

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 15, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jacob Merculief at 9:09 AM. Councilmembers present were Richard Warner, Daniel Porath, Jason Bourdukofsky and Raymond Melovidov. Clmbr Robert Owens had to work, and Dimitri was absent. A quorum was established. This meeting was broadcast on KUHB.

CALL TO ORDER

Clmbr Porath moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Clmbr Warner. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA
APPROVED

Clmbr Porath moved to approve the April 13, 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Clmbr Melovidov. There were no additions or corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

APRIL 13, 2020
MINUTES
APPROVED

Clmbr Bourdukofsky moved to approve the April 27, 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Clmbr Porath. There were no additions or corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

APRIL 27, 2020
MINUTES
APPROVED

Mgr Zavadil gave his report: Mgr Zavadil has been holding regular City of Saint Paul Incident Command meetings and Unified Command meetings weekly. The Unified Command team is working on the Re-Entry Plan that is on the agenda for approval today. The Unified Command team has multiple housing options for anyone that may have COVID-19, are symptomatic or community members who travel and would like to self-quarantine away from their household. Alaska Airlines announced that they will begin service to Cold Bay two times a week on Wednesdays and Sundays. Grant will continue service to St. George once Alaska Airlines provides service to Cold Bay. The service to St. George includes a stop in St. Paul. Mgr Zavadil, President Philemonoff, Mateo Paz- Soldan and Marissa Merculief are currently working with the EAS personnel to issue a temporary Request for Proposals (RFP) that provide regular scheduled passenger air service to from Anchorage to Saint Paul Island. We are not sure when this RFP will be issued. The City is currently working with ADEC and has contracted Integrity Environmental to develop a plan to submit to ADEC to sample and land spread the contaminated soil currently at the landfill. Once the plan is approved, they will begin the land spreading of the contaminated soil at the landfill and will collect and test samples at the spill site.

CITY MANAGER
REPORT

Clmbr Melovidov moved to approve Ordinance 20-03, Revising Title IV, Revenue and Finance, by adding Section 4.30, Remote Seller Sales Tax, seconded by Clmbr Bourdukofsky. When purchasing through a remote seller like Amazon a potential tax will be added, and the commission would track this and submit the tax to the City. The Alaska Remote Sellers Sales Tax Commission fee would be 18% for the first year and would decrease to 10%-15% the following year.

ORDINANCE
20-03, REVISING
TITLE IV BY
ADDING SECTION
4.30, REMOTE
SELLERS TAX 2ND
READING

A roll call vote was held: Ayes-Bourdukofsky, Melovidov, Warner, Porath, Merculief
Motion carried unanimously.

A break was held between 10:20 and 10:40.

Clmbr Bourdukofsky moved to approve Ordinance 20-04, Revising Title 2, Section 2.15.120 Meeting by Teleconference, seconded by Clmbr Warner. This will change the Ordinance so the council can meet by teleconference and will count as a quorum.

ORDINANCE 20-
04, MEETING BY
TELE-
CONFERENCE,
RVSN, 2ND RDG
AND ADOPTION

A roll call vote was held:

Ayes-Warner, Porath, Bourdukofsky, Melovidov, Merculief.
Motion carried unanimously.

Clmbr Bourdukofsky moved to approve Resolution 20-09, City of Saint Paul Declaration of Covid-19 Public Health Disaster with Request for State Assistance, seconded by Clmbr Melovidov. In March Resolution 20-06 was passed which Declared the Public Health Emergency and the non-essential travel ban in place the key piece that was missing was the request for assistance. This resolution requests that the governor of the State of Alaska provide disaster assistance to the City of Saint Paul in its preparation, response, and recovery from this event. Mgr Zavadil will change the date on the Resolution to 5/15/2020.

RESOLUTION
20-09,
DECLARATION
OF PUBLIC
HEALTH
DISASTER WITH
REQUEST FOR
STATE
ASSISTANCE

A roll call vote was held: Ayes- Porath, Bourdukofsky, Melovidov, Warner, Merculief.
Motion carried unanimously.

Clmbr Bourdukofsky moved to approve Resolution 20-11, St. Paul Leaderships Request to Fund the St. Paul Airport with its Part 139 Airport Operating Certificate, seconded by Clmbr Porath. The Saint Paul Island Coalition has been working on a letter to the USDOT Commissioner. Following that letter will be a Resolution from each entity. The resolution will request to recertify the Saint Paul Airport as Part 139. This will allow a larger aircraft with 30+ seats to fly to St. Paul. Since the current Essential Air Service award is up in May 2021 the Coalition is trying to get this all set up to get it out to other potential air carriers. Mainly focusing on Alaska Airlines with the jet or the New Pen Air with the Saab 2000's. A couple of years ago the State verbally committed the Sand Point ARF truck to St. Paul. There an additional cost of about \$60,000.00 a year. Will most like use the Sand Point model and institute a landing fee that will be used to help cover that cost.

RESOLUTION
20-11, REQUEST
TO FUND THE
AIRPORT WITH
PART 139

A roll call vote was held: Ayes- Melovidov, Warner, Porath, Bourdukofsky, Merculief.
Motion carried unanimously.

Clmbr Melovidov moved to approve Resolution 20-12, Accepting the City of Saint Paul Wastewater Lift Station Preliminary Engineering Report, seconded by Clmbr Warner. The engineering report is to redesign the lift stations on the ballfield and below the Tribal Government office building. If the City is awarded the funding, approval of the plan by the City Council is part of the process. The engineering report has been completed and submitted. The Engineer also recommended to upgrade the septic tank at East Landing.

RESOLUTION
20-12,
ACCEPTING THE
WASTEWATER
LIFT STATION
PRELIM REPORT

Clmbr Porath asked how old the lift stations are. Mgr Zavadil stated they are about 30-35 years old. Clmbr Melovidov asked what the City can do to upgrade if the award is not granted to the City of Saint Paul. Mgr Zavadil replied there is an option of low interest loan program the state has. The City would have to factor into the rates how to repay the loan. This is the back-up plan.

A roll call vote was held: Ayes- Porath, Melovidov, Warner, Merculief.
No- Bourdukofsky.
Motion carries.

Clmbr Bourdukofsky moved to approve Resolution 20-13, Accepting the St. Paul Re-Entry Plan during the COVID-19 Pandemic, seconded by Clmbr Porath. The plan is based on a three-phased approach with guidance from federal and state health and other experts. This plan and the phases will provide guidance to the Saint Paul Island Unified Command Team when lifting State or local government issued mandates and restrictions that were implemented to protect the health of the community so that Saint Paul Island residents can begin to get back to normal daily living all while continuing to protect our community members. The plan will be posted in public places.

RESOLUTION
20-13,
ACCEPTING THE
RE-ENTRY PLAN

A roll call vote was held: Ayes- Bourdukofsky, Porath, Warner, Melovidov, Merculief.
Motion carried unanimously.

A lunch break was held between 12 and 1:15 PM.

Clmbr Porath moved to approve Emergency Ordinance 20-93, Protective Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 Throughout St. Paul Island, seconded by Clmbr Warner. This Ordinance is a combination Resolution 20-06, Non-essential Travel Ban and Emergency Ordinance 20-92, Harbor Closure. This Ordinance will be effective immediately and in place for 30 days unless extended at the next meeting. This extends the non- essential travel ban and opens the harbor with restriction in place to protect the community. All person that travel will need to follow the 14-day quarantine, they are not permitted to enter any place of business until their quarantine is completed. Any persons permitted to travel will be required to test before the arrive in St. Paul and 5-7 day after their arrival.

EMERGENCY
ORDINANCE
20-93,
PROTECTIVE
MEASURES TO
PREVENT THE
SPREAD OF
COVID-19

A roll call vote was held: Ayes- Porath, Melovidov, Warner, Merculief.
Motion carried unanimously.

Clmbr Porath moved to approve Resolution 20-14, Donation Request for Keep St. Paul Clean, seconded by Clmbr Warner. A donation of \$500.00 was requested for the Keep St. Paul Clean event that is happening this week. For each bag trash that is picked a person will receive a ticket for a drawing at the end of the day.

RESOLUTION
20-14, DONATION
REQUEST FOR
KEEP ST. PAUL
CLEAN

A roll call vote was held: Ayes-Melovidov, Warner, Porath, Merculief.
Motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 11th and July 14th.

NEXT MEETING

Clmbr Porath moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Clmbr Warner. The motion carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED:

Monique Baker, City Clerk

Date