

Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting

Held on October 26, 2021

Mayor Prysunka called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., October 26, 2021, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Member Howe led the pledge of allegiance, and the roll was called.

PRESENT: DEBORD, POWELL, HOWE, DALRYMPLE (by teleconference), GILBERT, MORRISON, PRYSUNKA

ABSENT:

Borough Manager Von Barga and Borough Clerk Lane were also in attendance.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Mayor Prysunka presented Certificates of Service for the following individuals:

- Haig Demerjian for his service on the Parks & Recreation Board.
- Brooke Leslie for her service on the Wrangell Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Economic Development Committee.

Prysunka presented a Proclamation for "Extra Mile Day".

PERSONS TO BE HEARD / PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

Emailed Correspondence was received from:

- a. Public Correspondence from Geoffrey & Camie Gillen on Item 13a Discussion of Emergency Ord 1012
- b. Public Correspondence from Bruce & Christie Jamieson on Item 12b Res 10-21-1616

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Lane asked that Item 6c (Approval of Final Plat of the Deboer Replat) be removed from the Agenda since the Plat was not ready for consideration. There were no objections from the Assembly.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of the October 7, 2021 Special Assembly Meeting
- b. Minutes of the October 12, 2021 Regular Assembly Meeting
- c. ~~Approval of Final Plat of the Deboer Replat, a Replat and Subdivision of Tract 1, of a Resubdivision of Lot 18, USS 2900 (Plat 66-240), creating Tract 1-A and Tract 1-B, zoned Rural Residential 1, Requested and Owned by Danny Deboer~~
- d. Renewal of Marijuana Cultivation Facility (Happy Cannabis) License Number 10201
- e. CORRESPONDENCE - School Board Action from the October 11, 2021 Regular Meeting

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

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Von Bargaen's report was provided.

Tom Wetor, Public Works Director provided an update on the Bailer installation at the Transfer Station.

Dorianne Sprehe provided a COVID Update.

Rod Rhoades, WML&P Director provided a Generator Status update.

BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Prysunka reported that he spoke to the Attorney General's office on Friday and was told the Antitrust Agreement that was between Lynden and the State expired on September 30, 2021; supposed to prevent one barge company from holding the monopoly in our region; asked for a meeting of Mayors during the Alaska Municipal League to discuss this; worry is that Samson will no longer be incentivized to remain in Southeast.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS – None.PUBLIC HEARING

11a ORDINANCE No. 1013 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING SECTION 5.09.010, DEFINITIONS, AND SECTION 5.09.015, EXCISE TAX ON MARIJUANA, IN TITLE 5, REVENUE AND FINANCE, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE

Mayor Prysunka declared the Public Hearing open and asked if there was an administrative report.

As there were no persons to speak on this item, Mayor Prysunka declared the Public Hearing closed and asked for a motion.

M/S: Gilbert/Morrison to Approve Ordinance No. 1013. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12a Approval to Vacate a Portion of the Peninsula Street Right-of-Way Adjacent to Lot A, P.C. Resubdivision, owned by Dave and Lilia Brown, zoned Single Family Residential

M/S: Powell/Howe Approve Vacation of a portion of the Peninsula Street Right-of-Way Adjacent to Lot A, P.C. Resubdivision, owned by Dave and Lilia Brown, zoned Single Family Residential. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

12b RESOLUTION No. 10-21-1616 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA STRONGLY SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO PROTECT TRANSBOUNDARY

Howe asked that an item be added to the next Agenda to consider an exception for the student athletes.

13b Approval of FY2020 Audit for the City and Borough of Wrangell

M/S: Gilbert/Morrison to approve the FY202 Audit for the City and Borough of Wrangell.

Von Bargaen explained that essentially what the Assembly would be doing this evening was accepting the audit.

Mason Villarma, Finance Director stated that historically, the Audit was approved under the Consent Agenda; this year the audit is on the Agenda for approval since the audit was 15 months late.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13c RESOLUTION No. 10-21-1621 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY 2022 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND TRANSFERRING UP TO \$1,829 FROM GENERAL FUND RESERVES TO THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT TEMPORARY STAFF WAGES ACCOUNT

M/S: Powell/Morrison to approve Resolution No. 10-21-1621. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13d RESOLUTION No. 10-21-1622 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY 2022 BUDGET IN THE GENERAL FUND AND PARKS & RECREATION SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE 2 GENERAL FUND RESERVES TO THE SWIMMING POOL LIGHTING UPGRADES CAPITAL PROJECT ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,000 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURE

M/S: Powell/Morrison to approve Resolution No. 10-21-1622. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13e RESOLUTION No. 10-21-1623 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, TRANSFERRING \$75,600 FROM WATER FUND RESERVES TO WATER FUND CAPITAL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURE ON A PRIMOZONE CLOSED LOOP COOLING SKID FOR THE OZONE SYSTEM AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

M/S: Powell/Gilbert to approve Resolution No. 10-21-1623. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13f RESOLUTION No. 10-21-1624 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY 2022 BUDGET IN THE INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION FUND BY ACCEPTING REVENUE FROM THE SALE OF LOT 5, BLOCK 59A, INDUSTRIAL SUBDIVISION, PLAT NO. 85-8, (ARMORY BUILDING AND LAND) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$110,000

WATERS, SPECIFICALLY THE STIKINE RIVER, AND THE ECOSYSTEM, INDIGINOUS PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES, RESIDENTS AND ECONOMIES THAT DEPEND ON ITS HEALTH

M/S: Powell/Morrison to approve Resolution No. 10-21-1616.

Breanna Walker, Salmon Beyond Borders asked the Assembly to vote in favor of Resolution No. 10-21-1616; gave a background on the purpose of the Resolution and what support it would provide.

Fred Olsen Jr., Southeast Alaska Indigenous Transboundary Commission also asked the Assembly to pass Resolution No. 10-21-1616 and spoke in depth on why it was necessary; asking for a pause in mining.

Jill Weitz, Salmon Beyond Borders spoke in support of Resolution No. 10-21-1616; explained in detail why the BC mining project be temporarily paused.

Brenda Schwartz-Yeager, resident spoke in favor of Resolution No. 10-21-1616; Stikine River waters effect just about everyone in Wrangell; spoke in opposition of the tailing dams; we have a lot to lose, and the mining companies really have a lot to gain; this Resolution will help us have a voice at the table in the decision making.

Von Barga explained how the data for the proposed Resolution was compiled.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

NEW BUSINESS

13a Discussion Item: Emergency Ordinance No. 1012 (School Superintendent Burr's Request to Consider Amending the Ordinance to add an Exemption for the School District)

Von Barga explained that Superintendent Burr is requesting an amendment to Emergency Ordinance 1012 to include an exemption for the School District; stated that our Emergency Ordinance does not include enforcement; our Emergency Ordinance was put in place, following CDD Guidelines; keeping the Emergency Ordinance as-is, adds protection to the City.

Bill Burr, WPSD Superintendent stated that when the school created its mitigation plan, it took into place the City's Ordinance; currently testing student athletes weekly, in the school; can do PCR "rapid" tests now; would like the city to allow the school to have a loophole for its student athletes.

Captain Dorianne Sprehe we are following what CDC recommends; stated that the city put in the testing Emergency Ordinance because of the increase in COVID cases in our state; recommending the Emergency Ordinance be amended since the school has a good mitigation plan in place.

Prysunka asked if there were any Assembly Members who wanted this on the next Agenda for consideration.

M/S: Morrison/Gilbert to approve Resolution No. 10-21-1624. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13g RESOLUTION No. 10-21-1625 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE FY22 BUDGET IN THE RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION FUND BY ACCEPTING REVENUE FROM THE SALE OF ETOLIN AVENUE LOT 1A FOR AMOUNT OF \$50,100, LOT 1B FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$67,000, AND LOT 1C, FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$70,600

M/S: Powell/Morrison to approve Resolution No. 10-21-1625. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13h Approval of City & Borough Tidelands Annual 2021 Five-Year Reassessment for Samson Tug & Barge

M/S: Powell/Gilbert to approve Resolution No.1626. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13i RESOLUTION No. 10-21-1626 A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE TEMPORARY POSITION OF FINANCE CLERICAL ASSISTANT

M/S: Morrison/Howe to approve Resolution No. 10-21-1626. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13j RESOLUTION No. 10-21-1627 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF THE TIRE SHREDDER TEMPORARY POSITION JOB DESCRIPTION

M/S: Powell/Morrison to approve Resolution No. 10-21-1627. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13k RESOLUTION NO. 10-21-1628 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA AMENDING THE FY 2022 BUDGET IN THE WATER FUND BY TRANSFERRING UP TO \$24,000 FROM WATER FUND RESERVES TO THE WATER PROFESSIONAL/CONTRACTUAL SERVICES ACCOUNT AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXPENDITURE FOR THE NORTHERN UTILITY SERVICES WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR COVERAGE CONTRACT

M/S: Powell/Morrison to approve Resolution No. 10-21-1628. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

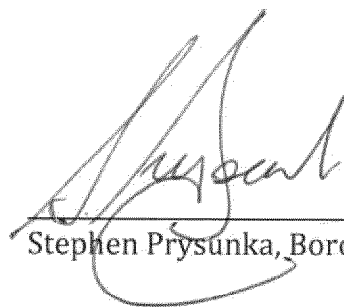
ATTORNEY'S FILE

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

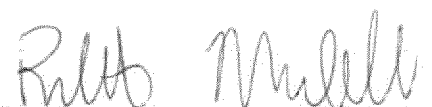
EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

Prysunka thanked Manager Von Barga for her service to the Community and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift.

Regular Assembly meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.



Stephen Prysunka, Borough Mayor

ATTEST: 

Robbie Marshall, Deputy Clerk

