



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, April 20, 2020

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 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

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was amended to add Assembly Discussion Item 17A - Special Meeting Regarding the State's Plans to Open the Economy. The agenda, as amended, was unanimously approved.

5. Public Hearings

- A. Public Hearing for 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

No public testimony was given regarding Ordinance #2020-10.

- B. Public Hearing for 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

No public testimony was given on Ordinance #2020-11.

6. Bid Awards

7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Elizabeth Bacom, Infection Prevention and Quality Manager of Petersburg Medical Center, spoke in favor of a masking mandate in Petersburg.

Note: Due to COVID-19 and this meeting being held telephonically, Mayor Jensen allowed individuals who called into the meeting after Persons to be Heard to still testify.

Immediately following the Manager's Report, Mayor Jensen allowed more residents (who called into the meeting after this agenda item was already entertained by the Assembly) to share their views.

Robert. Schwartz, representing himself, shared his views regarding COVID-19 and stated he is willing to get the virus and beat it.

David Berg, representing himself and his business, Viking Travel, spoke in support of the proposed Harbor Facilities Mandate.

Immediately after Agenda Item 14B (Ordinance #2020-11), Mayor Jensen allowed another caller to speak.

Tanya Grant, representing herself, asked if there will be more enforcement regarding dogs on the loose in light of the Coronavirus pandemic. She stated COVID-19 can be spread by petting a dog.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

No views unrelated to the agenda were shared.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

10. Consent Agenda

11. Report of Other Officers

12. Mayor's Report

A. April 20, 2020 Mayor's Report

Attachments: [April 20, 2020 Mayor's Report](#)

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record. He also shared details of a phone conversation he and Manager

Giesbrecht had with Governor Dunleavy, Commissioner Crum and Dr. Zink recently along with other Mayors, Managers and Alaska Municipal League Board of Directors regarding how communities feel about re-opening.

13. Manager's Report

A. April 20, 2020 Manager's Report

Attachments: [April 20, 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**A. Ordinance #2020-06: An Ordinance Adjusting the FY 2020 Budget for Known Changes**

Attachments: [Ordinance #2020-06](#)
 [KMI Heat Exchanger Coil Bid](#)
 [KMI Air Handler Coil Bid](#)
 [Ferguson Parts Quote](#)

Ordinance #2020-06 was unanimously adopted in its third and final reading.

Ordinances for Second Reading

B. 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](#)

The Assembly unanimously approved Ordinance #2020-10 in its second reading.

C. 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](#)

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved Ordinance #2020-11 in its second reading.

15. New Business

- A. Ordinance #2020-13: An Emergency Ordinance Amending the FY 19/20 Budget to Approve an Emergency Appropriation of \$100,000 from the Economic Development Fund to the Petersburg Economic Development Council, Inc. to Mitigate Local Economic Impacts Related to the COVID-19 Outbreak

Attachments: [Ordinance #2020-13](#)
 [Ord #2020-13 Attachment A](#)

Emergency Ordinance #2020-13 was unanimously adopted in its one and only reading.

- B. Local Health Mandates for Consideration

Attachments: [EOC IC Hagerman Memo](#)
 [PMC IC Hofstetter & MS Hyer Letter](#)
 [Draft Face Coverings Mandate](#)
 [Draft Harbor Facilities Mandate](#)
 [Draft Submission of Travel Plans Mandate](#)

The Petersburg Borough Public Health Mandate for Face Coverings was approved by a vote of 4-3, Mayor Jensen and Assembly Members Marohl and Norheim opposed.

The Petersburg Borough Public Health Mandate for Borough Harbor Facilities was unanimously approved.

The Petersburg Borough Public Health Mandate for Submission of Travel Plans was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

- C. COVID Community Needs Letter to Senator Murkowski, Senator Sullivan and Congressman Young

Attachments: [COVID Community Needs Letter to Federal Delegation](#)

The Assembly unanimously approved to send the letter regarding Petersburg's needs due to COVID-19 to Senators Murkowski and Sullivan and Congressman Young.

16. Communications

- A. Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities

Attachments: [ADOT&PF Letter 4.8.2020](#)

- B. J. Havrilek

Attachments: [J. Havrilek Email 4.9.2020](#)

- C. K. Woodworth

Attachments: [K. Woodworth Letter 4.10.2020](#)

- D. American Cruise Lines

Attachments: [American Cruise Lines Letter 4.13.2020](#)

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Special Meeting to Discuss the State's Plans to Re-Open the Economy

The Assembly set up a special meeting for April 22, 2020 at 4:00 to discuss re-opening our economy.

B. Assembly Member Comments

Assembly Member Marohl questioned how child care facilities are to mask each child in their care by 8:00 am tomorrow morning with the masking mandate in place. Incident Commander Hagerman asked that the owner of the business give him a call first thing in the morning.

Assembly Member Stanton Gregor thanked the community for doing a really good job looking out for our neighbors.

Assembly Member Norheim reminded residents to grab a towel, old shirt, or whatever, and cover your face to avoid a fine.

B. Recognitions

Assembly Member Meucci thanked and recognized the employees of businesses that have stayed open for our community (grocery stores, etc.). Thank you for continuing to work under very extraordinary circumstances.

Assembly Member Tremblay recognized her friend's loss of her father who passed recently due to COVID-19. She stated she hopes we continue to stick together to work to mitigate the impact of the Coronavirus.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.