



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Tuesday, September 6, 2016

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by Mayor Jensen.

Present: 5 - Mayor Mark Jensen, Vice Mayor Cindi Lagoudakis, Assembly Member Eric Castro, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor and Assembly Member Nancy Strand

Excused: 2 - Assembly Member Bob Lynn and Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter

2. Voluntary Pledge

The pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

No minutes to approve.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved as submitted.

5. Public Hearings

None.

6. Bid Awards

None.

7. Visitors' Views Related to Agenda

Becky Knight, David Beebe, and Bill Tremblay each explained changes they would like to see to the drafted Borough letter in response to the Alaska Mental Health Trust Lands land exchange and potential logging situation.

Marjorie Oines requested Ordinance #2016-11 be revised to include language that directed half of the excise tax funds collected be used exclusively for the care and treatment of individuals with alcohol and drug abuse issues.

8. Visitors' Views Unrelated to Agenda

None.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports.

10. Consent Agenda

None.

11. Report of Other Officers

No reports.

12. Mayor's Report

A. September 6, 2016 Mayor's Report

Attachments: [9.6.2016 Mayor's Report.PDF](#)

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. Report 09-06-2016

Attachments: [Manager report 09062016](#)

Manager Giesbrecht read his written report, which is attached and made a permanent part of these minutes. In addition, Harbormaster Wollen gave an update on current harbor projects, and Police Chief Swihart explained the recent changes made in search warrant procedures.

Recess

A short recess was called by Mayor Jensen.

14. Unfinished Business

None.

15. New Business

A. Ordinance #2016-11: An Ordinance Amending Borough Code by Providing for a New Chapter 4.70 to Impose Excise Taxes on the Cultivation, Manufacture and Importation of Marijuana and Any Marijuana Product for Commercial Use

Attachments: [Ordinance #2016-11.PDF](#)

Manager Giesbrecht reported information the Borough received from its attorney regarding the changes that need to be made to the ordinance. Based on this information, the language regarding retail tax will be removed before the next reading of the ordinance.

Vice-Mayor Lagoudakis made a motion that the language regarding use of the excise tax proceeds be amended to state that up to 50% of the proceeds will be used for alcohol and drug health related purposes and that those purposes would be decided each year during the budget process. The amendment passed by a vote of 4-1, Assembly Member Strand opposing.

Ordinance #2016-11 passed its first reading, as amended, by a vote of 4-1, Assembly Member Strand again opposing.

- B. Resolution #2016-21: A Resolution of the Petersburg Borough Authorizing the Borough to Issue General Obligation Refunding Bonds in the Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$550,000 to Refund Certain Outstanding General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the Former City of Petersburg, Alaska, and Fixing Certain Details of Such Bonds and Authorizing Their Sale

Attachments: [Resolution #2016-21.PDF](#)

Resolution #16-21 passed unanimously.

- C. Resolution #2016-22: A Resolution of the Petersburg Borough Authorizing the Borough to Issue General Obligation Refunding Bonds in the Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$800,000 to Refund Certain Outstanding General Obligation School Bonds of the Former City of Petersburg, Alaska, and Fixing Certain Details of Such Bonds and Authorizing Their Sale

Attachments: [Resolution #2016-22.PDF](#)

Resolution #16-22 passed unanimously.

- D. Authorizaton to Enter into a Professional Services Contract for Skilled Labor Services for Concrete Work on the Wastewater Compost and Septage Receiving Project

Attachments: [C. Cotta Recommendation.PDF](#)
[Rainforest Contracting INC Proposal.PDF](#)
[Background Information on WW Composting Project.PDF](#)

Authorization was granted by unanimous roll call vote.

- E. Approval of Letter to Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority and US Forest Service Supporting the Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Exchange Act of 2016

Attachments: [Letter Supporting AMHT Land Exchange Act of 2016.PDF](#)

Approval of the Borough's letter supporting the Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Exchange Act of 2016 was given with amendments adding a "Plan B" option of an endowment fund if the land exchange fails, adding backup documentation regarding past landslides in the area, and sending copies to Senator Dan Sullivan and the Ketchikan Gateway Borough.

- F. Authorization for Mayor Jensen to Accept for Public Uses and for Public Purposes the Real Property Dedicated to the Public for the Mallard East & West Subdivision Including Easements, Rights of Way, Alleys, and Roadways

Attachments: [Cabrera Comments on Subdivision.PDF](#)

After discussion between the Assembly, Manager Giesbrecht, and Community Development Director Cabrera regarding concerns with the property, largely due to the small size and the slope of some of the lots making it difficult to develop adequate wastewater drainage and lack of convenient driveway access to Mitkof Highway, the authorization failed unanimously.

Deputy Clerk Thompson was directed to send to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources a narrative explanation of the reasons for the refusal to sign the acceptance of the land for public use and public purpose.

16. Communications

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Recognitions

Vice-Mayor Lagoudakis thanked Sergeant Holmgrain for his efforts in securing grants for the police department, congratulated W.A.V.E. on receipt of their grant funds, and encouraged citizens to vote in the upcoming elections.

Assembly Member Strand recognized Vice-Mayor Lagoudakis on her birthday.

B. Kupreanof, Papke's Landing, and Entrance Island Docks

Clerk Thompson reported that there had been no more responses to the questionnaire turned in since the last meeting.

C. Marijuana

No discussion.

D. Hospital Remodel/New Facility

No discussion.

18. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.