

Regular Ketchikan City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Williams at 7:01 p.m., October 21, 2010, with the following members present: Dick Coose (via teleconference), Jason Harris, Kj Harris, Matthew Olsen, Jack Shay, Robert Sivertsen and Marty West.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all persons in the Chambers.

Staff present were Assistant Manager Martin, City Attorney Bradford, Fire Chief Hill, Library Director McQuerry, Port and Harbors Director Corporon, Police Chief Talik, Public Works Director Allen, Electric Division Manager Kline, Telecommunications Division Manager Abbott, Water Division Manager Kleinegger and City Clerk Suiter.



**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 10-1653 – AMENDING  
SUBSECTION 11.16.060(b) OF THE KETCHIKAN MUNICIPAL  
CODE – MONTHLY CHARGE FOR WATER USAGE  
APPLICABLE TO INDUSTRIAL SERVICES EXCEPT FOOD  
PROCESSING AND SEASONAL INDUSTRIES**



Mayor Williams called the public hearing on Ordinance No. 10-1653 to order at 7:02 p.m. and requested public testimony.

Mike Carney, representing Ketchikan International Airport, said the water charges for an eight-inch line have never been equitable. He pointed out the ordinance only affects two users, the shipyard and the airport. He felt the airport has been paying eight times the rate of other users for years, pointing out they also pay for all the water lines and infrastructure that is at the airport. He said the cost of an increase will be passed along to the users. In response to Mayor Williams, he said it would be a 22% increase. He expressed surprise it hasn't been mentioned in the Cooperative Relations Committee.

Doug Ward, speaking on behalf of the Alaska Ship and Drydock, requested the Council once again delay the second reading of the ordinance in order to allow ASD to evaluate the information. He said he got the remainder of the information they requested last June, and will get it to their consultants. He expressed disappointment that the agenda statements unfairly portrayed their efforts to get the situation sorted out. He stressed it is an important issue that should be fairly portrayed in public documents. He hoped that an engineering solution could be found to whatever issues there are with water or sewer, and then their findings can go back to staff to understand the motivations for the ordinances. He questioned why ASD's rates are being raised when most of the others listed in the ordinance are being reduced. He stated it appears their rates are being raised or they were being penalized for having a year-round operation, as exceptions are made for seasonal industries.

Mr. Ward concluded that now they have the requested information it will make a meeting with staff constructive, and he felt they could move ahead on it. He said it will help them understand their usage and consumption as well as the discharge into the sewer. He didn't believe any major portion of the water used went back into the sewer. In response to how long he felt they would need to review the information, he explained what may be involved in their own assessment of water usage, noting they may be ready by the second meeting of February 2011. He said they would be happy to meet with staff sooner than that so they can start getting a scope of work and what they need to know for ASD.

Mr. Ward answered questions from the Council. He pointed out even though they have an eight-inch line, they are not big consumers of water. He said it is mostly there for fire protection. He said they would really like to see a fair and equitable charge.

As there was no further testimony, Mayor Williams declared the public hearing closed at 7:19 p.m.



**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 10-1655 – AMENDING  
SUBSECTION 11.16.060(f) OF THE KETCHIKAN MUNICIPAL  
CODE TO PRORATE CERTAIN SEASONAL USERS**

Mayor Williams called the public hearing on Ordinance No. 10-1655 to order at 7:19 p.m. and requested public testimony.

As there was no testimony, Mayor Williams declared the public hearing closed at 7:19 p.m.



**COMMUNICATIONS**

The packet contained a letter from Borough Mayor Dave Kiffer commending the KPU Electric Division staff for the hard work performed during a recent series of power outages. Mayor Williams noted a report of reservoir levels and a report on the storm events of the past few weeks.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

Jessica and Leslie Verney spoke regarding the Baranof Reservoir Project and how the blasting from it damaged their home. Mr. Verney said nothing has been done about it.

City Attorney Bradford said the responsible party at this point would be Southeast Earthmovers, and they would have strict liability because it is an inherently dangerous

activity. He felt it should be a fairly streamlined process unless there is a deliberate intent to stonewall.

Mr. Verney said the contractor sent an adjustor to their home, and he didn't look at the roof or foundation, and gave them a low number. Mrs. Verney said the insurance adjustors offered \$38,000, and the Verneys have spent over \$5,000 out of their own pockets hiring different engineers and contractors to give them estimates, if it is possible to repair. She reported at this point it is estimated to be over \$165,000, and they still have a cracked foundation and potentially the whole block can settle because it has been blasted so severely. She said they didn't want a lawsuit, but they shouldn't be penalized for something they haven't done. She stated their house currently is not sellable.

Mayor Williams encouraged the Verneys to work with their attorney. City Attorney Bradford opined that at this point the City would not have any authority to make any sort of payment on it because there has been no determination of liability, and the liability does rest with Southeast Earthmovers.

In response to Councilmember West, Mrs. Verney said their insurance company has not been an advocate on their behalf, and Mr. Verney reported they want to go off what Southeast Earthmovers are saying. He noted their insurance company didn't even send in an adjustor. Mrs. Verney said their issue is it seems like they are being penalized for something they didn't do.

Marna Cessnun spoke on behalf of the Verneys, as she originally sold them the home. She explained the features that made the home attractive to them, stating the events have been a nightmare for them. She said their insurance has not been helpful, saying they took the quotes the contractor gave, and used them. She felt this was not justifiable and in no way reflects the damage that has been done on the house. She said if she were to try to sell the house now, she would have to disclose that the foundation was compromised, and she couldn't, in good faith, sell the home. She hoped the City would stand behind them and support them.

Bobbie McCreary expressed disbelief at what the Verneys have gone through, and encouraged there should be a consumer complaint opportunity for them in Alaska in the insurance commissioner's department. She said what she has been listening to is totally unacceptable, as the insurance industry should be representing the homeowner, fighting with the contractor.

Ms. McCreary continued by thanking KPU for all the work that has been done to keep the community lit as best they could during the storms. She thanked Councilmember Sivertsen and others for the potential of bringing a narcotics detention canine back to Ketchikan. She felt it was desperately needed in our community and schools, even if it is not going to result in arresting someone, because it would effectively result in removing drugs from the school. She emphasized we need to do something in the town about drugs, and this is a start. She hoped to eventually move the program outside City limits, and she

thanked Police Chief Talik for bring an excellent speaker to town. She hoped to continue the education because kids don't know enough about what can happen to them when they get involved in drugs. She said she appreciates the efforts of Keep Alaska Beautiful, and encouraged the whole community to participate. She reported the water warehouse foundation is completed, and she described the work to date and cited those who have assisted.

Debra Hayden, Ketchikan Gateway Borough Economic Development Manager, handed out a comprehensive study of 16 industries in Ketchikan with updated economic indicators recently performed by the McDowell Group. She explained the study is available on the Borough's website.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Williams suggested moving the item regarding Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 10-22 with RISE Alaska, the item regarding the Ketchikan public library geo-technical exploration environmental assessment, and Resolution No. 10-2367 opposing an application to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to approve and market genetically engineered Atlantic salmon in the United States to the Consent Agenda. He asked if there were any objections, and none were heard.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Jason Harris, seconded by West approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 7 and special meeting of October 11, 2010.

Motion passed with Jason Harris, Sivertsen, Olsen, Shay, Coose, Kj Harris and West voting yea.

### **Resolution No. 10-2365 – Authorizing the Creation of the “Library Building Committee” as a Standing Committee and Appointment of Official and Ex-Officio Members to the Library Building Committee**

Moved by Jason Harris, seconded by West the City Council approve Resolution No. 10-2365 authorizing the creation of the Library Building Committee as a standing committee and establishing an effective date.

Motion passed with Jason Harris, Sivertsen, Olsen, Shay, Coose, Kj Harris and West voting yea.

Moved by Jason Harris, seconded by West the City Council appoint such official and ex-officio members to the Library Building Committee as recommended by Friends of the Ketchikan Public Library President Heidi Ekstrand.

Ms. Ekstrand recommended the following individuals:

Heidi Ekstrand, Leigh Gerber, Matt Olsen, Bob Sivertsen, Kathy Flora  
Ex-Officio: Judith McQuerry, Dave Martin, Bob Newell, Clifton Allen  
Project Resource: Kent Crandall (RISE Alaska), and Judi Andrijanoff (RISE Alaska)

Councilmember Coose felt that two councilmembers on the committee was too many, and there should be one maximum.

Motion passed with Jason Harris, Sivertsen, Olsen, Shay, Coose, Kj Harris and West voting yea.

**Resolution No. 10-2366 – Denali Commission  
Transportation Program Waterfront Development Grant  
Funding for the Design of a Drive-Down Ramp in Bar  
Harbor South**

Moved by Jason Harris, seconded by West the City Council approve Resolution No. 10-2366 authorizing an application for Denali Commission Transportation Program Waterfront Development Grant funding in the amount of \$100,000 for the design of a drive-down ramp in Bar Harbor South.

Motion passed with Jason Harris, Sivertsen, Olsen, Shay, Coose, Kj Harris and West voting yea.

**Budget Transfer – Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 10-22, Professional Services Agreement between the City of Ketchikan and RISE Alaska, LLC, Stakeholder Management/Funding Support Services**

Moved by Jason Harris, seconded by West the City Council authorize the city manager to enter into Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 10-21, Professional Services Agreement, between the City and RISE Alaska, LLC for the provision of stakeholder management and funding support services associated with the construction of a new Ketchikan Public Library; approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$29,000 from Appropriated Reserves of the Major Capital Improvements Fund to the Library Facilities Replacement Capital Account; and direct the city manager to execute Amendment No. 1 on behalf of the City Council.

Councilmember Coose cautioned the Council needs to keep in mind this is more than what it appears, and we need a project manager that keeps us on line with respect to the costs and the funding as well.

Motion passed with Jason Harris, Sivertsen, Olsen, Shay, Coose, Kj Harris and West voting yea.

**Budget Transfer – Contract No. 10-38, Ketchikan Public Library, Geo-Technical Exploration, Phase I Environmental Assessment**

Moved by Jason Harris, seconded by West the City Council authorize the city manager to execute an agreement for Contract No. 10-38 with Northern Geotechnical Engineering, Inc./Terra Firma Testing of Anchorage, Alaska in the amount of \$11,657; establish a contingency in the amount of \$1,165 for a total contract amount of \$12,812; and authorize a budget transfer of \$15,312 from the Major Capital Improvements Fund to the Library Facilities Replacement Capital Account.

Motion passed with Jason Harris, Sivertsen, Olsen, Shay, Coose, Kj Harris and West voting yea.

**Resolution No. 10-2367 – Opposing an Application to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to Approve and Market Genetically Engineered Atlantic Salmon in the United States – Mayor Williams**

Moved by Jason Harris, seconded by West the City Council approve Resolution No. 10-2367 opposing an application from AquaBounty Technologies, Inc. to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to approve and market genetically engineered Atlantic Salmon in the United States, and establishing an effective date.

Motion passed with Jason Harris, Sivertsen, Olsen, Shay, Coose, Kj Harris and West voting yea.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Ordinance No. 10-1653 – Amending Subsection 11.16.060(b) of the Ketchikan Municipal Code Revising the Monthly Charge for Water Usage Applicable to Industrial Services except Food Processing and Seasonal Industries – Second Reading**

Copies of Ordinance No. 10-1653 were available for all persons present.

Moved by Jason Harris, seconded by Shay the City Council postpone this item until the next regular Council meeting.

Motion to postpone passed with Jason Harris, Sivertsen, Shay, Coose and Kj Harris voting yea; Olsen and West voting nay.

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**Ordinance No. 10-1655 – Amending Subsection 11.16.060(f) of the Ketchikan Municipal Code to prorate Certain Seasonal Users – Second Reading**

Copies of Ordinance No. 10-1655 were available for all persons present.

Moved by Jason Harris, seconded Shay by the City Council postpone this item until the next regular Council meeting.

Motion to postpone passed with Shay, Kj Harris, Olsen, West, Kj Harris, Sivertsen and Coose voting yea.

**Budget Transfer – Completion of Fiber to the Home Projects – Deferred from October 7, 2010**

The motion on the floor was:

Moved by Sivertsen, seconded by West the City Council authorize the general manager to transfer \$70,000 from the Telecommunications Division's 2010 Salaries & Wages Account No. 11 to the Temporary Salaries Account No. 14 in the amount of \$52,000 and to the Expense Allowance Account No. 25 in the amount of \$8,000 in order to hire temporary employees to complete Fiber to the Home projects prior to the end of the year.

Motion passed with Jason Harris, West, Kj Harris, Sivertsen, Olsen and Shay voting yea; Coose voting nay.

The Council took a short break at 7:55 p.m. and reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

**Narcotics Detection Canine – Deferred from October 7, 2010**

The motion on the floor was:

Moved by Sivertsen, seconded by Jason Harris the City Council direct the city manager to work with the Police chief to pursue acquisition of a drug dog and approve funding for the acquisition and handler training from the US Marshall Property Seizure Fund.

Police Chief Talik answered questions from the Council.

Councilmember Sivertsen asked Attorney Bradford if there would be any problems with him voting as his son is on the police force, and Attorney Bradford stated as he understands the situation, the Council would be voting on funding the dog and at this point his son would just be one of many possible applicants for the position. He didn't feel there was a direct correlation with this vote and a possible financial benefit.

Motion passed with Sivertsen, Jason Harris, Coose, Kj Harris, Olsen, West and Shay voting yea.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Request for City Support and Participation During Recycling Efforts – Keep America Beautiful Southeast**

Moved by Sivertsen, seconded by Kj Harris the City Council support the efforts of Keep America Beautiful – Southeast and direct the city manager to work with the interested party using available resources as deemed appropriate during the Keep America Beautiful – Southeast aluminum can recycle drive.

Councilmember Sivertsen stated he felt this was a worthwhile effort, but that the Council can let staff best utilize its resources rather than have the Council direct them.

Motion passed with West, Olsen, Shay, Jason Harris, Kj Harris, Sivertsen and Coose voting yea.

**Ordinance No. 10-1663 – Amending Chapter 11.12 Telecommunications Service and Rates of the Ketchikan Municipal Code – First Reading**

Copies of Ordinance No. 10-1663 were available for all persons present.

Moved by Jason Harris, seconded by Sivertsen the City Council approve in first reading Ordinance No. 10-1663 amending Chapter 11.12 of the Ketchikan Municipal Code, Telecommunications Service and Rates; providing for a public hearing; and establishing an effective date.

Motion passed with Kj Harris, Coose, Sivertsen, West, Shay, Olsen and Jason Harris voting yea.

**Addendum No. 3 to Schedule A-1 of the Master Services Agreement for the Procurement of Internet Bandwidth – GCI Communications Corporation**

Moved by Sivertsen, seconded by Jason Harris the City Council authorize the general manager to enter into Addendum No. 3 to Schedule A-1 of the Master Services Agreement with GCI Communications Corporation dated October 28, 2008, extending the contract term to October 28, 2014 and providing for the anticipated procurement of additional bandwidth of 180 Mbps for the remainder of 2010, the procurement of 225 Mbps for 2011 and the procurement of 270 Mbps for the remainder of the contract term, said procurement of additional bandwidth being contingent on sufficient funding having

been appropriated by the City Council to the Telecommunications Division's Rentals – Equipment Account No. 61.

Motion passed with Jason Harris, Sivertsen, Olsen, Shay, Coose, Kj Harris and West voting yea.

**Designation of Lot Adjacent to the Proposed New Public Library Building – Councilmember Olsen**

Moved by Olsen, seconded by Sivertsen the City Council designate Lot 27 of Fairy Chasm Road and attach it to the new public library project on Copper Ridge.

Councilmember Olsen explained the State purchased the lot from Mr. Lybrand as part of the Third Avenue Bypass Project, and has since deeded it back to the City. He said it is currently being used as overflow boat storage for a local neighbor. He said this will allow additional space for overflow parking and to build a stairwell down to the Bear Valley area so the residents won't have to navigate the hill or the sidewalks. He emphasized there is no cost to the City.

Motion passed with Shay, Kj Harris, Olsen, West, Jason Harris, Sivertsen and Coose voting yea.

**Discussion of Alaska Municipal League 2011 Statewide Priorities – Councilmember Olsen**

Councilmember Olsen said Councilmember Shay brought back the priority list of the Alaska Municipal League, and he felt the priority regarding PERS should be moved up on the list, as it was currently in the place of fourth priority and revenue sharing was in first place. He recalled that the City gets approximately \$1.5 million in PERS reimbursement, or coverage, from the state, but the revenue sharing is only \$470,000. He said he was concerned because PERS is still quite a bit behind and if we start laying off the pressure to make sure PERS is funded adequately, we may see that drop off at the state level and find ourselves with a \$1.5 million extra bill.

Councilmember Shay took note of Councilmember Olsen's comments, stating the points are excellent.

**VOUCHERS**

Moved by West, seconded by Jason Harris for approval of vouchers to Ketchikan Daily News in the amount of \$256.20.

Motion passed with Coose, Jason Harris, West, Kj Harris, Sivertsen, Olsen and Shay voting yea.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **General Government and KPU Appropriated Reserves Through the City Council Meeting of October 7, 2010**

Manager Amylon provided the Council a schedule of the current balance of Appropriated Reserves of the various funds of General Government and KPU through the City Council meeting of October 7, 2010.

### **September – November 2010 Fire and Police Department Staffing Schedules**

At the request of Councilmember Sivertsen, Manager Amylon transmitted copies of the Fire and Police Departments' staffing schedules for the months of September through November 2010.

### **Public Works Department Project Status Report – September 2010**

Manager Amylon provided a copy of the project status report of the Public Works Department for the month of September 2010.

### **Contract No. 09-30 Update – Tongass Avenue Utilities Replacement Phase II, S&S General Contractors & Equipment Rentals, Inc.**

Manager Amylon included an update regarding Contract No. 09-30, Tongass Avenue Utilities Replacement Phase II with S&S General Contractors & Equipment Rentals, Inc.

## **K.P.U. MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **Project Status Reports of the KPU Operating Divisions – September 2010**

Manager Amylon transmitted the project status reports of the KPU operating divisions for the month of September 2010.

### **Report of Reservoir Elevation**

Manager Amylon provided a report of reservoir elevations from Electric Division Manager Kline.

### **Storm Events and Restoration – October 9-17, 2010**

Assistant Manager Martin provided information from Electric Division Manager Kline relaying statistics related to the storm events and outages during October 9-17, 2010. Mr. Kline's report outlined several facts:

- No safety incidents;
- 25 separate trip events due to wind, trees and slides on the 34.5 kV sub-transmission line from Beaver Falls to N. Point Higgins;
- 43 distinct feeder trips and outages out of the distribution substations;
- damage to the Swan-Bailey 115 kV transmission line;
- tree damage at Ward Cove substation;
- significant damage to individual customer services;
- numerous diesel runs due to downed lines and the need for system stability;
- 771 hours of Electric Division overtime, excluding management;
- line crew overtime of 363 hours for five men;
- extreme, excessive hours for the line crew;
- numerous callouts during the holiday weekend;
- 110 hours of traffic control; and
- three outside contractors brought in to assist

Assistant Manager Martin alerted the Council the Swan-Tyee Intertie was returned to service on Tuesday of this week, and the suspected damage wasn't as extensive as first indicated. He continued by commending all the crews who responded during the storm events: Public Works, Telecommunications Division, Electric Division, and everyone who was involved. He said they all did a fantastic job getting us back to service as fast as they could. He cited the hours put in by the Electric Division as a whole, noting staff will need to develop a policy relative to the maximum amount of hours that people can put in. He noted one person put in a 39 hour work day, followed by a short time off, followed again by a 34.5 hour work day. He related he knew people wanted to respond and get folks back into service, but staff will soon reach a point where sleep deprivation will be equivalent to having had some drinks. He stated through these outages, there were no safety related incidents (no injuries) at all, but it doesn't mean it won't happen in the future. He felt even if the lights were out, part of the crew would have to go home in order to avoid anyone getting hurt.

Mr. Martin continued there were three different contractors working with KPU at different times throughout the project: Chatham Electric, Alaska Tree Experts, and Wilson Contractors. He stated all the contractors and crews worked excellently together. He recognized IBEW Local 1547 as a group for their assistance in working with the City to get Wilson Contractors to town. He related there is a large amount of traffic control that needs to be done due to the torrential rain and, although it adds to the cost, it is work that must be done.

He reported the administrative staff, including the secretaries and administrative assistant, were down at Bailey plant virtually around the clock, helping to answer phones, talking to customers and trying to let them know what was going on as it was changing hour to hour. He felt all the people who were pressed into service performed well, and the City couldn't have asked for anything more.

**CITY CLERK'S FILE** – None

**CITY ATTORNEY'S FILE**

City Attorney Bradford report he attended the Municipal Lawyers Association meetings, and it included a special session over the weekend on code enforcement. He stated it affirmed some of the City's stances and positions, and he felt he would be modifying some of those positions and procedures. Regarding the dangerous building situation, he said he would probably be coming back to the Council with what he thinks will be a bit more aggressive posture. He said ultimately it will come down to a judgment call on the behalf of the Council as to the expenditure of the demolition and related costs, and whether the safety it provides is worth incurring if that cost will exceed the market value of the property. He informed he will provide those thoughts in a confidential memorandum to the Council.

Mr. Bradford continued while he was at the meetings the wind storms hit, and he made the Council aware that the night of the storm, the Electric Division manager's roof blew off his house and most of his personal affects were destroyed. He related Mr. Kline was right at work taking care of business, and he commended him for his dedication, which he felt was reflective of KPU.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** – None

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Jason Harris thanked the IBEW, Mr. Kline, and all the staff. He commented as he has talked around town, his understanding is we haven't had a storm like this since Thanksgiving Day in 1967. Along with that, he continued, we haven't had that many issues here and he feels like our staff all the way across the board, including all the KPU Divisions, the Streets Division, administrative assistants coming in to answer phones, he felt the Council should be proud of the people out there working for the citizens. He said they all should be commended for the great job. He reported the only complaint he received was that there wasn't more information put out on where the situation was, how long the power was going to be out, and people weren't concerned they were going to be out but were more concerned that they didn't know they were potentially going to be out for two days in order to make decisions. He offered a solution adopted by Dutch Harbor, which has a phone line dedicated to information about the community. He said they will not answer the questions at the Police Department or anywhere else, but citizens are referred to the information line, which is updated as much as it can possibly be.

Mr. Harris said he discussed implementing something like this with the assistant manager so people have somewhere to call for information or potentially go to the City's website where the same information would be included. He talked to the hospital staff today, and anyone – including the Council – can contact that line as well. He felt it would behoove the Council to encourage people to have an emergency disaster packet together. He said this would have a small radio with fresh batteries and supplies for an emergency.

Councilmember Harris expressed a concern about people who had medical needs, and whether the City had a list to contact those people during a power outage. He said it turns out we have a list, which is being updated. He spoke regarding training for disasters, citing KPU's recent drill for a dam break at Ketchikan Lakes, noting during the storm it was amazing that things went as well as they did because this is something that isn't trained for. He said Ketchikan winds apparently made the news in Indiana.

Councilmember Harris went on to report he is continuing to work with staff on the permitting process for building permits and the permits working between the Borough and the City. He hoped it would help making the permitting process a little less cumbersome. He also spoke to Attorney Bradford, who is continuing to work with contractors in town to improve the contract documents. He stated he worked with the new assistant fire chief today and the hospital about getting people in and out of town more easily with the ferry service. He expressed he is excited about the new addition to the Police Department, and officers also seem to be excited about the prospect.

Councilmember Sivertsen thanked all the City employees for working to provide the best service possible for our customers. He also thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their schedules, and he had a chance to talk with the chiefs. He stated since the last budget we changed schedules where they went to 48/96 at the Fire Department and an eight-hour schedule at the Police Department. He hoped in going into budget time the Council has a better understanding of staffing so when the Council discusses the potential of cutting or not filling positions, what it actually does to that staffing and what we can expect out of our own departments. He felt the Council's expectations are great, and if the Council doesn't supply the needed tools there will be problems down the line.

Councilmember Coose thanked the staff, contractors and citizens for their work and understanding during the power outages. He felt it was a good move to get a drug dog in.

Councilmember Kj Harris echoed the thanks offered, and he suggested putting an advertisement in the newspaper saying what a great job all the crews did. Mayor Williams said he would run it free.

Councilmember Shay thanked all those responsible for the interim completion of the Tongass Avenue job, as it means a lot to people to be able to drive on it. He said the mariculture conference held recently was outrageous and delicious. He felt a lot of progress was being made toward the mariculture industry, especially in the realm of salmon and geoducks. He said this may be one of the answers to growing our economy. He congratulated Bobbie McCreary on the youth center, noting he was down there and saw some of the work that was done on the pilings. He continued by thanking Nancy Elkins for the letter she wrote to the Council regarding steps on her building.

Councilmember Olsen also thanked all those who worked hard during the storms. He stated it was important to hold everyone to the same standards when it comes to the business of the City. He said that was done in terms of the chloramination issue, and we should remember that when we have things before us. He said he attended two meetings today for the library, and the plans are moving forward with the architects listening to a

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very public input process. He said it is looking like a beautiful library and community center, noting they even managed to increase the parking spaces.

Councilmember West said Kevin Kristovich, a fisherman who got in touch with her, passed along some information that she would be providing to the rest of the Council. She thanked the IBEW, noting they did great, and she wished Electric Division Manager Kline good luck on his house issues.

Mayor Williams commended the crews and the community for making it through this difficult time, as he felt everyone pulled together. He reminded the budget meetings start next Thursday, and staff hoped to have the budgets by Monday or Tuesday. He reviewed the budget calendar.

Councilmember Jason Harris requested information that was handed out previously about a process for community agencies.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS** – None

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS** – None

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the Council adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Lew Williams III, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Katherine M. Suiter  
City Clerk

**FYI ITEMS INCLUDED**

Lake Levels and System Generation Report for the Month of September 2010  
Water Utilization Study Report – September 2010