



# CITY OF UTQIAGVIK

*“Farthest North Incorporated City”*

**City of Utqiagvik**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**April 18 2024 at 5:30 pm**  
**Nathaniel Olemaun, Jr., Mayor Emeritus City Hall, Administration Building**  
**City Council Chambers**

## MINUTES

<b>CALL TO ORDER:</b>	The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Mayor Asisaun Toovak.																		
<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Justina Wilhelm</td> <td style="width: 20%;">Present</td> <td style="width: 30%;">Joined 5:32 pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sarah Tua’i</td> <td>Present</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Heather Hopson</td> <td>Present</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kuutuuq Olemaun</td> <td>Present</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kristin Gutierrez-Edwards</td> <td>Present</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Martina Hopson</td> <td>Present</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Justina Wilhelm	Present	Joined 5:32 pm	Sarah Tua’i	Present		Heather Hopson	Present		Kuutuuq Olemaun	Present		Kristin Gutierrez-Edwards	Present		Martina Hopson	Present	
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<b>INVOCATION:</b>	Invocation given by Sarah Tua’i																		
<b>INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:</b>	Finau Lavelua, Accounting Assistant Lupe Takefua, DMV Kanae Hopson, Operations Doria Lambrecht, Deputy Clerk Mary Patkotak, City Clerk Walter Valencia, NSBFD Viane Vaina, NSBFD Zach Tiu, NSBFD Kiita High School: Jen Brower, Lilianna Brower, Sara Kaleak, Champ Reilly, Elisa Patkotak, Kellen Patkotak, Jr BHS Volleyball: Tua Mila, Audrey Mila, Charity Mila, Annie Rexford, Kamella Rexford, Va Toelau, Siana Reich																		
<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MOTION:</b>																			



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<p><b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Kristin Gutierrez- Edwards, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>MOTION PASSED</b></p>	<p>Motioned to approve the agenda.</p> <p>Seconded the motion.</p> <p>Called for question.</p> <p>6 to 0</p>
<p><b>MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA:</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b></p> <p><b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Justina Wilhelm, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Sarah Tua'i, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>MOTION PASSED:</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b></p> <p><b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Heather Hopson, Councilwoman:</b></p>	<p>Motioned to move items K. Old Business to after the Mayor's Report.</p> <p>Seconded the motion.</p> <p>Called for question.</p> <p>6 to 0</p> <p>Motioned to add Resolution 09-2024 to the agenda.</p> <p>Seconded the motion.</p> <p>Called for question.</p>



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<p><b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>MOTION PASSED:</b></p>	<p>6 to 0</p>
<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b></p> <p><b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Sarah Tua'i, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Heather Hopson, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>MOTION PASSED:</b></p>	<p>Motioned to approve the March 28, 2024 regular January meeting minutes.</p> <p>Seconded the motion.</p> <p>Called for question.</p> <p>6 to 0</p>
<p><b>MAYOR'S REPORT:</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b></p> <p><b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Heather Hopson, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Sarah Tua'i, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>MOTION PASSED:</b></p>	<p>Mayor Toovak presented her monthly report.</p> <p>Motioned to approve the Mayor's Report.</p> <p>Seconded the motion.</p> <p>Called for question.</p> <p>6 to 0</p>



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<b>NSB FIRE DEPT.:</b>	Walter Valencia presented the NSB Fire Department Report.
<b>NSB HEALTH DEPT.:</b>	No one from the NSBHD attended the meeting.
<b>NSB POLICE DEPT.:</b>	Garrett Walker presented the NSB Police Department Report.
<b>PUBLIC CONCERNS:</b>	None
<b>RESOLUTIONS:</b>  <b>MOTION:</b>  <b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b>  <b>Sarah Tua’i, Councilwoman:</b>  <b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b>  <b>MOTION PASSED:</b>	<b><u>RESOLUTION #09-2024</u></b>  A Resolution of the Utqiagvik City Council Supporting the Municipality’s Application to Host the Alaska Municipal League Summer Conference (AML) in 2025  Motioned to approve Resolution #09-2024.  Seconded the motion.  Called for question and asked for unanimous consent; no objections.  6 to 0
<b>ORDINANCES:</b>	<b>Public Hearing:</b>  <b><u>Ordinance #01-2024</u></b> An Ordinance Approving a Residential Lease with Sheldon Curtis Wright for the Rental Home Located at 1807 Momegana Street  <b><u>Ordinance #02-2024</u></b> An Ordinance Approving an Amended and Restated Ground Lease with Thai Corner, Extending the Initial Term of the Ground Lease, and Increasing the Rent and Security Deposit



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<b>MOTION:</b>	<b><u>Ordinance #03-2024</u></b> An Ordinance of the City of Utqiagvik Terminating the City's Ground Lease Agreement with Polyshore and Approving the Termination Agreement
<b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b>	Motioned to go into Public Hearing.
<b>Sarah Tua'i, Councilwoman:</b>	Seconded the motion.
<b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b>	Called for question.
<b>MOTION PASSED:</b>	6 to 0  The City Council went into Public Hearing at 6:20 pm.
<b>MOTION:</b>	
<b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b>	Motioned to exit Public Hearing.
<b>Heather Hopson, Councilwoman:</b>	Seconded the motion.
<b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b>	Called for question.
<b>MOTION PASSED:</b>	6 to 0  The City Council exited Public Hearing at 6:22 pm.
<b>MOTION:</b>	
<b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b>	Motioned to approve Ordinance #01-2024.



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<b>Heather Hopson, Councilwoman:</b>	Seconded the motion.
<b>Justina Wilhelm, Councilwoman:</b>	Called for question and asked for unanimous consent, no objections.
<b>MOTION PASSED:</b>	6 to 0
<b>MOTION:</b>	
<b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b>	Motioned to approve Ordinance #02-2024.
<b>Heather Hopson, Councilwoman:</b>	Seconded the motion.
<b>Justina Wilhelm, Councilwoman:</b>	Called for question and asked for unanimous consent, no objections.
<b>MOTION PASSED:</b>	6 to 0
<b>MOTION:</b>	
<b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b>	Motioned to approve Ordinance #03-2024.
<b>Justina Wilhelm, Councilwoman:</b>	Seconded the motion.
<b>Kristin Gutierrez- Edwards, Councilwoman:</b>	Called for question and asked for unanimous consent, no objections.
<b>MOTION PASSED:</b>	6 to 0



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	<p><b>Ordinance for introduction only:</b></p> <p><b><u>Ordinance #04-2024</u></b>          An Ordinance Repealing Section 8.13.030 of the City Code, to Permit the Manufacturing, Importing, and Selling of Marijuana Products</p>
<p><b>OLD BUSINESS:</b></p>	<p>Kiita High School students and their chaperones presented their trip highlights to Washington, DC.</p>
<p><b>NEW BUSINESS:</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b></p> <p><b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Kristin Gutierrez-Edwards, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Kuutuuq Olemaun, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>MOTION PASSED:</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b></p> <p><b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Heather Hopson, Councilwoman:</b></p>	<p><b>Community Donation Request from BHS Volleyball</b></p> <p>Motioned to approve a donation to BHS Volleyball in the amount of \$7,000.00.</p> <p>Seconded the motion.</p> <p>Called for question and asked for unanimous consent, no objections.</p> <p>6 to 0</p> <p><b>Taxicab Commission Letter of Interest from Kristin Gutierrez-Edwards</b></p> <p>Motioned to appoint Kristin Gutierrez-Edwards to the Taxicab Commission.</p> <p>Seconded the motion.</p>



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<p><b>Kuutuuq Olemaun, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>MOTION PASSED:</b></p>	<p>Called for question and asked for unanimous consent; no objections.</p> <p>5 to 0</p>
<p><b>CORRESPONDENCE:</b></p>	<p>None</p>
<p><b>SETTING OF NEXT MEETING:</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b></p> <p><b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Justina Wilhelm, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Heather Hopson, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>MOTION PASSED:</b></p>	<p>Motioned to set the next meeting for May 23, 2024 at 5:30 pm.</p> <p>Seconded the motion.</p> <p>Called for question and asked for unanimous consent; no objections.</p> <p>6 to 0</p>
<p><b>ADJOURNMENT:</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b></p> <p><b>Kristin Gutierrez-Edwards, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Heather Hopson, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Kuutuuq Olemaun, Councilwoman:</b></p>	<p>Motioned to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Seconded the motion.</p> <p>Called for question and asked for unanimous consent; no objections.</p>





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<b>MOTION PASSED:</b>	6 to 0  The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm.
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These minutes were approved by the City Council at their May meeting on May 23, 2024 by a vote of \_ for and \_ against.

**IN WITNESS THERETO:**

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**Asisaun Toovak, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Mary V. Patkotak, City Clerk**