



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, May 21, 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.

(Although not initially present during roll call, Member Meucci called into the meeting during Visitors' Views Unrelated to the Agenda.)

Present: 5 - Assembly Member Eric Castro, Assembly Member Brandi Marohl, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Nancy Strand and Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter

By Phone: 1 - Assembly Member Jeffrey Meucci

Excused: 1 - Mayor Mark Jensen

2. Voluntary Pledge

The pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes available for approval.

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved as submitted.

5. Public Hearings

- A.** Public Hearing for Ordinance #2018-13: An Ordinance Determining that Property Conveyed to the Borough in a Tax Foreclosure Proceeding Shall be Retained for a Public Purpose

No testimony was given during this public hearing.

- B.** Public Hearing for Ordinance #2018-14: An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 Through June 30, 2019

No testimony was given during this public hearing.

6. Bid Awards

None.

7. Visitors' Views Related to Agenda

No views were shared.

8. Visitors' Views Unrelated to Agenda

Susan Flint and Chelsea Tremblay, representing themselves and a small group of concerned citizens, spoke in favor of adopting a similar senior sales tax rebate policy as was recently adopted in Sitka. According to this plan, all citizens will pay sales tax. At the beginning of each calendar year, senior citizens who are receiving certain types of financial assistance can bring proof of that to the Borough Finance Department and receive a rebate check from the sales tax fund. Ms. Flint suggests \$400 per senior or \$500 per household. She has prepared a draft ordinance which she hopes an Assembly member will place on the next agenda for consideration for inclusion on the ballot in October.

Cindi Lagoudakis, representing the Hospital Board, gave comments regarding use of the tobacco tax. She read a message from Hospital Board President Darlene Whitethorn relaying the Board's desire to see a portion of the tobacco tax in a building fund for assistance with a future rebuild/remodel of the hospital.

Ms. Lagoudakis also gave an update to the Assembly on current activities of Southeast Conference.

Becky Knight, representing herself, expressed her disbelief that the Borough is considering increasing Harbor rates and yet not taking advantage of the opportunity to benefit from timber sales revenues. She asked the Assembly to reconsider sending a resolution or letter to the Inspector General. She further explained her reasoning in support of this view.

9. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports.

10. Consent Agenda

No items.

11. Report of Other Officers

No reports.

12. Mayor's Report**A. May 21, 2018 Mayor's Report**

Attachments: [May 21, 2018 Mayor's Report.PDF](#)

Vice-Mayor Stanton Gregor read the Mayor's Report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

No report.

14. Unfinished Business

Ordinances for Second Reading

- A.** Ordinance #2018-13: An Ordinance Determining that Property Conveyed to the Borough in a Tax Foreclosure Proceeding Shall be Retained for a Public Purpose

Attachments: [Ordinance #2018-13 with Map of Property .PDF](#)

Ordinance #2018-13 passed unanimously in its second reading.

- B.** Ordinance #2018-14: An Ordinance Adopting the Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2018 Through June 30, 2019

Attachments: [Ordinance #2018-14.PDF](#)

Amendments were proposed, as follows:

Amendment #1 made by Member Castro was to dedicate half of tobacco tax funds to health related purposes. After much discussion, the amendment failed by a vote of 6-0.

Amendment #2 made by Member Meucci was to bring the Museum funds up to original levels by moving funds from the Assembly travel budget. The amendment failed 5-1, Member Meucci in favor.

Amendment #3 made by Member Wohlhueter was to remove the \$2,000 bonus placeholder for Department Heads. The amendment failed by a vote of 4-2, Members Wohlhueter and Marohl in favor.

Member Marohl requested more information regarding the funds set aside for cleaning of the Parks & Recreation facility.

Ordinance #2018-14 passed unanimously in its second reading.

15. New Business

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

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

Ordinance #2018-15 was unanimously approved in its first reading.

- B.** Goldeneye Subdivision

Attachments: [Signature Request from DOWL.PDF](#)
 [Petersburg Resolution #2013-4.PDF](#)
 [Goldeneye Subdivision Plat.PDF](#)
 [Utility Director Hagerman Comments.PDF](#)
 [Draft Letter of Request re Development Costs.PDF](#)

The Assembly voted unanimously in favor of Mayor Jensen signing the plat and also finalizing and sending the letter requesting full disclosure regarding the access and utilities to the referenced lots.

16. Communications

No communications.

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Recognitions

Member Castro thanked the Petersburg Arts Council for putting on such a fun event during the Little Norway Festival with the Ray Troll and the Ratfish Wranglers concert.

Member Marohl wanted to recognize all those involved in making the Little Norway Festival so successful.

Fire/EMS Director Dixson reminded the Assembly that it was EMS Appreciation Week. Vice-Mayor Stanton Gregor thanked Director Dixson for her service.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.