

**Minutes of Special Assembly Meeting
Held on May 01, 2023**

Mayor Patricia Gilbert called the Special Assembly meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., May 1, 2023, in the Borough Assembly Chambers.

PRESENT – HOWE, ROBBINS, DALRYMPLE, GILBERT, MORRISON, POWELL

ABSENT – DEBORD

Borough Manager Jeff Good and Clerk Lane were also present.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD – None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Robbins declared a conflict of interest to Items 5c & 5d 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 since he is on the Economic Development Committee and that committee heard and submitted to the Assembly, the recommendation from the committee. Gilbert stated that she did not see that he had a conflict. There were no objections from the Assembly.

NEW BUSINESS

5a RESOLUTION No. 05-23-1776 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY 2023 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$293,361 FROM THE SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS FUND RESERVES TO THE RURAL SCHOOLS FUND RESERVES CIP FUND AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURE FOR THE WRANGELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS CONDITION SURVEY PROJECT

M/S: Powell/Morrison to approve Resolution No. 05-23-1776. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

5b Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with NorthWind Architects, LLC in the Amount of \$266,692 for the Wrangell Public Schools Condition Survey Project

M/S: Powell/Howe to approve a Professional Services Agreement with NorthWind Architects, LLC in the Amount of \$266,692 for the Wrangell Public Schools Condition Survey Project. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

5c Approval to provide additional funding, not to exceed \$25,000 to the Wrangell Chamber of Commerce for 2023 4th of July activities

M/S: Powell/Dalrymple 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.

Good stated that we did receive a recommendation from the Economic Development Committee for this additional funding; concerned moving forward.

Gilbert confirmed that the FY23 contribution from the city was \$27,000.

Bill Burr, Wrangell Chamber of Commerce President stated that over the last several years, the Chamber's reserves have depleted; a lot of the Chambers funding came from the royalty contest and pull-tabs; because of COVID, those revenues went were very low; substantial loss in the Royalty race last year; running the risk this year of not being able to do pre-funding for this years Royalty race; looking at charging booth vendors; have made substantial cost cuts trying to reach the level of running in the black but we need some help.

Brittani Robbins, Wrangell Chamber of Commerce Executive Director also reported on the low revenue for the pull-tabs and the financial loss for the Royalty Race last year; when her and her assistant were hired, did not receive any training; re-wrote the Royalty Race rule book; every event is sponsored for the Fourth of July events.

Powell stated that he is very concerned because there was no public process with this request; every year when funds are given to community, there is a public hearing and a public process.

M/S: Powell/Morrison to postpone this item with a Public Hearing and public process for the May 23, 2023 Regular Assembly meeting. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

5d 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

M/S: Powell/Morrison to postpone this item with a Public Hearing and public process for the May 23, 2023 Regular Assembly meeting. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

Special meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

ATTEST: Kim Lane
Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk

Patricia Gilbert
Patricia Gilbert, Borough Mayor

