



Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, June 1, 2020

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

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

Present: 7 - Mayor Mark Jensen, Assembly Member Bob Lynn, Assembly Member Brandi Marohl, Assembly Member Jeffrey Meucci, Assembly Member Taylor Norheim, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor and Assembly Member Chelsea Tremblay

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes available for approval.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved unanimously as presented.

5. Public Hearings

A. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2020-18: An Ordinance Adjusting the FY 2020 Budget for Known Changes

No testimony was given during this public hearing.

6. Bid Awards

7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Paul Paiclet spoke on behalf of American Cruise Lines. They operate the American Constellation. They have made the modification that all passengers and crew be required to test 72 hours prior to arriving in Alaska.

Joni Johnson read a letter into the record in support of Resolution #2020-08, CARES Act funding.

Nancy Berg, co-owner of Viking Travel spoke in regards to the AML memo, in support of small cruise ship travel.

Marj Oines spoke on her own behalf expressing concern about allowing cruise ships to town.

Mark Roberts spoke on behalf of the Alaska Trollers Association in favor of their request for funds.

Amy Dougherty, Director of the Alaska Trollers Association, spoke in support of the request for funding.

Kris Norosz spoke in support of the CARES Act funding.

Cynthia Lynn spoke on her own behalf expressing concern about the safety of cruise ships coming to town.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

David Beebe asked if the Borough had received a response from the Office of Inspector General regarding the letter sent requesting an investigation on events that were uncovered during the Tonka and Big Thorne Integrated Resource Timber Contracts activity review. Clerk Thompson reported that the Borough has not.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

10. Consent Agenda

A. Stikine Services Lease Renewal #4

Attachments: [Stikine Services Lease Amendment #4](#)

The Assembly unanimously approved to renew the Stikine Services lease through May 15, 2025 for an annual rate of \$5,330.00

11. Report of Other Officers

A. PMC CEO Hofstetter

PMC CEO Hofstetter updated the Assembly on COVID related issues facing the medical center staff and recognized the staff for their tireless work during these challenging times.

B. Public Works Director Cotta

Public Director Chris Cotta reported on the ongoing Solid Waste Study. There is no rate increase planned for FY2021.

C. Community & Economic Development Director Cabrera

A draft review of the Visitor Industry Working Group's work will soon be released (delays are due to COVID).

12. Mayor's Report

There was no report for this meeting.

13. Manager's Report

There was no report for this meeting.

14. Unfinished Business

Ordinances for Third and Final Reading

- A. Ordinance #2020-14: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4.24 "Property Tax" to Change the Payment Due Date for Property Taxes

Attachments: [Ordinance #2020-14](#)

Ordinance #2020-14 was unanimously adopted in its third and final reading.

- B. Ordinance #2020-15: An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 Through June 30, 2021

Attachments: [Ordinance #2020-15 for 3rd reading](#)

Ordinance #2020-15 was amended to increase the Community Services Budget for Mountain View Food Services to match the FY 2020 funding level. The ordinance, as amended, was unanimously approved in its third and final reading.

- C. Ordinance #2020-16: An Ordinance Amending Title 2 "Elections" of the Petersburg Borough Code to Provide for an Election by Mail at the Discretion of the Assembly

Attachments: [Ordinance #2020-16 for 3rd Reading](#)

Ordinance #2020-16 was amended to add wording to 2.04.060(F) and (L) to accommodate voters not listed on the voter register, provide the ability to hand deliver an absentee ballot, and provide a specific day and time as the deadline to request an absentee ballot. The ordinance, as amended, was unanimously adopted in its third and final reading.

Ordinances for Second Reading

- D. Ordinance #2020-18: An Ordinance Adjusting the FY 2020 Budget for Known Changes

Attachments: [Ordinance #2020-18](#)
[CARES Act Funding Distribution Amount](#)

By unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance #2020-18 was approved in its second reading.

15. New Business

- A. Resolution #2020-05: A Resolution Setting the Millage Rates for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 Through June 30, 2021

Attachments: [Resolution #2020-05](#)

Resolution #2020-05 passed unanimously.

- B. Resolution #2020-06: A Resolution Accepting Coronavirus Relief Funds from the State of Alaska, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, for Costs that are Necessary for Expenditures Incurred Due to the Public Health Emergency with Respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Attachments: [Resolution #2020-06](#)
[Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant Agreement](#)

Resolution #2020-06 passed unanimously.

- C. Resolution #2020-07: A Resolution to Temporarily Change Assembly Meeting Times for the 2020 Summer Months of June, July, August and September to 12:00 Noon

Attachments: [Resolution #2020-07](#)

Resolution #2020-07 failed by a vote of 6 to 1, Member Lynn in favor.

- D. Resolution #2020-08: A Resolution Approving Expenditure of \$390,000 from the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund to Mitigate Economic Harm to Nonprofit Organizations and Child Care Providers Related to the COVID-19 Outbreak

Attachments: [Resolution #2020-08 & Appendix A](#)

Resolution #2020-08 passed unanimously.

- E. Alaska Trollers Association Request for \$2,500 to Legal Fund

Attachments: [Alaska Trollers Association Request](#)
[Q & A about the WFC Law Suit and ATA](#)
[ATA, Salmon State, ALFA Joint Press Release](#)

The Assembly approved funding to the Alaska Trollers Association in the amount of \$2,500.00 by a vote of 5 to 2, Members Lynn and Stanton Gregor opposed.

- F. Public Health Mandate #3 Extension - In-Person Participation at Assembly Meetings Suspended During COVID-19 Crisis

Attachments: [PB Public Health Mandate #3 Extension](#)

The extension of Public Health Mandate #3 first failed unanimously due to Assembly members wanting the choice to attend in person. A motion to reconsider was made by Member Lynn and seconded by Member Meucci with a request to have a rewritten proposal to allow Assembly Members to attend in person if they choose before the Assembly at the June 15 meeting. Extension of Public Health Mandate #3 was unanimously approved.

16. Communications

- A. Communications Received Prior to May 25 Agenda Deadline

Attachments: [Petersburg Children's Center 5.14 & 15.2020](#)
[B. Lynch 1 5.18.2020](#)
[B. Lynch 2 5.18.2020](#)
[D. Marsh 5.18.2020](#)
[N. Strand 1 5.18.2020](#)
[N. Strand 2 5.18.2020](#)
[B. Martin 5.18.2020](#)
[D. Berg 5.19.2020](#)
[M. Olsen 5.21.2020](#)
[Clausen Memorial Museum 5.21.2020](#)

B. American Cruise Lines, Inc.

Attachments: [American Cruise Lines - COVID-19 Operating Policies and Risk Mitigation Plan](#)
[American Cruise Lines - Operating Safely Amid COVID-19](#)

C. SE Alaska Association for the Education of Young Children

Attachments: [seaaeyc 5.27.2020](#)

D. Petersburg Economic Development Council

Attachments: [PEDC 5.28.2020](#)

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Small Cruise Ship 2020 Summer Visits to Petersburg

Attachments: [EOC IC Hagerman Email re Local Mandate 5 - Harbor Access](#)
[AML Memo re Small Cruise Ship Travel](#)
[PB Public Health Mandate #05](#)
[SoA COVID-19 Health Mandate 10](#)

Mayor Jensen gave an update on the progression of the Alaska Municipal League survey and opened the discussion of how the Assembly wishes to proceed. Member Tremblay gave an update of the recent meetings with American Cruise Lines. Incident Commander Karl Hagerman stated the EOC would be willing to answer the survey from AML. Manager Giesbrecht stated that he feels the EOC is qualified to work with AML on this survey.

Member Meucci requested that Public Health Mandate #5 be placed on the June 15, 2020 agenda as an action item, since it is expiring at the end of June. He would like to see it extended through August or September.

B. Manager Giesbrecht Annual Evaluation

Attachments: [2020 Borough Manager Evaluation Form](#)

Member Meucci requests the Manager's Evaluation be performed (delayed do to COVID) and that the process be somewhat simplified and more user friendly.

C. Visitor Industry Working Group

Member Meucci requested the Visitor Industry Working Group take a look at the cruise company's mitigation plans.

D. Assembly Member Comments

Member Meucci expressed disappointment in a pornographic photo with a Borough employee's name associated with it circulating the community. He requested community members respect each other.

Member Tremblay reminded the public that Open isn't Over and encouraged continued COVID precautions.

Member Norheim shared that a healthy immune system is your best COVID defense and is aquired by eating right.

E. Recognitions

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Debra K. Thompson

Date Approved _____