

Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting

Held on September 8, 2020

Vice-Mayor Gilbert called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., September 8, 2020 by Zoom teleconference. The pledge of allegiance was led by Vice-Mayor Gilbert and the roll was called.

PRESENT: POWELL, GILBERT, MORRISON, HOWE (jointed at 7:03p.m.), DALRYMPLE

ABSENT: DECKER, PRYSUNKA

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

CEREMONIAL MATTERS – None.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD – None.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Von Bargaen stated that there was more than one Assembly Member who had requested additional information on Agenda Item 13a; asking that this item be removed and brought back when more information is received. Assembly Member Howe asked for clarification on what removing this from the Agenda would mean. There were no objections from the Assembly to remove from the Agenda and bring back to a future meeting.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the August 25, 2020 Regular Assembly Meeting
- b. Renewal of Retail Marijuana Store License #10200 from Kelsey J. Martinsen dba Happy Cannabis
- c. CORRESPONDENCE - School Board Action from August 24, 2020 Special Meeting
- d. CORRESPONDENCE - School Board Action from August 31, 2020 Special Meeting

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

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Von Bargaen provided updates on the following:

- Collective Bargaining Team moving forward
- Working with State and Federal Lobbyist on the Disaster Declaration that the Assembly passed at the last meeting
- Amber Al-Haddad gave a report on the status of the Water Treatment Plant project; RFQ's are due September 30, 2020 for the final design
- Captain Sprehe gave a COVID-19 Update:
 - Provided local case numbers
 - Wrangell has 19 total cases
 - 3 active cases in Wrangell

- 16 recovered 4,866 tests conducted by SEARHC in Wrangell
- 16 pending tests in Wrangell
- approximately a 3 day turn around to receive test results
- Some increases in numbers in Anchorage and Fairbanks
- Total identified today is 35 (all are AK residents)
- Flu vaccine information; will be putting messaging out to the public
- COVID-19 vaccine is said to be a two-part vaccine; meetings will begin tomorrow
 - 1st responders
 - Critical infrastructure
 - Long Term care and Senior Citizens
- School in-person started today
- Ordered COVID-19 resources
- State Health Mandate 10, 14, 15, 17, and 18 are still in place

BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE

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 Approval of Revised CARES Act Funding Plan with an Allocation up to \$125,000 for Wrangell Public Schools for COVID-19 Mitigation

This item was removed from the Agenda under Amendments to the Agenda.

13b Discussion Item Only: Wrangell's Community COVID-19 Risk Assessment

Jamie Roberts, EOC Liaison presented the draft risk assessment that looked at all the factors of COVID-19 and our risk as a community. Roberts walked the Assembly through the assessment and how the risk assessment will be compiled; numbers are mostly coming from local sources to meet our local needs.

In response to Powell on where we are right now, Roberts stated that we are at a level 2.

Roberts stated that the risk assessment document will be released to the public after receiving Assembly input, starting next week; will go to the school and the public.

Gilbert asked if we considered communities that were in close proximity to us, when determining our community risk; Roberts stated that background information was considered however, that information is more qualitative than quantifiable.

13c Approval of a Contract Award to Schmolck Mechanical Contractors, Inc. in the Amount of \$53,450 for the Recreation Center Hot Water Tank Replacement

M/S: Morrison/Howe to approve a contract award to Schmolck Mechanical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$53,450 for the Recreation Center Hot Water Tank Replacement Project. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13d RESOLUTION No. 09-20-1540 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL ALASKA AMENDING THE FY21 BUDGET IN THE CIP FUND BY TRANSFERRING \$32,950 FROM THE GENERAL FUND RESERVES TO THE SWIMMING POOL HOT WATER TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURE

M/S: Howe/Morrison to approve Resolution No. 09-20-1540. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13e Approval of a Professional Service Agreement to Spawn Ideas for Visitor Branding in Response to COVID-19 Impacts in the Amount of \$44,980

M/S: Morrison/Dalrymple to approve a Professional Service Agreement to Spawn Ideas for Visitor Branding in response to COVID-19 Impacts in the amount of \$44,980. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13f Approval of a Professional Services Agreement with R&M Engineering-Ketchikan, Inc. in the Amount of \$62,400 for the Water Mains Replacement Project

M/S: Powell/Morrison to approve a Professional Services Agreement with R&M Engineering-Ketchikan, Inc. in the amount of \$62,400 for the Water Mains Replacement Project.

In response to Powell on the funding for this project, Al-Haddad stated that this was part grant and part loan funding.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13g RESOLUTION No. 09-20-1541 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA ALLOWING FOR THE EXPIRATION OF RESOLUTION 08-20-1534 AND ENACTING RESOLUTION 09-20-1541, ENCOURAGING THE RESIDENTS OF AND VISITORS TO THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC PLACES

M/S: Powell/Morrison to approve Resolution No. 09-20-1541. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13h RESOLUTION No. 09-20-1542 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA SUPPORTING NATIONAL PILT (PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES) AND SRS (SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS) DAY OF ACTION SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

M/S: Morrison/Powell to approve Resolution No. 09-20-1542. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13i PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 09-20-1543 A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA AMENDING THE JOB DESCRIPTION OF THE ACCOUNTING GENERALIST POSITION

M/S: Morrison/Powell to approve Resolution No. 09-20-1543. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

ATTORNEY'S FILE

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

Regular Assembly meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk

Stephen Prysunka, Mayor

