



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Mark Jensen
Vice Mayor Bob Lynn
Assembly Member Thomas Fine-Walsh
Assembly Member David Kensinger
Assembly Member Donna Marsh
Assembly Member Jeff Meucci

EXCUSED

Assembly Member Scott Newman

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. January 3, 2023 Assembly Meeting Minutes

The January 3, 2023 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was unanimously approved as submitted.

Motion made by Assembly Member Marsh, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci

5. Public Hearings

A. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2023-01: An Ordinance Amending Petersburg Municipal Code Sections 14.30.030 and 14.30.040 to Increase Certain Service Rates at the Mountain View Manor Assisted Living Facility

No testimony was given.

B. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2023-02: An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map for Service Area 1 of the Petersburg Borough to Rezone Parcel B, Block 302, Greenbelt Subdivision, Located at 10 N. 12th Street from Open Space-Recreation (OS-R) to Commercial-1 (C-1)

No testimony was given.

6. Bid Awards

There were no bid awards.

7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Persons wishing to share their views on any item on today's agenda may do so at this time.

John Murgas, representing himself, thanked the Assembly for working toward ownership of the Papke's Landing facility.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

Persons with views on subjects not on today's agenda may share those views at this time.

No views were shared.

9. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports

A. Housing Task Force

Jalyn Pomrenke, Joyce Cummings, and Annette Bennett, on behalf of the Housing Task Force, encouraged the Assembly to approve a Housing Needs Assessment be performed. The Assessment will increase options for applying for grant funds for housing issues.

B. Local Emergency Planning Committee

Assembly Member Meucci shared that the LEPC met for the first time since early 2020 on January 12, 2023 and provided a copy of the meeting minutes to the Assembly.

10. Consent Agenda

A. THE 420 Retail Marijuana Store License Renewal

The Assembly unanimously supported the renewal of THE 420's retail marijuana store license.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Marsh.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci

11. Report of Other Officers

A. U.S. Forest Service Update

USFS Ranger Born was not in attendance.

12. Mayor's Report

There was no written report for this meeting.

13. Manager's Report

A. January 17, 2023 Manager's Report

Manager Giesbrecht read his report into the record, a copy of which is attached and made a permanent part of these minutes.

14. Unfinished Business

A. Ordinance #2023-01: An Ordinance Amending Petersburg Municipal Code Sections 14.30.030 and 14.30.040 to Increase Certain Service Rates at the Mountain View Manor Assisted Living Facility - Second Reading

The Assembly unanimously approved Ordinance #2023-01 in its second reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Vice Mayor Lynn.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci

B. Ordinance #2023-02: An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map for Service Area 1 of the Petersburg Borough to Rezone Parcel B, Block 302, Greenbelt Subdivision, Located at 10 N. 12th Street, from Open Space-Recreation (OS-R) to Commercial-1 (C-1) - Second Reading

Ordinance #2023-02 was unanimously approved in its second reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci

15. New Business

A. Petersburg Housing Needs Assessment

The Assembly approved to hire the consulting firm Agnew Beck to perform a Housing Needs Assessment for an amount not to exceed \$55,040.00 by a vote of 4-2.

Motion made by Assembly Member Kensinger, Seconded by Assembly Member Meucci.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Meucci

Voting Nay: Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Marsh

B. Letter to the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities re: Papke's Landing

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved sending a letter to ADOT&PF requesting a potential cost sharing arrangement to acquire and install a new float and dock at Papke's Landing that will allow the facility to remain operational while the Borough works towards ownership of the facility.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Meucci.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci

C. Washington D.C. Trip

The Assembly unanimously approved a trip to Washington, D.C. this year to discuss Petersburg issues with our federal delegation and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Motion made by Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Vice Mayor Lynn, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since December 29, 2022

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. First Assembly Meeting in October

Assembly Member Lynn and Clerk Thompson explained how hectic it is for the Clerk's office to prepare for and facilitate a noon Assembly meeting the day before the municipal election. Changing the date of the first Assembly meeting in October this year from Monday, October 2 to Friday, October 6 or Monday, October 9 will be an action item at the February 6, 2023 Assembly meeting.

B. Assembly Member Comments

No comments were shared.

C. Recognitions

There were no recognitions.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.