



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, August 04, 2025

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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1. Call To Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Marsh at 12:00 pm.

PRESENT

Vice Mayor Donna Marsh
Assembly Member Bob Lynn
Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor
Assembly Member James Valentine

EXCUSED

Mayor Mark Jensen
Assembly Member Scott Newman
Assembly Member Rob Schwartz

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes, July 21, 2025

The minutes of the July 21, 2025 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Valentine.
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

5. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

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.

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.

Mary Clemens, speaking on behalf of herself, spoke against selling borough property on Haugen Drive for building duplexes because of the undue pressure it would cause the neighboring property owners.

9. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports

There were no reports.

10. Consent Agenda

A. Liquor License Renewal - Bottle Shop

By unanimous vote, the Assembly supported the liquor license renewal for the Bottle Shop.

Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Valentine.
Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine

11. Report of Other Officers

A. Petersburg Medical Center

PMC CEO Hofstetter provided a written report to the Assembly on Medical Center activities.

B. US Forest Service

District Ranger Case provided an update on Forest Service activities.

C. Petersburg School District

Superintendent Taylor provided an update on School District activities.

12. Mayor's Report

A. August 4, 2025 Mayor's Report

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

13. Manager's Report

A. August 4, 2025 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

There was no unfinished business.

15. New Business

A. Resolution #2025-17: A Resolution Urging Immediate Action for Effective Sea Otter Management to Restore Southeast Alaska's Shellfish Commercial Fisheries and Subsistence Harvests

After discussion, Resolution #2025-17 was postponed to the second Assembly meeting in September.

Motion made by Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Assembly Member Valentine.

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine

B. Resolution #2025-18: A Resolution Addressing the Management of Nuisance Black Bears in the Petersburg Borough

A motion to approve Resolution #2025-18 was made and seconded. The motion received three votes in favor and one opposed. As four affirmative votes are required for approval, the motion failed.

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

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Valentine

Voting Nay: Assembly Member Stanton Gregor

C. Resolution #2025-19: A Resolution Expressing Support for the Southeast Alaska Power Agency's Southeast Alaska Delivery Resiliency (SEADR) Project and Application to the Alaska Energy Authority Grid Resilience Formula Grant Program

Resolution #2025-19 was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

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

Voting Yea: Vice Mayor Marsh, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Valentine

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since July 17, 2025

B. FEMA Shelter Training - August 15th and 16th

Director Hankins invited community members to participate in the FEMA Shelter training.

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Assembly Member Comments

Vice Mayor Marsh addressed Dave Ohmer's application to purchase borough property, noting that although she does not have a significant financial interest in the sale, her in-laws own adjacent property. She acknowledged that it would have been appropriate to disclose this connection during the meeting. Vice Mayor Marsh also stated that the application will be placed on the agenda for the second regular meeting in September, allowing for another opportunity to vote on the matter

B. Recognitions

It was noted that this meeting marks Chris Cotta's final Assembly meeting, as he will be relocating south to begin a new position. Mr. Cotta began his service with the City of Petersburg in July 2008 as Assistant Public Works Director and was promoted to Public Works Director for the Petersburg Borough in March 2018. Vice Mayor Marsh expressed appreciation for his 17 years of dedicated service to the City and Borough of Petersburg and extended best wishes for his future endeavors.

C. Marine Passenger Fee and Cruise Ship Rate Study from Ketchikan

Member Valentine proposed that the Assembly consider raising the marine passenger fee from \$5 to \$8 per person and that the additional \$3 would be put directly into the Harbor Enterprise Fund to help pay for the building of a new cruise ship dock for American Cruise Lines.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.