



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, June 15, 2026

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT

Assembly Member Rob Schwartz
Vice Mayor Jeigh Stanton Gregor
Assembly Member James Valentine
Assembly Member Jeff Meucci
Assembly Member Bob Martin
Assembly Member Scott Newman

EXCUSED

Mayor Bob Lynn

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes June 1, 2026

The minutes of the June 1, 2026 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Motion made by Assembly Member Valentine, Seconded by Assembly Member Meucci.
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman

5. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings

6. Bid Awards

A. Wastewater Outfall Repair Project Bid Award

The Assembly unanimously awarded the Wastewater Outfall Repair Project to Rock-n-Road Construction, for an amount not to exceed \$222,000.00.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman

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.

Tom Kowalske, representing himself, spoke in opposition to the sale of land next to the Fire Hall.

Becky Knight, representing herself, spoke in opposition to the communication towers and data centers.

Judy Ohmer, representing herself, spoke in opposition to the communication towers.

Police Chief Kerr spoke in support of the sale of Borough land to Tidal Network for a communication tower to provide reliable communication for emergency services.

David Beebe, representing himself, spoke against the sale of Borough land for a communication tower.

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

There were no reports.

10. Consent Agenda

A. The 420 Retail Marijuana Store License Renewal

By unanimous vote, the Assembly supported the marijuana store license renewal for The 420.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly

Member Valentine, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman

11. Report of Other Officers

A. SEAPA Meeting Report

Director Hagerman provided a report.

12. Mayor's Report

A. June 15, 2026 Mayor's Report

Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. June 15, 2026 Manager's Report

Manager Giesbrecht read his report into the record.

14. Unfinished Business

A. Ordinance #2026-10: An Ordinance Amending Section 4.28.120 of the Petersburg Municipal Code, To Increase the Amount of the Single Purchase Sales Tax Cap from \$1,200 To \$5,000, and Directing That the Proposed Amendment Be Submitted to the Qualified Voters of the Borough - Third Reading

If approved in three readings, Ordinance #2026-10 would increase the maximum single purchase amount subject to the borough sales tax from \$1,200 to \$5,000 and submit the question to borough voters at the October 6, 2026 regular election. The proposed change would increase the maximum sales tax collected on a single transaction from \$72 to \$300, modernize a cap that has only been adjusted once since 1959, and generate additional revenue to support essential borough services, including the Petersburg School District, while still remaining among the lowest caps in Southeast Alaska.

Ordinance #2026-10 was approved on first reading by a vote of 6 - 1 and in its second reading by a vote of 5 - 1.

Ordinance #2026-10 was approved by a vote of 4 - 2 in its third and final reading.

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

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin

Voting Nay: Assembly Member Schwartz, Assembly Member Newman

B. Ordinance #2026-11: An Ordinance Updating Chapter 14.08 of The Municipal Code, Entitled “Sewer Utility” - Third Reading

If approved in three readings, Ordinance #2026-11 would update sewer utility service rates for FY2027 through FY2030 based on the annual rate review, reflecting higher projected operating costs and planned capital needs. The changes amend Section 14.08.320A of the Municipal Code to establish updated service charges and commodity rates to support long-term financial sustainability of the Sewer Utility. A memo from Assistant Public Works Director Rummel is attached to this agenda item.

Ordinance #2026-11 was unanimously approved in its first reading and unanimously approved as amended in its second reading.

Ordinance #2026-11 was unanimously approved in its third and final reading.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman

15. New Business

A. Ordinance 2026-13: An Ordinance Authorizing the Borough to Issue Electric Utility Revenue Bonds in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not-to-Exceed Three Million Three Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$3,315,000) to Finance the Scow Bay Standby Generation Project and Directing That This Matter Be Submitted to the Qualified Voters for Consideration at the Next Regular Election to Be Held on October 6, 2026 - First Reading

PMPL is requesting approval of Ordinance #2026-13 authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds in the amount of \$3,315,000 for the completion of the Scow Bay Standby Generation project. Construction cost increases since the project's initiation caused a dramatic budget shortfall that would be funded through this bond issuance. If approved by the Assembly in three readings, the question of issuing the revenue bond debt will be placed on the October 6, 2026, local ballot for consideration by Petersburg voters.

Ordinance #2026-13 was unanimously approved in its first reading.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman

B. Ordinance #2026-14: An Ordinance Amending Title 19 Zoning, of the Petersburg Municipal Code to Regulate Wireless Communication Facilities (WCF) and Other Towers and Transmitters - First Reading

If approved in three readings, this ordinance would establish zoning and permitting standards for wireless communication facilities and other towers. It requires these facilities to be reviewed as conditional uses, providing public notice and Planning Commission review and approval, while remaining consistent with the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 and related regulations.

The ordinance creates a new chapter of the municipal code governing wireless facilities. It would prioritize collocation, sets development standards, and provides a waiver procedure if strict adherence to the development standards would require technically impossible designs, cause structural instability, or result in an inability to close a significant coverage gap or leave a coverage area functionally unable to handle emergency calls. It is intended to balance the community's need for reliable wireless and other communication services with public safety and aesthetic concerns.

Ordinance #2026-14 was unanimously approved as amended in its first reading. The following amendments were adopted:

Amendment #1: Page 11, Section 19.58.050(N) - Add the word "*carriers*" so the sentence reads: *to fill a carriers significant coverage gap...*

Amendment #2: Page 12, Section 19.58.060(D) - Strike the phrase "*Following the public hearing and*" so that the paragraph begins with "*Notwithstanding*".

Amendment #3: Page 17, Section 19.72.020(D)1b - Strike "*assisted living facility*" and "*(children's nursery), or hospital.*"

Amendment #4: Page 13, Section 19.58.080(C) - At the end of the paragraph add: "*Determinations of compliance hereunder shall be made by the FCC and the Borough is not responsible for enforcing or interpreting FCC requirements.*"

Amendment #5: Page 17, Section 19.72.020(D)1b, Replace *Fifteen Hundred (1500) feet* with *Five Hundred (500) feet*.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman

C. Resolution #2026-16: A Resolution Approving the Sale of a Borough Parcel to the Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, Doing Business as Tidal Network

If approved, Resolution #2026-16 would authorize the sale of an approximately 0.23-acre Borough-owned parcel in the Petersburg Borough to the Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, doing business as Tidal Network, under the terms of the attached Contract of Sale.

Resolution #2026-16 was unanimously approved.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman

D. Resolution #2026-17: A Resolution of the Petersburg Borough Assembly Amending the Current Regular Assembly Meeting Schedule to Provide That Both Regular Meetings in the Months of May Through September Will Be Held At 6:00 P.M.

If approved, this resolution would revise the Assembly's meeting schedule to hold regular meetings on the first and third Mondays at 6:00 p.m. from May through September, with the October through April schedule unchanged. This agenda item requested by Member Meucci.

Resolution #2026-17 was approved by a vote of 5 - 1.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Schwartz, Assembly Member Valentine, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman

Voting Nay: Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since May 28, 2026

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Monthly Department Presentations:

This agenda item requested by Member Meucci

This discussion is intended to support Assembly understanding of the level of service the Assembly wishes to maintain.

Discussion of implementing monthly department presentations beginning in October. The purpose of these presentations would be to improve Assembly understanding of departmental operations, service levels, and strategic priorities in advance of the budget process.

Proposed presentations would include an overview of each department's mission and staffing, recent accomplishments, current operations, financial status, capital projects, challenges, planning priorities, performance measures, future trends, and community benefits. A list of presentation topics is attached to this agenda item.

The Assembly discussed monthly department head presentations.

B. Assembly Member Comments

There were no comments.

C. Recognitions

Member Meucci thanked Karl Hagerman for his years of service and expressed appreciation for his honesty and integrity.

Member Newman congratulated the Petersburg Viking basketball team for a tremendous season.

Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor expressed appreciation for Karl Hagerman.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Newman.
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Schwartz, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Martin, Assembly Member Newman