



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly Regular Meeting

Monday, November 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

Mayor Mark Jensen
Assembly Member Thomas Fine-Walsh
Assembly Member David Kensinger
Assembly Member Bob Lynn
Assembly Member Donna Marsh
Assembly Member Jeff Meucci
Assembly Member Scott Newman

2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was recited.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2022

The October 17, 2022 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman

4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as submitted.

Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Marsh.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly

Member Newman

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.

Dana Thynes and Marietta Davis, representing themselves, each spoke in favor of holding all regular Assembly meetings during the evening, at 6:00 p.m.

Glorianne Wollen, representing herself, encouraged a 7:00 p.m. meeting start time for all regular Assembly meetings.

Sarah Fine-Walsh, acting Chair of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, read a letter from the Board in support of a proposed bike skills park project.

Michele Pfundt, representing herself, shared her opposition to hire an additional legal firm to represent the Borough in a recent lawsuit, her support for Resolution #2022-17 to change all regular Assembly meetings to evenings, and her support for the bike skills park project.

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

There were no reports.

10. Consent Agenda

A. Harbor Bar and Liquor Store Liquor License Renewal Application

The Assembly unanimously supported renewal of the Harbor Bar and Liquor Store liquor licenses.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman

11. Report of Other Officers

A. Southeast Alaska Power Agency (SEAPA)

Assembly and SEAPA Board Member Lynn updated the Assembly on SEAPA activities.

B. Tongass National Forest Petersburg District

USFS Ranger Born updated the Assembly on Forest Service activity in our region and requested public comments on the proposed nine new public use cabins accessible by road within the Petersburg and Wrangell Ranger Districts.

C. Petersburg Medical Center

PMC CEO Hofstetter reported on Medical Center activities.

D. Housing Task Force

Assembly Member Kensinger updated the Assembly on recent Housing Task Force meetings.

12. Mayor's Report

A. November 7, 2022 Mayor's Report

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record.

13. Manager's Report

A. November 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

A. Ordinance #2022-13: An Ordinance Determining that Property Conveyed to the Borough in a Tax Foreclosure Proceeding Shall not be Retained for a Public Purpose and Shall Hereafter be Sold - Third and Final Reading

Ordinance #2022-13 was unanimously approved in its third and final reading.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman

B. Ordinance #2022-15: An Ordinance Adjusting the FY 2023 Budget for Known Changes - Third and Final Reading

By unanimous roll call vote, Ordinance #2022-15 was adopted by the Assembly in its third and final reading.

Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Marsh.
Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman

15. New Business

A. Resolution #2022-17: A Resolution Setting Regular Borough Assembly Meeting Start Times to 6:00 PM and to Recess Meetings by 8:00 PM

Resolution #2022-17 failed by a vote of 3-4.

Motion made by Assembly Member Marsh, Seconded by Assembly Member Newman.
Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Newman
Voting Nay: Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Meucci

B. Resolution #2022-18: A Resolution Opposing a Constitutional Convention

If approved, Resolution #2022-18 will show the Assembly's Opposition to a Constitutional Convention.

Resolution #2022-18 was unanimously approved.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman

C. Appointment of Law Firm for Professional Legal Services

The Assembly unanimously voted to postpone action on this agenda item until Friday, November 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in a special Assembly meeting.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman

D. Election of Vice Mayor

Assembly Member Lynn was appointed Vice Mayor by a vote of 5-2.

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

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

Voting Nay: Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Newman

E. Assembly Appointments

Without objection, Mayor Jensen made the following Assembly appointments:

Southeast Conference Representatives: Mayor Jensen (voting member) & Assembly Member Kensinger

Alaska Municipal League Representatives: Mayor Jensen & Vice Mayor Lynn

Liaison to Harbors and Ports Advisory Board: Assembly Member Newman

Liaison to Public Safety Advisory Board: Assembly Member Meucci

Elected Official to Local Emergency Planning Committee: Assembly Member Meucci

Mayor's Designee to Petersburg Economic Development Council: Mayor Jensen

F. Harbors and Ports Advisory Board and Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Letters of Interest

The Assembly unanimously appointed Scott Roberge to the Harbors and Ports Advisory Board and Ambre Burrell to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board until the October 2023 municipal election.

Appointment of Scott Roberge: Motion made by Assembly Member Lynn, Seconded by Assembly Member Meucci.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman

Appointment of Ambre Burrell: Motion made by Assembly Member Marsh, Seconded by Assembly Member Newman.

Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since October 13, 2022

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Assembly Member Comments

Vice Mayor Lynn requested Manager Giesbrecht discuss with the Assembly any major projects the Borough may be planning for in the next two to three years at the next regular Assembly meeting. Also, in honor of Veteran's Day on November 11th, he encouraged everyone to take a minute to think about those who made sacrifices for our freedom.

B. Recognitions

Assembly Member Fine-Walsh thanked everyone involved in taking care of the landslide on Mitkof Highway on October 31st.

18. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Motion made by Assembly Member Kensinger, Seconded by Assembly Member Lynn.
Voting Yea: Mayor Jensen, Assembly Member Fine-Walsh, Assembly Member Kensinger, Assembly Member Lynn, Assembly Member Marsh, Assembly Member Meucci, Assembly Member Newman