



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, November 16, 2020

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Present: 7 - Mayor Mark Jensen, Assembly Member David Kensinger, Assembly Member Bob Lynn, 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 was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

No minutes were available for approval.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

5. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

6. Bid Awards

There were no bid awards.

7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Donna Marsh, Tasha Sperl, Michael Truex, Brittni Caulum, Courtney Truex, Bridget Davidson, Bosjun Reid, Dana Thynes and Amanda Ohmer all spoke in opposition to a masking mandate.

Matt Pawuk, Courtney Hess and David Beebe spoke in support of a masking mandate.

Joe Stratman, Becky Knight, Cecilia Tavoliero and David Beebe spoke on their concerns about the Landless issue.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

No views were shared.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports were given.

10. Consent Agenda

There were no Consent Agenda items.

11. Report of Other Officers

No reports were given.

12. Mayor's Report

A. November 16, 2020 Mayor's Report

Attachments: [November 16, 2020 Mayor's Report](#)

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. November 16, 2020 Manager's Report

Attachments: [November 16, 2020 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

15. New Business

A. Ordinance #2020-24: An Ordinance Adjusting the FY2021 Budget for Known Changes

Attachments: [Ordinance #2020-24 for 3rd and Final reading](#)

Ordinance #2020-24 was unanimously approved in its first reading.

B. Resolution #2020-24: A Resolution Authorizing the Borough Manager to Approve Expenditures Directly Related to Fire Damage Restoration of the Aquatic Center not to Exceed the Insurance Policy Limits; and, to Exempt the Project from Competitive Bidding Under PMC 4.04.040(B) Emergency Purchases

Attachments: [Resolution #2020-24](#)

Resolution #2020-24 was unanimously approved.

C. Resolution #2020-25: A Resolution Amending the Expenditure of \$778,000 from the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund to \$642,136 for Petersburg School District Personnel Costs in Responding to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency and Identifying Modifications to the School District's Initial Request

Attachments: [Resolution #2020-25](#)

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved Resolution #2020-25.

D. Petersburg Borough Public Health Mandate #5: Borough Harbor Facilities - Vessel Docking and Disembarkment

Attachments: [PB Public Health Mandate #5 - Extension to 10.31.2021](#)

Public Health Mandate #5 was amended to change wording to mirror the wording of the State of Alaska's recent corresponding mandate/health orders and to change the expiration of the Health Mandate to February 28, 2021. Public Health Mandate #5 was approved as amended by a vote of 6-1, Mayor Jensen opposed.

E. Petersburg Borough Public Health Mandate #8: Face Coverings

Attachments: [PB Public Health Mandate #8 - Face Coverings](#)

Public Health Mandate #8 was amended to 1) remove in the second paragraph the words beginning with "and (2) when outside" and ending with "Harbor docks and floats."; 2) under "This Directive does not apply to:" number 2, to remove the word "or" between the words "pulmonary" and "breathing" and to add the words "and/or medical" between the words "breathing" and "conditions"; 3) in the second paragraph just before the last sentence to add the sentence "Masks or face coverings are mandatory for any outside community gathering of more than 50 people."; and 4) under "This Directive does not apply to:" number 1, to change the age of children from 2 to 3. Mandate #8, as amended, was approved by a vote of 4-3, Mayor Jensen and Assembly Members Lynn and Norheim opposed.

F. Petersburg Borough Public Health Mandate #9: Intrastate Traveler Testing

Attachments: [Petersburg Borough Public Health Mandate #9 - Intrastate Traveler Testing](#)

Public Health Mandate #9 was amended to 1) to change the words in number 4 from "Mandate 10" to "Health Order 6", 2) to insert a new number 12 that states "The provisions of this Mandate shall not apply if application would delay or limit emergency travel into the Petersburg Borough by Law Enforcement Officers, healthcare workers, or personnel from the Office of Children's Services."; 3) to insert a new number 13 that states "Commercial Fishing Vessels, Seafood Harvesters, and Seafood Processing Workers: To the extent that the testing requirements of this Mandate exceed those of any State Health Order applicable to such workers, the State Health Order shall govern."; and 4) to change the words in new number 14 from "Mandate 10" to "Health Order 6". Public Health Mandate #8, as amended, was approved by a vote of 5-2, Mayor Jensen and Assembly Member Norheim opposed.

G. Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition and Compensation Act

Attachments: [Draft Landless Native Letter to Senator Murkowski 11.18.2020](#)
[Notice of Landless Native Legislation](#)
[Landless Native Legislation](#)
[Landless Native Legislation Maps](#)

Motion to postpone action on this agenda item to a special meeting on November 18, 2020 was approved by a vote of 5-2, Mayor Jensen and Assembly Member Lynn opposed.

H. SEAPA 2021 Board Member and Alternate Appointments

- Attachments:** [SEAPA Board Appointment Request for 2021](#)
 [K. Hagerman Letter of Interest](#)
 [B. Lynn Letter of Interest](#)

Mayor Jensen, with approval of the Assembly, appointed Bob Lynn as the Borough's voting member to the SEAPA Board and Karl Hagerman as the alternate for calendar year 2021.

16. Communications

A. Communications Received Since October 25, 2020

Attachments: [A. See Rosvold 10.27.2020](#)
[K. Schramek 10.29.2020](#)
[B. Varsano & M. Smets 10.31.2020](#)
[K. O'Connor Demko 10.31.2020](#)
[M. Marvin 10.31.2020](#)
[Petersburg Indian Association 10.31.2020](#)
[R. Stafford 11.1.2020](#)
[S. Wood 11.1.2020](#)
[D. & N. Berg 11.1.2020](#)
[B. Bracken 11.1.2020](#)
[B. Richardson 11.1.2020](#)
[B. Richardson 2 11.1.2020](#)
[B. Bracken 2 11.1.2020](#)
[N. Bowen 11.2.2020](#)
[N. Bowen 2 11.2.2020](#)
[M. Smith 11.2.2020](#)
[L. Schwartz 11.2.2020](#)
[A. Lee 11.2.2020](#)
[K. McCullough 11.2.2020](#)
[K. O'Connor Demko 11.2.2020](#)
[S. Hunter 11.2.2020](#)
[J. Floyd 11.2.2020](#)
[B. Walsh 11.2.2020](#)
[J. Kautzer 11.2.2020](#)
[Petersburg Medical Center 11.2.2020](#)
[City of Kupreanof 11.2.2020](#)
[The Petersburg Plastics Group 11.2.2020](#)
[D. Beebe 11.2.2020](#)
[B. Knight 11.2.2020](#)
[D. Marsh 11.2.2020](#)
[M. Marvin 11.6.2020](#)
[J. Havrilek 11.9.2020](#)
[C. Lopez Tavoliero 11.11.2020](#)
[D. Martinsen 11.11.2020](#)
[J. Thynes 11.12.2020](#)
[A. Burrell 11.12.2020](#)

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Manager Giesbrecht's Performance Evaluation

Assembly Member Meucci reported that the Manager's Performance Evaluation was performed during the Executive Session called during the last meeting and stated the Assembly is pretty happy with Manager Giesbrecht's performance. The evaluation is available to the public.

B. Assembly Member Comments

Mayor Jensen announced he is calling a Special Meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. to address the Landless Native letter to Senator Murkowski prior to the Energy Commission hearing on the subject.

C. Recognitions

Member Meucci thanked SEARHC for the free COVID testing they've been providing. Mayor Jensen stated that if the public wanted to submit comments for the Energy Commission hearing, to contact Clerk Thompson for that information; Clerk Thompson indicated that the information would be posted on the website in the morning.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm

Debra K. Thompson

Date Approved _____