

**KENAI CITY COUNCIL –SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 22, 2022 – 5:00 P.M.
KENAI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
210 FIDALGO AVE., KENAI, AK 99611
MAYOR BRIAN GABRIEL, PRESIDING**

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the Kenai City Council was held on November 22, 2022, in City Hall Council Chambers, Kenai, AK. Mayor Gabriel called the meeting to order at approximately 5:17 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
Deborah Sounart
Alex Douthit
Henry Knackstedt

James Baisden, Vice Mayor
Tea Winger (*remote participation*)
Victoria Askin (*remote participation*)

A quorum was present.

Also in attendance were:

Scott Bloom, City Attorney
Dave Ross, City Manager applicant
Christine Cunningham, Human Resources Director
Meghan Thibodeau, Deputy City Clerk

3. Agenda Approval

MOTION:

Council Member Knackstedt **MOVED** to approve the agenda and requested **UNANIMOUS CONSENT**. Vice Mayor Baisden **SECONDED** the motion.

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

C. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Contract Discussion and Negotiation for a City Manager. *[AS 44.62.310(C)(1)(2) May be a Subject that Tends to Prejudice the Reputation and Character of the Applicant and is a Matter of which the Immediate Knowledge may have an Adverse Effect Upon the Finances of the City.]*

- a. **Action/Approval** - Council Action Related to City Manager Recruitment and Hire Process.

MOTION:

Council Member Knackstedt **MOVED** to enter into executive session for contract discussion and negotiation for a City Manager. Pursuant to AS 44.62.310(C)(1)(2) may be a subject that tends to prejudice the reputation and character of the City Manager and is a matter of which the immediate knowledge may have an adverse effect upon the finances of the City.

The executive session will include Mayor Gabriel, City Council Members, City Attorney Bloom, Human Resource Director Cunningham and the applicant David Ross.

Vice Mayor Baisden **SECONDED** the motion.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested on the motion.

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

[Clerk's Note: Council Member Winger arrived at 5:33 p.m.]

MOTION:

Council Member Knackstedt **MOVED** to reconvene into regular session. Vice Mayor Baisden **SECONDED** the motion.

[Clerk's Note: City Council entered into Executive Session at 5:20 p.m. and reconvened into regular session at 7:21 p.m.]

Council reconvened in open session and it was noted for the record that Council met in executive session for City Manager contract discussion and negotiation with applicant David Ross and the negotiations were unsuccessful.

A Special Meeting for contract negotiations with applicant Terry Eubank was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday November 29, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. depending on the availability of the applicant.

D. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of the Kenai City Council Special Meeting of November 22, 2022.



Michelle M. Saner, 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.*