



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, November 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 David Kensinger, Assembly Member Bob Lynn, 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

There were no minutes available for approval.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was amended to add under Assembly Discussion Items "Mandate #10 - Requiring Intrastate Testing. The amended agenda was unanimously approved.

5. Public Hearings

6. Bid Awards

7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda

Beverley Richardson spoke in support of the Kake Access Resolution #2020-21 and shared her concerns regarding the unnecessary cutting of trees at Sandy Beach playground.

Stephanie Hayes, Garrett Kravitz, Desi Burrell and Malena Marvin spoke on behalf of the Parks & Rec Advisory Board regarding the Sandy Beach playground.

Glo Wollen and Ambre Burrell spoke in favor of the Sandy Beach playground project.

Kris Norosz spoke in favor of postponing the Sandy Beach playground project until more public input can be gathered.

Mike Stainbrook, Becky Knight, David Beebe, Bill Tremblay, and Craig Olson all spoke in support of Resolution #2020-21.

Ambre Burrell spoke in opposition to Resolution #2020-21.

Sunny Rice spoke on behalf of the Petersburg Plastics Group - asking borough citizens to reduce and reuse their plastics consumption and gave tips as to how to do that, in order to reduce our trash and recycling expenses.

8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda

Dr. Selina Burt encouraged the public to wear masks.

Dr. Jennifer Hyer, Chief of Staff at PMC, spoke on the evidence based on compassion. Jennifer Bryner, Elizabeth Bacom and Elizabeth Hart asked the Assembly to consider reinstating a masking mandate. Craig Anderson stated that he is dismayed by incorrect information in the Borough's updates and school notices.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports were given.

10. Consent Agenda

A. Harbor Bar & Harbor Liquor Store Liquor License Renewal Application

Attachments: [Harbor Bar & Liquor Store Liquor License Renewal Application](#)

The Harbor Bar & Harbor Liquor Store liquor license renewal application was unanimously approved.

11. Report of Other Officers

A. Incident Commander Hagerman

Attachments: [Assembly Memo - EOC](#)

Incident Commander Karl Hagerman addressed questions posed by resident Dana Thynes from a previous Assembly meeting.

B. Petersburg Medical Center Update

PMC CEO Hofstetter read aloud a letter to the Assembly supporting appropriate actions to keep the community open using proper precautions (hand washing, masking in indoor public spaces, reduce gathering sizes and keep social bubbles small).

C. Public Works Director Cotta and the FCS Group

Attachments: [Petersburg Sanitation Presentation](#)

Public Works Director, Chris Cotta and Matt Hobson of FCS Group, gave a report on the Sanitation rate study.

12. Mayor's Report

A. November 2, 2020 Mayor's Report

Attachments: [Mayor's Report - 11.2.2020](#)

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. November 2, 2020 Manager's Report

Attachments: [Manager's Report 11.2.2020](#)

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

15. New Business

- A.** Resolution 2020-19: A Resolution of the Petersburg Borough Establishing the CARES Act Utility Costs Subsidization Program

Attachments: [Resolution 2020-19 - CARES Electric Subsidy Program](#)
 [CARES Utility Subsidy Program - Guidance and FAQ](#)

Resolution #2020-19 was unanimously approved.

- B.** Resolution #2020-20: A Resolution Approving a Sole Source E911 Contract Award for the Replacement of the Borough's Existing E911 System

Attachments: [Resolution #2020-20](#)

By unanimous roll call vote, Resolution #2020-20 was approved.

- C.** Resolution #2020-21: A Resolution in support of a public hearing regarding the Kake Access Road Project prior to further action.

Attachments: [Resolution 2020-21 Kake Access Road](#)
 [Petition Kake Access Project](#)
 [Kake Access Project - Master List Information](#)

Resolution #2020-21 was approved by a vote of 4-3, Mayor Jensen and Assembly Members Lynn and Norheim opposed.

- D.** Resolution #2020-22: A Resolution approving the expenditure of \$100,000 from the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund for economic support to business harmed by the continuing COVID-19 public health emergency.

Attachments: [Resolution # 2020-22 - Economic Support to Businesses](#)

Resolution #2020-22 was unanimously approved.

- E.** Resolution #2020-23: A Resolution Requesting the Governor of Alaska Request a Federal Fisheries Resource Disaster Determination due to Historically Low Returns of Salmon Resulting in Economic Harm to the Fisheries Dependent Community of Petersburg Borough

Attachments: [Resolution 2020-23 Commercial Fisheries Disaster Declaration](#)
[PEDC Letter - August 2020](#)
[Southeast Salmon Fishing Disaster Letter - September 2020](#)
[PVOA Salmon Disaster Declaration](#)

The Assembly unanimously approved Resolution #2020-23.

- F. Decision on Appeal of Courtney Johnson from Notice and Order of Abatement at 410 Mitkof Highway

Attachments: [Draft Decision on Appeal](#)

The Assembly unanimously denied the appeal from Notice and Order of Abatement at 410 Mitkof Highway.

- G. Sandy Beach Playground Restoration Project

Attachments: [Email Exchange re Tree Cutting for Playground Project](#)
[Municipal Code 13.16.030](#)

The Sandy Beach Playground Restoration Project passed by a vote of 5-2, Assembly Members Meucci and Tremblay opposed..

- H. Alaska Airlines Essential Air Service Letter of Support

Attachments: [Alaska Airlines EAS Letter of Support](#)
[Alaska Airlines EAS Proposal](#)

The Alaska Airlines Essential Air Service Letter of Support was unanimously approved.

- I. Assignment of Lease - Tidelands Lease Parcel T-25

Attachments: [Assignment of Lease Agreement - Tidelands Lease Parcel T-25](#)

The Assignment of Lease for Tidelands Lease Parcel T-25 to Seaira Reno and Franz Schonberg was unanimously approved.

16. Communications

- A. Communications Received Since October 15, 2020

Attachments: [L. Escola 10.20.2020](#)
[D. Thynes 10.20.2020](#)

17. Assembly Discussion Items

- A. Proposed Amendments to Borough Code Chapter 14.12 - Sanitation

Attachments: [Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 14.12 - Sanitation](#)
[Other SE Communities Codes re Bears and Refuse](#)

Member Meucci brought before the Assembly the proposed draft amendment to Borough Code Chapter 14.12 Sanitation, stating that he would like to present it as an action item at the next meeting.

B. Assembly Strategic Plan

Member Meucci will address this at the next meeting.

C. 2021 Visitor Industry

Member Meucci requested an extension to Borough Public Health Mandate #5: Borough Harbor Facilities - Vessel Docking and Disembarkment be on the next meeting agenda

D. Assembly Member Comments

Member Meucci plans on bringing to the next meeting a change to State Mandate #10-requiring testing with intrastate travel.

Member Tremblay reminded registered voters to vote in the State General Election tomorrow.

Mayor Jensen remarked that it will be much easier to communicate when the Assembly is back in person in the Chambers.

E. Recognitions

Member Meucci thanked all involved in the Halloween activities.

18. Executive Session

The Assembly adjourned to Executive Session at 4:29 p.m. to discuss Borough Manager Giesbrecht's performance evaluation. The Assembly returned to Regular Session at 4:48 p.m.

19. Approval of Borough Manager's Performance Evaluation

The Borough Manager's 2020 Performance Evaluation was unanimously approved.

20. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.

Debra K. Thompson

Date Approved _____