



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Agenda November 11, 2022 Special Assembly Meeting

Friday, November 11, 2022

5:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.
When: Nov 11, 2022 05:00 PM Alaska
Topic: November 11, 2022 Special Assembly Meeting

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1. **Call to Order / Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda**
4. **Executive Session**

Motion: To adjourn to Executive Session to receive advice and recommendations from the Borough attorney in regard to responding to two pending lawsuits against the Borough (case numbers 1PE-22-00046CI and 1JU-22-00856CI).

5. **Unfinished Business**
 - A. Appointment of Law Firm for Professional Legal Services**

Borough Manager Giesbrecht and Borough Attorney Heideman recommend that the Assembly appoint the law firm of Jermain, Dunnagan & Owens to serve as special legal counsel for the Borough and its clerk in connection with a lawsuit regarding a public records act request.

6. **Adjourn**

Assembly Memorandum

To: Mark Jensen, Borough Mayor
Borough Assembly Members

From: Steve Giesbrecht
Borough Manager, and
Sara E. Heideman
Borough Attorney

Date: November 2, 2022

Subject: Legal representation

A lawsuit has been brought against the Borough and Debbie Thompson, in her official capacity as borough clerk, in connection with a public records act request (Case No. 1PE-22-00046CI). The appointment of the law firm of Jermain, Dunnagan & Owens, P.C. ("JDO") to serve as special legal counsel for the Borough and its clerk in this matter is on the Assembly's agenda for its November 7, 2022 regular meeting.

Recommendations:

We recommend that the Assembly make this appointment, as permitted under section 2.14A of the Borough Charter, and authorize the borough manager and borough clerk to formalize this appointment by execution of engagement documents that have been approved as to form by the borough attorney. Pursuant to section 11.13C(4) of the Borough Charter and at the discretion of the borough manager under PMC 4.04.080, the hiring of JDO to provide professional legal services would be without solicitation of competitive bids or proposals, based upon that firm's experience and specialized knowledge.