



# CITY OF UTQIAGVIK

*“Farthest North Incorporated City”*

**City of Utqiagvik**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting**  
**February 29, 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: none;"> <tr><td style="width: 70%;">Justina Wilhelm</td><td style="width: 30%;">Present</td></tr> <tr><td>Sarah Tua’i</td><td>Present</td></tr> <tr><td>Heather Hopson</td><td>Present</td></tr> <tr><td>Kuutuuq Olemaun</td><td>Present</td></tr> <tr><td>Kristin Gutierrez-Edwards</td><td>Present</td></tr> <tr><td>Martina Hopson</td><td>Present</td></tr> </table>	Justina Wilhelm	Present	Sarah Tua’i	Present	Heather Hopson	Present	Kuutuuq Olemaun	Present	Kristin Gutierrez-Edwards	Present	Martina Hopson	Present
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Martina Hopson	Present												
<b>INVOCATION:</b>	Invocation given by Sarah Tua’i												
<b>INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:</b>	Kalen Texeira, Director of Operations Eta-Starr Edwardsen, Finance Director Doria Lambrecht, Deputy Clerk Mary Patkotak, City Clerk Carolyn Thompson, NSB Port Authority Jayden Lampe, BHS Student Government Wyatt Stein, BHS Student Government Pavena Keovilayhong, BHS Student Government Hina Kilioni, NSB Port Authority Theres Duran, ASTAR Kristen Hansen, ASTAR Inuuteq Stotts, ASTAR Brett Nelson, ASTAR Magdalena Stringer, BHS Student Government Malachi Nelson, BHS Student Government Theresa Knapp, BHS Cheerleader Manager Charles Tenbrook, BHS Principal Jeff Maupin, Churches Representative												



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	<p>Nikyla Gueco, BHS Cheerleader          Dayna Olemaun, BHS Cheerleader          Rebecca Brower, BHS Cheerleader          Marck Ortila, BHS Cheerleader          Kelsey Contrades, NSB Police Department</p>
<p><b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA: MOTION:</b></p> <p><b>Justina Wilhelm, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Martina Hopson, 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>Justina Wilhelm, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Kristin Gutierrez-Edwards, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b></p>	<p>Motioned to table Resolution #09-2024, add on Ordinance #02-2024, and add on the donation request from Kendall Contrades to New Business item L5.</p> <p>Seconded the motion.</p> <p>Called for question.</p>



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<p><b>MOTION PASSED:</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b></p> <p><b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Kuutuuq Olemaun, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Heather Hopson, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>MOTION PASSED:</b></p>	<p>6 to 0</p> <p>Motioned to move all donations requests above the Mayor's Report.</p> <p>Seconded the motion.</p> <p>Called for question.</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>Kuutuuq Olemaun, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Kristin Gutierrez- Edwards, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>MOTION PASSED:</b></p>	<p>Motioned to approve the January 25, 2024 regular January meeting minutes.</p> <p>Seconded the motion.</p> <p>Called for question.</p> <p>6 to 0</p>
<p><b>NEW BUSINESS:</b></p>	
<p><b>MAYOR'S REPORT:</b></p>	<p>Mayor Toovak read her monthly report.</p>



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<p><b>MOTION:</b></p> <p><b>Justina Wilhelm, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Sarah Tua'i, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Kristin Gutierrez- Edwards, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>MOTION PASSED:</b></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>
<p><b>NSB FIRE DEPT.:</b></p>	<p>Mayor Toovak read the NSB Fire Department Report.</p>
<p><b>NSB HEALTH DEPT.:</b></p>	<p>No report was provided.</p>
<p><b>NSB POLICE DEPT.:</b></p>	<p>Kelsey Contrades read the NSB Police Department Report.</p>
<p><b>PUBLIC CONCERNS:</b></p>	<p>Jeffrey Maupin presented a document opposing the opening of a liquor store. He read the letter signed from all of the pastors in Utqiagvik. Mr. Maupin was informed there are no current plans for a liquor store.</p>
<p><b>RESOLUTIONS:</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b></p> <p><b>Justina Wilhelm, Councilwoman:</b></p>	<p><b><u>RESOLUTION #06-2024</u></b></p> <p>A Resolution of the City of Utqiagvik City Council Non-Opposing the Issuance of a Gaming Permit to the Iñupiat Community of the Arctic Slope for Calendar Year 2024 and Appointing the Primary Persons in Charge of Gaming</p> <p>Motion to approve Resolution #06-2024.</p>



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<b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b>	Seconded the motion.
<b>Sarah Tua'i, Councilwoman:</b>	Called for question.
<b>MOTION PASSED:</b>	6 to 0
<b>MOTION:</b>	<b><u>RESOLUTION #07-2024</u></b> A Resolution of the City of Utqiagvik City Council Recognizing and Designating the Power Grid as Critical Infrastructure for the City of Utqiagvik, Alaska
<b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b>	Motion to approve Resolution #07-2024.
<b>Heather Hopson, Councilwoman:</b>	Seconded the motion.
<b>Sarah Tua'i, Councilwoman:</b>	Called for question.
<b>MOTION PASSED:</b>	6 to 0
<b>MOTION:</b>	<b><u>RESOLUTION #08-2024</u></b> A Resolution of the City of Utqiagvik City Council Adopting the North Slope Borough Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
<b>Kristin Gutierrez- Edwards, Councilwoman:</b>	Motioned to approve Resolution #08-2024.
<b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b>	Seconded the motion.



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<p><b>Kristin Gutierrez-Edwards, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>MOTION FAILED</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>Motioned to rescind her motion.</p> <p>Motioned to rescind her second.</p> <p>Motioned to table Resolution #08-2024.</p> <p>Seconded the motion.</p> <p>Called for question.</p> <p>6 to 0</p>
<p><b>ORDINANCES:</b></p>	<p><b>These ordinances were introduction only:</b></p> <p><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</p> <p><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</p>
<p><b>OLD BUSINESS:</b></p>	<p>None</p>



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<b>NEW BUSINESS:</b>	<b>Arctic Strategic Transportation and Resources gave a presentation on their Planning and Environmental Linkages Study.</b>
	<b>Zoning Commission Seat discussion was postponed to the next meeting.</b>
<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>BHS Cheer Donation Request</b>
<b>Sarah Tua'i, Councilwoman:</b>	Motioned to approve a donation to BHS Cheer in the amount of \$3,000.00.
<b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b>	Seconded the motion.
<b>Kristin Gutierrez- Edwards, Councilwoman:</b>	Called for question.
<b>MOTION PASSED:</b>	6 to 0
<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>BHS Student Government Donation Request</b>
<b>Kristin Gutierrez- Edwards, Councilwoman:</b>	Motioned to approve a donation to BHS Student Government in the amount of \$10,000.00 to assist in hosting the Alaska Association of Student Government conference in Utqiagvik.
<b>Heather Hopson, Councilwoman:</b>	Seconded the motion.
<b>Kristin Gutierrez- Edwards, Councilwoman:</b>	Called for question.
<b>MOTION PASSED:</b>	6 to 0
<b>MOTION:</b>	<b>Donation request from Kendall Contrades/AK Rivals United</b>



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<p><b>Kuutuuq Olemaun, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Sarah Tua'i, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Kristin Gutierrez- Edwards, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>MOTION PASSED:</b></p>	<p>Motion to table until the next City Council Meeting.</p> <p>Seconded the motion.</p> <p>Called for question.</p> <p>6 - 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>Kuutuuq Olemaun, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>Kristin Gutierrez- Edwards, Councilwoman:</b></p> <p><b>MOTION PASSED:</b></p>	<p>Motioned to set the next meeting for March 28 2024 at 5:30 pm.</p> <p>Seconded the motion.</p> <p>Called for question.</p> <p>6 to 0</p>
<p><b>ADJOURNMENT:</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b></p>	





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<b>Justina Wilhelm, Councilwoman:</b>	Motioned to adjourn the meeting.
<b>Kuutuuq Olemaun, Councilwoman:</b>	Seconded the motion.
<b>Martina Hopson, Councilwoman:</b>	Called for question.
<b>MOTION PASSED:</b>	6 to 0
	The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 pm.

**These minutes were approved by the City Council at their March meeting on March 28, 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**