



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, July 03, 2023

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Vice Mayor Lynn called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

PRESENT

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

EXCUSED

Mayor Mark Jensen

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. June 19, 2023 Assembly Meeting Minutes

The June 19, 2023 Assembly meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

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

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

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

5. Public Hearings

A. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2023-11: An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map for Service Area 1 of the Petersburg Borough to Rezone Portions of the Airport Addition Subdivision and Thirteenth Street Relocation Subdivision to Public Use (PU)

Phil Hofstetter, Cindi Lagoudakis, Heather Conn, Mary Clemens and Jennifer Bryner spoke in support of Ordinance #2023-11.

Harold Medalen spoke in opposition of Ordinance #2023-11.

6. Bid Awards

A bid award for the Community Center Sewer Project is on the agenda under New Business - Item 15A, as Resolution #2023-08.

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.

Harold Medalen spoke in opposition of building a new hospital and asked the Assembly to take the subject to the voters.

9. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports

There were no reports.

10. Consent Agenda

A. The Bottle Shop Liquor License Renewal

The Assembly unanimously supported The Bottle Shop's package store liquor license renewal.

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

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

11. Report of Other Officers

A. Petersburg Medical Center Update

PMC CEO Hofstetter reported on Medical Center activities and Home Health Coordinator Kirsten Rioux-Testoni explained the plan for an Adult Day Program at the Mountain View Manor dining hall in the future.

B. Southeast Alaska Power Agency Report

Assembly and SEAPA Board Member Lynn gave a report on the June, 2023 SEAPA board meeting.

12. Mayor's Report

A. July 3, 2023 Mayor's Report

Vice Mayor Lynn read the Mayor's Report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. July 3, 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 #2023-11: An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map for Service Area 1 of the Petersburg Borough to Rezone Portions of the Airport Addition Subdivision and Thirteenth Street Relocation Subdivision to Public Use (PU)

By a vote of 5-1, the Assembly approved Ordinance #2023-11 in its second reading.

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

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

Voting Nay: Assembly Member Marsh

15. New Business

A. Resolution #2023-08: A Resolution for Bid Award Authorization for the Community Center Sewer Line Project and Increase in Budget

Resolution #2023-08 was unanimously approved.

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

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

B. Petersburg Medical Center Appeal of Planning Commission Decision

The Assembly approved to hold a full hearing on the appeal at the regular Assembly meeting on July 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

C. Appointment of Acting Borough Manager

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved Borough Clerk Thompson as Acting Borough Manager during Manager Giesbrecht's vacation in August.

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

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

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since June 15, 2023

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Assembly Member Comments

Assembly Member Kensinger thanked everyone who took part in the Petersburg Housing Needs Assessment survey.

B. Recognitions

Assembly Member Meucci thanked Parks & Recreation for providing preschool swim lessons.

18. Executive Session

The Assembly adjourned to Executive Session at 1:23 p.m. to discuss the status of negotiations with the Petersburg Municipal Employees Association (PMEA) and the status of and strategy for upcoming negotiations with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW).

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

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

The Assembly exited Executive Session at 2:30 p.m.

19. Ratification of the Petersburg Municipal Employees Association Collective Bargaining Agreement for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026

The Assembly unanimously approved ratification of the new PMEA Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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

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

20. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

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

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