

Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting

Held on October 12, 2021

Mayor Prysunka called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., October 12, 2021, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Member Gilbert led the pledge of allegiance, and the roll was called.

PRESENT: DEBORD, POWELL, HOWE, DALRYMPLE, GILBERT, MORRISON, PRYSUNKA

ABSENT:

Borough Manager Von Barga and Borough Clerk Lane were also in attendance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Prysunka presented a Certificate of Service for Patricia Gilbert for her service on the School Board.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD / PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

Brian Herman, requested to speak on Agenda Item 13a (request to lease Borough Tidelands), when the item came up on the Agenda.

Steve Murphy, resident requested the Assembly to write a letter to Alaska Airlines asking them not to fire employees who did not want to get vaccinated.

Emailed Correspondence was received from:

- a. Public Correspondence from Zach Taylor (re: CDBG Grant PH 9-28-2021)
- b. Public Correspondence from Greg Wood (re: CDBG Grant PH 9-28-2021)
- c. Public Correspondence from Jim Colier (re: CDBG Grant PH 9-28-2021)

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA – None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Prysunka declared a conflict of interest to the appointment for the Community Member, Investment Committee seat since his son submitted a letter of interest for that seat. Vice-Mayor Gilbert said that she would make that appointment when that item comes up. There were no objections from the Assembly.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the Special Assembly meeting held September 27, 2021
- b. Minutes of the Regular Assembly meeting held September 28, 2021
- c. Minutes of the Special Assembly meeting held October 1, 2021
- d. Renewal of Marijuana Retail Store (Happy Cannabis) License Number 10200

M/S: Gilbert/Howe to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Von Barga's report was provided.

Steve Miller, Port & Harbor Director reported that there is a hole in the barge loading/unloading dock that needs to be repaired.

Dorianne Sprehe provided a COVID Update.

BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Prysunka reported on the SEAPA cable system removal and installation.

Dalrymple stated that the Resource Advisory Committee would be meeting tomorrow, October 13th.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS**10a** Annual Vice-Mayor Appointment

M/S: Morrison/Dalrymple to appoint Patty Gilbert to fill the role of Vice-Mayor until October 2022. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

10b Annual Investment Committee Appointments (2 Assembly Members)

Prysunka stated that both Assembly Members Gilbert and Morrison submitted letters of interest to serve on the Investment Committee. Hearing no objections, Prysunka appointed both Gilbert and Morrison to the Investment Committee, Assembly Member seats.

10c Annual Board and Committee Appointments

Board/Committee	Letter of Interest Received from:
Planning & Zoning Commission (2 avail.)	<i>Alexandra Angerman & Jillian Privett</i>
Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (2 avail.)	<i>Joan Sargent & Nancy Delpero</i>
Wrangell Convention & Visitors Bureau (1 avail.)	<i>Mya DeLong</i>
Economic Development Committee (1 avail.)	<i>Brian Ashton</i>
Investment Committee (1 avail. – Community Member)	<i>Sam Prysunka</i>

Mayor Prysunka stated that unless there are any objections to the appointments to the City Boards and Committees, he declared them appointed ending October 2024. There were no objections from the Assembly.

Vice-Mayor Gilbert stated that unless there were any objections from the Assembly, she would appoint Sam Prysunka to the Community Member on the Investment Committee.

PUBLIC HEARING

11a Request to vacate a portion of the Peninsula Street Right-of-Way adjacent to Lot A, P.C. Resubdivision, owned by Dave and Lilia Brown, zoned Single Family Residential

Mayor Prysunka declared the Public Hearing open and asked if there was an administrative report.

Carol Rushmore, Economic Development Director provided a brief report on this item.

Prysunka asked if there were any Persons wishing to speak on the Public Hearing Item.

Mr. Dave Brown, who requested the partial vacation, explained why they were asking for this piece of property; wanting to square up the property.

Mayor Prysunka declared the Public Hearing closed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

13a Approval of a Tidelands Lease to Brian Herman, dba Canoe Lagoon Oysters, for a Portion of Tract D-1, ATS 1531, Parcel #03-007-498; Plat 99-8)

M/S: Morrison/Howe to Approve a Tidelands Lease to Brian Herman, dba Canoe Lagoon Oysters, for a Portion of Tract D-1, ATS 1531, Parcel #03-007-498; Plat 99-8 with the annual lease amount to be based on 6% of the appraised value and with a delayed start date to the lease to be estimated to be June 2022 so that the applicant can complete the required testing for the site.

Mr. Herman summarized that they were trying to find a solution for storing their oysters in order to provide good service to their customers.

Rushmore stated that Mr. Herman was asking for a delayed start to the lease so that he could perform the required State water quality testing.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13b ORDINANCE No. 1013 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING SECTION 5.09.010, DEFINITIONS, AND SECTION 5.09.015, EXCISE TAX ON MARIJUANA, IN TITLE 5, REVENUE AND FINANCE, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE

M/S: Gilbert/Powell to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 1013 and move to a Second Reading with a Public Hearing to be held on October 26, 2021. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13c RESOLUTION No. 10-21-1618 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

M/S: Howe/Powell to approve Resolution No. 10-21-1618.

Rushmore stated that after speaking with State on if submittal of the combined project would be acceptable, the State clearly stated that the elevator project is an ADA compliance project and considered differently from the Fire Alarm Upgrade; asking the Assembly to approve the Fire Alarm Upgrades at the High School and Middle School; this Resolution authorizes the participation in the program.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13d RESOLUTION No. 10-21-1619 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY 2022 BUDGET IN THE SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS (SRS) FUND BY TRANSFERRING \$118,750 FROM SRS FUND RESERVES INTO THE SRS OPERATING BUDGET FOR TRANSFER TO THE HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRE ALARM CAPITAL PROJECT ACCOUNT AND AUTHORIZING IS EXPENDITURE FOR LOCAL MATCH FUNDING FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR SAID PROJECT

M/S: Powell/Morrison to approve Resolution No. 10-21-1619. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13e Approval of City & Borough Tidelands Annual 2021 Five-Year Reassessments

M/S: Powell/Morrison to approve the five-year City Tidelands Reassessments for tax year 2021, as presented. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13f Approval to Cancel the November 23, 2021, Regular Assembly Meeting and hold only one Regular Meeting on November 9, 2021

M/S: Powell/Gilbert to approve cancelling the November 23, 2021, Regular Assembly Meeting and holding only one Regular Meeting on November 9, 2021. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13g Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Alaska Tactical Solutions in the Amount of \$2,500 for Phase I of Financial Process Assistance

M/S: Powell/Dalrymple to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Alaska Tactical Solutions in the Amount of \$2,500 for Phase I of Financial Process Assistance. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13h RESOLUTION No. 10-21-1620 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE COVID INFORMATION GREETER TEMPORARY POSITION JOB DESCRIPTION

M/S: Powell/Morrison to approve Resolution No. 10-21-1620. Motion approved with Gilbert, Morrison, Howe, Dalrymple, Powell and Prysunka voting yes; DeBord voted no.

13i Discussion Item: Redistricting

Von Bargaen gave an extensive report on the proposals brought forward by the Redistricting Board as well as two other entities; two of the proposals from the Redistricting Board would put Wrangell with Ketchikan; urged the public to give testimony to say what district they wanted Wrangell to be in.

Morrison asked that the information be published in the newspaper.

Gilbert stated that she was in favor of joining with Ketchikan; urged the public to be specific in their testimony and give examples.


The Assembly with a show of at least four hands to move in the direction to be placed with Ketchikan.


ATTORNEY'S FILE

14 Available for Assembly review in the Borough Clerk's office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

Regular Assembly meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk


Stephen Prysunka, Borough Mayor



