkVKDqA?t=3802s](https://www.youtube.com/live/jz_6FkVKDqA?t=3802s).

**RESOLUTION 2025-020** Encouraging Voting Rights for Citizens of the United States and U.S. Territories, Including but Not Limited to American Samoa, in State of Alaska and Local Elections

Motion (Macal tao/Denmark)

Approve **Resolution 2025-020**.

General discussion given.

**Motion to Amend #1 (Denmark/Macal tao)**

Amend **Resolution 2025-020** by striking lines 85 – 92.

General discussion continued.

**Motion to Amend #1 Passed**

**Unanimous**

General discussion continued.

**There was no objection to relax the rules to allow an American Samoan Whittier Resident to comment on this topic.** Michael Pese spoke regarding the resolution.

General discussion continued.

**Motion (Shen/Dickason)**

**Table Resolution 2025-020 indefinitely.**

General discussion given.

**Motion Failed**

**AYES:** Shen, Wagner

**NOES:** Dickason, Denmark, Pinguoch, Macal tao, Blair

General discussion continued.

**Motion to Amend #2 (Shen/Wagner)**

Amend **Resolution 2025-020** as amended by striking lines 25 – 40 and lines 44 – 50.

General discussion continued.

**Motion to Amend the Amendment #2 (Pinguoch/Wagner)**

Amend the amendment by inserting, “and insert ‘citizens of’ before ‘U.S. Territories’ in line 9”.

General discussion continued.

**Motion to Amend the Amendment #2 Passed**

**Unanimous**

General discussion continued.

**Motion to Further Amend the Amendment #2 (Pinguoch/Wagner)**

Amend the amendment by inserting “add ‘U.S’ before ‘territorial’ on lines 16 and 80 and ‘of Whittier’ after ‘residents’ on lines 17 and 80”.

**Motion to Amend the Amendment #2 Passed**

**Unanimous**

General discussion continued.

**Motion to Amend #2 Passed**

**Unanimous**

**Main Motion Passed**

**AYES:** Denmark, Pinquoch, Dickason,  
Macal tao, Shen, Blair

**NOES:** Wagner

General discussion given.

**Motion (Denmark/Macal tao)**

Direct Administration to draft a letter of support that expresses Council's request that any penalty would not preclude participation in local elections or in attaining citizenship and remit that letter of support to Alaska Department of Public Safety, Department of Law, and to the public, subject to Council approval.

General discussion given.

**Motion Passed**

**Unanimous**

**Reschedule May Regular Meeting and Board of Equalization**

**Motion (Wagner/Macal tao)**

Reschedule May Regular Meeting and Board of Equalization to May 19, 2025.

**Motion Passed**

**Unanimous**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Pinquoch** clarified that any comments he made had no intention to imply that any city clerks made a mistake, it was simply that he did not realize American Samoans could not vote. **Wilde** clarified that the Administration conducted elections correctly.

**CITIZEN DISCUSSION**

**Samuel Schilling** spoke regarding the seasonal closure of City land to snow machine access.

**Lisa Agnew** spoke regarding the seasonal closure of City land to snow machine access.

An unidentified member of the public spoke in regard to Resolution 2025-020.

**COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION RESPONSE TO CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**Wilde** responded to public comments regarding snow machine access.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – None**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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**Shelby Carlson**  
City Clerk

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**Daniel Blair**  
Mayor

(City Seal)

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