

Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting

Held on February 8, 2022

Mayor Prysunka called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., February 8, 2022, by Zoom Teleconference. Assembly Member Dalrymple led the pledge of allegiance, and the roll was called.

PRESENT: PRYSUNKA, MORRISON, DEBORD, HOWE, DALRYMPLE, GILBERT

ABSENT: POWELL

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

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Forest Service District Ranger, Clint Kolarich updated the Assembly on some of the projects that are of mutual interest with the Borough.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD / PUBLIC CORRESPONDENCE

Emailed Correspondence from Jackie Demontigny was included in the packet.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Gilbert requested to remove 6b (Ordinance No. 1008) and 6c (Ordinance No. 1019) from the Consent Agenda for consideration. These items were removed and placed under Unfinished Business.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

DeBord stated that he may have a Conflict of Interest to Item 6e (CORRESPONDENCE: AK Mental Health Trust Authority Land Sale) since this item is in relation to the sale of land behind his property and he may be impacted by the sale. Prysunka stated that yes, he believed he did have a conflict of interest and if there were no objections from the Assembly, he would reclude himself from this item.

In response to a Parliamentary question on how to allow DeBord to vote on the Consent Agenda, Lane suggested moving the item from the Consent Agenda for it to be considered separately.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. **ORDINANCE No. 1017** OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING SECTIONS 15.12.192, 15.12.200, 15.12.210, 15.12.215, AND 15.12.222 IN CHAPTER 15.12, ELECTRICITY AND ESTABLISHING A NEW PROCESS FOR RATES AND FEES IN THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING THE FEES TO THE ESTABLISHED FEE AND RATE SCHEDULE
- b. **ORDINANCE No. 1018** OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5.14, BOROUGH BUDGET BY ADDING SECTION 5.14.030, INTERFUND LENDING IN THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE
- c. **ORDINANCE No. 1019** OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5.02, INVESTMENT OF BOROUGH FUNDS BY ADDING SUBSECTION E TO SECTION 5.02.050, INVESTMENTS, IN THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE

d. Minutes from the January 25, 2022 Regular Assembly Meeting

e. CORRESPONDENCE: AK Mental Health Trust Authority Land Sale

Clerks Note: Items 6b, 6c, and 6e were removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under Unfinished Business.

M/S: Gilbert/Morrison to approve the Consent Agenda, as adjusted. 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

Prysunka stated that he and Manager Good met with Senator Stedman's staff to present some of our upcoming and ongoing projects in the community.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS – None.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12a *Transferred from Consent Agenda* – **ORDINANCE No. 1018** OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5.14, BOROUGH BUDGET BY ADDING SECTION 5.14.030, INTERFUND LENDING IN THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE

M/S: Gilbert/Morrison to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 1018 and move to a Second Reading with a Public Hearing to be held on February 22, 2022.

Good explained that this would set up in our Code how Interfund Lending would occur.

Finance Director Villarma walked the Assembly through the process of how this Ordinance would establish guidelines for interfund lending; explained the reasoning behind why the request was to allow interest rates to be at less than the prevailing rate.

M/S: Gilbert/Morrison to replace the term "Ordinance" with "Resolution" in sections E1, E2, and E3 and to add the phrase "without penalty" to Section D2. Amendment was unanimously by polled vote.

Main Motion, as amended was approved with Gilbert, Morrison, Howe, Dalrymple and Prysunka voted yes; DeBord voted no.

12b *Transferred from Consent Agenda* – **ORDINANCE No. 1019** OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING CHAPTER 5.02, INVESTMENT OF BOROUGH FUNDS BY ADDING SUBSECTION E TO SECTION 5.02.050, INVESTMENTS, IN THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE

M/S: Gilbert/Morrison to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 1019 and move to a Second Reading with a Public Hearing to be held on February 22, 2022.

Villarma explained that this Ordinance gives us the tools to invest funds; allows the Borough to invest a little more aggressively but responsibly; checked with our Borough Attorney and Auditors and they approved of this process.

Gilbert explained that we are trying to treat Enterprise Funds like businesses; because they will earn a higher amount of return, this will help not only the Enterprise Funds but also the rate payers.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote

12c *Transferred from Consent Agenda* – **CORRESPONDENCE:** AK Mental Health Trust Authority Land Sale

No action on this item was necessary.

NEW BUSINESS

13a Discussion Item: Assembly Direction regarding Borough Attorney Professional Services Agreement

After extensive discussion, the majority of the Assembly chose to put the Attorney Contract out for a Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

Gilbert requested that the advertisement be at least 30 days to allow enough time for interested attorneys to submit their packet for consideration.

13b Discussion Item: Assembly Direction regarding Lobbying Professional Services Agreement

After extensive discussion, the majority of the Assembly chose to put the State Lobbyist Contract out for a Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

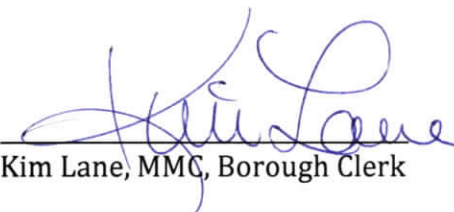
ATTORNEY'S FILE

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

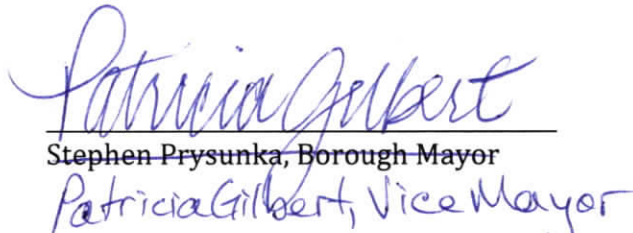
EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

Regular Assembly meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk


Stephen Prysunka, Borough Mayor


Patricia Gilbert, Vice Mayor

