

Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting

Held on May 10, 2022

Mayor Prysunka called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., May 10, 2022, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Member Dalrymple led the pledge of allegiance, and the roll was called.

PRESENT: DALRYMPLE, POWELL, DEBORD, HOWE, and PRYSUNKA

ABSENT: GILBERT and MORRISON

Borough Manager Jeff Good and Borough Clerk Lane were also present.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS – None.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD / PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

Bruce McQueen, resident: submitted a letter regarding the discussion at the last Port Commission meeting on requiring vessel insurance.

Clint Kolarich, USFS, provided a Forest Service update.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

M/S: Powell/Dalrymple to remove Items 13c and the Executive Session items from the Agenda. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Howe declared a potential conflict of interest to Item 13a – School District Contribution due to his employment with the Wrangell Public School District. Prysunka ruled that Howe did not have a conflict of interest. There were no objections from the Assembly.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 6a** **ORDINANCE No. 1025** OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING SECTIONS 5.02.050, INVESTMENTS AND 5.02.080, MATURITIES, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE
- 6b** **RESOLUTION No. 05-22-1686** OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA AMENDING THE FY22 BUDGET IN THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT & POWER FUND BY TRANSFERRING \$330,500 FROM THE FUND RESERVES TO THE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES ACCOUNT AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURES FOR THE 12MW POWER PLANT UPGRADES CAPITAL PROJECT
- 6c** Minutes from the April 26, 2022, Regular Assembly Meeting
- 6d** Minutes from the May 4, 2022, Special Assembly Meeting

M/S: Powell/DeBord to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Good's report was provided.

BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Dalrymple reminded the public to take advantage of the comment period to submit your ideas for where you would like to see the Forest Service build a cabin; this is the preliminary phase.

Prysunka stated that he would be in Ketchikan on Thursday for the SEAPA Board Meeting, along with Finance Director Villarma.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS – None.PUBLIC HEARING

11a **ORDINANCE No. 1024** OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS IN CHAPTER 14.13, IMPOUNDMENT OF VESSELS, IN THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE

Mayor Prysunka called to order the Public Hearing on this item and asked if there were any persons who wanted to speak to this item. Hearing none, Prysunka asked Manager Good for an administrative report.

Manager Good explained why this item was being brought forward for consideration.

Prysunka closed the Public Hearing and asked for a motion on this item.

M/S: Powell/Howe to approve Ordinance No. 1024. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12a **RESOLUTION No. 04-22-1690** OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PUBLIC LAND IN CONFORMANCE WITH WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 16.12, SPECIFICALLY, LOT A, BLOCK 54, WMC REPLAT, PLAT 2016-6, WRANGELL RECORDING DISTRICT (*Postponed from the April 26, 2022 Assembly Meeting*)

M/S: Powell/Dalrymple to approve Resolution No. 04-22-1690.

Clerk Lane explained that the stipulation that if the final sale was for over \$1 million dollars, then the approval to sell the property and building would need to go to the voters for approval at the Regular Election in October.

Motion approved with Howe, Dalrymple, Powell and Prysunka voting yes; DeBord voted no.

NEW BUSINESS

13a Approval of FY 2023 Wrangell Public Schools Budget and Local Funding Contribution in the Amount of \$1,592,000

M/S: Powell/Howe to approve to the FY 2023 Wrangell Public Schools Budget and Local Funding Contribution in the Amount of \$1,592,000.

The following persons spoke in favor of fully funding the school district:

- 1. David Wilson, WPSD Board President***
- 2. Tasha Morse, Teacher at WPS***
- 3. Sarah Scheiner, Parent***
- 4. Laurie Hagelman, Teacher at WPS***
- 5. Michelle Clark, Teacher at WPS***
- 6. Kaelene Harrison, Parent***
- 7. Mikki Angerman, Teacher at WPS***
- 8. Kevin Fish, resident***
- 9. Clarissa Young, resident***

Mason Villarma, Finance Director gave a detailed breakdown of where the funding would come from.

In response to Howe on if the Ordinance means that the funding must come from SRS, Villarma stated that no, it does not have to come strictly from SRS funds.

Bill Burr, WPSD Superintendent stated that the funding was set to be funded at the 2017 amount for three years; this upcoming year is the first of three years.

In response from Prysunka on where the \$1,592,000 amount came from and was there opportunity to increase that amount, Villarma stated that the request for \$1,592,000 came from the School District and to increase the amount above what the district asked, it would depend on where those funds came from; in the long term, it would most likely be sustainable to take the funding from both SRS and Sales Tax but probably sustainable at the higher level of contribution if the funding came exclusively from Sales Tax and Property Taxes.

Superintended Burr stated that if the district were to have the additional funding, the district could have more programs and support staff; if the amount that was requested, we cannot do additional programs and services.

Powell expressed that the Work Session that was held earlier on was very enlightening; would like to fully fund the school; wanted the public to know that as an Assembly, there are a lot of things in the Borough that need to be funded.

M/S: DeBord/Powell to amend the motion to change the contribution amount to \$1,617,629

Villarma explained that with the additional funding, the difference would come from the SRS Funds.

Amendment approved unanimously by polled vote.

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

Recessed meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Reconvened meeting at 7:55 p.m.

13b Discussion and possible direction on the Sunny Bay entitlement land.

Good provided detail and options for this item.

DeBord stated that he was aware that this was in the budget for next year however, he did not want to miss the summer opportunity to get boots on the ground to see what is there; do not want to see this delayed another year since timber prices are pretty high, we should strike sooner than later; doesn't want to see us go the "free" route with the Forest Service and then potentially spend millions in the long run.

Direction from the Assembly was for Manager Good to pursue the options with the Forest Service.

Howe agreed that it would be a good idea to move on this sooner than later to determine what is there.

Dalrymple provided detained information on how the process would work and possible steps moving forward.

13c ~~Approval of Tax Contribution Agreement between Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) and the City and Borough of Wrangell~~**13d** Approval of City & Borough Tidelands Annual 2022 Five-Year Reassessments

M/S: Howe/DeBord to approve the five-year City Tidelands Reassessments for tax year 2022, as presented. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.


ATTORNEY'S FILE

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

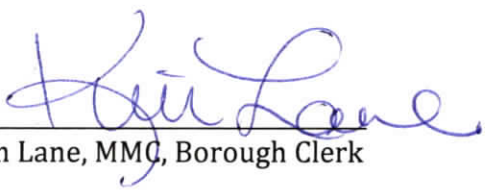
EXECUTIVE SESSION

15a ~~Update and Discussion on the Tax Contribution Agreement Proposal between SEARHC and the City and Borough of Wrangell~~

Regular Assembly meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.


Stephen Prysunka, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk

