



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Borough Assembly

Monday, February 27, 2017

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call To Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: 6 - Mayor Mark Jensen, Assembly Member Eric Castro, Assembly Member Bob Lynn, Assembly Member Jeigh Stanton Gregor, Assembly Member Nancy Strand and Assembly Member Kurt Wohlhueter

By Phone: 1 - Vice Mayor Cindi Lagoudakis

2. Voluntary Pledge

The pledge was recited.

3. Administration of Oath

Clerk Thompson administered the Oath of Office to the newest Petersburg Police Officer, Carl Tate. Officer Tate's wife pinned on his badge.

4. Approval of Minutes

A. February 6, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [February 6, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes.PDF](#)

The February 6, 2017 minutes were unanimously approved.

5. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

Assembly Member Wohlhueter requested an addition to the Agenda to include discussion of the Entrance Island dock. The Agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

6. Public Hearings

None.

7. Bid Awards

None.

8. Visitors' Views Related to Agenda

Regarding the 2017 EDA Federal Projects list, Dave Beebe, representing the City of Kupreanof, spoke in favor of the Kupreanof dock project and in opposition to the Kake/Petersburg Access Road project.

9. Visitors' Views Unrelated to Agenda

Borough Attorney Jim Brennan greeted the Assembly and informed them that he would be in town for a couple of days attending a hearing. Attorney Brennan also reminded the Assembly that he would be retiring in May and his partner, Sara Heideman, would continue to represent the Borough.

10. Board, Commission and Committee Reports

No reports.

11. Consent Agenda

None.

12. Report of Other Officers

No reports.

13. Mayor's Report

A. February 27, 2017 Mayor's Report

Attachments: [February 27, 2017 Mayor's Report.PDF](#)
[J. Holten Letter of Resignation from HPC.PDF](#)

Mayor Jensen read his report into the record and gave a summary of his attendance at the AML meeting. Assembly Member Lynn requested a discussion regarding the proposal from the Conference of Mayors be added to the next meeting agenda.

14. Manager's Report

Manager Giesbrecht did not prepare a written report; however, he did inform the Assembly of some current budget and building renovation matters.

15. Unfinished Business

Ordinances for Third and Final Reading

A. Ordinance #2017-01: An Ordinance Amending Petersburg Municipal Code Chapter 4.12, Local Improvements, to Update from City Code to Borough Code and to Incorporate the Provisions of Petersburg Borough Charter Article 16, Local Improvement, into the Borough Code

Attachments: [Ordinance #2017-01 for 3rd reading.PDF](#)

Ordinance #17-01 passed in its third reading by a vote of 5-2, Mayor Jensen and Member Lynn opposed.

16. New Business

- A. Ordinance #2017-02: An Ordinance Amending Petersburg Municipal Code Chapter 2.44, Initiative and Referendum, To Change The Timing Requirements To Submit Matters Proposed By Initiative Or Referendum To The Qualified Voters Of The Borough So That They Are The Same As Submitting A Proposed Charter Amendment To The Voters, And To Remove Any Mandate Of Holding A Special Election

Attachments: [Ordinance #2017-02.PDF](#)

After seeking some clarification from Clerk Thompson, the Assembly voted unanimously to approve Ordinance #17-02 in its first reading.

- B. Resolution #2017-04: A Resolution Adopting an Alternative Allocation Method for the FY17 Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program and Certifying that this Allocation Method Fairly Represents the Distribution of Significant Effects of Fisheries Business Activity in FMA 18: Central Southeast

Attachments: [Resolution #2017-04.PDF](#)
[Shared Fisheries Business Tax Program.PDF](#)

Resolution #17-04 was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

- C. EDA Federal Projects 2017

Attachments: [EDA Federal Projects 2017.PDF](#)

Manager Giesbrecht shared the Borough's federal lobbyist's request that the Assembly submit a list of one or two transportation related, shovel ready projects totaling around \$2 million and separately a list of other non-transportation projects which could be presented to Senators Murkowski and Sullivan and Representative Young. Community Development Director Cabrera explained the EDA project selection procedures and criteria. She informed the Assembly that PEDC had already submitted the Scow Bay haul out and work yard project as its choice and that it would be supportive for the Borough to mirror that submission. After further discussion, the Assembly voted unanimously to send the Scow Bay project to the EDA as its request.

- D. FY 2018 Federal Priorities

Attachments: [FY 2018 Federal Priorities.PDF](#)

The Assembly approved a list of programs to send to the federal delegation. It was decided to address the list of projects at the next meeting.

17. Communications

- A. Letter from Holly Winje Regarding the use of Sodium Fluoride in Petersburg's Drinking Water

Attachments: [H. Winje Letter re Sodium Fluoride.PDF](#)

Mayor Jensen read a letter from Holly Winje. Public Works Director Hagerman and Clerk Thompson reviewed the history of the community's involvement with the decision to add sodium fluoride into Petersburg's water supply, current research results regarding the issue, and associated costs.

18. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Recognitions

Assembly Member Castro congratulated and thanked Devren Bennett, his team, and the nine recent graduates of the Junior Firefighter Program. Mayor Jensen expressed appreciation for the renovated Assembly chambers.

Discussion of Entrance Island Dock

Assembly Member Wohlhueter discussed options potentially available for making the Entrance Island dock acceptance economically feasible. After discussion, Mayor Jensen agreed to put out a feeler to the Commissioner of DOT regarding the status of the dock transfer issue.

Also discussed was attendance expectations for upcoming meetings. It appeared that there will be a quorum for the meetings in March and April.

19. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.