

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 19, 2023**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Mercurief called the meeting to order at 9:05AM.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Council members present were Daniel Porath, Naomi Edenshaw, Ray Melovidov, Jason Bourdukofsky, Joseph Kozloff and Heidi Mercurief. A quorum was established.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

CM Porath MOVED to Approve the agenda. Seconded by CM Bourdukofsky. There were no comments. MOTION to Approve the agenda was carried by voice vote of 7 Ayes.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

CM Kozloff MOVED to Approve the minutes for July 18, 2023. Seconded by CM Porath. There were no comments. MOTION to Approve the July 18, 2023, minutes was passed by voice vote of 7 Ayes.

**V. PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL**

There was no one to address the council.

**VI. REPORTS**

**A. 2022 Financial Audit Report**

Justin Engler with Altman, Rogers & Co. was one of the auditors of the City of Saint Paul FY22 audit and gave a report. Audited were financial statements of governmental business type activities for year ended Dec 31, 2022. He reviewed professional standards for the audit, and management responsibility for accounting policies. There were no new accounting policies adopted in 2022; and no transactions entered into the City during a year in which there was a lack of authoritative guidance. Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statement and are prepared by management based on their knowledge. Some estimates the City has are on the useful life and depreciation which is based on the expected life of the asset and the management's estimate of allowed account based on the accounts receivable which is based on historical collections. There were a few corrected differences that management decided to correct; the biggest one being a 3-million-dollar bulk fuel loan adjustment originally booked as revenue instead of a liability and expense.

Overall, it was a clean audit. The City received a clean, unmodified opinion and there were no findings or differences noted. Basis for their opinion were conducted in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. There is an emphasis of matter paragraph related to the Department of Commerce revenue bond repayment moratorium; it expired in 2016 and the City applied for additional extension but hasn't received approval or denial. The financial statements have been prepared assuming the moratorium terms remain in place, if the extension request is not approved it is unclear what the repayment terms would be. Management was responsible for the preparation and fair representation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting policies and principles accepted in the United States and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal controls relevant to the preparation. The auditor responsibility was explained from the report booklet.

In summary, it was a clean opinion, no issues overall. They performed compliance similar to last year stating there were no findings, everything was in compliance with the federal government and OMB compliance supplement. This year they looked at two federal programs, COVID Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal recovery funds and Coastal Zone Management Administration awards, verifying that the City is doing everything it should regarding the supplement and grant award. Again, no findings overall; the City received an unmodified opinion which is the best opinion that can be given.

CM Melovidov asked for clarification about the change in net position on page 6 in a statement of activities. Justin informed him that pages 5 and 6 are the government wide financial statements that include all long-term assets. The change is saying that it is a net loss per say but the net at the end of the year is 29 million, it's not the cash but the overall scope of how the City is doing. On page 6 it shows a loss of 2.6 million; it was explained that it is factored in with the enterprise funds with the capital assets and the loan and pension. Page 9 shows governmental activities without the capital assets, loan, and pension; the change in fund balance is negative 1.8 million. One of the big drivers bringing things down is electric which had more expenses than revenue for the enterprise.

The City Manager commented that there was a reserve and City was trying to self-fund some of the infrastructure upgrades. With lower funds coming in, the City didn't have the cash to be able to do it hence moving towards the USDA loan. The CEIP debt is still on the books, he'll talk about in his report. The other utilities are just scraping by. That would bring the overall net position into the negative, at some point it needs to be addressed, which includes rates.

## **B. Mayor**

There was no report given.

## **C. City Manager**

City Manager Zavadil reported for essential air service, the USDOT issued an order on September 14<sup>th</sup> granting EAS award to RAVN for an additional 2 years. Can work with them to address concerns like flight cancelations.

Fisheries workshop this afternoon. Mateo is preparing comments for the City and CBSFA on Magnuson-Stevens Act for proposed amendments and national standards guidelines specifically looking at standards 4, 8 and 9. Fisheries policies are still critical for the community and making sure to keep up on the national standards, that we bring some equity to fisheries policies, giving a bigger voice for rural communities. CM Bourdukofsky asked if there was a report of the surveys that were done during the summer. CM Melovidov commented that the crab plan team met last week and reviewed preliminary results of the survey. Not much has changed for opilio, some indicators for adults are down a little; for bairidi, results were good, for Bristol Bay red king crab adult females were up and males slightly down. There is a possibility for a small Bristol Bay red king crab fishery this fall for 2-2.5 million pounds, any announcement will be in October. Trawl survey results will come out in October. The surveys will be shared on the City website. Talking to Trident about the possibility of a small king crab season, they may bring the Bountiful in to process king crab. There was discussion that they may process in the South, but concern is that any North crab processed in the South under circumstances not considered an emergency could potentially harm the North region community protections and harm Saint Paul's right to have North region crab brought to the island. Trident understood and was supportive.

Coastal Energy Impact Program- loan from 23 years ago, as stated in the audit, there's a moratorium on payments and we've requested forgiveness. Sent letters to congressional delegation and Secretary of Commerce. Another community in a similar situation is Pascagoula Mississippi; met with their mayor

and city manager decided to cooperate to get congress to include language in some bill to forgive the two loans. Last email, a rep. from Mississippi drafted some language. Will continue to monitor as it affects the audit because it sits on the books as a liability. 8-9 million dollars is still owed, it was taken out to develop the fuel tank farm and some of the harbor, it is all connected to when crab fisheries were good, with the first crab crash, requested the first moratorium on repayment. Traveled with Mayor Mercurief to DC in 2019 to address the importance of forgiving it because the fisheries didn't play out like it was supposed to and ability to pay was related to it. Mayor Mercurief commented that the meeting with NOAA was a good meeting, then covid happened. The loan was to move the tank farm to where it is versus on the hill.

Planning and Zoning- Tribal Government is working on new duplexes for Colonel Fouke Street, waiting for them to get the application for construction permit in for review. In sewer and water ordinance, if a developer is self-funding utility extensions we do an agreement, drafted one and is waiting for it to come back prior to issuing a notice to proceed on construction.

Saint Paul Fuel is talking about upgrades to a fuel line. They are in the planning stages and hired engineers. They were sent utility maps.

The Coast Guard is planning to redo a plat that was approved in 2019. There were some things incorrect on the replat. BLM personnel came in to do a survey, we might see something from them next year for planning and zoning. There are some land transfers between Coast Guard and TDX and things need to be identified.

Insurance renewal that runs on a state fiscal year, July 1 to Jun 30. Will see an overall premium increase of about \$35,000. Property went up by 33.1% from last year. Adjusted the deductible to reflect a higher deductible from \$25,000 to \$150,000. Two state public insurance pools, City goes with Alaska Public Entity Insurance, the other is AMLJIA. Discussions are taking place about merging the two pools to hopefully reduce costs to all the members and bring in the best of both pools into one. General liability went down as well as auto insurance, pollution for bulk fuel went up a bit, trying to minimize that impact on City finances.

CEDS partner meeting yesterday going over the agenda for community conversation happening on Oct. 10-11 5:30PM to 8PM. Encourage community members to come to talk about what we see for the future for saint paul to generate new revenue. Concerns for the emergency strategies list, try to push community concerns and have entities work on those top issues. Survey results about the CEDS have some interesting things that will be talked about at the community meeting and dinner. On October 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a childcare workshop. Families will get a \$50 card for participating. Mayor Mercurief commented on working with the Bering Sea Campus, bring up some of the maintenance classes they have coming up.

Army Corp of Engineers harbor maintenance project in the works. Corp identified maintenance and repair. Approximately 140,000 yards of sand to be dredged at the main entrance / channel / maneuvering areas and the small boat harbor entrance channel / mooring / maneuvering areas, and the sediment management area between the boulder spit and spending beach. Identified two areas for dredge material a small amount can fit at the Kamenista site and rest can go to the current landfill to be reused for cover material for closeout. There will be repairs to the main breakwater and the energy dispersion reefs with placement of about 22,000 cubic yards of rock. The reefs are lower than they used to be. Doing some scour protection, placing 5,000 cubic yards of armored rock at main entrance channel where there are scour holes and about 3,000 cubic yards at the small boat harbor

entrance. A lot of work on the harbor next year. Bid documents for construction, 13.5-million-dollar project, hopefully coming out next month. Will have a contractor selected by next year.

CM Bourdukofsky asked about the material by Trident plant that was washed off during the typhoon if it was possible for them to stabilize it. Zavadil commented that the Corp's responsibility is for navigational features, that's not something they'd address; it would be on the owner of the area to repair. Briefly talked with Chris Mandregan, can have further discussion, did send FEMA assistance information to him. There is different funding available for public and private entities. The Corp prepared an environmental assessment. The document is available on the City's website.

Planning assistance- had a meeting with Army Corp to request an economic study for improvement and expansion of the harbor. Put in a waiver for the required match based on distressed community designation, it is still being reviewed higher up in the Corp. Do not expect anything until next year. We put in a letter to the Corp to request general investigation studies (climate conditions, wave action, storms, surge) to eventually get funding allocated.

Grant funded projects- small boat harbor utility extensions money to extend water/sewer/electrical main into small boat harbor. Surveyors were here in August to create a base map of elevations and locations. Last week the engineers were out for a site visit. Preliminary plans go into 35% drawing for electrical, replacing sectionalizing cabinet across from Adorm. That will feed the new lift station, bring in the medium voltage main into the small boat harbor area for dock lights, the potential harbor office and tie in the security shed into that a well. Water main would be extended from the hydrant, East of Adorm, that would go in the new harbor road easement and meet up with the water main around the post office area. There will be some new hydrants. A sewer lift station is being proposed on the East side of Adorm, will need to acquire new easement from TDX and KUNA have met with John Lyons. Preliminary discussions with TDX to clean up some of the easements to make the Unipak area more usable for development. Once 35% drawing is done, will meet again with TDX to figure out a good solution. The goal is to get the new vessel repair building off septic tank and tied into the sewer system and open for future development. Mayor Mercurief asked how many outfall lines there are in that area. Domestic sewer line from trident, would need to look at a map.

USDA loan waiting on approval document, it should be coming this month. USDA grant for airport feeder replacement, which is tied to the loan, most likely the grant will get extended. Had to update the implementation plan and the budget to submit to USDA. Once the loan is approved, can potentially start next year. EPA grant for the solid waste facility at Polovina- still waiting on award documents to get started on it. They should be in this month. The State of Alaska CBDG award is finalized, entered into a contract with Polar Consult to finalize engineer drawings and put together the bid packets. Kick off meeting last month on the 30<sup>th</sup>, 65% of design drawing done that was self-funded years ago. USDOT Safer Streets regional grant- City the lead applicant with St. George as a partner. Request for proposal to hire a contractor to help develop the plan, due October 6<sup>th</sup>. Looking for residents to participate in a task force, it will address roads that need to be upgraded, lighting and more. The council was encouraged to join. We have a Thriving Communities technical assistance grant- no money but assistance contractors. Had a meeting with partners, Tribe, CBSFA, PSD, TDX on the 31st to work on the work plan for what contractor will do. Final draft this morning. They can look at grant applications that have been submitted but not funded, cost analysis, and collect data, it is about technical assistance to submit better grant application to federal agencies.

Village Safe Water lift station replacement grant- 95% drawings should be completed at the end of this month. Will go out to bid with construction hopefully next year. Received a VSW planning grant. Hire

an engineer for conceptual design than can apply for VSW construction dollars. For upgrading the water treatment plant with the second one being the valve house below the water tanks. It is in disrepair. Looking at what it will take to replace ductile and cast-iron lines in oldtown with ATPE funding.

Public Safety- The CSO transferred to power plant, he'll need to go to AVTEC next year. VPSO Kevin Davis arrived on August 20, will be based on island, second VPSO Logan, coming on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>. Incident data, Zach will report on EMS data, working out reporting law enforcement data. VPSO agreement competed with APIA, renewed the holding facility agreement with the Tribe. Working on general public safety agreement between the City and Tribe, have a meeting tomorrow.

Fire- landfill fire on the 25<sup>th</sup>, garbage burning on the ground, which is in violation of our permit was extinguished; self-extinguished vehicle fire on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Fire training tonight. Thanks to CM Bourdukofsky for his years of service.

Public works- currently have a facilities maintenance worker position open. Want someone with experience. Hired Carl for road maintenance as temp. Had several boiler issues, parts ordered. Mayor Mercurief has been a big help. Building maintenance, Mac has been addressing various issues as they arise. Had 3E construction guys work with our guys to fix broken cable and spring issues on door at fire station.

Motor pool- garbage truck still down, sent out the cylinders for repair but they didn't work. Fuel tanker is down with several issues. Sewer truck PTO shaft came in and installed. NOAA pumps went out last year, got them rebuilt, Mark Hoover is in yesterday and will get them installed. Adrian had to go there 2-3 times a week to pump them up. The F150 pickup truck brakes finally came in.

Bulk fuel- operator position advertised. As of September 1<sup>st</sup> there are 97,385 gallons of gas, 96,000 delivery this year 1200 from old supply. Cost should drop a bit. 585,000 of diesel 510,000 from new supply 69,000 from old. A drop in price of about a dollar a gallon. We are not taking on any new customers, when ordered new supply did not factor in new customers. We tried to purchase more but Vitus decided they weren't going to sell more as they wanted to wrap up delivery. August 17<sup>th</sup> last supply received. Did a tabletop exercise, August 14<sup>th</sup>, and spill drill, August 15<sup>th</sup>, jointly with TDX fuel. An agreement with St Paul Fuels is in review, states City and TDX will jointly respond no matter whose spill it is. Cell phone connection issues caused issues with communications.

Unscheduled power outage on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Training with staff on how to restore power when the switch fell, and it is not supposed to. It is supposed to be replaced.

Trident connection- finalizing electrical services agreement. Notice to proceed will be given once signed. Once done we can get it done quickly as most of the materials are available.

Met with John Lyons on the 28<sup>th</sup> on upgrades and replacements being done and plan for alternative energy integration once replacements happen. Finalized changes to electric utility ordinance. Notices to go out in the next billing.

Water utility- coliform collected July/August no presence of coliform. TTHM is a by product of putting chlorine in the system. Sample kit sent to us June 20, need to test in July, and the kit didn't arrive until August. The kits were still viable, collect the TTHM in August and HA5 this month. Lead and copper kits

sent from lab. Coliform there is 48 hrs. for it to be viable. Wrote RAVN management to keep Monday flight to keep water samples out in time as well as for the clinic to get their blood samples out.

CM Bourdukofsky asked how many pump houses there are functioning, 7 total and 4 are functioning. Some pump replacements on a couple. #4 is the only one that has siltation, and it is not used. North well needs full replacement of the building. CM Bourdukofsky asked about the possibility of pumps being repaired. Need to work on a schedule as it will involve CBSFA crane to pull out the pipe. A new person in DEC had ideas about what should be included in the consumer confidence report. EPA guides what should be reported. Chatter on Facebook on safety of the water, it is safe. Chlorine is required in the system to kill off bacteria.

Sewer utility- continued issues at Ellerman lift station due to things that shouldn't be flushed. Adrian is doing a good job. That side of town is asked not to flush wipes, even if they are advertised as such, as well as syringes and other things that can plug the pipes. If those pumps go out, that side of town will not be able to flush their toilets. The pumps are from the 80's so the inlet and outlet are only 3 inches, so it gets clogged easily. The pumps are not made anymore so there is no straight replacement. The upgrades are critical right now.

Break 10:38AM to 10:48AM

CM Porath asked about contracting out some motor pool repairs on projects that are behind and funding. We don't have the funding to do it. Zavadil has reached out to some shops in the Anchorage area to see if they can send someone, hasn't found one. Damon has been helpful. CM Bourdukofsky asked for status of what is operational at the power plant. Units 5 and 6 are operational. Unit 6 needs an in-frame overhaul. Will include in frame overhaul on unit 6 in the budget for next year for \$180,000. Good on unit 5, unit 6 repair in budget, it does work but is passed its time for parts replacement. Unit 6 does put out black smoke when it is used during oil change on unit 5. Unit 2 is waiting for upgrades, 3 and 4 don't run, and 1, 4160, is offline because transformer and cable in ground. Trying to hold on due to expense, but it is essential to get it done. New units to go online likely in 2025 once upgraded.

No further questions.

#### **D. City Clerk**

Wegeleben provided a written report and was available for questions. There were no questions.

#### **E. Finance Director**

Mandregan provided a written report and was available for questions. There were no questions.

#### **F. Grants/Projects Specialist**

Sterbenz- Grants and Contracts Update PowerPoint. Report is combined report for August and September. The City was not awarded anything for this reporting period except yesterday we received notification of award for \$138,000 for a closed caption security camera system for the small boat harbor. Have submitted 4 grant applications since the last meeting; USDA letter of interest for Powering Affordable Clean Energy for Solar Panel Array and Battery Storage Systems for City Building at \$8,230,000; with AK Dept. of Homeland Security & Emergency Management for State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program for Cybersecurity Risk Assessment at \$30,000; with USDOT for Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program for Harbor Road Planning and Pre-construction Activities at \$320,000 and with NOAA Fisheries for Saltonstall-Kennedy Completion Grant for Feasibility Studies: Facility Improvements and Crab Mariculture at Saint Paul Island Trident Seafoods Plant at \$500,000.

There are 5 other pending applications, 1 with the AK Dept. of Health Division of Public Health and 4 with AK Dept. of Homeland Security & Emergency Management. There are 10 applications currently under development with American Seafoods, EPA, Sprite of Blue Foundation, NOAA, Rasmuson Foundation, US Economic Development Administration, and 4 with AK Dept. of Homeland Security & Emergency Management.

## **G. Department of Public Safety**

### **1. Emergency Medical Services**

Nason reported- overview of call volume did a review of calls in software of the beginning of the year, 42% warranted EMS, there were a couple calls that they wouldn't normally see an ambulance dispatched to. Between 6/15 -8/31, 75% of 911 calls had an EMS response in that period. Most calls fall in the yellow emergent area. There was one critical call for cardiac arrest. For education, provided 2 ETT courses. Putting on another one once the second VPSO gets here. Having issues getting people involved. Changes in AK EMS may be getting rid of certifying officers, official from the state, who had to come out to proctor a course or students sent out. Building a digital flash card. Started tracking personal time stamps on 911 calls on when notified, response etc., it's important to keep those accurate if they come up in court case or issue of contention. Using GPS logging and uploaded to patient care port. Now have set up a cardiac monitor, instead of manual entry, it sends a file over Wi-Fi to cloud. The file type cannot lie and is stone cold proof. Made tools, mapping that autofill's to make things quicker. Added invalidation rules to keep charts from advancing if they shouldn't be. Billing policy- changed to what is called soft billing, resident vs nonresident. It is someone who has been seen by the ambulance, the bill goes to insurance, if they are a resident after 4 months of nonpayment it is written off and does not go to collections. Software from Google earth navigation map to work with drone VPSO is possibly getting. Can easily find locations. Allowance of CPR instructors to remotely teach courses needs to be looked into more to bring in revenue. VPSO Davis asked if fire hydrants can be added.

### **2. Village Public Safety Officer**

VPSO busy initial week. Dispatch needs to gather more information from calls. VPSOs report to troopers. CM Kozloff asked if there were any guidelines for drone deployment. Need to look into rules and regulations on restrictions for flying public safety drones for FAA and wildlife. Mobile Starlink generator going to be received. Also expecting and AED. VPSO Davis has knowledge in electrical wiring and RV stuff which has been helpful with the ambulance.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no new business discussed.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Resolution 23-17 – A Resolution of the Council of the City of Saint Paul Rescinding Resolution 21-10 and Indefinitely Suspending City Personnel Policy 10.34 – Employee COVID-19 Vaccination**

CM Bourdukofsky MOVED to APPROVE Ordinance 23-17. Seconded by CM Edenshaw.

Seems that peak covid times are over even though we have a few cases on island. At this point it could be a barrier, people who have wanted to get vaccinated have by this point. Legal counsel stated the council could choose to reinstitute policy again if lifted. The Tribal Council has lifted their requirement. CM Bourdukofsky asked if we should have a replacement if we eliminate it, making it mandatory if someone tests positive, rebound on cases locally. Zavadil clarified that this is just for vaccination requirement for employees. The infectious disease control policy is separate, active, and still in place. CM Mercurief asked why we are dropping it now as we've lost many workers due to the mandate.

Zavadil— it'd open potential for filling positions to people who have chosen not to get vaccinated it is becoming harder to find good, qualified candidates for positions. The vaccination is one of the key tools to prevent people from getting severely ill, it would still be encouraged but not required. Per policy and federal regulations if its just a personal choice an exemption can't be granted.

MOTION to APPROVE Ordinance 23-17 failed by Roll Call vote of 3 Ayes with No votes from CMs Bourdukofsky, Merculief, Porath and Edenshaw.

**B. Resolution 23-18 – A Resolution of the Council of the City of Saint Paul Approving Dispatch Services Agreement Between City of Cordova, Alaska and City of Saint Paul, Alaska**

CM Bourdukofsky MOVED to APPROVE Ordinance 23-18. Seconded by CM Porath.

Nason and Davis spoke about accuracy of dispatch data entry, and having issues filing positions, currently we have 3 dispatchers doing 8 hrs. 7 days a week. To properly do dispatch we'd need 7 dispatchers. We've had applicants, some ineligible based on background, need strong computer skills because what's recorded in the system is all computer based. We have a limited labor pool. Cordova PD is set up to do remote dispatch for other communities, have been talking to them for the past year, they do Wittier and two other communities. They use the same CAD system software we do; phone systems are lined up to be forwarded. Only other component we need is a box to put the radio system over the internet, \$11,000 to set up so they can communicate with our responders on the ground. Cost savings cost yearly \$140,000 vs the \$240,000-\$260,000 we currently spend. Negative is technology could fail. The past 3 weeks we get notification daily that GCI is down. We would have to lay off the current dispatch and possibly transfer them into other positions in the City, would need to retain an admin position during the day to help with PBT and court. Personnel issues and retention over the years. Do we want to continue to provide 24/7 dispatch service if not, what level do we want. Concern is potential legal implications, everything recorded is public record, if things aren't recorded correctly, it opens the City to liability, or people can get off on some error not recorded properly or timestamped. In the past Zavadil and the City Clerk had to cover dispatch but that cannot always be done with many other things going on. Childcare is a need, had to shift things around to keep a dispatcher on with one other needing childcare. Nixles put out with EMS and VPSO numbers when dispatch is not covered, other concern is burnout which can be a factor in why data is not getting put in correctly. Thanks to those dispatchers we do have, they are working 7 days a week, thankful they are there.

The Coast Guard came in to look at the fire alarm, with GCI issues Public Safety did not get the notification. Connection issues will remain until infrastructure with phone systems get fixed. We are on VOIP and have a backup to call. It is not an easy solution for this one. Right now, we are in a difficult spot to try to provide 24/7 dispatch. Some communities do not have dispatch. Last week Dutch got a 911 call from here, they rerouted.

CM Bourdukofsky commented that Cordova is far away, is there a closer location like Dutch or Dillingham in case of natural disaster. Other communities aren't set up for distant communities' service, Dutch going through their own issues, no Chief and need officers. Haven't talked with Bethel as an option, Cordova was ready, and Bethel wasn't quite yet. There are those concerns that if something happens, we'd have to come up with systems to accommodate it. There is a pay differential in graveyard shift, it's a struggle to fill positions. Cordova also does Nixles, we've had issues with Nixles going out and have some scripts.

CM Melovidov asked about plans for communication issues if we went this route, how would communication be routed and reliable? Can't fix cell and landline issues. Switched to VOIP. If landline

goes down no one can call 911. Without a phone system upgrade we wouldn't be able to forward to Cordova, they spent money on their system to be able to take in calls. To fix ACS/GCI issues it'll take a lot of money for them to bring their equipment up to date. For our limited populations they don't have a lot of money invested to fix issues. Alternatively talked about grants to get VHF's. It is another layer of complexity for things to go wrong but there is more stability in VOIP then landlines. CM Porath called for Question.

CM Melovidov MOVED to TABLE Ordinance 23-18. Seconded by CM Bourdukofsky. Motion carried by Roll Call vote of 6 Ayes with a No vote by CM Porath.

Lunch Break 12:06PM  
Back in Session 1:15PM

**C. Resolution 23-19 – A Resolution Rescinding Resolution 22-13 – A Resolution Regarding the Alagum Kanuux Sanctuary Nomination**

CM Porath MOVED to APPROVE Ordinance 23-19. Seconded by CM Bourdukofsky.

Resolution 22-13 provided conditional support of the sanctuary based on the City being kept up to date on what was happening. There hasn't been any updates or reports. Senators Murkowski and Sullivan wrote a strong letter to NOAA, and the AK Dept. of Fish and Game commissioner is not supportive. The resolution is in front of the council due to the concern at the state level, lack of support and heard plans that they were not moving forward. CM Melovidov wanted to add that the sanctuary part of prime has created some controversy in the fishing industry. He recalls it has had some negative spill over on the working through of the disaster funding for crab with a community holding the City of Saint Paul's conditional support against the City. It's negatively impacting the City and he is in support of Resolution 23-19. Mayor Mercurief commented that it was mentioned that the sanctuary nomination wouldn't affect the fisheries. CM Porath is concerned that the City hasn't been updated.

MOTION to APPROVE Ordinance 23-19 carried by Roll Call vote of 6 Ayes, Mayor Mercurief Abstained.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no Executive Session held.

**X. NEXT MEETING DATES/TIMES/AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Canvas Meeting, October 4, 2023 @ 10AM
- B. Regular Council Meeting, October 17, 2023 @ 9AM

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

CM Melovidov MOVED to Adjourn. Seconded by CM Porath. MOTION was carried by voice vote of 7 Ayes. The meeting adjourned at 1:29PM.

SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED:

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Aubrey Wegeleben, City Clerk

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Date