Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting Held on March 28, 2023

Mayor Patricia Gilbert called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., March 28, 2023, in the Borough Assembly Chambers at 6:00 p.m. Assembly Member Robbins led the pledge of allegiance, and the roll was called.

PRESENT - ROBBINS, POWELL, DALRYMPLE, GILBERT, HOWE, DEBORD, MORRISON

ABSENT -

Borough Clerk Lane was also present.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Jim Colier, resident, spoke in opposition to purchasing a vacuum truck; lift station at Alder Top Village; why is the city doing more development when they cannot take care of what they have; spoke in opposition to the proposed rate increases.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA – None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

6a Minutes from the March 14, 2023 Regular Assembly Meeting

6b CORRESPONDENCE: Minutes from the January 16, 2023 Regular School Board Meeting

M/S: Morrison/Robbins to approve the Consent Agenda, as submitted. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Good's report was provided.

Amber Al-Haddad's Capital Projects Report was presented.

BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS

Finance Committee Vacancy Appointment - There were no letters of interest received for the vacancy on the Finance Committee.

PUBLIC HEARING

11a Mayor Gilbert declared the Public Hearing open and asked for an Administrative Report.

Lane explained that Ordinance would take the encroachment permit out of the code and place it instead, on the combined Fee and Rate Schedule.

Gilbert asked if there were any persons to wished to speak on this Public Hearing item. Hearing none, Gilbert closed the Public Hearing and asked for a motion.

M/S: Powell/Morrison to approve Ordinance No. 1038. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

11b RESOLUTION No. 03-23-1761 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, APPROVING THE AMENDED FEES AND RATES SCHEDULE AS PER WMC 5.14.025

Mayor Gilbert declared the Public Hearing open and asked for an Administrative Report.

Lane explained that by code, this Resolution is being brought forward for a Public Hearing and adoption; Lane stated that this Public Hearing item was advertised in the newspaper, Facebook, the Website and at the Post Office. If approved, these rates would not go into effect until July 1, 2023.

Gilbert asked if there were any persons to wished to speak on this Public Hearing item.

Jackie De Montigny, resident spoke in opposition to the rate increases.

Gilbert closed the Public Hearing and asked for a motion.

M/S: Howe to approve Resolution No. 03-23-1761, adopting Exhibit B. There was no second to this motion and therefore, this motion died for a lack of a second.

M/S: Powell/Howe to approve Resolution No. 03-23-1761, adopting Exhibit A.

Finance Director Villarma gave an extensive report on our enterprise funds and explained that to be sustainable, the recommendation is to increase the rates, as stated in Exhibit A; the enterprise funds should have reserves to prepare for unknown projects.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS

13a RESOLUTION No. 03-23-1763 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY 2023 BUDGET TRANSFERRING \$148,406.50 FROM THE RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION FUND RESERVE BALANCE TO THE ALDER TOP VILLAGE SUBDIVISION CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT EXPENSE ACCOUNT

M/S: Powell/Morrison to approve Resolution No. 03-23-1763. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13b RESOLUTION NO. 03-23-1764 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY 2023 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$242,992 IN FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND (SLFRF) AND \$1,233,000 IN FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE LOCAL ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND (LATCF) TO THE CIP FUND FOR THE RESERVOIR BYPASS PROJECT

M/S: Morrison/Robbins to approve Resolution No. 03-23-1764. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13c RESOLUTION No. 03-23-1765 OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (ADEC) FOR A LOAN FROM THE ALASKA DRINKING WATER FUND FOR THE INTERIM FINANCING FOR THE USDA/RD LOAN FOR THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

M/S: Powell/Dalrymple to approve Resolution No. 03-23-1765. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13d RESOLUTION No. 03-23-1766 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF ALASKA TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM AND COMMITTING A LOCAL MATCH CONTRIBUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$62,532.75

M/S: Powell/Morrison to approve Resolution No. 03-23-1766. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13e RESOLUTION No. 03-23-1767 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE OF ALASKA COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM AND COMMITTING A LOCAL MATCH CONTRIBUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$837,254.25

M/S: Powell/Robbins to approve Resolution No. 03-23-1767. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13f RESOLUTION No. 03-23-1768 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA AMENDING THE FY 2023 BUDGET IN THE PORT AND HARBOR FUND BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE MEYERS CHUCK RESERVE ACCOUNT TO THE MEYERS CHUCK HARBOR REPLACEMENT CAPITAL PROJECT ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,566 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURES

M/S: Morrison/Howe to approve Resolution No. 03-23-1768. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13g RESOLUTION No. 03-23-1769 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA AMENDING THE FY 2023 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND BY TRANSFERRING \$110,000 FROM GENERAL FUND RESERVES TO THE NOLAN CENTER CIP FUND FOR THE NOLAN CENTER STORAGE BUILDING SETTLEMENT REPAIR PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURES

M/S: Powell/Howe to approve Resolution No. 03-23-1769. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13h Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with PND Engineers in the Amount of \$332,566 for the Meyers Chuck Harbor Replacement Design Project

M/S: Powell/Robbins to approve a Professional Services Agreement PND Engineers in the Amount of \$332,566 for the Meyers Chuck Harbor Replacement Design Project. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13i Approval of Senior Property Tax Exemption that was received after the March 1st Deadline, but before the April 15th Late Filing Grace Period for Bruce Smith Sr.

M/S: Powell/Morrison to approve the Senior Property Tax Exemption that was received after the March 1st Deadline, but before the April 15th Late Filing Grace Period for Bruce Smith Sr. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

14. ATTORNEY'S FILE - Available for Assembly review in the Borough Clerk's office

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

ATTEST: Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk

Patricia Gilbert, Borough Mayor

