

**Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting
Held on February 10, 2026**

Mayor Patricia Gilbert called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., February 10, 2026, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Member Ottesen led the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENT – GILBERT, DALRYMPLE, DEBORD, POWELL, POWERS, MACH (by Zoom), OTTESEN

ABSENT –

Borough Manager Villarma (by Zoom) and Clerk Lane were also present.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Bernie Masson, Resident, commented on the waterfront design, not in favor of the proposed dock; thinks it could be put at Heritage Harbor instead.

Tony Haubrich Resident, spoke on the community market; would like to see the market expand due to the larger number of passengers that are expected to come to town; asked if there was any thought going into improving water lines throughout the community.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA – None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Powers declared that he may have a conflict of interest to Items 13d and 13e since they are related to the school and he is on the School Board. Gilbert stated that he does not have a conflict. There were no objections from the Assembly.

CONSENT AGENDA

6a Minutes from the January 27, 2026 Regular Assembly Meeting

6b RESOLUTION No. 02-26-2022 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, ADOPTING AN ALTERNATIVE ALLOCATION METHOD FOR THE FY26 SHARED FISHERIES BUSINESS TAX PROGRAM (FMA 18 – CENTRAL SOUTHEAST ALASKA)

M/S: Powell/Ottesen to approve the consent agenda, as submitted. Motion approved by polled vote.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Borough Manager's Villarma provided a verbal report.

The Nolan Center report was provided

BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT

Borough Clerk Lane's report was provided.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Dalrymple stated that he attended the SSRAA Board Meeting; had a good year; continuing to improve their sites; another proposal to cut production by 25%; would recommend that we send the Borough Manager to the Board of Fish meeting to provide comments.

Dalrymple stated that the Forest plan amendment, is on pause.

Powell thanked Mason and his team for all the work they have been doing.

Powell stated that he would like to direct the Manager to address zoning violations, building permits, derelict vehicles being tagged and not removed. There were no objections from the assembly to provide direction to the Manager.

Villarma stated that sales tax audits are happening now; encouraging best practice with those who are not in conformance.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS – None.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE No. 1097 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, ADDING CHAPTER 14.10, TITLED “INACTIVE VESSELS”, IN THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE

Gilbert opened the Public Hearing for this item and asked for an administrative report.

Villarma reported that this item was to address inactive vessels in the harbor.

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

M/S: Powell/Ottesen to approve Ordinance No. 1097. Motion approved by polled vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

13a Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Wrangell Rod and Gun Club

M/S: Powell/Ottesen to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Wrangell Rod & Gun Club. Motion approved by polled vote.

Clerk Note: After the administrative report, Powell stated that he may have a conflict of interest to this item, although there is no monetary value associated with this MOU since it's all volunteer. Gilbert stated that there is no conflict. There were no objections from the Assembly.

13b Approval of a contract for Federal Lobbying Services

M/S: Powell/Ottesen to approve the contract for Federal Lobbying Services. Motion approved by polled vote.

13c RESOLUTION No. 02-26-2020 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND USE OF REVOCABLE SEASONAL COMMERCIAL PERMITS FOR THE CITY DOCK CUL-DE-SAC AREA AND AUTHORIZING THE HARBORMASTER TO ADMINISTER THE PERMIT PROGRAM

M/S: Powell/Ottesen to approve Resolution No. 02-26-2020. Motion approved by polled vote.

13d RESOLUTION No. 02-26-2021 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL AND PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING FUEL TANKS REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURES

M/S: Powell/Ottesen to approve Resolution No. 02-26-2021. Motion approved by polled vote.

13e Approval of a Contract Award to Schmolck Mechanical for the High School and Public Safety Building Fuel Tanks Replacement Project

M/S: Powell/Ottesen to approve a contract award to Schmolck Mechanical for the High School and Public Safety Building Fuel Tanks Replacement Project. Motion approved by polled vote.

13f Approval of Mutual Non-Disclosure and Exclusivity Agreement with JAG Marine Group

M/S: Powell/Powers to approve the Mutual Non-Disclosure and Exclusivity Agreement between the City and Borough of Wrangell and JAG Marine Group, LLC. Motion approved by polled vote.

13g Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with the Pearlson Group

M/S: Powell/Ottesen to approve a professional Services Agreement with the Pearlson Group.

M/S: Powell/Dalrymple to amend the motion to add "the borough manager to execute". Amendment was approved by polled vote.

Main motion as amended was approved by polled vote.

13h Approval of a Contract Award to PND Engineers for the Deep-Water Port Development, PIDP Planning Project

M/S: Powell/Ottesen to approve a Contract Award to PND Engineers for the Deep-Water Port Development, PIDP Planned Project. Motion approved by polled vote.

The borough manager to execute a professional services agreement

ATTORNEY'S FILE – Available for Assembly review in the Borough Clerk's office

EXECUTIVE SESSION

15a Executive Session: Discussion of Strategic Land Exchange Negotiations

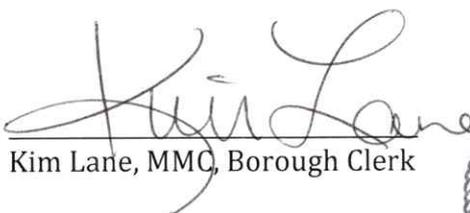
M/S: Powell/Powers pursuant to AS 44.62.310 (c)(1), that we recess into executive session and invite the Borough Manager into the session to discuss matters in which the immediate knowledge would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the borough, specifically regarding the Discussion of Strategic Land Exchange Negotiations. Motion approved by polled vote.

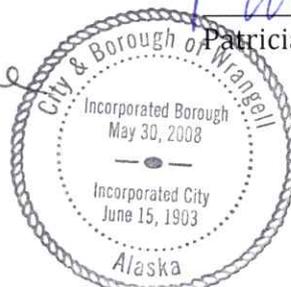
Recessed into Executive Session at 8:09 p.m.

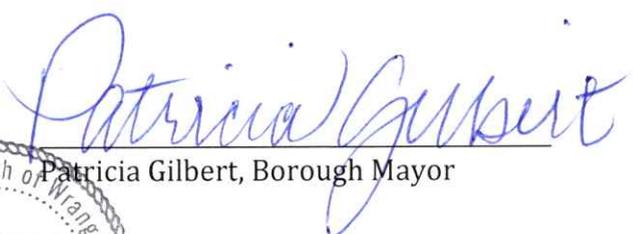
Reconvened from Executive Session at 8:41 p.m.

Regular Assembly meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk




Patricia Gilbert, Borough Mayor

