

Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting

Held on June 8, 2021

Mayor Prysunka called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., June 8, 2021, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Member Morrison led the pledge of allegiance, and the roll was called.

PRESENT: PRYSUNKA, MORRISON, COURSON, POWELL, DALRYMPLE, GILBERT

ABSENT: HOWE

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

CEREMONIAL MATTERS – None.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD / PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

Don McConachie, resident gave the invocation.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Powell declared a conflict on Item 13f (budget amendment for the purchase of a skiff motor), since his company was awarded the project. Prysunka agreed that he did have a conflict. There were no objections from the Assembly.

Courson declared a potential Conflict of Interest 13h (insurance renewal) since his wife is a City employee and receives benefits through the program. Prysunka stated that since his wife does not receive benefits above what other employees receive, he did not see conflict. Courson also declared a Conflict of Interest on the Executive Session item (Collective Bargaining Update) since his wife works with the City.

Prysunka agreed that he did have a conflict of interest since although she is not a union employee, non-union employees typically receive what union employees receive. There were no objections from the Assembly on the Mayors rulings.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the May 25, 2021 Regular Assembly Meeting

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

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Wrangell Convention & Visitors Bureau gave a presentation on the new Destination Marketing Brand.

Tom Weter, Public Works Director gave a report on the Slope Stability Investigation on the area above the Water Reservoir.

After extensive discussion on the Water Treatment Plant Improvements update, the Assembly reported that they would like to have a Work Session to discuss this further.

BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY BUSINESS – None.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS – None.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

13a RESOLUTION No 06-21-1589 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, LEVYING A GENERAL TAX FOR SCHOOL AND MUNICIPAL PURPOSES UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE BOROUGH FOR THE TAX YEAR 2021 PURSUANT TO WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 5.04.010; PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION OF TAXES DUE IN 2021 AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES AND INTEREST FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

M/S: Powell/Morrison to Approve Resolution No. 06-21-1589. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13b Approval of Assignment of Tidelands Lease on Lot 15, Block 1-A, Alaska Tidelands Survey 83 (Including the Exception) from Wilma E. Leslie to James D. Leslie

M/S: Powell/Gilbert to Approve the Assignment of Tidelands Lease on Lot 15, Block 1-A, Alaska Tidelands Survey 83 (Including the Exception) from Wilma E. Leslie to James D. Leslie. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13c Approval of Assignment of Tidelands Lease Lot B, Travelift Replat, from Elodie Freeman to David L. Miller

M/S: Powell/Courson to Approve the Assignment of Tidelands Lease on Lot B, Travelift Replat from Elodie Freeman to David L. Miller. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13d Approval of Police Department Body Worn Cameras Policy

M/S: Powell/Courson to Approve Police Department Body Worn Cameras Policy. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13e RESOLUTION No. 06-21-1590 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA AMENDING THE FY 2021 BUDGET IN THE HARBOR FUND TRANSFERRING \$22,750 FROM HARBOR FUND RESERVES TO THE HARBOR FUND FACILITY REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURE FOR MEYERS CHUCK FLOATPLANE DOCK REPLACEMENT

M/S: Morrison/Powell to approve Resolution No. 06-21-1590. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13f RESOLUTION No. 06-21-1591 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA AMENDING THE FY 2021 BUDGET IN THE HARBOR FUND TRANSFERRING \$12,100 FROM HARBOR FUND RESERVES TO THE HARBOR FUND CAPITAL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURE FOR HARBOR SKIFF ENGINE REPLACEMENT

M/S: Gilbert/Morrison to approve Resolution No. 06-21-1591. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote. (Powell did not participate or vote)

13g RESOLUTION No. 06-21-1592 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY OUTCRY AUCTION, OF PUBLIC LAND IN CONFORMANCE WITH WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 16.12, SPECIFICALLY, LOT 5, BLOCK 59A, INDUSTRIAL SUBDIVISION (AMENDED PLAT), PLAT NO. 85-8, WRANGELL RECORDING DISTRICT

M/S: Powell/Dalrymple to Approve Resolution No. 06-21-1592.

Powell questioned why we were not looking at listing this property on the Public Surplus site.

After further discussion, the Assembly took the following action:

M/S: Courson/Dalrymple to postpone this item. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13h Approval of Health Insurance Renewal for FY 2022

M/S: Powell/Gilbert to approve Health Insurance Renewal with Premiera Blue Cross Blue Shield for FY 2022.

Von Bargaen stated that there is no increase this year.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13i RESOLUTION No. 06-21-1593 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA AUTHORIZING WRANGELL TO PROVIDE AND CERTIFY CERTAIN INFORMATION THAT WILL PERMIT THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA POWER AGENCY TO PROVIDE FINANCING TO REPLACE A SUBMARINE CABLE BY ISSUING BONDS THROUGH THE ALASKA MUNICIPAL BOND BANK

M/S: Powell/Morrison to approve Resolution No. 06-21-1593.

Von Bargaen stated that SEAPA is wanting to bond for the cable that joins Wornofski and Vanks; this gives authorization to the bond bank to see our finances.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13j Approval to Amend the Approval to Pay for Sea Level COVID-19 Testing up to \$70,000 for the 2021 Processing Season, Approved at the Regular Assembly Meeting of May 25, 2021

M/S: Gilbert/Morrison to Amend the Approval to Paying for Sea Level COVID-19 Testing up to \$70,000 for the 2021 Processing Season, Approved at the Regular Assembly Meeting of May 25, 2021, by removing "Sea Level" and inserting "All Seafood Processors".

Prysunka stated that there is already a testing program in Wrangell; free at the airport; believes that it is a waste of money since it is free for anyone to get tested at the airport; would rather see a push to get people vaccinated.

Dalrymple stated that if this is approved, likes the idea of opening it up to a wider range of workers. Further stated that the objective should be the push to get people vaccinated.

Powell agreed that if we have free testing available, why are we paying for this?

Clerk Lane stated that if the Assembly wished to do away with the motion altogether, the best way to handle this would be to vote the current motion down and then for an assembly member to make a motion to rescind the action taken at the last assembly meeting to approve paying for Sea Level COVID testing up to \$70,000 for the 2021 processing season. Further, since the motion to rescind was not advertised, it would take a super majority (5) to pass.

After further discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion failed unanimously by polled vote.

M/S: Gilbert/Morrison moved to rescind the original motion made on May 25, 2021, concerning the payment for Sea Level Seafoods for COVID-19 testing up to \$70,000 for the 2021 Processing Season. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

ATTORNEY'S FILE

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Executive Session: Collective Bargaining Update

M/S: Morrison/Powell moved, Pursuant to AS 44.62.310 (c)(3), I move to approve that we go into Executive Session, and invite the Borough Collective Bargaining Team, Borough Manager and Attorney, to discuss and provide an update of the status of the Collective Bargaining Negotiations, a matter "which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance" is required to be confidential. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote. (Courson did not vote on the motion and did not participate in the Executive Session).

Regular meeting recessed into Executive Session at 8:33 p.m.

Regular meeting reconvened back into Regular Session at 8:44 p.m.

Regular Assembly meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk

Stephen Prysunka, Borough Mayor

