



Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting
Held on May 23, 2023

Mayor Patricia Gilbert called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., May 23, 2023, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Member Robbins led the pledge of allegiance.

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

ABSENT -

Borough Mayor Good and Borough Clerk Lane were also present.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Bonnie Demerjian, resident read a letter of support for the library director position, expressing her concern on downgrading the library director position.

Mya DeLong, resident spoke on behalf of herself regarding the request from the Chamber of Commerce for additional funding; stating that there is a mismanagement of funds; overall mismanagement of the Chamber; pull tabs are not up because there are fractured relationships; city should not use our tax dollars to further fund the Chamber.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Gilbert requested that we move item 13k up to item 13a. There were no objections from the Assembly.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Robbins declared a conflict of interest for Items 11a & 11b since she is the Chamber's Executive Director. Gilbert agreed that she did have a conflict of interest. There were no objections from the Assembly.

Dalrymple stated that he may have a potential conflict of interest to item 11d since he is on the Economic Development Committee. Gilbert stated that she did not see that he or Assembly Member Morrison had a conflict since this Ordinance only established the Board. There were no objections from the Assembly.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6a **RESOLUTION No. 05-23-1778 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 HARBOR RESERVE ACCOUNT TO THE T-DOCK ANODE INSTALLATION PROJECT ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,340 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURES**
- 6b Minutes from the April 25, 2023 Regular Assembly meeting
- 6c Minutes from the May 1, 2023 Special Assembly Meeting
- 6d Minutes from the May 10, 2023 Board of Equalization hearing
- 6e Presentation and Acknowledgement of the 2023 Certified Real Property Tax Roll Report
- 6f CORRESPONDENCE - School Board Action from the April 17, 2023 Regular meeting

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

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Good gave his report and reported on the current Capital Projects.

BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Lane gave her report.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY BUSINESS – None.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS – None.

PUBLIC HEARING

11a Approval to provide additional funding, not to exceed \$25,000 to the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce for 2023 4th of July activities (*Postponed from the May 1, 2023 Special Assembly Meeting*)

Mayor Gilbert declared the Public Hearing open and asked for an administrative report.

Good explained that was a request from the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce for an additional \$25,000 to help support the Fourth of July activities; if approved, would recommend cost specific items; this item was postponed from the last assembly meeting.

Gilbert asked if there anyone who wished to speak on this Public Hearing item.

Bill Burr, Chamber President briefly explained some of the funding needs.

Brittani Robbins, Chamber Executive Director also explained why the Chamber is needing additional funding; not at a high risk now of dissolving.

Gilbert closed the Public Hearing and asked for a motion.

M/S: Dalrymple/Morrison to approve up to \$25,000 in additional funding for approved expenditures to the Chamber of Commerce to support 2023 4th of July activities with the following conditions:

1. Requests shall not include any wages or prize payouts of any kind; and
2. All requests for funding must be approved by the borough manager before reimbursement; and
3. Examples of expenses are: Fourth of July fireworks, Pavilion Utilities, and Fourth of July Insurance premiums.

Powell stated that he still has a problem with this; our rates have gone up; our assessments have gone up; had one person speaking in opposition to this during Persons to be Heard.

Morrison stated that she is also concerned but feels better with the conditions in the motion.

Dalrymple stated that during the Economic Development Committee presentation, the Chamber outlined what the Chamber does for the community.

Gilberts stated that she was also struggling with this; thinking about this being forward funding; would like to take the Wrangell Chamber off the Budget for funding for FY 2024; it is the only way



to reconcile it in her mind since this would be spending taxpayer monies; would like to see the Economic Development Director and Coordinator work with the Chamber to try and partner with them for in-kind services, if possible.

Motion approved with Morrison, Howe, Dalrymple, DeBord and Gilbert voting yes; Powell voted no. Robbins did not vote.

11b RESOLUTION No. 05-23-1777 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY 2023 GENERAL FUND BUDGET BY APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$25,000 CONTRIBUTION TO THE WRANGELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (*Postponed from the May 1, 2023 Special Assembly Meeting*)

Mayor Gilbert declared the Public Hearing open and asked for an administrative report.

Good explained that was the budget amendment for the \$25,000 appropriation to the Chamber; this item was also postponed from the last assembly meeting.

Gilbert asked if there was anyone who wished to speak on this Public Hearing item.

Hearing none, Gilbert closed the Public Hearing and asked for a motion.

M/S: Dalrymple/Morrison to approve Resolution No. 05-23-1777. Motion approved with Morrison, Howe, Dalrymple, DeBord and Gilbert voting yes; Powell voted no. Robbins did not vote.

11c ORDINANCE No. 1041 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE INVESTMENT POOL, INC. FOR USE BY CITIES AND BOROUGHES

Mayor Gilbert declared the Public Hearing open and asked for an administrative report.

Good explained that was required to put in our code.

Gilbert asked if there was anyone who wished to speak on this Public Hearing item.

Hearing none, Gilbert closed the Public Hearing and asked for a motion.

M/S: Powell/Robbins to approve Ordinance No. 1041. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

11d ORDINANCE No. 1042 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 3.55 TITLED "ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD" TO THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE

Mayor Gilbert declared the Public Hearing open and asked for an administrative report.

Good explained that this formalizes the board by adding it to the municipal code.

Gilbert asked if there was anyone who wished to speak on this Public Hearing item.

Hearing none, Gilbert closed the Public Hearing and asked for a motion.

M/S: Powell/Howe to approve Ordinance No. 1042. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.



NEW BUSINESS

13a b RESOLUTION No. 05-23-1779 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 HARBOR RESERVE ACCOUNT TO THE HERITAGE HARBOR ANODE INSTALLATION PROJECT ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$27,770 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURES

M/S: Robbins/Howe to approve Resolution No. 05-23-1779. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13b c RESOLUTION No. 05-23-1780 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 HARBOR RESERVE ACCOUNT TO THE MARINE SERVICE CENTER PIER ANODE INTALLATION PROJECT ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,490 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURES

M/S: Powell/Robbins to approve Resolution No. 05-23-1780. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13e d RESOLUTION No. 05-23-1782 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT TO THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR POSITION AND MODIFYING THE NON-UNION WAGE AND GRADE TABLE

M/S: Powell/Dalrymple to approve Resolution No. 05-23-1782.

Good explained that the level of responsibility and work is not the same as other directors under the same grade; recommendation is to move this position to a grade 19 however, grade 22 was added as an alternative.

Gilbert stated that this was a very difficult decision to her since the library is very dear to her; library often takes hits during the budget cycle; compared the library hours with the Nolan Center and sees that the Nolan Center is open 44 hours a week and the library is open 34 hours a week.

Dalrymple and Powell stated that they depend on the manager to make recommendations to the assembly on these types of issues.

Motion approved with Robbins, Morrison, Dalrymple, Powell and DeBord voting yes; Howe and Gilbert voted no.

13d e RESOLUTION No. 05-23-1783 OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL AMENDING THE FY23 WML&P BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$40,000 FROM WML&PS RESERVE FUND ACCOUNT TO WML&PS FUEL & OIL – GENERATION ACCOUNT

M/S: Robbins/Dalrymple to approve Resolution No. 05-23-1783. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13e f Approval of the Assignment of WMSC Lease Lot 3 in the Wrangell Marine Service Center from Tyler Thompson, dba Wrangell Machine Shop to Dan Thompson, dba Trotsky & Thorson Vessel Construction

M/S: Powell/Morrison to approve the Assignment of WMSC Lease Lot 3 in the Wrangell Marine Service Center from Tyler Thompson, dba Wrangell Machine Shop to Dan Thompson, dba

Trotsky & Thorson Vessel Construction for the existing square footage size of 4,240 square feet. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13f g Approval of the Modification to Wrangell Marine Service Center Leased Lot 3, Swapping Lot 3 for Mill Dock, Lot 6 and amending the Monthly Lease amount for Tyler Thompson, dba Wrangell Machine Shop

M/S: Powell/Morrison to Approve the Modification to Wrangell Marine Service Center for Tyler Thompson, dba Wrangell Machine Shop, Swapping Lot 3 for Mill Dock, Lot 6 and amending the Monthly Lease amount. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13g h Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with PND Engineers in the Amount of \$633,190 for the Power Plant Rehabilitation Design Project

M/S: Morrison/Powell to approve a Professional Services Agreement with PND Engineers in the Amount of \$633,190 for the Power Plant Rehabilitation Design Project.

DeBord spoke in opposition of this project; asked if this was mandated by SEAPA to have; doesn't believe that maintaining the diesel generators was cost prohibitive; don't see how this is economically viable; spending half a million dollars for something we might or might not get funding for.

Howe stated that he believed that we do need the backup power; do we have a building that we could repurpose for the generators.

There was extensive discussion and then the roll was called.

Motion approved with Robbins, Morrison, Howe, Dalrymple, Powell and Gilbert voted yes; DeBord voted no.

13h i Approval of a contract award to Johnson Construction & Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$474,497 for the Swimming Pool Siding Replacement Project

M/S: Robbins/Morrison to approve a contract award to Johnson Construction & Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$474,497 for the Swimming Pool Siding Replacement project. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13i j RESOLUTION No. 05-23-1784 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA AMENDING THE FY 2023 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$77,288 FROM GENERAL FUND RESERVES TO THE PARKS & RECREATION CIP FUND FOR THE SWIMMING POOL SIDING REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURES

M/S: Morrison/Robbins to approve Resolution No. 05-23-1784. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13j k Approval of a Contract Award to Vision Metering in the Amount of \$412,771 for the Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project

M/S: Powell/Robbins to approve a Contract Award to Vision Metering in the Amount of \$412,771 for the Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Project. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13k a Approval of Lease to Trident Seafoods, a Portion of the Old Mill Dock in parcel 02-023-700, more specifically 100 feet northwest from the southernmost portion Old Mill Dock including the approach nearest the Trident Seafood plant

M/S: Morrison/Robbins to approve Lease to Trident Seafoods, a Portion of the Old Mill Dock in Parcel 02-023-700, more specifically 100 feet Northwest from the Southernmost portion Old Mill Dock including the approach nearest the Trident Seafood plant. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13l Approval of the Modification to the Channel Construction Leased Lot at the 6-mile property to provide 120 days lease termination notice and allowing the scrapping of barges with an environmental report certifying they are free of hazardous materials and waste

M/S: Powell/Morrison to approve the Modification to the Channel Construction Leased Lot at the 6-mile property to provide 120 days lease termination notice and allowing the scrapping of barges with an environmental report certifying they are free of hazardous materials and waste. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13m ORDINANCE No. 1043 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, ADDING SECTION 5.04.045 – VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND PROVIDERS OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) EXEMPTION TO CHAPTER 5.04 - PROPERTY TAX IN THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL

M/S: Morrison/Robbins to Approve first reading of Ordinance No. 1043 and move to a Second Reading with a Public Hearing to be held on June 13, 2023. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13n RESOLUTION No. 05-23-1781 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE IBEW COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

M/S: Morrison/Robbins to approve Resolution No. 05-23-1781.

Powell stated that he would like to see a five-year contract.

Good stated that the individual would be making a seven-year commitment; three years as an apprentice.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13o Approval of the second amendment of the lease agreement to VB BTS II, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company extending the terms of the agreement and amending the lease allow a sublease on the existing footprint to Central Council of Tlingit Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (CCTHITA)

M/S: Powell/Motion to approve the second amendment to lease agreement to VB BTS II, LLC. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION(s)

15a Executive Session: Borough Clerk’s Annual Evaluation

M/S: Howe/Robbins I move, pursuant to 44.62.310 (c)(2), that we recess into executive session to discuss matters that may tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, specifically the Borough Clerk’s Evaluation. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

15b Executive Session: Borough Manager’s Annual Evaluation

M/S: Morrison/Robbins I move, pursuant to 44.62.310 (c)(2), that we recess into executive session to discuss matters that may tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, specifically the Borough Manager's Evaluation. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

15c Executive Session: Discussion on the strategies, in the best interest of the City and Borough of Wrangell, regarding the possible purchase of a portion of 02-021-500 plat 2019-7 lot A

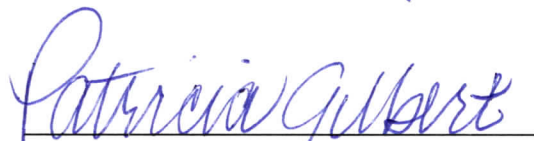
M/S: Morrison/Robbins move, pursuant to AS 44.62.310 (c)(1), that we recess into executive session to discuss matters in which the immediate knowledge would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the borough, specifically regarding the possible purchase of a portion of 02-021-500 plat 2019-7 lot A. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

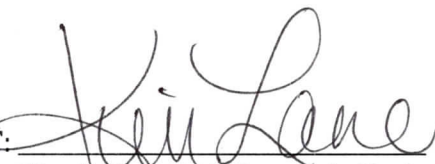
Recessed into Executive Sessions at 8:00 p.m.

Reconvened back into Regular Session at 10:04 p.m.

There was no action to be taken.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.


Patricia Gilbert, Borough Mayor

ATTEST: 
Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk



