



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, February 07, 2022

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Mayor Jensen called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Assembly Member Bob Lynn
Assembly Member Chelsea Tremblay
Assembly Member David Kensinger
Vice Mayor Jeigh Stanton Gregor
Assembly Member Jeff Meucci
Mayor Mark Jensen
Assembly Member Thomas Fine-Walsh

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. January 18, 2022 Assembly Meeting Minutes

The January 18, 2022 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Tremblay.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was amended to add an Assembly Discussion Item titled Police Department Retention & Employee Survey. The agenda, as amended, was unanimously approved.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Tremblay.
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen,

Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

5. Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

6. Bid Awards

There were no 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.

Tonna Parker, Michele Pfundt, Sarah Reid and Brittni Caulum spoke in opposition of the proposed review of the Police Department by the Public Safety Advisory Board.

Drew Ayriss, Eric Wolf, Jay Beasley (on behalf of Barbara Beasley) and James Kerr shared their views regarding employee recruitment, wages and retention in the Police Department.

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.

Dana Thynes and Michele Pfundt spoke about the Freedom Convoy held on Sunday, February 6, 2022.

Petersburg Volunteer Fire Department Chief Stolpe gave a report to the Assembly regarding Department activities during calendar year 2021.

9. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports were given.

10. Consent Agenda

There were no Consent Agenda items.

11. Report of Other Officers

Note: to allow Ms. Kawashima and Ms. Bennett to return to work before 1:00 p.m., Mayor Jensen reordered the Report of Other Officers agenda items as follows: Humanity in Progress; PMC Phil Hofstetter; Assembly Member Meucci.

A. Humanity in Progress

Ashley Kawashima will provide a report.

Ashley Kawashima and Annette Bennett reported on the recent Project Connect Point in Time Event.

B. Petersburg Medical Center Update

PMC CEO Hofstetter reported on Medical Center activities, including that SEARHC will present to the PMC Board in March.

C. Harbors and Ports Advisory Board

Assembly Member Meucci, as liaison to the Harbors and Ports Advisory Board, reported on a meeting held February 1, 2022.

12. Mayor's Report

A. February 7, 2022 Mayor's Report

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. February 7, 2022 Manager's Report

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

There was no Unfinished Business.

15. New Business

A. Ordinance #2022-01: An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Electric Utility Revenue Bonds of Petersburg Borough Electric Utility - First Reading

If adopted, Ordinance #2022-01 will authorize the issuance of electric utility revenue bonds of Petersburg Borough Electric Utility (the "Electric Utility") in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7,800,000, to finance: (i) improvements to the Electric Utility system's Blind Slough plant and the Scow Bay Standby Generation project, and to pay incidental costs incurred in connection with carrying out such improvements (the "Project"); and (ii) to pay the costs incident to financing the Project, including providing for a debt service reserve, if necessary, and paying the costs of issuance of the bonds, all as authorized by Ordinance No. 2021-12 of the Borough Assembly and ratified by the Borough's voters at an election held therein on October 5, 2021; authorizing the pledge of Net Revenue of the Electric Utility to pay debt service on the bonds; providing for the date, terms and covenants of the bonds; authorizing the sale of the bonds to the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank on the terms and conditions provided in this ordinance; and establishing an effective date.

By unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance #2022-01 was unanimously approved in its first reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Tremblay.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

B. Public Safety Advisory Board Review

Authorization for a review of the Police Department by the Public Safety Advisory Board failed by a vote of 4-3.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Fine-Walsh.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

Voting Nay: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Mayor Jensen

C. Funding of Parks and Recreation Passes for Employees of Nonprofit Childcare Providers

Approval to offer Parks & Recreation Community Center Passes free to employees of nonprofit childcare providers passed by a vote of 4-3.

Motion made by Assembly Member Meucci, Seconded by Assembly Member Tremblay.

Voting Yea: Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

Voting Nay: Assembly Member Lynn, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Mayor Jensen

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since January 13, 2022

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Schedule a Work Session in late March/ early April to Discuss Childcare Provider Assistance in FY2023

The Assembly discussed holding a work session in March regarding childcare provider assistance. Scheduling the work session will be an action item at the next Assembly meeting.

B. Police Department Retention & Employee Survey

Assembly Member Meucci shared he had spent five hours in the Police Department last week speaking with Police Officers and Dispatchers regarding wages, work schedules and retention. He encouraged all Assembly members to do the same.

C. Assembly Member Comments

There were no comments shared.

D. Recognitions

Assembly Member Tremblay thanked Jeanette Ness and Diane Benson for their interviews on the first episode of Voices of Seet Ka Kwaan, and also thanked Avery Herrman Sakamoto and the entire audio producing team. She shared her excitement for the upcoming Seet Ka Festival.

Assembly Member Tremblay also thanked Public Health for continuing to offer vaccinations and those who are making the choice to protect themselves.

Assembly Member Meucci recognized Police Sergeant Derek Thorsen for his 20.5 years with the Petersburg Police Department to date.

Chief Kerr thanked his employees who took the time to speak with Assembly Member Meucci last week regarding employee retention in the Department. He also thanked community members for their support.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

Motion made by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Seconded by Assembly Member Tremblay.
Voting Yea: Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Tremblay, Assembly Member Kensinger, Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Meucci, Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh