



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, June 18, 2018

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: 4 - Assembly Member Eric Castro, Assembly Member Brandi Marohl, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor and Assembly Member Nancy Strand

By Phone: 1 - Assembly Member Jeffrey Meucci

Excused: 2 - Mayor Mark Jensen and Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter

2. Voluntary Pledge

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

None.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved unanimously.

5. Public Hearings

- A. Public Hearing for Ordinance #2018-16: An Ordinance Proposing Amendments to Chapter 4.28 "Sales Tax" of the Petersburg Borough Code by Deleting Section 4.28.130 "Senior Citizen Exemption"; Adding New Section 4.28.155 "Annual Sales Tax Rebate for Qualified Senior Citizens"; Amending Section 4.28.020 "Definitions"; and Directing that the Amendment be Submitted to the Voters of the Borough at the October 2, 2018 Borough Election

Sue Paulsen, Susan Flint, Cindy Lynn, Chelsea Tremblay, and Brian Lynch all gave testimony in regards to the Senior Citizen Tax Exemption.

6. Bid Awards

None.

7. Visitors' Views Related to Agenda

None.

8. Visitors' Views Unrelated to Agenda

None.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

None.

10. Consent Agenda

None.

11. Report of Other Officers

None.

12. Mayor's Report

A. June 18, 2018 Mayor's Report

Attachments: [June 18, 2018 Mayor's Report.PDF](#)

Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor read his written report.

13. Manager's Report

14. Unfinished Business

None.

Ordinances for Third and Final Reading

A. Ordinance #2018-15: An Ordinance Amending Petersburg Municipal Code Chapter 14.20, Entitled "Municipal Harbors", to Increase Harbor Fees

Attachments: [Ordinance #2018-15 for Second Reading.PDF](#)

Ordinance #2018-18 was approved unanimously in its third reading.

Ordinances for Second Reading

B. Ordinance #2018-16: An Ordinance Proposing Amendments to Chapter 4.28 "Sales Tax" of the Petersburg Borough Code by Deleting Section 4.28.130 "Senior Citizen Exemption"; Adding New Section 4.28.155 "Annual Sales Tax Rebate for Qualified Senior Citizens"; Amending Section 4.28.020 "Definitions"; and Directing that the Amendment be Submitted to the Voters of the Borough at the October 2, 2018 Borough Election

Attachments: [Ordinance #2018-16.PDF](#)

Ordinance 2018-16 was unanimously approved in its second reading.

15. New Business

- A. Ordinance #2018-17: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 3.08 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Assembly and Mayor" to Clarify Agenda Formation Language for Special Meetings

Attachments: [Ordinance #2018-17.PDF](#)

Ordinance #2018-17 was approved unanimously in its first reading.

- B. Approval of Manager Giesbrecht's Hire of Petersburg Police Sergeant James E. Kerr as Police Chief for the Petersburg Borough

The hire of Police Sergeant James Kerr as the new Police Chief was approved unanimously.

- C. Approval of Special Use Permit for D. Owens

Attachments: [P&Z Staff Report re Owens SUP.PDF](#)
 [June 12, 2018 Planning Commission Minutes.PDF](#)
 [D. Owens SUP Application.PDF](#)

The Assembly unanimously approved the special use permit to Dave and Stephanie Owens for fill and maintenance of the existing Rambler Street right-of-way along South Nordic Drive.

- D. Appointment to Public Safety Advisory Board

Attachments: [B. Dreisbach Letter of Interest.PDF](#)

Brian Driesbach was unanimously appointed to the Public Safety Advisory Board.

- E. Change in Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority Appointments

The Assembly unanimously approved to change the SEASWA appointed representative to Public Works Director Chris Cotta, and the alternate representative to Utility Director Karl Hagerman.

- F. PMEA Negotiation Meeting Attendance

After discussion, Assembly Member Meucci was unanimously approved to attend the upcoming PMEA negotiations.

16. Communications

None.

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Recognitions

Member Castro commended the Fire Department volunteers for meeting the ferry and unloading the wood for a kiosk trail sign board at Raven's Roost Trail.

Clerk Thompson thanked previous Deputy Clerk, Melinda Swihart for all her hard work and said that she will be missed.

Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor commended Chief Swihart for his service to the community and thanked the hiring committee for the serious thought that was put into choosing our new Police Chief.

B. Request that the US Forest Service Speak with our Assembly Regarding the Federal Employee Participation in Outside Organizations Document

Attachments: [Participation in Outside Organizations.PDF](#)

Assembly Member Meucci requested to discuss the USFS policy at a later date.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.