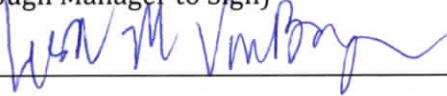


REQUEST FOR SPECIAL EMERGENCY ASSEMBLY MEETING

I, (We), Lisa Von Bargen, DO HEREBY REQUEST THAT A SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE WRANGELL BOROUGH ASSEMBLY BE CALLED BY THE BOROUGH CLERK, ACCORDING TO WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION 3.04.090, FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING SUBJECT MATTER(S):

- a. Discussion and Possible Action: Emergency Order consideration

SPECIAL MEETING WAS REQUESTED BY **Lisa Von Bargen** (Two Assembly Members, Mayor, or Borough Manager to Sign)



Signature/ Lisa Von Bargen, Manager

Signature (If Assembly Member)

Signed November 12, 2020

(Sec. 3.04.090: Special meetings shall be called by the Borough Clerk on the written request of the MAYOR, BOROUGH MANAGER, or of any TWO MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY. At least forty-eight (48) hours written notice shall be given designating the time and purpose of a special meeting.)

Received/Date: November 12, 2020

Borough Clerk: 

Date assigned: November 12, 2020

Time assigned: 4:00 p.m.

Notice out: November 12, 2020 @ 11:00 a.m.

**Minutes of Special Emergency Assembly Meeting
Held on November 12, 2020**

Mayor Stephen Prysunka called the Special Emergency Assembly meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., November 12, 2020, held by Zoom Teleconference.

PRESENT: COURSON, DECKER, PRYSUNKA, MORRISON, GILBERT, POWELL, HOWE

ABSENT:

Borough Manager Von Barga and Borough Clerk Lane attended.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD:

The following persons spoke on the potential mask or other mandates that the Assembly was considering:

Penny Allen

Don Sherman

Mike Lockabey

Kevin Fish

Jenni Jackson

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None.

ITEM(s) OF BUSINESS:

5a Discussion and Possible Action: Emergency Order or Emergency Ordinance Consideration

Captain Dorianne Sprehe gave a detailed report on how we got to where we are and explained that due to the official State of Alaska report that most people would have received this morning and Governor Dunleavy's video report, the EOC is asking that the Assembly discuss mitigation measures in order to keep businesses open.

Captain Sprehe also stated that in light of the Governor's news release this morning, the City took measures to close all City facilities to the public until December 7, 2020.

Von Barga further stated the importance of enacting a mandate.

Howe asked why the decision to shut down city facilities for three weeks was made and asked who made the decision.

Von Barga stated that she made the decision and further stated that the decision to close the facilities was based on the Governor's request to businesses to allow workers to work from home, if possible.

Howe asked if pressure had been placed on the school to shut down.

Von Bargen stated that she had contacted the Superintendent to tell her what the City was doing but that she did not place pressure on the school to close down.

Gilbert stated that she was concerned about the violation portion of the proposed Emergency Ordinance; would usually be brought to the Assembly in two readings and codified in the code.

Attorney Levesque stated that in talking to Helen Sherat with the State of Alaska Court System, a non-codified ordinance with a sunset date would be allowed. Levesque stated that if adopted, we would need to submit the non-codified ordinance along with a form to Helen and she would make a note in the UMOT (Uniform Table of Minor Offences) for municipalities; if the sunset date came and went and she was not notified of an extension, the notation in the UMOT would be removed.

Prysunka explained that although hospital bed capacity may appear to appear to be okay, the list of beds available shows all beds in Alaska, including beds in small community. When a patient needs to be transported to an available hospital bed, they are not sent to those small communities for care.

M/S: Gilbert/Morrison to approve Emergency Ordinance No. 981

Decker stated that in the beginning, she was against mandates because they would have restricted business operations however, with this local mandate; she believes that this would keep businesses open.

M/S: Gilbert/Morrison to amend the effective date from December 31 to December 7; and to add the words "face shield" anytime mask was mentioned throughout the Ordinance.


Decker asked for clarification that the December 7, 2020 date corresponded with the Governor's request.

Amendment to the motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

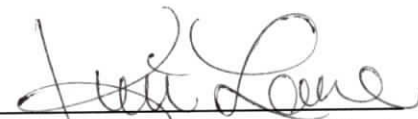
Courson stated that the City of Petersburg went through something similar to this and it pretty much tore the town apart.

Main Motion, as amended, was approved with Decker, Howe, Morrison, Gilbert and Prysunka voting yes; Powell and Courson voted no.

Special Assembly meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.



Stephen Prysunka, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk

