



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, February 22, 2016

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 - Mayor Mark Jensen, Vice Mayor Cindi Lagoudakis, Assembly Member Eric Castro, Assembly Member Bob Lynn, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor and Assembly Member Nancy Strand

Excused: 1 - Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter

2. Voluntary Pledge

The pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. February 1, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [February 1, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

The minutes were approved, as submitted.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved.

5. Public Hearings

None.

6. Bid Awards

None.

7. Visitors' Views Related to Agenda

David Beebe, representing the City of Kupreanof, thanked the Assembly for allowing him to attend the meeting with Michael Lukshin regarding the transfer of ownership of the Kupreanof dock and encouraged them to enter into a memorandum of understanding between Kupreanof, the Borough and the State regarding the funding plan for the upkeep and deferred maintenance of the dock. Mr. Beebe also thanked the Borough for the recent use of the Harbor skiff during a difficult situation in Kupreanof. He commended the Planning Commission for their important comments on the environmental impact statement for the Tongass Land Resource Management Plan. Finally, Mr. Beebe invited everyone to attend Kupreanof's 40th anniversary celebration on May 14th.

Mike Bangs encouraged the Assembly to wait on making any decision regarding transfer of ownership of the State docks until there is more information and more funds for the repairs needed.

Dave Kensinger with Planning and Zoning made comments regarding the recommended amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.

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. February 22, 2016 Mayor's Report

Attachments: [Mayor's Report 2.22.2016.pdf](#)

In addition to reviewing his written report, Mayor Jensen asked the Land Selection Committee to present their selections at the next Assembly meeting on March 7th. He also appointed Assembly Member Bob Lynn as the Assembly's liaison to the Land Section Committee. Mayor Jensen discussed his recent visit to AML, informing the Assembly that he felt it was important to be watchful of the funding mechanisms that the State is currently using to supply money to the municipalities. He listed areas that are of concern in State revenue sharing, including PERS liability and the raw fish tax. He also commented on the meeting with Senator Murkowski's Chief of Staff regarding the transboundary rivers and the need to ask for more funding for baseline testing of the river water.

Vice Mayor Lagoudakis shared some comments from her time at AML regarding the importance of the ferry system in Southeast Alaska and the need for community members to write letters to State legislators with budget suggestions.

Assembly Member Lynn discussed the possibility of changes to the Permanent Fund Dividend and shifts in fees to the local municipalities in order to help balance the State's budget. He also commented on the impact to the State with the transition from a AAA to a AA bond rating and the efforts to increase the rating.

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. Report 02-22-2016

Attachments: [Manager Report 02.22.2016.pdf](#)

Manager Giesbrecht reviewed his written report, which is attached as a permanent part of these minutes.

14. Unfinished Business

Ordinances for Third and Final Reading

- A. Ordinance #2016-01: An Ordinance of the Petersburg Borough Adjusting the FY 2016 Budget for Known Changes

Attachments: [Ordinance #2016-01.pdf](#)
 [WW Composting Project Supplemental Budget Request.pdf](#)

Ordinance #16-01 was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

15. New Business

- A. Ordinance #2016-02: An Ordinance Adopting the Comprehensive Plan Dated February 22, 2016 for the Petersburg Borough

Attachments: [Comprehensive Plan Memo.pdf](#)
 [Ordinance #2016-02.pdf](#)

Assembly Member Gregor expressed his support of the Plan.

Assembly Member Lynn asked Community Development Director Cabrera what rationalization was behind the amendment which had a committee take a look at the commercial fisheries every few years. Director Cabrera replied that the Economic Development Council felt it would be valuable, because it is a blend of commercial fisherman, processors, and other industries, to check in with them periodically to see what their priorities are and what the Borough can do to help support them. Assembly Member Lynn asked why that discussion did not include a broader focus. Director Cabrera explained that there are other small groups that meet for other interests.

Ordinance #16-02 was unanimously approved.

- B. Resolution #2016-05: A Resolution of the Petersburg Borough Establishing the Borough Assembly as the Local Marijuana Regulatory Authority

Attachments: [Resolution #2016-05.pdf](#)

Manager Giesbrecht explained the reasons for having a local regulatory committee to address marijuana related issues in the Borough. He commented that in the event the Assembly chooses to appoint a different board or committee to act as the local regulatory authority they may do so by resolution.

Resolution #16-05 was approved 6-0.

- C. Resolution #2016-06: A Resolution of the Petersburg Borough Supporting the Appropriate Treatment of Alaska's Sport and Commerical Salmon Industries Through Fair Allocation of Pacific Salmon Stocks in the Pacific Salmon Treaty

Attachments: [Resolution #2016-06.pdf](#)

The Assembly discussed whether there should be mention in the resolution of the mining practices in Canada and their effect on the river water in Alaska. It was decided that that should be handled separately.

By unanimous vote, Resolution #16-06 was approved.

D. FY 2017 Budget Calendar

Attachments: [FY 2017 Budget Calendar.pdf](#)

There was discussion regarding scheduling.

The FY 2017 Budget Calendar was unanimously approved.

E. Planning Commission Comments Regarding Proposed Amendments to the Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan

Attachments: [Planning Commission Letter re Tongass Management Plan.pdf](#)

Assembly Member Lynn discussed his many concerns with the letter comments. Vice Mayor Lagoudakis also expressed some of her concerns; however, she stated she supported sending the letter. The Assembly took a five minute break to review the letter again in preparation for potentially making some changes. The last sentence of the third paragraph on page 2 of the letter was amended to say, "The proposed plan amendments need to encourage local small-scale industry."

Approval to send comments, with changes, from the Planning Commission regarding the Tongass Plan was granted.

F. Papke's Landing, Kupreanof, and Entrance Island Dock Facilities

Attachments: [ADOT&PF Letter to Petersburg Borough.pdf](#)
 [ADOT&PF Letter to City of Kupreanof.pdf](#)
 [ADOT&PF Dock Acceptance Offer Letter.pdf](#)

There was discussion among the Assembly members regarding the condition of the dock facilities, the amount of money required to repair and maintain them, and the ownership of the tidelands surrounding the docks.

The motion to accept the State's offer to take ownership of the dock facilities was tabled until more information could be obtained in order to make a more educated decision.

16. Communications

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Recognitions

Vice Mayor Lagoudakis thanked the Borough for their help with the recent installation of Eric Larson's statue and the citizens on the committee that helped with the design selection, including Brian Paust, Patty Norheim, Bill Tremblay, Dave Riemer, Peter Schultz, Polly Lee, and Michelle Pfundt.

Mayor Jensen recognized the people helping with the addition to The Children's Center.

B. Marijuana Ordinance

Attachments: [Questions for the Assembly on Marijuana.pdf](#)
 [Draft Alcohol and Marijuana Ordinance.pdf](#)
 [Draft Changes to General Penalties Ordinance.pdf](#)

Manager Giesbrecht explained that a new draft ordinance had been completed using the existing alcohol ordinance. He read a list of questions that needed to be answered by the Assembly in order to move forward with finalizing the ordinance and there was some discussion regarding them. Vice Mayor Lagoudakis asked that the questions be placed on the Borough website for public input. Mayor Jensen requested the questions be placed on an upcoming agenda as an action item.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.