

**Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting
Held on January 27, 2026**

Mayor Patricia Gilbert called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., January 27, 2026, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Member Powers led the pledge of allegiance.

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

ABSENT – MACH

Borough Manager Villarma and Clerk Lane were also present.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS - None.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Jim Freeman, resident, thanked Kate, Mason and the team for what they are doing; commented on some of the comments that have been said in the public on the projects that the city is working towards.

Correspondence from the Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks, regarding Clerk Lane as the 2026 AAMC President, was included in the packet.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

DeBord stated that he may have a conflict on 13b (Tideland reassessment), since he is a SEARHC employee. Gilbert declared that he does have a conflict. There were no objections from the Assembly.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6a Minutes from the December 16, 2025 Regular Assembly Meeting
- 6b Minutes from the December 22, 2025 Special Assembly Meeting
- 6c Minutes from the Special Assembly meeting held January 7, 2026
- 6d CORRESPONDENCE: School Board Action from the December 15, 2025 meeting

M/S: Powell/DeBord to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion approved by polled vote.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Borough Manager Villarma provided a verbal Report.

Tom Wetor, Public Works Director provided a report on the "chlorine taste/smell" in the water.

Gene Meek, Police Chief provided information on the Power Point App.

Finance Director Hermanns reported on the quarterly analysis.

Finance Director Hermanns provided a utility A/R - January 2026.

The Ports and Harbors A/R – December 2025 was provided.

The Library Director's Report was provided.

The Capital Projects Report was provided.

BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Villarma stated that if we want to pursue extending the airport footprint for additional hanger space, we will need to take the lead financially.

The consent of the assembly was to not move forward.

Dalrymple stated that we should still keep this on our radar; however, it would be a good economic development opportunity.

Dalrymple stated that he would ask the Borough Manager to put all of the current American Cruise Lines information on the website for the public.

Villarma stated that there is a newly created one-page fact sheet and a six-page more complete document that we can share.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

13a 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

M/S: Powell/Dalrymple to approve Ordinance No. 1097 and move to a Second Reading with a Public Hearing to be held on February 10, 2026. Motion approved by polled vote.

13b Approval of City & Borough Tidelands Annual 2026 Five-Year Reassessments

M/S: Powell/Powers to approve the five-year City Tidelands Reassessments for tax year 2026, as presented. Motion approved by polled vote. DeBord did not vote.

13c RESOLUTION No. 01-26-2016 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY2026 BUDGET IN THE RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION FUND BY ACCEPTING THE REVENUE FROM THE SALE OF THE ALDER TOP SUBDIVISION LOTS 4, 5, 6, 12, 16, and 20, BLOCK 1 OF THE ALDER TOP SUBDIVISION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$410,700

M/S: Powell/Dalrymple to approve Resolution No. 01-26-2016. Motion approved by polled vote.

13d RESOLUTION No. 01-26-2017 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY 2026 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$7,730.08 FROM THE GENERAL FUND RESERVES TO THE ST MICHAEL STREET REHABILITATION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURE

M/S: Powell/Powers to approve Resolution No. 01-26-2017. Motion approved by polled vote.

13e RESOLUTION No. 01-26-2018 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA AMENDING THE FY26 BUDGET IN THE PORT FUND BY TRANSFERRING \$245,000 FROM THE FUND RESERVES TO THE WATERFRONT TIDELANDS FILL AND ABUTMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURES

M/S: Powell/DeBord to approve Resolution No. 01-26-2018.

M/S: Powell/Powers to amend the Resolution to change the amount to \$200,000 and have the Borough Manager and Capital Projects Director try and renegotiate the project scope so that it's \$200,000. Amendment approved by with Powers, Ottesen, Dalrymple, Powell and Gilbert voting yes; DeBord voted no.

Main motion, as amended, was approved by polled vote.

13f Approval of a Contract Award to PND Engineers for the Waterfront Tideland Fill and Abutment Project

M/S: Powell/DeBord to approve a Professional Services Agreement with PND Engineers for the Waterfront Tideland Fill and Abutment Project.

Powell/Dalrymple to amend the motion to add "as negotiated by the Borough Manager and Capital Projects Director". Amendment approved by polled vote.

Main motion, as amended, was approved by polled vote.

13g RESOLUTION No. 01-26-2019 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA AMENDING THE FY26 BUDGET IN THE MILL PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT FUND BY APPROPRIATING \$550,000 FROM UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE TO THE DEEPWATER PORT SHIPYARD DESIGN PROJECT

M/S: Powell/Powers to approve Resolution No. 01-26-2019. Motion approved by polled vote.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

15a Executive Session: Discussion on Strategic Land Exchange options

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 strategic land exchange options. Motion approved by polled vote.

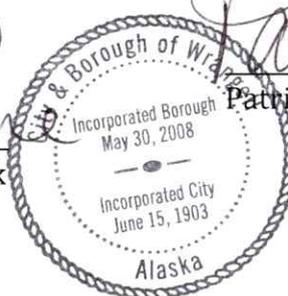
Recessed into Executive Session at 8:47 p.m.

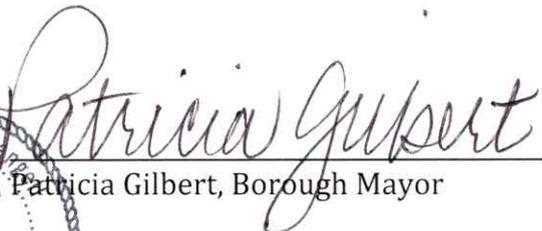
Reconvened into Regular Session at 9:22 p.m.

Regular Assembly Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk




Patricia Gilbert, Borough Mayor

