

Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting

Held on May 25, 2021

Mayor Prysunka called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., May 25, 2021 by Zoom Teleconference. Assembly Member Howe led the pledge of allegiance and the roll was called.

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

ABSENT:

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

CEREMONIAL MATTERS – None.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD / PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

Jillian Privett, resident requested that the hours of operation for marijuana businesses, proposed in Ordinance No. 1001, be extended further than what is stated in the Ordinance.

Heidi Armstrong, resident spoke of her concern about the number of available jobs at the medical center, as well as available jobs in the community.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Von Bargaen stated that the motion on Item 13d was incorrect; would bring up during the actual item.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Howe declared a potential conflict of interest on Item 13a (Approval of FY 2022 Wrangell Public Schools Budget and Local Funding Contribution in the Amount of \$1,300,000) since he participates in negotiations for the school employees. Prysunka agreed that he did have a conflict and that unless there were any objections from the Assembly, Howe would not participate or vote on this item.

Gilbert declared a conflict of interest on Item 13a (Approval of FY 2022 Wrangell Public Schools Budget and Local Funding Contribution in the Amount of \$1,300,000) since she sits on the School Board. Prysunka agreed that she did have a conflict and that unless there were any objections from the Assembly, Howe would not participate or vote on this item.

Courson declared a conflict of interest on Item 15b (Executive Session: 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the May 10, 2021 Board of Equalization Meeting
- b. Minutes of the May 11, 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

Manager Von Bargaen's report was provided.

BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Prysunka stated that he had done some preliminary research on plasma burners (five total); does not believe that there would ever be enough "feed" to operate a plasma burner in Wrangell; another concern would be the ash disbursed from plasma burners.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS

10a Appointment to fill the Unexpired Vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission

Mayor Prysunka appointed Alexandra Angerman to fill the unexpired vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission with the term expiring October 2021. There were no objections from the Assembly on the appointment.

PUBLIC HEARING

11a ORDINANCE No. 999 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA AMENDING CHAPTER 20.32 OF THE ZONING CODE TITLED OS DISTRICT-OPEN SPACE/PUBLIC SECTION 20.32.020 CONDITIONAL USES BY ADDING MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AND COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE AS TWO NEW CONDITIONAL USES

Mayor Prysunka declared the Public Hearing open on this item.

Von Bargaen gave a brief administrative report.

There were no persons to be speak on this item. Prysunka declared the Public Hearing closed and entertained a motion.

M/S: Powell/Gilbert to approve Ordinance No. 999. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

11b ORDINANCE No. 1000 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO EFFECT A CHANGE TO LOT 11A, LOT 11B, AND LOT 10A, BLOCK 5, THIRD AVENUE SUBDIVISION AND LOTS 12-15, BLOCK 5, USS 2127 FROM HOLDING TO OPEN SPACE/PUBLIC

Mayor Prysunka declared the Public Hearing open on this item.

Carol Rushmore, Economic Development Director gave a brief administrative report.

There were no persons to be speak on this item. Prysunka declared the Public Hearing closed and entertained a motion.

M/S: Powell/Morrison to approve Ordinance No. 1000. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

11c ORDINANCE No. 1001 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING CHAPTER 6.05 OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE MARIJUANA SECTION 6.05.005 TITLED HOURS OF OPERATION; PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONBY INCREASING THE ALLOWABLE HOURS OF OPERATION

Mayor Prysunka declared the Public Hearing open on this item.

Von Bargaen gave a brief administrative report.

There were no persons to be speak on this item. Prysunka declared the Public Hearing closed and entertained a motion.

M/S: Powell/Gilbert to approve Ordinance No. 1001.

Howe questioned why there were restrictions on the hours of operation to begin with.

Prysunka stated that when the approval for the dispensary was brough to the Assembly, there were letters submitted from some public members about the dispensary and what it would mean in the community; administration brought the hours forward and there were no objections from the public.

Von Bargaen stated that she spoke to the owner of the dispensary and he told her that the average around the State was 10:00 pm.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

13a Approval of FY 2022 Wrangell Public Schools Budget and Local Funding Contribution in the Amount of \$1,300,000

M/S: Powell/Morrison to Approve the FY 2022 Wrangell Public Schools Budget and Local Funding Contribution in the Amount of \$1,300,000.

Von Bargaen stated that the school built their budget on a 1.3 million dollar contribution from the City; planning on putting a \$100,000 maintenance budget allowance into our city budget; was told from Superintendent Lancaster that the school will receive \$427,553 from ARPA (American Recovery Act); \$350,000 was reflected in the revenue section of the School Draft Budget; \$77,533 is not currently allocated in the draft school budget.

In response to Morrison on the \$77,533 excess amount that the school will receive, Von Bargaen stated that she had been told by Superintendent Lancaster, they would be putting it into savings to allocate for the FY 2023 budget.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote. (Howe and Gilbert did not vote)

13b Approval to Repeal Emergency Resolution No. 02-21-1564

M/S: Gilbert/Powell to Repeal Emergency Ordinance No. 02-21-1564. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13c RESOLUTION No. 05-21-1587 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA AMENDING THE FY 2021 BUDGET IN THE HARBOR FUND BY TRANSFERRING \$7,780 FROM HARBOR RESERVES TO THE HARBOR FACILITY REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURE FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO THE MEYERS CHUCK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FOR EMERGENCY DOCK REPAIRS

M/S: Gilbert/Morrison to approve Resolution No. 05-21-1587.

Von Bargaen stated that she, along with the Mayor and select staff, visited Meyers Chuck; residents stated that the dock was literally sinking and so they purchased barrels to place under the dock to keep it afloat; staff is requesting that we refund the Meyers Chuck community for their expense.

Prysunka stated that Meyers Chuck is part of our Borough and it is our responsibility to take care of this.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13d Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Ramsey Appraisal Resource in the Amount of \$18,000 for Additional Appraisal Services

M/S: Gilbert/Powell to Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Ramsey Appraisal Resource in the Amount of \$18,000 for Additional Appraisal Services.

Rushmore explained why this request was being made.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13e RESOLUTION NO. 05-21-1588 AMENDING THE FY 2021 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$5,000 FROM INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION FUND RESERVES TO THE INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION FUND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ACCOUNT AND \$13,000 FROM THE RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION FUND RESERVE TO THE RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION FUND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ACCOUNT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE FOR ADDITIONAL APPRAISAL SERVICES

M/S: Powell/Morrison to approve Resolution No. 05-21-1588. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13f EMERGENCY ORDINANCE No. 1002 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA REAFFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN EMERGENCY ORDINANCES 976, 980, 985, and 994 REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 995, AND REENACTING THE ADOPTION OF INTERNATIONAL AND INTERSTATE TRAVEL TESTING MEASURES

M/S: Powell/Gilbert to approve Emergency Ordinance No. 1002.

Von Bargaen stated that although we are in a transition to getting back to normal, we will see more and more people traveling into the community from out of state; state will continue to pay for testing at the airport until the end of June; will add another vector to protect the community as we are re-opening.

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

13g Approval of Lease Amendment No. 4 Harding Rentals for the COVID-19 Alternate Isolation Site for July-September 2021 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$60,000

M/S: Gilbert/Morrison to Approve Lease Amendment No. 4 Harding Rentals for the COVID-19 Alternate Isolation Site for July-September 2021 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$60,000.

Von Bargaen explained the need for this least to continue; essentially serves as an insurance policy if there was a need.

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

13h Approval to Pay for Sea Level COVID-19 Testing up to \$70,000 for the 2021 Processing Season

M/S: Powell/Courson to Approve Paying for Sea Level COVID-19 Testing up to \$70,000 for the 2021 Processing Season.

Von Bargaen explained why this was being requested; Sea Level has a robust testing schedule for this season.

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

ATTORNEY'S FILE

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Executive Session: Litigation Strategy Discussion CBW v. Steve Johnson (1WR-00046-CI)
- b. Executive Session: Collective Bargaining Update

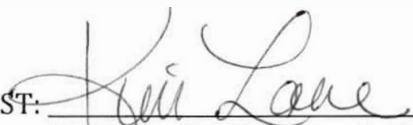
M/S: Morrison/Gilbert moved, Pursuant to AS 44.62.310 (c)(d), I move that we go into Executive Session, and invite the Borough Attorney, Manager, and Port & Harbor Director to receive an update and discuss litigation strategies and tactics concerning the status of the CBW v. Steve Johnson (1WR-00046-CI), a matter "which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance" is required to be confidential. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

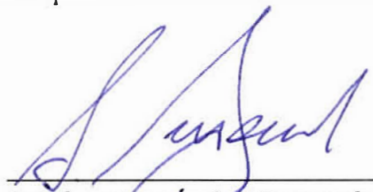
M/S: Gilbert/Powell moved, Pursuant to AS 44.62.310 (c)(3), I move to approve that we go into Executive Session, and invite the Borough Collective Bargaining Team, Borough Manager and Attorney, to discuss and provide an update of the status of the Collective Bargaining Negotiations, a

matter "which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance" is required to be confidential. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

Regular meeting recessed into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.; Prysunka did not rejoin the meeting.
Regular meeting reconvened back into Regular Session at 9:33 p.m.

Regular Assembly meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk


Stephen Prysunka, Borough Mayor

