

Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting Held on March 24, 2026

Mayor Patricia Gilbert called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., March 24, 2026, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Member Mach led the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENT – GILBERT, DALRYMPLE, DEBORD, POWELL, POWERS, MACH

ABSENT – OTTESEN

Borough Manager Villarma and Clerk Lane were also present.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS - None.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Kathy Watkins, resident asked the following questions for the next Assembly Meeting regarding the proposed Ordinance for local Business Licenses 1) does this change affect church bazar's; and 2) how will this affect the community market?

Tony Habrich, resident asked if vendors will be required to get permits; because of the taxes and fees that will need to be paid, it will kill the community market; store front businesses are businesses that stock their shelves with mass volume.

Donna Kuntz, resident spoke in opposition to requiring a local business license and requiring small vendors to collect and pay sales tax; stated that at a past special meeting in the 60's, it was stated that no licenses would be required and that no taxes or permits would be required for small vendors or rummage sellers.

Clerk's Note: Clerk Lane researched the past minutes to confirm Ms. Kuntz's statement and could not find the declaration.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Manager Villarma asked for an amendment to the agenda to add an item under New Business to approve a Nondisclosure Agreement with the State of Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority ("AIDEA"). There were no objections from the Assembly to add this item.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

6a Minutes from the February 24, 2026 Regular Assembly Meeting

6b CORRESPONDENCE: School Board action from the February 16, 2026 meeting

6c CORRESPONDENCE: School Board Minutes from the January 19, 2026 meeting

6d CORRESPONDENCE: School Board Minutes from the December 15, 2025 Regular Meeting

6e CORRESPONDENCE: School Board Minutes from the November 19, 2025 Regular Meeting

6f CORRESPONDENCE: School Board Minutes from the October 13, 2025 Regular Meeting

6g CORRESPONDENCE: School Board Action from the March 16, 2026 meeting

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

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Villarma provided his report.

The Capital Projects Director report was provided.

The Finance Director's report (Utilities) was provided.

The Port & Harbor Director report was provided.

BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Dalrymple reported that the Board of Fish considered and voted down Proposals 170 (would have cut 25% to pink salmon and chum production), 171 (sought to reduce pink salmon releases in Prince William Sound), and 172 (would have enacted a moratorium on pink and chum salmon production and capped 2025 levels); instead, the Board of Fish directed the Commissioner to extend the current moratorium through the Regional Planning Teams.

Dalrymple also stated that Forest Plan process is evolving; starting to roll out documents; Notice of Intent has been issued and is on the website; there will be a public meeting at the Nolan Center on April 21st at 5:30pm on the plan.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS - None.

PUBLIC HEARING

11a ORDINANCE NO. 1098 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, ADDING SECTION 5.04.065, TITLED "PERMANENT VEHICLE REGISTRATION" IN THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE

Gilbert opened the Public Hearing for this item and asked for an administrative report.

Villarma reported that this Ordinance would add a section in the code to allow for Permanent Vehicle Registration in Wrangell; one-time fee to be paid for the permanent vehicle tag if your vehicle is 8 years or older; applies to non-commercial trailers as well.

Gilbert asked if anyone wanted to speak on this item. There were a couple of members of the audience who said that they approved of this item. Gilbert closed the Public Hearing and asked for a motion.

M/S: Powell/Dalrymple to approve Ordinance No. 1098. Motion approved by polled vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

13a ORDINANCE NO. 1099 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, REPEALING CHAPTER 6.08 – PEDDLERS AND ITINERANT MERCHANTS, IN THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE

M/S: Powell/Powers to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 1099 and move to a second reading to be held on May 12, 2026. Motion approved by polled vote.

13b RESOLUTION No. 03-26-2029 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY2026 BUDGET IN THE RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION FUND BY ACCEPTING THE REVENUE FROM THE SALE OF THE ALDER TOP SUBDIVISION LOTS 13, 14, 15 and 18, BLOCK 1 OF THE ALDER TOP SUBDIVISION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$242,100

M/S: Mach/Powers to approve Resolution No. 03-26-2029. Motion approved by polled vote.

13c RESOLUTION No. 03-26-2030 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY 2026 BUDGET BY TRANSFERRING \$1,000,000 FROM THE SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS FUND RESERVES TO THE SWIMMING POOL ROOF REPLACEMENT CIP FUND AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURES

M/S: Powell/Mach to approve Resolution No. 03-26-2030. Motion approved by polled vote.

13d RESOLUTION No. 03-26-2031 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN, AND THE KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF A MARITIME PROSPERITY ZONE AND NOMINATING THE SOUTHEAST ALASKA MARITIME INDUSTRIAL CORRIDOR FOR FEDERAL DESIGNATION

M/S: Powell/DeBord to approve Joint Resolution No. 03-26-2031. Motion approved by polled vote.

13e Approval of a timber sale agreement with Mike Allen Enterprizes

M/S: Powell/DeBord to approve a Timber Sale Agreement with Mike Allen Enterprizes. Motion approved by polled vote.


13f Approval of a Nondisclosure Agreement with the State of Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority ("AIDEA") *added to the agenda under Amendments to the Agenda*


M/S: Powell/Dalrymple to approve a Nondisclosure Agreement with the State of Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority ("AIDEA"). Motion approved by polled vote.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

Regular Assembly meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

ATTEST: 
Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk


Patricia Gilbert, Borough Mayor

