

CALL TO ORDER

The July 21, 2026, regular meeting of the Whittier City Council was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Mayor Shen.

OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Shen led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

There were present:

Victor Shen, presiding, and
Renner Macal tao, Jamie Loan, and Lorianne Borg (virtual), comprising a quorum of the Board.

And Absent:

Peter Denmark, David Pinquoch, and Tom Wagner

Also Present:

Jackie C. Wilde, City Manager
Kristin Erchinger, Finance Director
Scott Korbe, Public Works Director
Kyle Loan, Deputy Harbormaster
Andre Achee, Police Chief
Shelby Carlson, Assistant City Manager/Acting City Clerk
Richard Moses, City Attorney

Motion (Macal tao/Shen)

Excuse Peter Denmark and David Pinquoch from the meeting.

Motion Failed

AYES: Macal tao, Shen

NOES: Borg, Loan

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

Eric Fleming spoke regarding the lawsuit against him for building a driveway without proper permitting.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Loan/Borg)

Approve Agenda and Consent Agenda

Motion Passed

Unanimous

Items Approved on Consent Agenda:

7. *Resolution 2026-032 Authorizing Acceptance of an AARP Community Challenge Grant in the Amount of \$10,000 for Shoreline Pocket Park Improvements, and Appropriating Funds
8. *Resolution 2026-033 Confirming the Appointment of the City Manager to Represent the City with the Begich Towers Condominium Association of Apartment Owners, Inc.
9. *Resolution 2026-034 Establishing and Supporting the Whittier Junior Entrepreneur License Program
10. *Approval of the June 16, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
11. *Schedule Work Session for July 29 to Discuss Election Code
12. *Schedule Special Meeting for August 4

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Presentations

Audit Presentation - Altman, Rogers & Co. provided an overview of the results of the audit of the 2025 financial statements.

Mayor Report – Shen thanked the various volunteers who have worked to make a big impact on our community.

Vice Mayor Report – None

City Manager Report – Wilde recognized Kyle Green and Andrew Loan with Quality Asphalt Paving with the Manager's Wilde Monthly Recognition. **Erchinger** thanked the Shen family and the Anchor Inn for their donation towards the Fourth of July celebration. She also provided an overview of her financial report and provided additional details.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 2026-003, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.30 of the Whittier Municipal Code to Clarify the "Commercial Recreational Ground Passenger Fee" is a Fee and Not a Toll on Roads Owned or Maintained by the Federal Government or the State of Alaska

Public Hearing Opened at 7:41 p.m.

No comments were provided.

Public Hearing Closed at 7:42 p.m.

Motion (Loan/Borg)

Adopt **Ordinance 2026-003**.

Wilde provided a staff report.

Motion Passed

Unanimous

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2026-031 A Resolution Adopting Standardized Lease Templates Pursuant to Whittier Municipal Code Section 3.38.340

Motion (Borg/Loan)

Approve **Resolution 2026-031**.

Wilde provided a staff report.

Motion Passed

Unanimous

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

City Attorney Evaluation

Carlson provided a brief overview of the results of the Council responses to the City Attorney performance evaluation survey.

Alaska Municipal League Summer Conference (August 25 - 28)

Shen and **Wilde** invited members of Council to attend.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Shen highlighted the beginning of bear season and asked Administration how the City is preparing. **Wilde** responded with the City's efforts to prepare and manage bear season.

Loan shared the American Hiking Society, who sends volunteer groups to work on Whittier's trails, rates the experience very highly.

Shen also suggested a professional development retreat for the City staff.

CITIZEN DISCUSSION

Mike Bender commented on the lease agreement templates, noted the commercial dumpster could use stronger lids to protect against bears, and highlighted the Prince William Sound Regional Citizen's Advisory Council meeting and need for housing.

Eric Fleming commented on the expired leases, legal fees, respect of elders, and lease enforcement.

Sean Marx supported the team-building exercise and suggested making public the list of staff that do not attend. He spoke on the lease agreement templates, financial review, and recusal process.

Kelly Bender asked questions about the lease agreement templates. **Moses** provided further clarification.

Jackie Wilde spoke on City operations, administration's implementation of Council policy, and the importance of trust and cooperation in moving community projects forward.

Kristin Erchinger commented on lease administration, City code, and conflict-of-interest recusal practices.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION RESPONSE TO CITIZEN COMMENTS

Borg thanked Erchinger for speaking.

Shen thanked Wilde and Erchinger for speaking and responded to their comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Shelby Carlson
Acting City Clerk

Victor Shen
Mayor

(City Seal)