



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Agenda Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, April 03, 2023

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.
When: Apr 3, 2023 12:00 PM Alaska
Topic: April 3, 2023 Assembly Meeting

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1. **Call To Order/Roll Call**
2. **Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **March 20, 2023 Assembly Meeting Minutes**
4. **Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda**
5. **Public Hearings**
 - A. **Public Hearing for Ordinance #2023-04: An Ordinance Adjusting the FY 2023 Budget for Known Changes**

Any public testimony regarding Ordinance #2023-04 should be given during this public hearing. A copy of Ordinance #2023-04 may be found under agenda item 14B.

6. **Bid Awards**
7. **Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda**
Persons wishing to share their views on any item on today's agenda may do so at this time.
8. **Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda**
Persons with views on subjects not on today's agenda may share those views at this time.

9. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports

A. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Report

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Chair Fine-Walsh will share a letter of commendation to PIA that was recently approved by the Board regarding PIA's dedicated work on our local trails.

10. Consent Agenda

11. Report of Other Officers

A. Petersburg Medical Center Update

PMC CEO Hofstetter will provide an update on the Medical Center.

B. US Forest Service Update

Petersburg Ranger District Silviculturist Ben Case will provide an update on Forest Service activities.

C. Petersburg School District Financial Update

Petersburg School District Superintendent Kludt-Painter and Finance Director Morrison will update the Assembly on the school district's finances.

12. Mayor's Report

A. April 3, 2023 Mayor's Report

13. Manager's Report

There is no written Manager's Report for this meeting.

14. Unfinished Business

A. Ordinance #2023-03: An Ordinance Proposing Amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the Petersburg Borough to Allow Borough Employees, Including Employees Working at Petersburg Medical Center and Petersburg School District, to Serve on Certain Boards and Commissions, and Directing that the Proposed Charter Amendments be Submitted to the Qualified Voters of the Borough - Third and Final Reading

If adopted in three readings and then approved by Petersburg voters on October 3, 2023, Ordinance #2023-03 will allow Borough, Medical Center and School District employees to serve on certain local boards and commissions, but not including those which directly administer their employment. Examples: 1) a Borough employee may serve on the School Board or Hospital Board but may not run for Assembly; 2) a Medical Center employee may serve on the Assembly or the School Board but may not run for the Hospital Board; 3) a School District employee may serve on the

Assembly or Hospital Board but may not run for School Board. Ordinance #2023-03 was approved by a vote of 6-1 in its first and second readings.

B. Ordinance #2023-04: An Ordinance Adjusting the FY 2023 Budget for Known Changes - Second Reading

If approved in three readings, Ordinance #2023-04 will: 1) transfer 50% of General Fund surplus from FY 2022 to the Property Development Fund; 2) transfer \$65,432 from the Property Development Fund to the Community Center Sewer Line project; 3) transfer \$21,165.46 from the Hydro Substation project to the Blind Slough Hydro project; 4) transfer \$12,916 from the Wastewater Department reserves to the Ira II Street project; 5) transfer \$170,000 from the Electric Department reserves to the Diesel Plant Fuel budget line item to assure adequate funds for the annual SEAPA maintenance shutdown and diesel run in May/June; 6) increase the General Fund Attorney budget by \$90,000 due to unanticipated legal expenses from the Pitta Rosse, Kerr and Koenigs lawsuits; 7) increase the South Harbor Dredging project budget of \$635,000 due to encountering hard material during dredging operations; 8) increase to the Wastewater Professional Services budget of \$35,000 to cover the hire of HDR Engineering to assist in completing ADEC forms for retention of the NPDES 301h secondary treatment waiver; 9) transfer \$189,000 to a new Middle Harbor Dredging budget line item for removal of landslide debris from the Hammers Slough slide that is damaging the Middle Harbor; 10) increase of \$20,000 to the Fire Engine Motor Pool budget line item to cover various equipment needed for the new vehicle; 11) increase of \$80,000 to the Streets Department Motor Pool O&M budget line item due to increased parts costs and unanticipated necessary repairs; and 12) increase of \$10,000 each to the Motor Pool Patrol Unit #54 and Patrol Unit #96 budget line items due to increased costs of chassis and vehicle uplifts. Ordinance #2023-04 was unanimously approved in its first reading.

15. New Business

A. Ordinance #2023-05: An Ordinance Updating Chapter 17.02 of the Municipal Code, Entitled "Safety Code Adoption"

If approved in three readings, Ordinance #2023-05 will (1) update the local amendment to the International Building Code snow load requirement, and (2) adopt a local amendment to the International Residential Code for new insulation values.

B. Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (ADOT&PF) Ferry Focus Group Appointment

ADOT&PF is organizing locally-based Ferry Focus Groups to provide further insight into how AMHS can best serve communities with available resources while they work toward more reliable service. They are requesting local participation in upcoming service schedule planning/schedule development and will have more opportunities for involvement in the future. Assembly Member Kensinger is willing to participate in the Ferry Focus Group for Petersburg if the Assembly so desires.

C. Petersburg Medical Center Project Steering Committee Appointment

The new PMC Project Steering Committee is requesting the Assembly appoint a Borough staff member (Manager Giesbrecht has been suggested) to the committee so the Assembly is kept informed of progress on the project.

D. Petersburg Medical Center Home Health Letter of Support

PMC's Home Health Department is applying for a grant from the Alaska Department of Health & Social Services to provide additional support for our seniors and their family caregivers (including an adult day program, in-home chore support, and respite opportunities) and requested a letter of support from the Borough.

E. Petersburg Municipal Employees Association Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiation Team

Manager Geisbrecht requests approval of the following Borough staff as the negotiating team for the upcoming PMEA contract negotiations: Manager Giesbrecht, Finance Director Tow, Clerk Thompson, and Deputy Clerk Regula.

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since March 16, 2023

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Assembly Member Comments

B. Recognitions

18. Executive Session

The Assembly will adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the status of and strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Petersburg Municipal Employees Association.

19. Adjourn