



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg, AK 99833

## Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

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Monday, March 21, 2022

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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### 1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Assembly Member Bob Lynn

Assembly Member Chelsea Tremblay

Assembly Member David Kensinger

Vice Mayor Jleigh Stanton Gregor

Assembly Member Jeff Meucci

Assembly Member Thomas Fine-Walsh

EXCUSED

Mayor Mark Jensen

### 2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

#### A. March 7, 2022 Assembly Meeting Minutes

The March 7, 2022 Assembly Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

### 4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was amended to add a Discussion Item under Agenda Item 17 regarding HB 303. The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

Motion made by Assembly Member Tremblay, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn.  
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member

Fine-Walsh

## **5. Public Hearings**

There were no public hearings.

## **6. Bid Awards**

### **A. Public Works Culvert Replacement Project Bid Award**

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved award of the Public Works Culvert Replacement Project to Reid Brothers Logging & Construction, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$568,605.

Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Kensinger. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

## **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.*

No views were shared.

## **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.*

Jim Floyd, representing himself, spoke regarding some Borough emails he received as the result of a Freedom of Information Act request and urged the Assembly to stop the constant public scrutiny of the Police Department and move forward.

## **9. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports**

No reports were given.

## **10. Consent Agenda**

There were no consent agenda items.

## **11. Report of Other Officers**

### **A. Housing Discussion Report**

Assembly Member Tremblay reported on a March 10, 2022 meeting held to discuss housing in Petersburg. The next meeting of the group is tentatively scheduled for May 4, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Assembly Member Tremblay for more information.

### **B. Southeast Sea Otter Stakeholder Working Group Quarterly Meeting Report**

Assembly Member Meucci was unable to attend the February 28, 2022 Southeast Sea Otter Stakeholder Working Group meeting, but provided notes from the meeting along with two studies regarding the impacts of the increasing number of sea otters in Southeast Alaska.

## **12. Mayor's Report**

### **A. March 21, 2022 Mayor's Report**

Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor read his report into the record and recognized Fire/EMS Director Sandy Dixon and MVM Director Shelyn Bell for their upcoming retirements, thanking them both for their dedicated service to Petersburg.

## **13. Manager's Report**

Manager Giesbrecht was out of the office.

## **14. Unfinished Business**

### **A. Ordinance #2022-03: An Ordinance Amending Petersburg Municipal Code Chapter 14.20, Entitled "Municipal Harbors", to Increase Harbor Fees**

Ordinance #2022-03 was unanimously approved in its third and final reading. The new harbor rates will take effect April 1, 2022.

Motion made by Assembly Member Tremblay, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

## **15. New Business**

### **A. Ordinance #2022-04: An Ordinance Adjusting the FY 2022 Budget for Known Changes**

Ordinance #2022-04, if adopted, will approve fund transfers to provide for: 1) the Electric Department 399 Cat Inframe Overhaul; 2) purchase of a new flatbed/plow truck for the Harbor Department; 3) acceptance of the \$1,430,892 DCRA Local Government Lost Revenue Grant; and 4) unexpected rooftop snow removal and electric expenses for the Parks & Recreation Department.

The Assembly unanimously approved Ordinance #2022-04 in its first reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Tremblay, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn. Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

**B. Resolution #2022-03: A Resolution Authorizing the Public Sale of Parcel #01-004-320 Located at 700 Sandy Beach Road by Outcry Auction**

At the March 7, 2022 meeting, the Assembly voted to sell Borough-owned property located at 700 Sandy Beach Road by outcry auction to be held on May 2, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. Resolution #2022-03 provides for the sale, the date and time of the sale, the minimum bid price (\$77,500), and provides the Contract of Sale and Quit Claim Deed documents.

Resolution #2022-03 was unanimously approved.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

**C. Resolution #2022-04: A Resolution Authorizing the Public Sale of Parcel #01-014-180 Located at 1015 Sandy Beach Road by Outcry Auction**

At the March 7, 2022 meeting, the Assembly voted to sell Borough-owned property located at 1015 Sandy Beach Road by outcry auction to be held on May 2, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. Resolution #2022-04 provides for the sale, the date and time of the sale, the minimum bid price (\$168,800), and provides the Contract of Sale and Quit Claim Deed documents.

The Assembly unanimously approved Resolution #2022-04.

Motion made by Assembly Member Tremblay, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

**D. Fire/EMS Cardiac Monitor Purchase**

Fire/EMS Director Dixson sought approval to purchase a new and updated cardiac monitor for the Department at a cost of approximately \$40,000. The State of Alaska has added new standard scope of practice skills at all EMT levels related to medications and cardiac care. In order to perform these skills, the Department needs a cardiac monitor with additional features that our current monitors do not possess (one monitor is 15+ years old and the other is 10 years old). The Department has \$10,000 in grant money to use toward the purchase.

Purchase of a new cardiac monitor for the Fire/EMS Department was unanimously approved.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member

Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

#### **E. Federal Infrastructure Grant Symposium**

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved Manager Giesbrecht, Finance Director Tow and Community & Economic Development Director Cabrera to attend the Federal Infrastructure Grant Symposium in Anchorage on April 11, 2022.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

#### **F. March 23, 2022 Childcare Work Session Agenda**

The draft Childcare Work Session agenda was amended to remove items 1-4, leaving "Early Childhood Education Task Force" and "What Can the Borough do to Help with the Childcare Conversation and Sustainable Answers to Future Needs?" as the two agenda items. The amended agenda was approved by a vote of 5-1.

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

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

Voting Nay: Assembly Member Lynn

### **16. Communications**

#### **A. Correspondence Received Since March 3, 2022**

### **17. Assembly Discussion Items**

#### **A. Juneau Economic Development Council Presentation on Childcare in Juneau**

Assembly Member Meucci inquired whether the Assembly has interest to have a work session to receive a presentation from Brian Holst with the Juneau Economic Development Council regarding how Juneau has handled the childcare issue in their community. The response was positive and Assembly Member Meucci requested the subject be an action item at the next Assembly meeting.

#### **B. House Bill 303**

Assembly Member Lynn discussed the Governor's suggested changes to the Ocean Ranger program and cruise ship wastewater monitoring, with no on-board observers and using all electronic monitoring. He requested a resolution be drafted for the next Assembly meeting opposing HB 303.

### **C. Assembly Member Comments**

No comments were shared.

### **D. Recognitions**

Assembly Member Tremblay thanked the Petersburg Arts Council for the live concert scheduled for tomorrow evening. She recognized Congressman Don Young for his many years of public service before his passing, stating Alaska will never be the same without him; and she recognized Representative Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins, who has announced he will not run for re-election at the end of his term, stating her appreciation for his time as our Representative to the Alaska House.

Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor recognized Congressman Don Young, stating he was an intriguing individual and an interesting read of history. He will be missed.

Assembly Member Lynn reminded the audience of the upcoming Hospital Board meeting with SEARHC representatives in attendance to be held March 24, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers.

## **18. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Motion made by Assembly Member Tremblay, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn.  
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh