

**KENAI CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
KENAI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
210 FIDALGO AVE., KENAI, AK 99611
MAYOR BRIAN GABRIEL, PRESIDING**

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Kenai City Council was held on November 16, 2022, in City Hall Council Chambers, Kenai, AK. Mayor Gabriel called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Gabriel led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

There were present:

Brian Gabriel, Mayor	James Baisden, Vice Mayor
Teea Winger (<i>remote participation</i>)	Deborah Sounart
Alex Douthit	Victoria Askin
Henry Knackstedt	

A quorum was present.

Also in attendance were:

**Silas Thibodeau, Student Representative
Paul Ostrander, City Manager
Scott Bloom, City Attorney
Terry Eubanks, Finance Director
Eland Conway, Airport Manager
Christine Cunningham, Human Resource Director
Tony Prior, Fire Chief
Dave Ross, Police Chief
Shellie Saner, City Clerk

3. Agenda Approval

Mayor Gabriel noted the following additions to the Packet:

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| Add item D.2. | Public Hearing – Resolution No. 2022-76 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amendment Memo |
| Add item J.1. | Administrative Reports – City Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2022 Annual Personal Use Fishery Report |

MOTION:

Council Member Knackstedt **MOVED** to approve the agenda with the requested revisions and requested **UNANIMOUS CONSENT**. Council Member Askin **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

4. Consent Agenda

MOTION:

Council Member Knackstedt **MOVED** to approve the consent agenda. Vice Mayor Baisden **SECONDED** the motion.

The items on the Consent Agenda were read into the record.

Mayor Gabriel opened the floor for public comment; there being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

All items listed with an asterisk () are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda as part of the General Orders.

B. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

C. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Haeg addressed the Council regarding the ongoing Grand Jury investigation.

Marion Nelson invited everyone to attend the Mural 2022 Exhibition and reported on the building updates.

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. Resolution No. 2022-75** - Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property Described as Lot 7, Block 19, Original Townsite of Kenai, Located Within Section 5, T5N, R22W, Seward Meridian, and Designated as Kenai Peninsula Borough Parcel Number 04710307 From Julian Errea et al. and Dan Hilderbrand, for the Public Purpose of Including the Property in the Bluff Erosion Restoration Project and Determining that the Public Interest Will Not be Served by an Appraisal. (Administration)

MOTION:

Council Member Knackstedt **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 2022-75. Council Member Askin **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Gabriel opened the floor for public comment. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

Clarification was provided that this parcel was necessary to complete the Bluff Erosion Project and was the last purchase needed; additional property easements were still needed.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

- 2. Resolution No. 2022-76** - Authorizing a Contract for Employee Health Care Effective January 1, 2023. (Administration)

MOTION:

Council Member Askin **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 2022-76. Council Member Sounart **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Gabriel opened the floor for public comment. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

Clarification was provided that one of the objectives was to bring the City onto a calendar year; the plan type allowed for more flexibility and cost sharing and over the next year the City would coordinate with a consultant on benefit utilization and employee needs.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Council Member Knackstedt **MOVED** to amend Resolution No. 2022-76 by filling in the blanks as follows:

The sixth whereas to read, "the administration recommends the City enter into a contract with PREMERA Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alaska to provide group medical, dental and vision insurance to the employees of the City of Kenai effective January 1, 2023 for an estimated annual premium of \$2,783,821; and,"

Section 1 to read, "That the City Council authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract with PREMERA Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alaska to provide group medical, dental, and vision insurance to the employees of the City of Kenai effective January 1, 2023 for an estimated annual premium of \$2,783,821."

Council Member Douthit **SECONDED** the motion.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested on the motion to amend.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED**.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested on the main motion as amended.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED**.

- 3. Resolution No. 2022-77** - Authorizing the Sole Source Purchase of a Team Eagle Edge-Lite Runway Edge Light Cleaner Attachment from BSI Equipment LLC for the Kenai Municipal Airport Through the Federal Aviation Administration Airport Improvement Program Grant No. 3-02-0142-072-2022 and Issuance of a Purchase Order. (Administration)

MOTION:

Council Member Knackstedt **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 2022-77. Vice Mayor Baisden **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Gabriel opened the floor for public comment. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

Clarification was provided that the attachment was manufactured in Anchorage and the benefits of this attachment included a reduction in labor, time and fuel.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED**.

E. MINUTES

1. *Regular Meeting of November 2, 2022. (City Clerk)

F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. ***Action/Approval** – Bills to be Ratified. (Administration)

Approved by the consent agenda.

2. ***Action/Approval** – Non-Objection to Liquor License Renewal for Playa Azul. (Administration)

Approved by the consent agenda.

3. ***Ordinance No. 3321-2022** - Repealing Kenai Municipal Code Sections 13.30.030- Night Parking Prohibited, 13.30.050 - Signs Bearing the Legend, and 13.30.100- Parking Prohibited on Kenai

Avenue, and Reenacting and Renaming Kenai Municipal Code 13.30.030- Street Parking Prohibitions, to Allow Greater Flexibility in Regulating Street Parking in the City. (Legal)

Introduced by the consent agenda and Public Hearing set for December 21, 2022.

4. ***Ordinance No. 3322-2022** - Increasing Estimated Revenues and Appropriations in the General Fund for Costs in Excess of Budgeted Amounts for Public Works Street Lighting Repairs and Maintenance. (Administration)

Introduced by the consent agenda and Public Hearing set for December 21, 2022.

5. ***Ordinance No. 3323-2022** - Accepting and Appropriating Grants from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Passed Through the State of Alaska Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs for the Purchases of Public Safety Radios, Police In-Car Video Systems, and a Cyber Security Assessment. (Administration)

Introduced by the consent agenda and Public Hearing set for December 21, 2022.

6. **Action/Approval** - Confirmation of Mayoral Nomination for Appointment to the Harbor Commission. (Mayor Gabriel)

MOTION:

Council Member Askin **MOVED** to confirm the appointment of John Coston to the Harbor Commission. Council Member Knackstedt **SECONDED** the motion.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested on the motion.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

H. COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Council on Aging

No report, next meeting December 8, 2022.

2. Airport Commission

Council Member Askin reported on the November 10, 2022 meeting, next meeting December 8, 2022

3. Harbor Commission

No report, next meeting February 6, 2023.

4. Parks and Recreation Commission

Council Member Knackstedt reported on the November 3, 2022 meeting, next meeting December 1, 2022.

5. Planning and Zoning Commission

No report, next meeting December 13, 2022.

6. Beautification Committee

No report, next meeting January 10, 2023.

I. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Gabriel reported on the following:

- Speaking at the American Legion for Veterans Day; and stated his appreciation for all Veterans.
- Attending the Boys and Girls Club Annual Gala; noting the fundraising did very well.

- The Bycatch Review Task Force final report would be going to the Governor at the end of the month.

J. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. City Manager - City Manager Ostrander reported on the following:
 - Review and discussion internally of the condemnation process of certain properties in the City.
 - Continued collaboration with Kenaitze Indian Tribe.
 - Next Leadership training would be in February and focused on accountability.
2. City Attorney - City Attorney Bloom reported on the following:
 - Update on the Special Assessment Improvement settlement process.
3. City Clerk - City Clerk Saner reported on the following:
 - Reported that marijuana license renewal review was behind due to staffing issues at the State of Alaska, Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office.

K. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Citizen Comments (*Public comments limited to (5) minutes per speaker*)

David Haeg continued is update regarding the Grand Jury investigation.

2. Council Comments

Council Member Douthit reported that the Care Center donated \$100,000 back to the Boys and Girls Club and additional funding from other sources for the project.

Student Representative Thibodeau reported that the Kenai Girls Volleyball Team were undefeated this season.

Council Member Sounart thanked the Veterans for their sacrifice and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Askin thanked the Veterans; noted she had attended the Chamber fundraiser; and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Vice Mayor Baisden wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Knackstedt thanked Marion Nelson for the update; noted his attendance at the Boys and Girls Club fundraiser; and stated his appreciation for how well the streets had been maintained during the changing weather conditions.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

M. PENDING ITEMS – None.

N. ADJOURNMENT

O. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Race Across Alaska Winter Challenge (RAAWC) Invite

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of the Kenai City Council meeting of November 16, 2022.



Michelle M. Sauer, MMC
City Clerk

*** The student representative may cast advisory votes on all matters except those subject to executive session discussion. Advisory votes shall be cast in the rotation of the official council vote and shall not affect the outcome of the official council vote. Advisory votes shall be recorded in the minutes. A student representative may not move or second items during a council meeting.*