



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg, AK 99833

## Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

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Monday, April 04, 2022

12:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

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### 1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor 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  
Assembly Member Thomas Fine-Walsh

#### EXCUSED

Mayor Mark Jensen

### 2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

#### A. March 21, 2022 Assembly Meeting Minutes

The March 21, 2022 Assembly 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, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh

### 4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was amended to remove agenda item 15F and to add a discussion item on Ranked Choice Voting. The agenda was unanimously approved, as amended.

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, 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.*

Glo Wollen, representing herself, and Becky Turland, representing the SHARE Coalition, spoke in support of creating an Early Childhood Education Task Force.

**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.*

No views were shared.

**9. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports**

No reports were given.

**10. Consent Agenda**

There were no consent agenda items.

**11. Report of Other Officers**

**A. FY 2021 Audit Report**

Bikki Shrestha, Audit Partner with BDO Financials, thanked the Borough Finance Department for their help during the audit and informed the Assembly the Borough received the highest possible audit rating, an unmodified opinion, for the FY 2021 budget year.

**B. Petersburg Medical Center Update**

PMC CEO Hofstetter was unavailable for the meeting. He will provide a report at the April 18 meeting.

**12. Mayor's Report**

**A. April 4, 2022 Mayor's Report**

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

**13. Manager's Report**

**A. April 4, 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**

**A. Ordinance #2022-04: An Ordinance Adjusting the FY 2022 Budget for Known Changes**

Ordinance #2022-04, if adopted, will approve fund transfers to provide for: 1) the Electric Department 399 Cat Inframe Overhaul; 2) purchase of a new flatbed/plow truck for the Harbor Department; 3) acceptance of the \$1,430,892 DCRA Local Government Lost Revenue Grant; and 4) unexpected rooftop snow removal and electric expenses for the Parks & Recreation Department.

Ordinance #2022-04 was unanimously approved in its second reading.

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

**15. New Business**

**A. Resolution #2022-05: A Resolution Opposing House Bill No. 303 and Senate Bill No. 180 of the State of Alaska Thirty-Second Legislature, both Bills Entitled "An Act Relating to Commercial Passenger Vessel Environmental Compliance; Relating to Commercial Passenger Vessel Fees; Establishing the Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Fund; Repealing the Authority for Citizens' Suits Relating to Commercial Passenger Vessel Environmental Compliance; Repealing the Commercial Passenger Vessel Recognition Program; and Providing for an Effective Date"**

By unanimous roll call vote, the Assembly approved Resolution #2022-05.

**B. Resolution #2022-06: A Resolution Establishing an Early Childhood Education Task Force**

Resolution #2022-06 was amended to add the Borough Manager to the list of task force participants, to add a sentence stating the Assembly will select the task group participants at the second Assembly meeting in May, and to delete the last Whereas clause and add a second Be It Further Resolved clause with specific goals for the task force. The resolution, as amended, was unanimously approved.

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

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

**C. PMPL Transformer Purchase Request**

The Assembly unanimously approved purchase of 30 pole mounted transformers from General Pacific for an amount not to exceed \$54,150.

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

**D. FY 2023 Assembly Travel & Training Budget**

The Assembly approved the FY 2023 Assembly Travel & Training budget of \$19,500.

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

**E. Juneau Economic Development Council Presentation on Childcare in Juneau**

The Assembly agreed to seek a presentation from Brian Holst with the Juneau Economic Development Council regarding Juneau's childcare issue to be scheduled after the Early Childhood Education Task Force members are appointed.

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

**16. Communications**

**A. Correspondence Received Since March 17, 2022**

**17. Assembly Discussion Items**

**A. Ranked Choice Voting Presentation**

Assembly Member Tremblay shared a discussion she recently had with Matt Lichtenstein with our Legislative Information Office regarding a collaboration with the State Division of Elections, the Borough, and the LIO to give a public presentation on the new Ranked Choice Voting system the State of Alaska is now using for their elections. Clerk Thompson is to communicate with the entities and try to set up the public presentation later this month.

**B. Assembly Member Comments**

Assembly Member Lynn recognized Finance Director Tow for once again receiving an unmodified opinion on the Borough's annual audit, discussed the need for a Hospital

Board/Assembly work session in late April or early May to discuss a possible site for a new hospital, stated he hoped to have a future agenda item to update the Borough's State Transportation Infrastructure Projects list due to the federal infrastructure funding bill recently passed, and thanked Assembly Member Tremblay for bringing up the Ranked Choice Voting presentation idea for our residents.

### **C. Recognitions**

Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor recognized the Finance Department for doing their job well.

Assembly Member Kensinger concurred and thanked Finance Director Tow.

Assembly Member Tremblay thanked the Humane Society for their annual spring fundraiser - it's fun to see the flamingos traveling around town!

### **18. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

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