



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, March 2, 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

A. February 18, 2020 Assembly Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [February 18, 2020 Assembly Meeting Minutes](#)

The February 18, 2020 Assembly meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

5. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

6. Bid Awards

There were no bid awards.

7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Mike Stainbrook, David Beebe, and Becky Knight, representing themselves, spoke separately in support of Resolution #2020-01 which opposes the Kake Access Road project.

John Murgas, representing himself, spoke to Agenda Item 15G Economic Development Priorities for Manager Giesbrecht, noting the strategy to "recognize and support the three elements that collectively support the commercial fishing industry: harvesters, processors, and community" is missing the local service providers. Mr. Murgas requests the Assembly amend this strategy and proposed activities to include local service providers.

Ambre Burrell, representing Rock-N-Road Construction, spoke in favor of building the Kake Access Road.

Sonny Rice, representing herself, spoke to Agenda Items 11A Sanitation Rate Study Update, and 17A Sanitation Rate Study stating she is involved with a local group working on plastics issues and recycling in our community. Ms. Rice stated the local group would like to participate in the Borough's plans for the future regarding recycling. Ms. Rice also asked to speak on Agenda Item 15E Resolution #2020-02 which if approved will authorize and direct the Borough Assessor to value low-income housing tax credit property based upon actual income derived from the property. She requested the Assembly inquire of Swell, LLC whether they are receiving tax breaks for building the affordable housing complex only, or will they also receive tax breaks for maintenance of the complex?

Mayor Jensen read a letter from Teresa Streuli, who wrote in favor of the Kake Access Road project. Communications. The letters are as follows:

Alaska Department of Public Safety Commissioner Price wrote in favor of the Kake Access Road project.

Ronn Buschmann, representing himself, wrote in favor of the Kake Access Road project.

A. Nils Andreassen, Executive Director of Alaska Municipal League

Nils Andreassen, Executive Director of the Alaska Municipal League, spoke regarding the Alaska Remote Seller Sales Tax.

B. Glenn Gellert, Swell LLC

Glenn Gellert, Partner of Swell LLC, spoke regarding the proposed 15 unit affordable housing project and Resolution #2020-02.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

David Beebe, representing himself, spoke regarding the Novel Coronavirus and requested the Assembly adopt an action plan.

Becky Knight, representing herself, spoke regarding the 2016 Washington Office Activity Review of Timber Sale Administration regarding the Tonka and Big Thorne Integrated Resource Timber Contracts and requested the Assembly ask the USDA Inspector General to conduct an independent audit of the sales.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

There were no reports.

10. Consent Agenda

A. Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department 2020 Gaming Permit

Attachments: [PVFD 2020 State of Alaska Gaming Permit](#)

The Assembly unanimously approved the PVFD's 2020 State of Alaska Gaming Permit.

B. Stikine Services Land Lease Renewal

Attachments: [Stikine Services Lease Amendment #8 - 5 Year Renewal](#)

The Stikine Services April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2025 land lease renewal was unanimously approved.

C. Marwin, Inc. Land Lease Renewal

Attachments: [Marwin, Inc. Lease Amendment #6 - 5 Year Renewal](#)

The Marwin, Inc. March 6, 2020 through March 5, 2025 land lease renewal was unanimously approved.

11. Report of Other Officers

A. Sanitation Rate Study Update

Public Works Director Cotta discussed the on-going rate study for the Sanitation Department and the options that are being considered with regard to recycling in the future.

12. Mayor's Report

A. March 2, 2020 Mayor's Report

Attachments: [March 2, 2020 Mayor's Report](#)

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record, which included reports from recent conferences and discussion on legislative topics.

13. Manager's Report

Manager Giesbrecht updated the Assembly on the status of the possible land exchange with Petro 49.

14. Unfinished Business

Ordinances for Third and Final Reading

A. Ordinance #2020-02: An Ordinance Amending Petersburg Municipal Code Chapter 14.20 Titled "Municipal Harbors" to add Various Rental, Change and Cancellation Fees

Attachments: [Ordinance #2020-02](#)

Ordinance #2020-02 was unanimously approved in its third and final reading.

15. New Business

A. Ordinance #2020-03: An Ordinance Adopting the Alaska Remote Seller Sales Tax Code and Amending Provisions of Chapter 4.28 for Purposes of Consistency

Attachments: [Ordinance #2020-03](#)

Ordinance #2020-03 was approved in its first reading by unanimous roll call vote.

B. Ordinance #2020-04: An Ordinance Amending Petersburg Municipal Code Chapter 3.48

Titled "Parks and Recreation Department" to Reflect Borough Incorporation

Attachments: [Ordinance #2020-04](#)

By unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance #2020-04 was approved in its first reading.

- C. Ordinance #2020-05: An Ordinance Adopting a new Petersburg Municipal Code Chapter 3.49 Titled "Parks and Recreation Advisory Board"

Attachments: [Ordinance #2020-05 for Second Reading](#)

After discussion of past difficulty filling the seats on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and suggestions to add a provision that the Board will dissolve if no meeting is held within any one year period, the Assembly unanimously approved Ordinance #2020-05 in its first reading.

- D. Resolution #2020-01: A Resolution Opposing the Expenditure of Millions of State Dollars for the Kake Access Road Project and Urging the Legislature to Re-appropriate the Balance of the Original 40 Million Dollar Appropriation to the Alaska Marine Highway System to Benefit all Coastal Alaska Communities or to Road Projects Within the City of Kake and/or the Petersburg Borough

Attachments: [Resolution #2020-01](#)
[Bill Tremblay Email RE Kake Access Road](#)
[City of Kake Letter to Governor Dunleavy RE Kake Access Road](#)
[Daniel Sullivan Email RE Kake Access Road](#)
[Senator Stedman Response RE Kake Access Road](#)
[City of Kupreanof Letter RE Kake Access Road](#)
[Rebecca Knight Letter RE Kake Access Road](#)
[Global NRG Letter RE Kake Access Road](#)
[Bill Tremblay Email RE Kake Access Road Follow Up](#)
[Casey Knight Letter RE Kake Access Road Resolution](#)

Resolution #2020-01 failed by a vote of 5-2, Members Stanton Gregor and Tremblay in favor.

- E. Resolution #2020-02: A Resolution Determining that a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Property Shall be Assessed on the Basis of Actual Income Derived

Attachments: [Resolution #2020-02](#)

Resolution 2020-02 was unanimously approved.

- F. Request for Increased Jail Funding in the State's FY 2021 Budget

Attachments: [Request for Increased Jail Funding in FY 2021 State Budget](#)

The Assembly unanimously approved the letter to Governor Dunleavy requesting an increase in funding to the Regional and Community Jail Program for FY 2021.

- G. Economic Development Priorities for Manager Giesbrecht

Attachments: [Top 4 Economic Development Priorities](#)

The Assembly chose the following economic development goals for Manager Giesbrecht:

- 1) To maintain existing and work to improve transportation options for people and freight coming and going from Petersburg
- 2) Recognize and support the elements that collectively support the commercial fishing industry: harvesters, processors, the service sector and the community.
- 3) Support expansion of forms of tourism that provide local jobs and help protect and sustain resources and Petersburg's authentic character that attracts visitors; focus on small cruise, ferry, ecotourism, independent travelers.
- 4) Ensure housing at levels that match wages that can be earned locally, so young people who grew up in Petersburg, or who might want to live here, can afford to stay and contribute to the future of the community.

16. Communications

Letters Received After the Deadline for Agenda Items Regarding the Kake Access Road Project

Attachments: [Public Safety Commissioner Price - Kake Access Road](#)
 [R. Buschmann - Kake Access Road](#)
 [T. Streuli - Kake Access Road](#)

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Sanitation Rate Study

The Assembly agreed to hold a work session to review the Sanitation Rate Study and receive public comment once the study is completed.

B. State Transportation Improvement Plan

The Assembly discussed writing a letter to ADOT&PF regarding the lack of any Petersburg projects on the proposed 2020 - 2023 STIP. A draft letter will be on the March 16 meeting agenda for Assembly approval.

C. Ocean Ranger Program

The Assembly discussed sending a letter to the legislature regarding the continuation of the Ocean Rangers program and implementation of a water sampling program. A draft letter will be an action item on the March 16 meeting agenda.

D. Assembly Member Comments

Assembly Member Meucci discussed the upcoming Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting regarding the Novel Coronavirus. Fire/EMS Director Dixon stated the virus outbreak is a public health issue at this point and information about the virus and how to protect yourself from it will be disseminated to the community soon.

E. Recognitions

Assembly Member Stanton Gregor thanked those who take the time to come in to testify or write to the Assembly regarding Borough issues for their engagement.

Assembly Member Tremblay thanked the Petersburg Rotary Club, the Assembly of God Church and many local businesses and residents for their donations and help in coordinating a delivery of food and goods to the City of Angoon. She also shared that March is Women's History Month and the 100th anniversary of women receiving the right to vote, February was Black History Month, and February 18th is the anniversary of the 1942 Federal Order to place Japanese Americans into internment camps across America.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.