



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, April 17, 2017

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Present: 6 - Mayor Mark Jensen, Assembly Member Eric Castro, Assembly Member Bob Lynn, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Nancy Strand and Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter
Excused: 1 - Vice Mayor Cindi Lagoudakis

2. Voluntary Pledge

The pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

No minutes available for approval.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

5. Public Hearings

A. Public Hearing on Ordinance #2017-04: An Ordinance Amending Petersburg Municipal Code Section 14.16, Electricity, to add a Municipal Power Rate for Municipal Buildings of the Petersburg Borough as Designated and Approved by the Borough Assembly

Elizabeth Woodyard, Administrator/CEO of Petersburg Medical Center, and Darlene Whitethorn and Kathi Riemer, representing the Hospital Board, testified in favor of including the hospital in the designated municipal buildings that could receive a Municipal Power Rate from the Petersburg Borough.

B. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2017-05: An Ordinance Proposing an Amendment to the Home Rule Charter of the Petersburg Borough to Allow the City of Kupreanof to Own and Operate a Harbor Within the Petersburg Borough, and Directing that the Proposed Charter Amendment be Submitted to the Qualified Voters of the Borough

No testimony was presented.

6. Bid Awards

No bid awards.

7. Visitors' Views Related to Agenda

No views were expressed.

8. Visitors' Views Unrelated to Agenda

No views were expressed.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

None.

10. Consent Agenda

None.

11. Report of Other Officers

No reports.

12. Mayor's Report**A. April 17, 2017 Mayor's Report**

Attachments: [April 17, 2017 Mayor's Report.PDF](#)

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record. April 24, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. was set as the date and time for the Assembly budget work session.

13. Manager's Report**A. Manager's Report 04-17-2017**

Attachments: [Manager report 04172017](#)

Manager Giesbrecht read his report, a copy of which is attached hereto as a permanent part of this record.

14. Unfinished Business

- A. Ordinance #2017-03: An Ordinance Amending Petersburg Municipal Code Sections 14.20.070 and 14.20.390A(1), Municipal Harbors, to Eliminate a Prepayment Discount on Annual Moorage Rates, and to Increase the Minimum Rental Term to Qualify for the Annual Moorage Rates - Third and Final Reading

Attachments: [Ordinance #2017-03.PDF](#)

Ordinance #2017-03 passed unanimously in its third and final reading.

- B. Ordinance#2017-04: An Ordinance Amending Petersburg Municipal Code Section 14.16, Electricity, to Add a Municipal Power Rate for Certain Municipal Buildings of the Petersburg Borough as Designated and Approved by Borough Assembly - Second Reading

Attachments: [Ordinance #2017-04 for Second Reading.PDF](#)
[Impact of Proposed Municipal Power Rate for Schools.PDF](#)

After discussion which included clarification and possible options regarding this Ordinance, a motion to amend it to include the hospital building failed 4-2, Assembly Members Castro and Gregor in favor. The Ordinance, as presented, was approved in its second reading by a vote of 4-2 with Assembly Member Lynn and Mayor Jensen opposed.

- C. Ordinance #2017-05: An Ordinance Proposing an Amendment to the Home Rule Charter of the Petersburg Borough to Allow the City of Kupreanof to Own and Operate a Harbor Within the Petersburg Borough, and Directing that the Proposed Charter Amendment be Submitted to the Qualified Voters of the Borough - Second Reading

Attachments: [Ordinance #2017-05.PDF](#)

Ordinance #2017-05 passed by unanimous roll call vote in its second reading.

15. New Business

- A. Ordinance #2017-06: An Ordinance Proposing Amendments to Chapter 4.28, Sales Tax, of the Petersburg Borough Code to Increase the Sales Tax Exemption Cap for a Single Sale from \$1,200 to \$5,000, and to Eliminate the Exemption for the Sale of Goods Purchased Within the Borough for Use Outside the Borough; and Directing that the Proposed Code Amendments be Submitted to the Qualified Voters of the Petersburg Borough

Attachments: [Ordinance #2017-06.PDF](#)
[Over \\$1200 Sales Tax Cap and Out of Town Exemptions.PDF](#)

After discussion by the Assembly, Ordinance #2017-06 was unanimously approved in its first reading.

- B. Resolution #2017-08: A Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of Funds Not Currently Budgeted for Mountain View Manor to Contract with SimplexGrinnell and Nordic Electric to Correct Fire Alarm System Deficiencies at the Mountain View Manor Assisted Living and Elderly Housing Facility**

Attachments: [Resolution #2017-08.PDF](#)

Resolution #2017-08 was passed by unanimous roll call vote.

- C. Resolution #2017-09: A Resolution Approving an Application to Purchase Borough Land (Lot 7, Block 35, Southeast Addition Subdivision, Plat #73-965, US Survey 1252, Section 27, T58S, R79E) Located at 205 S. Third Street (Parcel #01-007-647) and Exempting the Purchase and Sale from Public Auction per the Provisions of Municipal Code Section 16.12.080E**

Attachments: [Resolution #2017-09.PDF](#)
[Kivisto Subdivision Plat and Photos.PDF](#)

Resolution #2017-09 unanimously passed.

- D. Letter to USCG and Federal Delegation Regarding the Future Role of Petersburg as a Coast Guard Homeport**

Attachments: [Draft USCG Future Homeport Letter.PDF](#)

After discussion, Clerk Thompson was directed to finalize and send the letter with additional language regarding the Borough's willingness to help meet the Coast Guard's needs.

- E. Authorization to Continue Contract of Legal Representation from Sara Heideman dba Heideman Law Offices**

Attachments: [Brennan & Heideman Letter.PDF](#)

The Assembly unanimously voted to continue their contractual relationship with Attorney Sara Heideman.

16. Communications

- A. Letter from the Medical Staff at Petersburg Medical Center re Fluoride**

Attachments: [PMC Medical Staff Letter re Fluoride.PDF](#)

The letter was presented to the Assembly in their packets.

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Recognitions

Assembly Member Castro congratulated the local roller derby team on their recent win over Wrangell. Assembly Member Wohlhueter wished them good luck as they travel to Palmer for further competition.

B. Borough Property Assessments

Assembly Member Lynn thanked all petitioners who appeared at the Board of Equalization. He discussed some improvements he would like to see with the process in the future, including changes to classifications. Finance Director Tow suggested that Appraiser Renfro could attend an assembly meeting to discuss the matter when he returns in the fall.

C. HR 232 and the Map Provided by the Greater Southeast Alaska Conservation Community

The Assembly discussed possible protocol for vetting information used to make future decisions by disclosing the entities who provided the information.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.