



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, October 21, 2019

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: 6 - Assembly Member Jeffrey Meucci, Assembly Member Bob Lynn, Assembly Member Taylor Norheim, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Mark Jensen and Assembly Member Chelsea Tremblay

Excused: 1 - Assembly Member Brandi Marohl

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. October 7, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [October 7, 2019 Assembly Meeting Minutes](#)

The October 7, 2019 Assembly meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

5. Public Hearings

A. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2019-09: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4.28, "Sales Tax", of the Borough Code to Clarify that Sales of Marijuana and Marijuana Products to Non-profit Organizations and Senior Citizens are Subject to the Borough Sales Tax

No testimony was given.

B. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2019-10: An Ordinance Providing for Chapter 3.10 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Public Notice of Meetings", Updating Current Language to Reflect Borough Incorporation

No testimony was given.

C. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2019-11: An Ordinance Providing for Chapter 3.70 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Petersburg School Board", Updating Current Language to

Reflect Borough Incorporation

No testimony was given.

- D. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2019-12: An Ordinance Providing for Repeal of Chapters 3.42 Titled Utility Advisory Board and 3.49 Titled Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the Code of the Former City of Petersburg (Now Service Area 1)

No testimony was given.

6. Bid Awards

There were no bid awards.

7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Joe Sebastian, representing himself, spoke about his concern regarding climate change and the proposed roadless rule exemption for the Tongass National Forest. He urged the Assembly to choose the No Action Alternative on the roadless rule.

David Beebe, representing himself, shared his views on climate change and the proposed roadless rule exemption. He requested the Assembly pass a resolution opposing the exemption and choosing the No Action Alternative.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

No views were shared.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports were given.

10. Consent Agenda

No items.

11. Report of Other Officers

A. Petersburg Medical Center Update

PMC CEO Hofstetter provided an update on the Medical Center.

B. Marine Passenger Fee End of Season Update

Finance Director Tow reported the Borough has collected \$38,000 from the Marine Passenger Fee so far this year.

12. Mayor's Report

A. October 21, 2019 Mayor's Report

Attachments: [October 21, 2019 Mayor's Report](#)
 [Census 2020 - Why We Ask](#)
 [Join the 2020 Census Team](#)

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

Manager Giesbrecht did not provide a written report for this meeting.

14. Unfinished Business

Ordinances for Second Reading

- A. Ordinance #2019-09: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4.28, "Sales Tax", of the Borough Code to Clarify that Sales of Marijuana and Marijuana Products to Non-profit Organizations and Senior Citizens are Subject to the Borough Sales Tax

Attachments: [Ordinance #2019-09](#)

Ordinance #2019-09 was unanimously approved in its second reading.

- B. Ordinance #2019-10: An Ordinance Providing for Chapter 3.10 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Public Notice of Meetings", Updating Current Language to Reflect Borough Incorporation

Attachments: [Ordinance #2019-10](#)

By unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance #2019-10 was approved in its second reading.

- C. Ordinance #2019-11: An Ordinance Providing for Chapter 3.70 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Petersburg School Board", Updating Current Language to Reflect Borough Incorporation

Attachments: [Ordinance #2019-11](#)

The Assembly unanimously approved Ordinance #2019-11 in its second reading.

- D. Ordinance #2019-12: An Ordinance Providing for Repeal of Chapters 3.42 Titled Utility Advisory Board and 3.49 Titled Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the Code of the Former City of Petersburg (Now Service Area 1)

Attachments: [Ordinance #2019-12](#)

Ordinance #2019-12 was unanimously approved in its second reading.

15. New Business

- A. Ordinance #2019-13: An Ordinance Adjusting the FY 2020 Budget for Known Changes

Attachments: [Ordinance #2019-13](#)
 [Utility Director Hagerman Supplemental Budget Request](#)

By unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance #2019-13 was approved in its first reading.

B. Resolution #2019-12: A Resolution in Support of the United States 2020 Census

Attachments: [Resolution #2019-12](#)

Resolution #2019-12 was unanimously approved.

C. Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association Board Member Nomination

Attachments: [SSRAA Board Nomination Invitation](#)
 [SSRAA Board Seat Nomination Form](#)

The Assembly requested this agenda item be brought forward to the November 4, 2019 Assembly meeting when there should be a full Assembly.

D. Assembly / Hospital Board Work Session

The Assembly requested Clerk Thompson send out another Doodle Poll to find a date and time to hold a joint work session with the Hospital Board. Mayor Jensen will be out of town most of November so the work session will most likely be held in December.

E. Humpback Whale Critical Habitat Designation Hearing Request

Attachments: [Letter from National Marine Fisheries re Critical Habitat](#)
 [Email from Federal Lobbyist re Critical Habitat](#)

The Assembly unanimously approved a letter be sent to the National Marine Fisheries Service requesting a public hearing be held in Petersburg regarding the proposed Critical Habitat Designation for Humpback Whales in SE Alaska.

16. Communications

A. Proposed Alaska Roadless Rule

Attachments: [USFS Notice of Proposed Alaska Roadless Rule](#)

The Assembly briefly discussed the notice of the proposed Alaska Roadless Rule.

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Greens Camp Improvement Project

The Assembly discussed the expired maintenance agreement with the State of Alaska to care for Green's Camp, Wilson Creek and Banana Point. A letter to Senator Stedman and Representative Kreiss-Tomkins was requested on the subject.

B. Role of Assembly Representatives and Liaisons

Assembly Member Lynn inquired about the role of an Assembly Liaison to a board or commission, or an Assembly representative to a regional group. Discussion was held. When asked by Assembly Member Meucci if the Assembly Liaison to the Hospital Board is needed, PMC CEO Hofstetter said he thought the subject would be a good discussion for the upcoming joint work session. Assembly Member Tremblay suggested we contact the Harbors and Ports and Public Safety Advisory Boards to see if they feel having an Assembly Liaison is beneficial.

C. Recognitions

Assembly Member Stanton Gregor thanked the participants of this year's Annabelle Baker Memorial Poker Tournament which raised \$1,300 for Beat the Odds.

Assembly Member Lynn thanked the Visitor Industry Group for their ongoing work.

Fire/EMS Director Dixon recognized all the Fire Department Volunteers who have been very busy recently. She reported that the number of 2019 EMS calls have already surpassed the total number of calls in 2018 with 2 1/2 months still to go in 2019. Also, 12 new members have been trained recently, donating over 700 hours in September and early October taking the class.

Mayor Jensen recognized Karen Hofstad for being awarded the Evangeline Atwood Award for Excellence by the Alaska Historical Society for preserving Alaska's salmon canning history.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.