Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting

Held on October 27, 2026

Mayor Patricia Gilbert called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., October 27, 2026, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Member Powers led the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENT – GILBERT, PRIVETT, YEAGER, DALRYMPLE, POWELL, POWERS

ABSENT – DEBORD

Borough Manager Villarma and Clerk Lane were also present.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Christie Jamieson, WCA Board member, accepted a Proclamation for Alaskan Native Heritage Month.

Proclamation for Extra Mile Day was presented.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Jeff Hermans, Mental Health Trust, Land Office, provided an update regarding the land trade with Wrangell and the desire to start the conversation with the city on what development options could occur on that property.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6a Minutes from the October 8, 2026 Special Assembly meeting
- 6b Minutes from the October 12, 2026 Special Assembly meeting
- 6c Minutes from the October 13, 2026 Regular Assembly meeting
- 6d Minutes from the October 19, 2026 Special Assembly meeting
- 6e Final Plat for Alder Top Village, Shoemaker Subdivision III, a replat of Tract A, Block 2, Plat 2025-5, creating Lots 23-42, zoned Single Family Medium Density, owned by the City and Borough of Wrangell
- 6f Final Plat for Alaska Tideland Survey No. 1729, Vacating ATS No. 1337 – Burnett Inlet Hatchery
- 6g CORRESPONDENCE: School Board action from the October 12, 2026 meeting

M/S: Powell/Powers to approve the Consent Agenda, as submitted. Motion approved by polled vote.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

The Borough Manager's report was provided at the meeting.

The Federal legislative status report was provided by the Federal Lobbyist, Seb O'Kelley.

BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT

The Borough Clerk's report was provided.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Gilbert congratulated and welcomed Assembly Member Privett and welcomed back Assembly Member Yeager; reviewed the Assembly's goals.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS

Board and Committee Appointments

Gilbert, with the consent of the assembly, approved the appointment of Jonas Crabtree to the Borough Assembly.

PUBLIC HEARING

11a Approval to move forward with the disposition of a portion of Lot 11, Block 83 (Public Works and Electrical yard area), for the purpose of a private easement to use as their driveway, requested by James and Mary Nelson

Gilbert called the Public Hearing to order and asked for an administrative report.

Economic Development Director Thomas stated that the request was a request from the Nelson's for the purpose of a private easement to use as their driveway.

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

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

M/S: Powell/Powers to approve moving forward with the disposition of a portion of Lot 11, Block 83 (Public Works and Electrical yard area), for the purpose of a private easement to use as their driveway, requested by James and Mary Nelson. Motion approved by polled vote.

11b ORDINANCE NO. 1109 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING SECTION 3.05.020 – ORDER OF BUSINESS, IN THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE

Gilbert called the Public Hearing to order and asked for an administrative report.

Lane stated that this would allow for sections that are not to be considered on the agenda to be removed before it's published.

Gilbert asked if there was anyone who wished to speak on this item. Hearing none, Gilbert closed the Public Hearing and asked for a motion.

M/S: Powell/Yeager to approve Ordinance No. 1109. Motion approved by polled vote.

11c ORDINANCE NO. 1111 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, PROVIDING A TEMPORARY EXEMPTION OF BOROUGH SALES TAX ON SALES OF HEATING FUEL DELIVERED FOR SPACE HEATING FROM NOVEMBER 15, 2026 THROUGH FEBRUARY 15, 2027, AND PROVIDING FOR AUTOMATIC EXPIRATION

Gilbert called the Public Hearing to order and asked for an administrative report.

Villarma stated that the request was to provide sales tax relief on heating oil for the time stated; would propose to postpone this item indefinitely because we would be incentivizing those who use heating oil and not other type of heating source users.

Gilbert asked if there was anyone who wished to speak on this item. Hearing none, Gilbert closed the Public Hearing and asked for a motion.

M/S: Powell/Privett to postpone this item indefinitely. Motion approved by polled vote.

11d RESOLUTION No. 10-26-2086 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, APPROVING A REQUEST TO FORMALLY NAME THE 6-MILE, DEEPWATER PORT (FORMER MILL SITE) THE "FRANK H. MURKOWSKI DEEPWATER PORT OF ALASKA"

Gilbert called the Public Hearing to order and asked for an administrative report.

Villarma stated that the request was submitted by Jeff Jabusch and followed all requirements as outlined in the municipal code.

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

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

M/S: Powell/Privett to approve Resolution No. 10-26-2086. Motion approved by polled vote.

M/S: Dalrymple/Yeager to amend the Resolution to change the name to Frank H. Murkowski Deepwater Port of Wrangell, Alaska. Amendment approved by polled vote.

Main Motion, as amended was approved by polled vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12a RESOLUTION NO 10-26-2090 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF PUBLIC LAND DESCRIBED AS LOT 43, BLOCK 2, ALDER TOP VILLAGE, SHOEMAKER BAY SUBDIVISION III, TO WRANGELL COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

M/S: Powell/Powers to approve Resolution No. 10-26-2090. Motion approved by polled vote.

NEW BUSINESS

13a RESOLUTION No. 10-26-2087 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY 2027 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING $24,900 FROM THE WATER FUND RESERVES TO THE FACILITY REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE – WATER FUND AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURES

M/S: Powell/Powers to approve Resolution No. 10-26-2087. Motion approved by polled vote.

13b RESOLUTION No. 10-26-2088 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY2027 ANNUAL BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE $150,000 IN GRANT REVENUE AND AUTHORIZE ITS EXPENDITURES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OVERTIME AND MARINE EQUIPMENT UPGRADES

M/S: Powell/Privett to approve Resolution No. 10-26-2088. Motion approved by polled vote.

13c RESOLUTION No. 10-26-2089 OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL LOAN FROM THE ALASKA DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM FOR THE MCKINNON STREET WATER UTILITY REPLACEMENT PROJECT

M/S: Powell/Privett to approve Resolution No. 10-26-2089. Motion approved by polled vote.

13d RESOLUTION No. 10-26-2091 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, APPROVING THE SIX-MILE DEEPWATER PORT AND SHIPYARD DEVELOPMENT AND AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR AND RECEIPT OF STATE TIDE AND SUBMERGED LAND UNDER AS 38.05.825

M/S: Powell/Yeager to approve Resolution No. 10-26-2091. Motion approved by polled vote.

13e RESOLUTION No. 10-26-2092 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL AMENDING THE FY 2027 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE SEWER FUND RESERVE TO THE ZIMOVIA HIGHWAY SEWER SYSTEM ANALYSIS PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURE

M/S: Powell/Privett to approve Resolution No. 10-26-2092. Motion approved by polled vote.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session: 6-Mile Mill Site Property Strategy

M/S: Powell/Yeager move, pursuant to 44.62.310 (c)(1)&(2), that we recess into executive session to discuss matters of which, the immediate knowledge would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the borough, specifically to discuss with the Borough Manager, the 6-Mile Mill Site Property Strategy. Motion approved by polled vote.

Adjourned into Executive Session at 8:28 p.m.

Reconvened back into Regular Session at 9:01 p.m.

Regular Assembly meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Patricia Gilbert

Patricia Gilbert, Borough Mayor

ATTEST: Kim Lane

Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk

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