



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, May 4, 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 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 submitted.

5. Public Hearings

No public hearings.

6. Bid Awards

No bid awards.

7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Incident Commander Hagerman spoke regarding agenda item 15D - Public Health Mandate #4 - Face Coverings. Due to community "boil over" regarding the face coverings mandate, he does not recommend extension of Health Mandate #4.

Ambre Burrell, representing herself, spoke against extension of the face covering mandate and shared she hoped the Assembly will sharpen their pencils, scale back and cut spending.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

No views were shared.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports.

10. Consent Agenda

No consent agenda items.

11. Report of Other Officers

A. PMC CEO Hofstetter

PMC CEO Hofstetter provided an update on the Medical Center and thanked his staff for stepping up during this monumental challenge of COVID response.

B. SEAPA Board Member Lynn

Assembly and SEAPA Board Member Lynn reported an RFP has been issued for replacement of the broken submarine cable between Wrangell and Petersburg.

C. 2020 Real Property Tax Roll Certification

Attachments: [2020 Real Property Tax Roll](#)

The Assembly acknowledged receipt of the 2020 Real Property Tax Roll.

12. Mayor's Report

A. May 4, 2020 Mayor's Report

Attachments: [May 4, 2020 Mayor's Report](#)

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record. He also spoke about a request from SEAPA CEO Acteson for a letter of support to be sent to ADNR for GCI's application to remove and relocate a fiber optic cable that crosses over four of SEAPA's power cables in the Stikine Straits, requesting Clerk Thompson draft the letter for consideration at the next meeting.

13. Manager's Report

A. May 4, 2020 Manager's Report

Attachments: [May 4, 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

Ordinances for Third and Final Reading

- A. Ordinance #2020-10: An Ordinance Amending the FY 2019/2020 Budget to Establish a Local Emergency Disaster Fund to Respond to the COVID-19 Outbreak

Attachments: [Ordinance #2020-10](#)

By unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance #2020-10 was adopted in its third and final reading.

- B. Ordinance #2020-11: An Ordinance Approving the Borough's Participation in a Proposed Refinancing by the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank of its General Obligation Bonds, 2010 Series One (Issued in Two Series, One Tax-Exempt and One Taxable), which Provided Funds to Purchase the City of Petersburg General Obligation Electric Utility Bond, 2010 Series A (Tax-Exempt) (the "2010A Bond"), and the City of Petersburg General Obligation Electric Utility Bond, 2010 Series B (Taxable Build America Bond) (the "2010B Bond"), Under a Loan Agreement Between the City and the Bond Bank; Authorizing the Borough Manager and Finance Director to Enter into a New Loan Agreement with the Bond Bank Setting Forth a Revised Debt Service Schedule with Respect to the Loan Evidenced by the 2010A Bond and the 2010B Bond, In Accordance with the 2010 Loan Agreement, if the Bond Bank Successfully Refinances its 2010 Bonds; Authorizing the Issuance of a New Bond or Bonds to the Bond Bank to Evidence the Refinanced Loan; and Establishing an Effective Date

Attachments: [Ordinance #2020-11](#)

Ordinance #2020-11 was unanimously approved in its third and final reading.

15. New Business

- 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 approved in its first 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](#)

The Assembly unanimously approved Ordinance #2020-15 in its first 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](#)

By unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance #2020-16 was approved in its first reading.

- D. Petersburg Borough Public Health Mandate #04 - Face Coverings

Attachments: [Public Health Mandate #04](#)

No motion was made to entertain extension of the face coverings public health mandate.

E. Letter of Support for Financial Relief to the U.S. Postal Service

Attachments: [USPS Support Letter to Federal Delegation](#)

The Assembly unanimously approved the letter of support for financial relief of the U.S. Postal Service to be sent to our federal delegation.

16. Communications

A. Public Correspondence Received Between April 16 and April 29, 2020

Attachments:

[M. Coonrad 4.16.20](#)
[J. Aulbach 4.16.20](#)
[A. Burrell 4.16.20](#)
[J. Thynes 4.16.20](#)
[G. Samuelson-Jones 4.16.20](#)
[N. Thomas 4.16.20](#)
[K. & L. Howard 4.17.20](#)
[B. Lynch 4.17.20](#)
[E. Wood 4.17.20](#)
[E. Rosvold 4.17.20](#)
[G. Sameulson 4.17.20](#)
[L. Hofstad 4.17.20](#)
[K. Eddy 4.17.20](#)
[H. Cabral 4.17.20](#)
[E. Michael 4.17.20](#)
[K. Schramek 4.19.20](#)
[B. Tremblay 4.18.20](#)
[M. Kubo 4.18.20](#)
[T. Chittenden 4.18.20](#)
[T. Martin 4.19.20](#)
[K Schramek 4.18.20](#)
[C. Billi 4.19.20](#)
[M. Hasbrouck 4.19.20](#)
[D. Marsh 4.19.20](#)
[J. Murgas 4.20.20](#)
[K. Billi 4.20.20](#)
[A. Murph & S. Harai 4.20.20](#)
[F. & S. Cole 4.20.20](#)
[D. Thynes 4.20.20](#)
[E. Van Swearingen 4.20.20](#)
[D. Sperl 4.20.20](#)
[K. Rudy 4.20.20](#)
[M. Truex 4.20.20](#)
[M. Martinsen 4.20.20](#)
[B. Pfundt 4.20.20](#)
[D. & K. Jones 4.20.20](#)
[A. Bennett 4.20.20](#)
[G. Herlick-Aho 4.20.20](#)

[B. Lynch 4.20.20](#)
[S. McKinley 4.20.20](#)
[R. & T. Hagerman 4.20.20](#)
[M. Marvin 4.20.20](#)
[K. Norosz 4.20.20](#)
[K. McCullough 4.20.20](#)
[G. Wolf 4.20.20](#)
[L. Kotsoeva 4.20.20](#)
[D. Sullivan 4.20.20](#)
[C. Martinsen 4.20.20](#)
[D. Marsh 4.20.20](#)
[J. Kludt-Painter 4.20.20](#)
[C. Lagoudakis 4.20.20](#)
[M. & T. Parker 4.20.20](#)
[D. Galli 4.20.20](#)
[L. Bacom 4.20.20](#)
[D. Sperl 4.20.20](#)
[T. Sperl 4.20.20](#)
[N. Bowen 4.20.20](#)
[N. Strand 4.21.20](#)
[L. Luczak 4.21.20](#)
[J. Floyd 4.23.20](#)
[T. Pfundt 4.26.20](#)
[M. Bell 4.27.20](#)
[T. & L. Durkin 4.27.20](#)
[K. McCullough 4.27.20](#)
[K. Norosz 4.27.20](#)
[D. Thynes 4.27.20](#)
[K. Wood 4.27.20](#)
[M. Coonrad 4.27.20](#)
[J. Aulbach 4.27.20](#)
[A. Kawashima 4.27.20](#)
[M. Hasbrouck 4.27.20](#)
[A. Pfundt 4.27.20](#)
[B. Turland 4.27.20](#)
[A. Burrell 4.27.20](#)
[S. Youngberg 4.27.20](#)
[S. Hunter 4.27.20](#)

[D. Galli 4.27.20](#)

[R. Wilkinson 4.27.20](#)

[J. Thynes 4.27.20](#)

[T. Welch 4.27.20](#)

[D. Marsh 4.27.20](#)

[C. Truex 4.27.20](#)

[R. Knight 4.27.20](#)

[H. Hunter 4.27.20](#)

[R Stafford 4.27.20](#)

[G. Samuelson-Jones 4.27.20](#)

[B. Bergen 4.27.20](#)

[J. Thynes 4.27.20](#)

[J. Thynes 4.27.20 2](#)

[M. Worhatch 4.28.20](#)

[M. Truex 4.28.20](#)

[J. Havrilek 4.28.20](#)

[B. & S. Reid 4.28.20](#)

[Gov's Office - State Health & Social Services - Attorney Heideman](#)

[N. Strand 4.28.20](#)

[C. Lagoudakis 4.28.20](#)

[A. Miller 4.28.20](#)

[M. Smith 4.29.20](#)

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Assembly Use of Cell Phones During a Public Meeting

Attachments: [Cell Phone Use During Public Meetings Policy - Draft](#)

Mayor Jensen explained his reasons for asking for a cell phone use during public meetings policy and noted the policy will come before the Assembly for approval at the next regular meeting.

B. Assembly Member Comments

Member Lynn shared he feels it is time to figure out how the Assembly can meet in person and still social distance.

Member Norheim stated he is in agreement with Member Lynn.

Member Meucci shared he feels it would be difficult to hold in person meetings in the Assembly Chambers and not let the public participate in person. He also asked if there would be a report from Incident Commander Hagerman at the meeting, to which Mayor Jensen replied no. Member Meucci inquired where we are currently with the local seafood processor's plans to bring their workforce to town. Manager Giesbrecht replied plans are being reviewed by Public Health Officer Tuccillo and so far things are going

well.

Member Stanton Gregor encouraged borough residents to pay close attention to State mandates and continue to work to mitigate COVID-19 positive cases in Petersburg.

Member Norheim reminded the public that Incident Commander Hagerman is completing a task given to him by the Borough Manager and Assembly. If you have issues or complaints regarding actions taken by the Incident Commander, those complaints should be directed to the Assembly.

Member Tremblay encouraged everyone to read through the details of State Mandate #11 for social distancing.

Mayor Jensen shared he will be gone for the commercial fishing season after the first Assembly meeting in June.

C. Recognitions

Member Norheim shared it was International Star Wars Day and stated, "May the 4th be with you".

Member Tremblay recognized May as Mental Health Awareness Month (since 1949) and thanked everyone who is collaborating to try to support each other during this difficult time.

Member Meucci recognized the Borough and Medical Center's Incident Command teams and stated he appreciated their efforts.

Member Stanton Gregor thanked Member Tremblay for recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month. He encouraged everyone to continue to be patient and empathetic with each other.

18. Executive Session

The Assembly adjourned to Executive Session at 1:27 p.m. to discuss strategy with respect to upcoming union negotiations with the Petersburg Municipal Employees Association. The Assembly adjourned from Executive Session at 2:14 p.m.

19. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.