



NORTH POLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 21, 2019
NORTH POLE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
125 SNOWMAN LANE, NORTH POLE, ALASKA

Mayor Michael Welch called the regular City Council meeting of Monday, October 21, 2019 to order at 7:00 p.m with the following Council Members in attendance:

Council Members Present: Doug Isaacson, Mayor Pro Tem
Avery Thompson, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem
Perry Walley, Alt Dep Mayor Pro Tem
Aino Welch
David Skipps
DeJohn Cromer

Also Present: Judy Binkley, City Clerk/HR Manager
William Butler, Director of City Services
Tricia Fogarty, Chief Financial Officer
Steve Dutra, Police Chief
Geoff Coon, Fire Chief

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Welch asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by City Council Member Isaacson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Isaacson *moved to approve the agenda of October 21, 2019.*

Seconded by Mr. Thompson.

Discussion

Mr. Isaacson *moved to amend the agenda by moving Council Comments to before adjourning into Executive Session.*

Seconded by Mr. Thompson.

Discussion

None

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA OF OCTOBER 21, 2019 AS FOLLOWS:

YES: 7 – Skipps, Thompson, Isaacson, Cromer, Walley, Welch, Welch
NO: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
Mayor Welch declared the MOTION CARRIED

Discussion on the agenda as amended

None

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA OF OCTOBER 21, 2019 AS FOLLOWS:

YES: 7 – Skipps, Thompson, Isaacson, Cromer, Walley, Welch, Welch
NO: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
Mayor Welch declared the MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Isaacson *moved to approve the Minutes of October 07, 2019.*

Seconded by Mr. Thompson.

Discussion

None

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 07, 2019 AS FOLLOWS:

YES: 7 – Skipps, Thompson, Isaacson, Cromer, Walley, Welch, Welch
NO: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
Mayor Welch declared the MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR

Certification of the October 01, 2019 Election (Audio 4:51)

City Clerk Binkley gave a presentation on the election results and the report of the election Canvass Board.

Mr. Isaacson *moved to certify the election of October 01, 2019.*

Seconded by Ms. Welch.

Discussion

None

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO CERTIFY THE ELECTION OF OCTOBER 01, 2019 AS FOLLOWS:

YES: 7 – Skipps, Thompson, Isaacson, Cromer, Walley, Welch, Welch

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Mayor Welch declared the MOTION CARRIED

New officials sworn in:

Santa Claus

Thomas McGhee

Mr. Thompson *moved to suspend the rules for 15 minutes for a community reception.*

Seconded by Mr. Isaacson.

COUNCIL MEMBER QUESTIONS OF THE MAYOR

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS, BOROUGH REPRESENTATIVE AND THE CITY CLERK

None

ONGOING PROJECTS (Audio 8:34)

- Council Member Walley stated the next finance meeting is Wednesday, October 23rd at 10am in Council Chambers.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS – (Limited to Five (5) minutes per Citizen

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS (Audio 10:31)

Mr. Skipps – None

Ms. Welch – None

Mr. Walley – Stated it’s been a privilege to serve with both Councilmen Thompson and Isaacson.

Mr. Cromer – None

Mr. Isaacson – Stated he is glad to be in the City and glad to serve with everyone for the past 20 years and is confident the City will have good governance.

Mr. Thompson – Stated it has been a fun three years and met the personal goals he set which was to learn more about municipal governments and the budget process and how things work.

Mr. Isaacson *moved to Adjourn into Executive Session at 7:42 p.m. for the Report by the City Attorney re: PFOS/PFAS and Sulfolane litigation issues including candid discussion of facts, strategies, and direction to attorney regarding litigation with related discussion on interim payment of attorney fees from Sulfolane litigation. The Executive Session is to include Bill Butler and Geoff Coon.*

Seconded by Mr. Thompson.

Mayor Welch brought the meeting back to order at 9:18 p.m.

Mr. Walley *moved to Give the City Attorney direction in regards to PFOS/PFAS and Sulfolane litigation as discussed in Executive Session and authorize the Mayor to approve interim payment of attorney fees from Sulfolane litigation.*

Seconded by Mr. Cromer.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION TO GIVE THE CITY ATTORNEY DIRECTION IN REGARDS TO PFOS/PFAS AND SULFOLANE LITIGATION AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO APPROVE INTERIM PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES FROM SULFOLANE LITIGATION AS FOLLOWS:

YES: 7 – Skipps, Thompson, Isaacson, Cromer, Walley, Welch, Welch

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Mayor Welch declared the MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Isaacson *moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.*

Seconded by Ms. Welch.

The regular meeting of Monday, October 21, 2019 adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

These minutes passed and approved by a duly constituted quorum of the North Pole City Council on Monday, November 04, 2019.



Michael W. Welch, Mayor

ATTEST:



Judy L. Binkley, City Clerk