

**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 2, 2011 @ 7:00 PM
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
MINUTES**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor David Reggiani called the Council work session to order at 7:03 pm on February 2, 2011, in the Library Meeting Room.

B. ROLL CALL

Present for roll call were *Vice Mayor David Reggiani*, Council members *EJ Cheshier*, *David Allison*, and *Bret Bradford*. *Mayor James Kallander* was available via teleconference. Council members *James Kacsh*, *Robert Beedle*, and *Keith van den Broek* were absent. Also present were City Manager *Mark Lynch*, City Clerk *Susan Bourgeois* and Deputy City Clerk *Erika Empey*.

C. COMMUNICATIONS BY AND PETITIONS FROM VISITORS

1. Audience comments regarding agenda items - none.

Robert Beedle arrived at 7:04 pm.

D. WORK SESSION TOPIC

2. PWSSC expansion plan presentation

Mike Mahoney, a member of the PWSSC Board of Directors, stated that he was there with Jim Harvey and Jeff Welker. He gave a brief overview indicating their intent to expand the PWSSC. *Jim Harvey*, Vice Chair of the PWSSC Board, and Chair of the Facilities Development Council, stated that he was there to layout the current thinking for developing Lot 1 Block 1 of Cordova Industrial Park. He is aware that Ocean Beauty may also want to purchase that same lot. However, he thinks that PWSSC is a valuable asset to the community; and he would like to take a collaborative approach to the expansion.

Jeff Welker, UAA faculty, stated that UAA would like to continue working with the PWSSC doing research. He thinks expanding the facilities and the amount of research that could be conducted would be important not only to the community, but to the whole state of Alaska. He stated that UAA sees an expanded interest, commitment, need, and opportunity for increased infrastructure and research in the Sound and Gulf of Alaska.

Jim Kacsh arrived at 7:15 pm.

Harvey stated that as an alternative plan, they have discussed doing pilings on the existing lot that they occupy. It is not the preferred option however.

Reggiani stated that he appreciated their presentation. He continued by saying that waterfront industrial land was becoming pretty scarce and consequentially, desirable. The first step is to take the request to P&Z, which will happen at the next meeting. It would then come back to Council.

E. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Allison stated that the City and PWSSC had a good relationship over the past couple decades. He thought the City would be willing to work with them to continue the good partnership. He appreciates the work that they have done.

Bradford echoed Allison's statement, and continued by saying that the community has benefited greatly by the PWSSC. He also appreciated all that they did, and was sure they would reach an agreement.

Mayor Kallander stated that the community supported the Science Center, however, he agreed with Reggiani in that land was scarce in that region. He would like the land developed to the highest potential. He supports the PWSSC and looks forward to a good working relationship.

F. ADJOURNMENT

M/Allison S/Bradford to adjourn.

Seeing no objections, **Vice Mayor Reggiani** adjourned the work session at 7:20 pm.

Approved: February 16, 2011

Attest:


Erika Empey, Deputy City Clerk

