

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The January 20, 2026, regular meeting of the Whittier City Council was called to order at 7:11 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  
David Pinquoch, Renner Macal tao, Jamie Loan, and Lorianne Borg, comprising a quorum of the Board.

Absent:

Peter Denmark and Tom Wagner

Also Present:

Jackie C. Wilde, City Manager  
Kris Erchinger, Finance Director  
Scott Korbe, Public Works Director  
Nicholas Cooley, Fire/EMS Captain  
David Borg, Harbormaster  
Shelby Carlson, Assistant City Manager/Acting City Clerk  
Richard Moses, City Attorney

**Motion (Macal tao/Pinquoch)**

Excuse **Tom Wagner** and **Peter Denmark** from tonight's meeting.

**Motion Passed**

**Unanimous**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON ANY SUBJECT EXCEPT THOSE ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR PUBLIC HEARING** – None

**APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion (Borg/Loan)**

Approve Agenda and Consent Agenda

**Shen** removed Item 8, Resolution 2026-003, from the consent agenda.

**Motion Passed**

**Unanimous**

*Items Approved on Consent Agenda:*

**6. Resolution 2026-001** A Resolution Establishing the City of Whittier's Calendar Year 2026 Federal Legislative Priorities

**7. Resolution 2026-002** A Resolution Establishing the City of Whittier's Calendar Year 2026 State Legislative Priorities

**10. Resolution 2026-005** A Resolution Amending the 2026 Budget to Re-Appropriate Unspent Grant and Project Funds, Retroactively Amend the 2025 Budget to Reflect Actual Costs, and Record Other 2026 Mid-Cycle Budget Amendments, and Appropriating Funds

**11.** Approval of the December 16, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**Loan** declared a potential conflict of interest in Item 5, Ordinance 2026-001. General discussion given.

### **Motion**

Does Ms. Loan have a substantial financial conflict of interest in Item 5?

### **Motion Failed**

**Unanimous**

The Council determined **Loan** did not have a substantial financial conflict of interest in Item 5.

## **PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS**

### **Presentations**

**A. Years of Service.** **Shen** presented the Years of Service award for Daniel Blair.

**B. Proclamation Recognizing Jesse Alk for Life-Saving Actions.** **Shen** read the proclamation and presented it to Alk.

**Mayor Report** – None

**Vice Mayor Report** – None

**City Manager Report** – **Wilde** invited Don Stevens to speak about the Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation, presented her Manager's Award to Aniva Turituri, and shared highlights from her written report. **Korbe** provided a report on the Public Works Department and **Borg** provided an update on the issues with the new floats and on the Harbor Rebuild project in general.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

## **ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

**Ordinance 2026-001** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10.30 of the Whittier Municipal Code to Clarify Reporting Procedures and Timelines for Businesses Registered and Subject to the Commercial Ground Passenger Fee

### **Motion (Borg/Pinquoeh)**

Introduce **Ordinance 2026-001** and set a public hearing for the February 17, 2026, regular meeting

**Motion Passed**

**Unanimous**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 2026-003** A Resolution Establishing the City of Whittier's Calendar Year 2026 Local Legislative Priorities

**Motion (Macal tao/Loan)**

Approve **Resolution 2026-003**.

General discussion given.

**Motion to Amend (Pinguoch/Shen)**

Amend Resolution 2026-003 to add to Item 3 a subsection (a), Community Health Plan, subsection (b), Transportation Plan, and subsection (c), Strategic Plan.

**Motion to Amend Passed**

**Unanimous**

**Motion Passed as Amended**

**Unanimous**

**Resolution 2026-004** A Resolution Authorizing a Sole Source Contract With Sage Mechanical to Replace Boilers at the Public Safety Building in an Amount Not to Exceed \$57,612, and Appropriating Funds

**Motion (Pinguoch/Loan)**

Approve **Resolution 2026-004**.

Korbe provided a staff report.

**Motion Passed**

**Unanimous**

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS** – None

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Borg** gave kudos to the Public Works Department for keeping the roads clear and safe.

**Shen** asked about a Fund specifically for items like the replacement of the Public Safety Building boilers. **Erchinger** replied that type of expense falls under the General Fund Major Repair and Replacement Fund.

## **CITIZEN DISCUSSION**

**Vovsg Xxul** spoke about the Historic District signs.

## **COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION RESPONSE TO CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**Wilde** stated the City would reach out to Mr. Xxul.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Financial Implications**, as per WMC 2.08.040(B)(1), matters that, if immediately disclosed, would tend to adversely affect the finances of the city.

**Motion (Macal tao/Loan)**

Motion to enter into executive session.

The City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Public Works Director, Harbormaster, and Finance Director, and City Attorney were asked to stay for the executive session.

**Motion Passed**

**Unanimous**

The Council went into executive session at 8:05 p.m.

**Motion (Loan/Pinquoch)**

Motion to exit executive session.

**Motion Passed**

**Unanimous**

The Council came out of executive session at 9:37 p.m.

**Motion (Macal tao/Pinquoch)**

Direct Administration to thank Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings for the \$50,000 donation intended for the Community School and city benches, and to return the funds, as the City has elected to decline acceptance of the contribution.

**Motion Passed**

**Unanimous**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

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**Shelby Carlson**  
Acting City Clerk

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**Victor Shen**  
Mayor

(City Seal)