



Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, December 7, 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: 5 - Mayor Mark Jensen, Assembly Member David Kensinger, Assembly Member Bob Lynn, Assembly Member Jeffrey Meucci and Assembly Member Chelsea Tremblay

Excused: 2 - Assembly Member Taylor Norheim and Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor

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

No testimony was given.

6. Bid Awards

There were no bid awards.

7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Mountain View Manor Director, Shelyn Bell, spoke in opposition of PMC advocating asymptomatic COVID testing at the facility.

Brittini Caulum, Theresa Phillips, Jessica Ray, Sarah Reid, Nancy Hoschar, and Dana Thynes spoke against MVM asymptomatic COVID testing.

Becky Knight and David Beebe spoke on concerns they have with the Landless Natives legislation.

William Ware spoke in support of the Landless Natives legislation.

Eric Lee had questions about specific lots and asked for a corrected map of the proposed Landless Natives legislation.

Cecilia Tavoliero and Nicole Hallingstad stated they are available for questions on the proposed Landless

Natives legislation.

Elizabeth Hart spoke on what PMC is doing to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and take care of our residents.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

Dr. Charles Smyth spoke as one of the original authors of the ISER report.

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. PMC CEO Hofstetter

PMC CEO Hofstetter gave an update on the Medical Center.

B. EOC IC Hagerman

Attachments: [Community Risk Communication Plan](#)
[Draft Petersburg COVID-19 Dashboard](#)

EOC IC Hagerman shared a Community Risk Communication Plan with the Assembly.

12. Mayor's Report

A. December 7, 2020 Mayor's Report

Attachments: [December 7, 2020 Mayor's Report](#)

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. December 7, 2020 Manager's Report

Attachments: [December 7, 2020 Manager's Report](#)

Meeting went into Recess

Meeting Reconvened

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

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

Ordinance #2020-24 was amended allocate unused CARES Act funds as follows:

- 1) Decrease the budget amount for Economic Support - Utility Subsidy Program by \$275,000
- 2) Increase the budget amount for Economic Support - Local Business by \$100,000 (which will be used to pay back the Economic Fund for the local business grants totaling \$100,000 last April)
- 3) Increase the budget for the use of CARES Act Funds to cover Payroll for First Responders through December 15, 2020 by \$150,000
- 4) Increase the budget for use of CARES Act Funds to cover Payroll for the EOC through December 15, 2020 by \$25,000

and to transfer \$600,000 from the Electric Fund reserves to the Blind Slough Capital Project Fund 747.

Ordinance #2020-24 was unanimously approved as amended.

Other Unfinished Business Items

B. Discussion with Cecelia Tavoliero of Alaska Natives Without Land Regarding the Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition and Compensation Act Legislation Introduced to the U.S. Senate in November

Cecilia Tavoliero, Niccole Hallingstad and Todd Antioquia answered questions by Assembly Members regarding the Alaska Natives Without Land legislation.

15. New Business

A. Assignment of Lease - Marwin, Inc. to Rocky's Marine, Inc.

Attachments: [Assignment and Assumption of Lease and Consent](#)
[Application for Assignment of Lease - Rocky's Marine](#)

The Assignment of Lease was unanimously approved.

B. Memorandum of Agreement with PMC to Provide Asymptomatic COVID Testing to Borough Employees Working at Mountain View Manor Assisted Living Facility

Attachments: [PMC CEO Hofstetter Email Advocating Asymptomatic Testing of MVM Employees](#)
[Dr. Hyer Letter Requesting Asymptomatic Testing of Borough Employees](#)
[Asymptomatic Testing of MVM Employees MOU](#)

The Memorandum of Agreement with PMC to provide asymptomatic COVID testing to Mountain View Manor staff failed with a vote of 3-2, Mayor Jensen and Assembly Member Lynn opposed.

- C. Authorization for Manager Giesbrecht to Approve Preparation of a Scoping Document Regarding the Final Aquatic Center Repairs and Other Improvements to the Pool for an Amount not to Exceed \$50,000

Attachments: [Anderson Brothers Electric & Morris Engineering Group Report](#)
[APEI \(Liability Insurance Carrier\) Email](#)
[Section 23 of Property Policy](#)

The Assembly unanimously authorized Manager Giesbrecht to approve preliminary expenses for the Aquatic Center repairs in an Amount not to exceed \$50,000.

- D. Letter of Appreciation to the Southeast Alaska Power Agency

Attachments: [Thank You Letter to SEAPA](#)

The Letter of Appreciation to the Southeast Alaska Power Agency was unanimously approved.

- E. Planning Commission Vacancy Letter of Interest

Attachments: [J. Floyd Letter of Interest](#)

Mayor Jensen, with approval of the Assembly, appointed Jim Floyd to the Planning & Zoning Commission until the October 2021 Municipal Election.

16. Communications

- A. Communications Received Since November 12, 2020

Attachments: [B. Davies 11.12.2020](#)
[C. Knight 11.14.2020](#)
[J. Thynes 11.14.2020](#)
[K. Wood 11.14.2020](#)
[K., K., K. and M. Wood 11.14.2020](#)
[T. & C. Streuli 11.14.2020](#)
[B. Loesch 11.14.2020](#)
[D. Martinsen 11.15.2020](#)
[A. Loesch 11.15.2020](#)
[R. Braun 11.15.2020](#)
[C. Billi 11.15.2020](#)
[D. Sullivan 11.15.2020](#)
[T. Evens 11.15.2020](#)
[S. Wood 11.15.2020](#)
[B. Martin 11.15.2020](#)
[M. Cushing 11.16.2020](#)
[M. Truex 11.16.2020](#)
[K. Dillman 11.16.2020](#)
[S. Etcher 11.16.2020](#)
[N. Strand 11.16.2020](#)
[R. Braun 11.16.2020](#)
[K. Holmlund 11.16.2020](#)
[S. Burrell 11.16.2020](#)
[J. Bryner 11.16.2020](#)
[J. Thynes 11.16.2020](#)
[B. Thynes 11.16.2020](#)
[K. Bracken 11.16.2020](#)
[B. Lynch 11.16.2020](#)
[K. Wohlhueter 11.16.2020](#)
[S. Romine 11.16.2020](#)
[L. Thain 11.16.2020](#)
[E. Gates 11.16.2020](#)
[S. Hunter 11.16.2020](#)
[M. & E. Kandoll 11.16.2020](#)
[S. Burrell 2 11.16.2020](#)
[P. Hofstetter 11.16.2020](#)
[C. Gates 11.16.2020](#)
[B. Schroepfer 11.16.2020](#)

- [B. Knight 11.16.2020](#)
- [D. Beebe 11.16.2020](#)
- [J. Havrilek 11.17.2020](#)
- [B. Varsano & M. Smets 11.17.2020](#)
- [K. Schramek 11.17.2020](#)
- [M. Marvin 11.17.2020](#)
- [T. Welch \(PIA\) 11.17.2020](#)
- [D. Martinsen 11.18.2020](#)
- [S. Hunter 11.18.2020](#)
- [D. Martinsen 2 11.18.2020](#)
- [D. Thynes 11.19.2020](#)
- [E. Wood 11.19.2020](#)
- [J. Roberts 11.19.2020](#)
- [A. Jordan 11.23.2020](#)
- [T. Reid 11.30.2020](#)
- [V. Maldonado 12.1.2020](#)
- [M. Lopez \(COC\) 12.2.2020](#)

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Requested Public Meeting Regarding the Kake Access Road

Attachments: [Res #2020-21 - signed](#)

This discussion item was not discussed.

B. Conflict of Interest

Member Meucci spoke on the need for separating the Assembly members individual opinions from Assembly opinions as a whole with a majority vote.

C. Assembly Member Comments

Assembly Member Meucci spoke recognized veterans on D-Day, December 7th. Also Member Meucci made a request to the public to submit letters earlier than Monday if they want them to be read before the scheduled Assembly meeting.

Assembly Member Tremblay gave the names of two people who have died from COVID-19 and shared what she knew about their experiences. She also recommended people read the book "Pale Rider" for context and reminded that we do not yet know the long-term effects of having contracted COVID-19.

D. Recognitions

There were no recognitions.

18 Executive Session

The Assembly adjourned to Executive Session at 3:40 p.m. to discuss the status of collective bargaining with the Petersburg Municipal Employees Association. The Assembly returned to Regular Session at 4:34 p.m.

19. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:34pm.

Debra K. Thompson

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