

**Office of the City Clerk  
City of Ketchikan, Alaska**

**Kim Stanker, City Clerk  
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To: Mayor and Council

From: Kim Stanker, City Clerk

Date: August 10, 2022

Subject: **Resolution No. 22-2845 – Naming the Waterfront Promenade the “Len Laurance Waterfront Promenade”**

At the August 4, 2022 Council meeting the City Council reviewed and approved the Public Facilities Naming Committees recommendation to name the waterfront promenade the “Len Laurance Waterfront Promenade”.

Attached is Resolution No. 22-2845 that has been prepared for the purpose of officially naming the waterfront promenade after Len Laurance, for his years of service to the community of Ketchikan.

The Clerk’s office will bring back information regarding plaque options and installation for Council discussion at a future meeting.

**Recommended Motion:** I move the City Council approve Resolution No. 22-2845 naming the waterfront promenade the “Len Laurance Waterfront Promenade”; and establishing an effective date.

**CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-2845**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN,  
ALASKA NAMING THE WATERFRONT PROMENADE THE “LEN  
LAURANCE WATERFRONT PROMENADE”; AND ESTABLISHING AN  
EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS**, Leonard “Len” Laurance was one of the few people to envision, decades ago that Ketchikan would become a world-class cruise industry port and worked tirelessly to make that happen; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Laurance in the half-century following his arrival to Ketchikan in 1963 was one of the greatest promoters of the community in a variety of ways including tourism and historic preservation; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Laurance was heavily involved with regional and statewide tourism promotion and worked to boost tourism in many communities in Southeast Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Laurance is considered one of the fathers of tourism, and the waterfront promenade welcomes millions of visitors each year, as Len correctly predicted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska as follows:

**Section 1:** The Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska, hereby names the waterfront promenade “The Len Laurance Waterfront Promenade”.

**Section 2:** This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council for the City of Ketchikan on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022.

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Dave Kiffer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kim Stanker, City Clerk

**Public Facilities Naming Committee**

Moved by Zenge, seconded by Kistler the City Council accept the recommendations submitted by the Public Facilities Naming Committee, and direct the City Clerk to prepare the appropriate resolutions designating each property accordingly for Council's final approval.

Motion passed with Flora, Mahtani, Kistler, Gass, Gage, Zenge and Bradberry voting yea.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Extending a Discount to the Port Dock Vendor Booth Lease Holders for the 2022 Cruise Season**

Moved by Gage, seconded by Bradberry the City Council direct staff to take such action as determined appropriate regarding offering a discount on the monthly lease payments of the 2022-2024 Port Dock Vendor and Port Food Vendor Lease Agreements for the 2022 season.

Councilmember Flora believed if this body elects to take an action where we extend a private business a grant it will create a lot of issues amongst other businesses. He cited the process the City's Grants Committee takes regarding non-profits who apply for City grants. He said the dock vendors don't even seem to be united on this request, and felt this was a form of government intrusion into private enterprise. He said it was dangerous and inappropriate, and if we offer a grant to these folks then anyone should be able to stand at that podium and ask for a grant. He said this ask is not based on any facts or figures, and it is not a good idea for this body to insert themselves into the private sector.

Councilmember Gass felt this is pro-tourism and is a pot of money paid by the cruise ship companies and could go to benefit some small businesses, but since that time he has heard from several folks in the tourism industry and Councilmember Flora has raised some valid points.

Councilmember Kistler stated a contract is a contract. She said the bid process was delayed a few times to try and make it fair to the people who were bidding. She didn't feel anyone would give us any money back if it was an exceptional season. She said this is just the cost of doing business.

Councilmember Bradberry said the only reason she is in favor of this is because the Ketchikan Visitor's Bureau gave a discount for the booths they manage. She indicated she is in favor of a revised contract for 2023.

Councilmember Mahtani stated he was in favor of a small discount because they have to employ drivers with CDL's, and it has been tough on them since the ship's time in Port has shortened and folks are afraid they will miss their return bus to their ship. He was also in support of updating the vendor leases.

Moved by Bradberry, seconded by Mahtani to amend the motion to offer a fifteen percent (15%) discount on the monthly lease payments of the 2022-2024 Port Dock Vendor and Port Food Vendor Lease Agreements for the 2022 season.

Motion failed with Mahtani and Bradberry voting yea; and Gass, Gage, Kistler, Flora and Zenge voting nay.