

Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting

Held on September 22, 2020

Vice-Mayor Gilbert called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., September 22, 2020 by Zoom teleconference. The pledge of allegiance was led by Ryan Howe and the roll was called.

PRESENT: GILBERT, MORRISON, DALRYMPLE, DECKER, HOWE

ABSENT: POWELL, PRYSUNKA

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

CEREMONIAL MATTERS – None.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Father Gallagher with St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church gave the invocation.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA – None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Howe declared a potential conflict of interest to Item 13a (Approval of Revised CARES Act Funding Plan with an Allocation up to \$125,000 for Wrangell Public Schools for COVID-19 Mitigation) due to his employment with the School District. Gilbert declared that as an employee of the school, none of the funds would directly benefit him, above any other employee of the school. Therefore, Gilbert stated that she did not see a conflict. There were no objections from the Assembly.

Gilbert declared a conflict of interest to Item 13a (Approval of Revised CARES Act Funding Plan with an Allocation up to \$125,000 for Wrangell Public Schools for COVID-19 Mitigation). Gilbert appointed Morrison to handle that item when it comes up. There were no objections from the Assembly.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the September 8, 2020 Regular Assembly Meeting
- b. Final Plat Approval of Zahorik Replat
- c. POA-2020-00314 Application for Dry Storage from Thomas Robinson 1
- d. CORRESPONDENCE - US Department of Transportation Request for Proposals from Air Carriers for Essential Air Service
- e. CORRESPONDENCE: Letter to Superintendent from Manager/EOC Re: COVID Response & Isolation Plan

M/S: Morrison/Howe 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
- HAA5 - Exceedance in drinking water
- Crystal Lake Hatchery Closure

- Public Safety Building Court office structure concerns
- RFQ for the Water Treatment Plant Design

Captain Sprehe provided a COVID update.

BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

- Gave brief overview on the security of processing absentee ballots

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY BUSINESS – None.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS – None.

PUBLIC HEARING

11a Public Hearing: Seeking Community Comments on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, Fire Truck Purchase and for Staff to Provide a Status Update for the Project

Vice-Mayor Gilbert declared the Public Hearing open.

Tim Bunes, Fire Chief provided a status report on the project; anticipating a November start to building the truck and for the completion to be towards the end of February; after that, it will be transported to Oregon for a full mechanical check, then it will be transported to Wrangell via Alaska Marine Lines or the ferry system.

There were no public comments on this item.

Vice-Mayor Gilbert declared the Public Hearing closed. There was no action necessary for this item.

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

M/S: Decker/Dalrymple to Approve Revised CARES Act Funding Plan with an Allocation up to \$125,000 for Wrangell Public Schools for COVID-19 Mitigation.

In response to Howe on what the thought process was behind the reduced amount, Von Bargaen stated that there was concern from the Assembly after the first appropriation was given and then rescinded; also because the school superintendent had indicated that the funds would not be used for staff, as originally indicated; that was the largest amount of the original funding request; it's clearly indicated that the school district could come back to the Assembly to ask for more funding, if necessary.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote. Vice-Mayor Gilbert did not vote or take part in the discussion.

13b Approval of Amendment to the M/V Chugach Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the US Forest Service

M/S: Morrison/Howe to approve amendment to the M/V Chugach Memorandum of Understanding with the USFS. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13c Approval of Change Order No. 1 to Ketchikan Mechanical, Inc. in the Amount of \$90,170.96 for the Touchless Plumbing Fixtures Project

M/S: Morrison/Dalrymple to approve Change Order No. 1 to Ketchikan Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$90,170.96 for the Touchless Plumbing Fixtures Project.

Amber Al-Haddad explained that this change order refers to the Harbor bathrooms, Parks bathrooms, City Hall bathrooms, and the lower level of the Public Safety Building.

Dalrymple expressed concern that this change order was a large amount; would have hoped that the original approval had included this amount as a whole package.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13d Approval of Sole Source Purchase of CAT LC50 Generator for Wrangell Medical Center (Wood Street) Sewer Pump Station in Conformance with Wrangell Municipal Code Section 5.10.050 (F) from NC Machinery in the Amount of \$25,675

M/S: Howe/Morrison to Approve Sole Source Purchase of CAT LC50 Generator for Wrangell Medical Center (Wood Street) Sewer Pump Station in Conformance with Wrangell Municipal Code Section 5.10.050 (F) from NC Machinery in the Amount of \$25,675.

Von Bargaen stated that we do not have a backup power source that feeds the new hospital and clinic; this pump would be for the sewer pump station for that area; would be allowed to use hospital grant funds for this expense; trying to consolidate into using CAT equipment and NC Machinery is the only CAT dealer in the State; out of state CAT dealers will not bid against the Alaska CAT dealer.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13e RESOLUTION No. 09-20-1544 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, DESIGNATING CANVASS BOARD DUTIES TO TWO ASSEMBLY MEMBERS AND ONE QUALIFIED VOTING MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY FOR CANVASSING THE RESULTS OF THE REGULAR ELECTION TO BE HELD OCTOBER 6, 2020

M/S: Morrison/Howe to approve Resolution No. 09-20-1544 that designates the Canvass Board for the October 6, 2020 Regular Borough Election. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13f RESOLUTION No. 09-20-1545 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA AMENDING THE FY 2021 BUDGET IN MULTIPLE FUNDS PROVIDING FOR THE FY 2021 CAPITAL BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURE

M/S: Morrison/Dalrymple to approve Resolution No. 09-20-1545.

Von Barga explained each section of the Resolution for the Assembly and the listening public.

Von Barga asked that Section 4 be amended to increase the total amount from \$160,000 to \$195,000, adding \$35,000 for the repair of the water transmission line as described by the Borough Manager.

M/S: Decker/Morrison to amend Section 4 to increase the total amount from \$160,000 to \$195,000, adding \$35,000 for the repair of the water transmission line as described by the Borough Manager. Amendment approved unanimously by polled vote.

Main Motion, as amended, was approved unanimously by polled vote.

13g Approval to hold a Special Assembly meeting to Certify the Oct 6th Regular Local Election

M/S: Howe/Decker to Approve holding a Special Assembly meeting on October 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., to Certify the results of the Regular Borough Local Election. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13h Discussion Item: Emergency Declaration Order (ORD 976) & Suspension of In-Person Assembly Meetings (RES 03-20-1520)

Von Barga stated that the emergency order is due to expire on October 17th; would like to bring a request to extend the emergency order until the end of the year, to the Assembly meeting of October 13th.

Von Barga outlined the various options for returning to in-person meetings; meeting in the Assembly Chambers would result in modifying the *diaz*, which is not recommended; would not allow for the public to attend.

Lane stated that she had met with the Nolan Center director about temporarily moving the Assembly meetings there; will be looking into purchasing equipment so that can happen safely and effectively.

Decker requested that when considering the equipment for the meetings to be held at the Nolan Center, that the equipment also be able to be integrated into City Hall when meetings return to the Assembly Chambers.

Lane stated that she would bring something back to the Assembly at the next Assembly meeting to extend the Resolution and provide options for in-person meetings at the Nolan Center.

ATTORNEY'S FILE

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

15 Collective Bargaining Update

M/S: Howe/Morrison moved Pursuant to AS 44.62.310 (c)(3), I move that we go into Executive Session, and invite the Borough Collective Bargaining Team, to provide an update of the status of

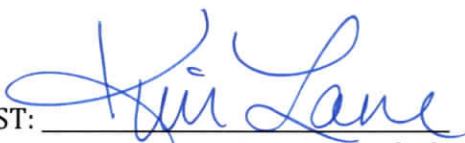
the Collective Bargaining Negotiations, a matter "which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance" is required to be confidential. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

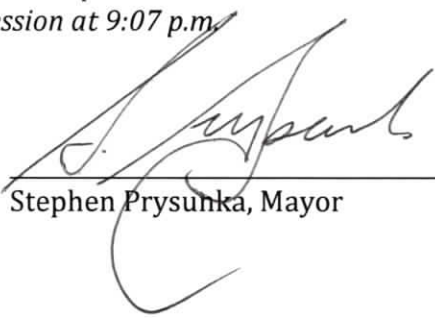
Regular Assembly meeting recessed into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

Regular Assembly meeting reconvened back into Regular Session at 9:07 p.m.

Regular Assembly meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk


Stephen Prysunka, Mayor



