

Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting

Held on January 25, 2022

Mayor Prysunka called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., January 25, 2022, by Zoom Teleconference. Assembly Member Dalrymple led the pledge of allegiance, and the roll was called.

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

ABSENT:

Interim Borough Manager Jeff Good and Borough Clerk Lane were also present.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS – None.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD / PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE – None.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **RESOLUTION No. 01-22-1660** OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY 2022 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND TRANSFERRING UP TO \$4,925 FROM GENERAL FUND RESERVES TO THE ASSEMBLY & CLERK MATERIALS & SUPPLIES ACCOUNT TO PURCHASE A PRECINCT SCANNER
- b. **RESOLUTION No. 01-22-1661** OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY 2022 BUDGET TRANSFERRING \$1,107,269 FROM MULTIPLE ACCOUNTS TO THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT CAPITAL EXPENSES ACCOUNT IN THE WATER FUND AND APPROPRIATING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS
- c. **RESOLUTION No. 01-22-1662** OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF PUBLIC LANDS, LOT 6A, BLOCK 61, AMENDED INDUSTRIAL PARK SUBDIVISION III (PLAT NO. 2001-7), AS REPLATTED PER WOODBURY-INDUSTRIAL REPLAT, ZONED INDUSTRIAL, TO BRETT WOODBURY AND MIKE MATNEY
- d. **RESOLUTION No. 01-22-1663** OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA AMENDING THE FY 2022 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$39,156 FROM THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT & POWER FUND RESERVES TO THE GENERATOR UNIT 5 IMPROVEMENTS CAPITAL PROJECT ACCOUNT AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURES
- e. Minutes from the January 11, 2022 Regular Assembly Meeting
- f. Minutes from the January 12 (13), 2022 Special Assembly Meeting
- g. CORRESPONDENCE: School Board Action from the January 17, 2022 Regular Meeting

Assembly Member Dalrymple requested to remove 6b (Resolution No. 01-22-1661) and 6c (Resolution No. 01-22-1662) from the Consent Agenda for consideration. These items were placed under Unfinished Business.

M/S: Gilbert/Morrison to approve the Consent Agenda, absent Items 6b and 6c. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim Manager Good provided a Manager's report.

BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Dalrymple reported that the District Ranger had invited the Borough to participate in the Environmental Assessment planning sessions; recommends that we take the District Ranger up on that; would have a lot to bring to that discussion; might help encourage public involvement.

Morrison stated that she had forwarded an article to Carol Rushmore on the work that is being done in Canada on the search for gravesites.

Prysunka stated that he understands that the harbor crews are doing the best that they can do on the derelict vessels that are impounded; the vessel that recently sunk, we need to look at coming up with a plan to take care of derelict vessels; would also like to see something happen with the derelict vessels in the harbor parking lots.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS – None.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*Transferred from Consent Agenda - **RESOLUTION No. 01-22-1661** OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY 2022 BUDGET TRANSFERRING \$1,107,269 FROM MULTIPLE ACCOUNTS TO THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT CAPITAL EXPENSES ACCOUNT IN THE WATER FUND AND APPROPRIATING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS*

M/S: Powell/Gilbert to approve Resolution No. 01-22-1661.

Good explained that this was the funding that we would need for the design work; this is a step that the USDA requires for the project.

Prysunka stated that his and Powell's concerns are on the lending of funds from the General Fund to an Enterprise Fund; it's okay to loan funds from the General Fund but that should come with an interest rate; believes that the Enterprise Funds should be treated like a business and that would typically mean that if they loan, they do so with an interest rate; Enterprise Funds should make money; this is not something that should happen often because you could drain your General Fund quickly.

Gilbert stated that she feels comfortable borrowing from the General Fund but agrees that it should be at an interest rate; if we have an opportunity to invest the Enterprise Fund Reserve funds, we should do that so that we can get a return on those funds.

Mason Villarma, Finance Director provided the current consumer rate and explained the interest rate for taking out a \$3.8 million dollar loan at 2.625% would require an increase to the rates at just less than ten dollars to keep our margins right where they are now; a rate increase would be a required as part of the funding package with USDA; also the USDA requires rates to be at one and one-half percent of household median in Wrangell, we will need to be at that level within 2 years of project completion.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote

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M/S: Gilbert/Powell to approve Resolution No. 01-22-1662. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote

NEW BUSINESS

13a Approval to hire Jeffrey Good as the new Borough Manager and to approve the Borough Manager's Contract, as presented

M/S: Gilbert/Howe to approve hiring of Jeffrey Good as the new Borough Manager and to approve the Borough Manager's Contract, as presented.

M/S: Gilbert/Morrison to table the main motion until after the Executive Session. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13b Approval of the Professional Services Agreement with DOWL for the Design Services for the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$1,107,269

M/S: Gilbert/Powell to approve the Professional Services Agreement with DOWL for Design Services for the Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$1,107,269.

Gilbert questioned the total costs that DOWL presented since it appeared to be higher than the request.

Good said that this amount would get us through the design and bidding process.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

ATTORNEY'S FILE

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Discussion on the Proposed Borough Manager's Contract

M/S: Gilbert/Morrison moved, pursuant to AK Statute 44.62.320 (c) (2), that we recess into executive session to discuss matters that may tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, specifically to discuss the Borough Manager's Proposed Contract. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

- b. Meet with the Borough Attorney to receive advice about how the Assembly and its members might avoid legal liability by not violating the Separations of Powers Doctrine and to discuss goal setting with the Borough Manager

M/S: Gilbert/Morrison moved to go into Executive Session with the Borough Attorney and the Borough Manager to receive advice about how the Assembly and its members might avoid legal liability by not violating the Separations of Powers doctrine and to discuss Setting Goals with the Manager to be used in future performance evaluations. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

Regular meeting recessed into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

Regular meeting reconvened back into Regular Session at 8:39 p.m.

M/S: Gilbert/Morrison moved to remove Item 13a from the Table to consider it. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

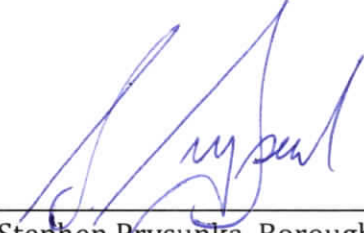
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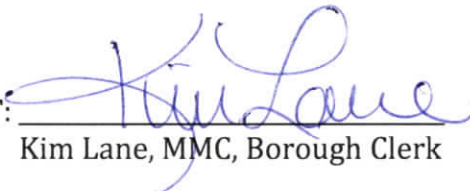
Regular meeting reconvened back into Regular Session at 9:49 p.m.

M/S: Gilbert/Powell moved to direct the Borough Clerk to schedule a public workshop with our Stakeholders with the objective of setting community-wide goals with our newly hired Borough Manager, Jeffrey Good. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

Regular Assembly meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.



Stephen Prysunka, Borough Mayor

ATTEST: 

Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk

