

CALL TO ORDER

The September 22, 2026, rescheduled regular meeting of the Whittier City Council was called to order at 7:03 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
Peter Denmark, David Pinquoch, Renner Macal tao, Jamie Loan, Lorianne Borg, and
Tom Wagner, comprising a quorum of the Board.

Also Present:

Jackie C. Wilde, City Manager
Kristin Erchinger, Finance Director
Scott Korbe, Public Works Director
David Borg, Harbormaster
Andre Achee, Police Chief
Rob Mathis, Fire Chief
Shelby Carlson, Assistant City Manager/Acting City Clerk
Will Earnhart, City Attorney

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

John Boyle introduced himself as a candidate for the House District 9 seat.

APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Borg/Wagner)

Approve Agenda and Consent Agenda

Denmark removed Item 5, Resolution 2026-042, from the consent agenda.

Motion Passed

Unanimous

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Presentations – None

Mayor Report – Shen commended the dock fire responders and encouraged residents to volunteer for the Fire Department or a City Commission.

Vice Mayor Report – Denmark expressed gratitude for the dismissal of the voter misconduct charges against community members.

City Manager Report – Wilde thanked the dock fire responders, reported on the USS Ted Stevens Commissioning town hall, invited residents to the welcoming party, and introduced Rob Mathis, the recently hired Fire Chief.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2026-042 A Resolution Adopting the Whittier City Council Operations Manual

Motion (Wagner/Macal tao)

Approve **Resolution 2026-042**.

Carlson provided a staff report.

Motion to Postpone (Denmark/Pinquoch)

Postpone Resolution 2026-042 until the next regular meeting.

Motion to Postpone Passed

Unanimous

Resolution 2026-043 A Resolution Approving the Community Beautification Matching Grant Round Two Awards Recommended by the Council Beautification Grant Committee

Motion (Loan/Macal tao)

Approve **Resolution 2026-043**.

Wilde provided a staff report.

Motion Passed

Unanimous

Resolution 2026-044 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Alaska Roof Restorations LLC for Roof Restoration Work at the Public Safety Building in an Amount Not to Exceed \$29,636 and Appropriating Funds

Motion (Wagner/Denmark)

Approve **Resolution 2026-044**.

Korbe provided a staff report.

Motion Passed

Unanimous

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

2027-2028 Biennial Budget Draft Calendar

Erchinger outlined the draft budget calendar and invited Council feedback. **Pinquoch** requested receiving the draft budget prior to the first work session.

City Manager Performance Evaluation

Wagner requested this discussion be held in Executive Session.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Denmark requested the City Clerk reserve the City Council Chambers for the Prince William Sound Natural History Symposium on May 10 – 11, 2027.

CITIZEN DISCUSSION

Ky Holland spoke on dock fire recovery efforts, updates from the state legislature, natural gas, and an entrepreneur start-up event in Seward.

John Boyle introduced himself as a candidate for House District 9 and shared his priorities.

Cherie Curry gave gratitude to those assisting with preparations for the USS Ted Stevens Commissioning event.

Kelly Bender shared details regarding the Welcome Reception on Sunday, September 28 for the USS Ted Stevens.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION RESPONSE TO CITIZEN COMMENTS

Shen commented on the community's response to the natural gas outage and emphasized the importance of improving community resilience and preparedness.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discuss City Manager Evaluation, as per WMC 2.08.040(B)(2).

City Manager Wilde requested the discussion be in open session. General discussion given.

Discuss City Operational Issues with Attending Liabilities, as per WMC 2.08.040(B)(1).

Motion (Wagner/Pinquoch)

Motion to enter into executive session.

The City Attorney was asked to stay for the executive session.

Motion Passed

AYES: Wagner, Pinquoch,
Macal tao, Denmark, Shen

NOES: Loan, Borg

The Council went into executive session at 8:27 p.m.

Motion (Wagner/Borg)

Motion to exit executive session.

Motion Passed

Unanimous

The Council came out of executive session at 9:08 p.m.

Discuss Harbor Dock Contract Terms, as per WMC 2.08.040(B)(1).

Motion (Wagner/Pinquoch)

Motion to enter into executive session.

The City Manager, Harbormaster, Deputy Harbormaster, and Finance Director were asked to stay for the executive session.

Motion Passed

Unanimous

The Council went into executive session at 9:10 p.m.

Motion (Loan/Macal tao)

Motion to exit executive session.

Motion Passed

Unanimous

The Council came out of executive session at 9:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Shelby Carlson
Acting City Clerk

Victor Shen
Mayor

(City Seal)