



Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, February 8, 2021

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 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

There were no minutes available for approval.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

5. Public Hearings

A. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2021-01: An Ordinance Amending Provisions of Chapter 4.28, "Sales Tax", of the Borough Code to Update for New Online Sales Tax Filings and Change Due Dates and Times of Filings

No testimony was provided.

6. Bid Awards

There were no bid awards.

7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Dana Thynes, Michael Truex, Amanda Ohmer, Chris Medalen, Donald Sperl, Bosjun Reid, Tausha Sperl, Donna Marsh, Brittni Caulum, and Mika Hasbrouck spoke in opposition to a masking mandate.

Nancy Berg, Mary Ellen Anderson, Sharon Hunter, and David Berg spoke in support of a masking mandate.

Lars Christensen asked everyone to be kind and think of your neighbor.

David Beebe and Becky Knight spoke on the USFS Washington Office Activity Review of the Tonka and Big Thorne timber sales.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

Becky Knight spoke on the Kake access project.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports were given.

10. Consent Agenda

There were no Consent Agenda items.

11. Report of Other Officers

A. Police Chief Kerr

Attachments: [Kerr Report 2.8.2021](#)

Chief Kerr gave an update on enforcement procedures regarding the masking mandate.

B. PMC CEO Hofstetter

PMC CEO Hofstetter gave an update on asymptomatic testing.

12. Mayor's Report

A. February 8, 2021 Mayor's Report

Attachments: [February 8, 2021 Mayor's Report](#)
[Alaska Region 10 Timber Sales Program Audit August 2020](#)

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. February 8, 2021 Manager's Report

Attachments: [February 8, 2021 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

Ordinances for Second Reading

A. Ordinance #2021-01: An Ordinance Amending Provisions of Chapter 4.28, "Sales Tax", of the Borough Code to Update for New Online Sales Tax Filings and Change Due Dates and Times of Filings

Attachments: [Ordinance #2021-01](#)
[Edited Ordinance Sections in Clean Version for Ease of Reading](#)

Ordinance #2021-01 was unanimously approved in its second reading.

15. New Business

- A. Ordinance #2021-03: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4.60, Parks and Recreation User Fees, of the Borough Code to Update User Fees for the Community Center

Attachments: [Ordinance #2021-03 for Third and Final Reading](#)

Ordinance #2021-03 was amended to allow youth under the age of 18 to use the Parks & Recreation Center at no charge. The ordinance was unanimously approved, as amended, in its first reading.

- B. Resolution #2021-02: A Resolution Supporting Senate Bill No. 60: An Act Establishing the Sport Fishing Hatchery Facilities Account; Establishing the Sport Fishing Facility Surcharge; and Providing for an Effective Date

Attachments: [Resolution #2021-02](#)
[Senate Bill No. 60](#)

Resolution #2021-02 was unanimously approved.

- C. Termination of Public Health Mandate #8 - Face Coverings

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

This agenda item was not entertained due to the lack of a second to the motion to approve termination of Public Health Mandate #8 - Face Coverings.

- D. Petersburg's Priority Community Projects List

Attachments: [Draft Priority Community Projects](#)
[PMC Request for State Bond for New Hospital](#)

Petersburg's Priority Community Projects List was unanimously approved.

- E. Support for Memorial Site at Banana Point Boat Launch for Sig and Helen Decker, Ian Martin and Dennis Lord

Attachments: [Memorial Site Support Letter](#)

Support for a memorial site at Banana Point Boat Launch for Sig and Helen Decker, Ian Martin and Dennis Lord was unanimously approved.

- F. Support for Senate Bill No. 56 - Extending Governor Dunleavy's Declaration of a Public Health Disaster Emergency in Response to the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Pandemic

Attachments: [Support for SB 56 - Extension of State Disaster Declaration](#)
[Senate Bill No. 56](#)

Support for Senate Bill No. 56 was unanimously approved.

G. Local Prosecution of Misdemeanors

Attachments: [Letter to Senator Stedman & Representative Kreiss-Tomkins](#)

A letter to Senator Stedman & Representative Kreiss-Tomkins regarding the Alaska Department of Law's plans to seek reimbursement from home rule communities like Petersburg for local prosecution of misdemeanors, essentially transferring costs to the municipalities, was unanimously approved.

H. Request for Street Lights on Papke's Landing Road

Attachments: [Papke's Road Street Light Request](#)

A letter to our local ADOT Highway Foreman requesting street lights be installed on Papke's Landing Road was unanimously approved.

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since January 14, 2021

Attachments: [T. Shumway 1.17.2021](#)
[Alaska Seaplanes 1.19.2021](#)
[D. Marsh 1.29.2021](#)
[T. Hampton 2.1.2021](#)
[T. Falter 2.1.2021](#)
[K. Hall 2.1.2021](#)
[B. Lynch 2.3.2021](#)
[J. King 2.4.2021](#)

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Assembly Member Comments

Assembly Member Stanton Gregor addressed the question of PMC trying to profit off the pandemic.

Assembly Member Lynn reported that the Canadian Government extended its ban on cruise ships in Canadian waters and the effects of this on the submarine cable installment into Vancouver.

Assembly Member Norheim refuted the claim that the vaccine was "rushed".

Assembly Member Meucci urged residents to remember the frontline workers, such as the checkers at Trading Union and Hammer & Wikan.

B. Recognitions

Member Tremblay sang praises to everyone involved in the recent vaccination clinic.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Debra K. Thompson

Date Approved _____