

**Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting
Held on February 24, 2015**

Mayor David L. Jack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., February 24, 2015, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Mitchell, Prysunka, Decker, and Blake were present. Assembly Member Rooney was absent. Borough Manager Jeff Jabusch and Clerk Kim Lane were also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assembly Member Julie Decker.

Invocation was given by Nettie Covalt with the Presbyterian Church.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS – *Community Presentations, Proclamations, Certificates of Service, Guest Introductions*
Chris Mertl, Project Manager provided updates on the Waterfront Master Plan

Mayor Jack presented certificates of service to Clay Hammer, Bob Maxand, and Robert Prunella for their service on the Thomas Bay Power Commission.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA – None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Assembly Members Prysunka and Decker declared that they had a perceived conflict of interest to item 13d to renew a Contract Zoning Agreement since this was for a B&B and they had rentals. Mayor Jack made the ruling that they did not have a conflict.

Assembly Member Powell declared that he had a conflict of interest to item 13a for approval to vacate an alley way, requested by himself, Manager of the Bay Company. The Mayor ruled that he did in fact have a conflict.

CONSENT AGENDA

M/S: Decker/Mitchell, to approve Consent Agenda Items marked with an () asterisk; 6a and 7a, 7b, & 7c. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Assembly meetings held February 10, 2015 were approved, as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

- *a. Quarterly Expenditure Report for SE Senior Services covering 10/1/14 thru 12/31/14
- *b. School Board Action from the Regular meeting held February 16, 2015
- *c. Port Commission minutes from the 1/7, 2/6, 3/10 (regular and special), 4/3, 6/5, 9/4, 11/6, and 12/4/2014 meetings

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

The Borough Manager's Report was provided.

BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE

The Borough Clerk's Report was provided.

MAYOR/ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

10a Assembly Member Powell reported that he was on the School Board's Strategic Planning Committee and that he would continue to keep the Assembly informed.

Assembly Member Prysunka reported on the Workshop that the Assembly and Hospital Staff held. He stated that he was disappointed that none of the Hospital Board members were present for the workshop; important moving forward that the hospital is in rough shape; Hospital will more than likely be coming to the City, asking for funding; concerned about potential conflicts of interest with PeaceHealth Administering our Hospital.

Assembly Member Blake reported on the AML Legislative Conference that he had met with various legislators in Juneau; revenue sharing has dropped and will continue to drop and then zero out within a few years; SRS funding has also been cut by about 1.2 million dollars; not planning on funding Capital Projects at all; State Trooper position that we just lost, we will most likely not get that position back; almost lost all of our jail funding; State decided to cut all jails around the state and cut back to what the FY 2011 funding had been.

Assembly Member Decker reported that our State Lobbyist has been keeping us well informed and advocating strongly for our community.

Assembly Member Mitchell reported that although there will be a lot of "cutting" to the budget, thanks to our Borough Manager and a good Assembly, we are in good financial shape.

Mayor Jack agreed that our State Lobbyist was working hard to help our community.

10b Appointment to fill the Vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission

As there were no letters of interest received for this vacancy, the Mayor directed the Borough Clerk to continue advertising for the vacancy.

10c Appointment of two (2) Assembly Members to the Code Review Committee

Mayor Jack appointed Assembly Member Blake to the Code Review Committee and urged the other Assembly Members think about if they wanted to be on the committee.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Bill Goodale, SE Properties, Stikine Inn., spoke and presented the Assembly with his plan to purchase adjacent Tidelands to his current property that the Stikine Inn and Restaurant is located on. He stated that he intended to build an additional building that would allow for open market type shops on the lower level and additional hotel rooms on the upper floor.

Carol Rushmore, 6 Mile Zimovia Hwy., reported that she had been appointed to the Tongass Advisory Committee that was tasked with looking at ways to "speed" the shift from a predominantly old growth management to a predominantly young growth management in a way that is economically viable for the existing industry.

Otto Florschultz, 11.2 Mile Zimovia Hwy., said that he was working on a prototype to re-use plastic containers and requested that the City not start a recycling program that would take the plastic materials out of the City.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

13a Approval of an Alley vacation request to vacate the remainder of an alleyway, adjacent to Lot A and Lot C, Bay Company Replat; and of a request to purchase a portion of Lot 1 and Lot 2, Block B, Sortyard subdivision, zoned waterfront development, requested by David Powell, manager of The Bay Company, owned by Chet and Bejay Powell

M/S: Prysunka/Blake, to approve an Alley vacation request to vacate the remainder of an alleyway, adjacent to Lot A and Lot C, Bay Company Replat; and of a request to purchase a portion of Lot 1 and Lot 2, Block B, Sortyard subdivision, zoned waterfront development, requested by David Powell, manager of The Bay Company, owned by Chet and Bejay Powell.

Assembly Member Powell removed himself from the dais and sat in the audience since it was determined earlier that he had a conflict of interest to this item.

Assembly Member Mitchell stated that he had spoken with Carol Rushmore earlier and that Ms. Rushmore had said that there were other options available. Mitchell requested that Ms. Rushmore provide those options for the meeting. Clerk Lane passed out those options to the Assembly and provided Assembly Member Powell a copy.

Carol Rushmore, Economic Development Director stated that the Port Commission and Planning and Zoning Commission had recommended that the City approve Mr. Powell's request to vacate and purchase. Ms. Rushmore recommended that the City maintain some sort of right of way and possibly enter into a user agreement with the Bay Company so that they could use the alleyway for storage and such. Rushmore said that it would be in the City's best interest to maintain ownership of the property so that the City could maintain the ability for access.

Mr. Powell stated that he had spoken with Carl Johnson, prior Public Works Director about the alleyway and if the City would be willing to make improvements to the alleyway. Johnson stated that the City would not. Powell stated that if the Bay Company didn't own the property, why would he then make the improvements?

Motion approved with Blake, Prysunka, Decker, and Mayor Jack voting yes; Mitchell voted no.

13b PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 02-15-1313: A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE MAINTENANCE POSITION

M/S: Decker/Blake, to adopt Resolution No. 02-15-1313 that updates the Mechanic job description for the Public Works Department.

Assembly Member Blake asked that in the future, if the Assembly could also see the pay scale for the positions that they were considering.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13c Approval of the Shoemaker Bay Harbor Engineering Design Services, Task 1 fee proposal

M/S: Blake/Powell, to approve PND Engineer's cost proposal for the Shoemaker Bay Harbor Rehabilitation Design, Task 1, Field Assessments, in the amount of \$134,469.00 with funding to come from the Borough's DCCED grant. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13d Approval to renew a Contract Zoning Agreement for a portion of Lot 1, Lots 2, 3, and 5 of Block 12, USS 1119

M/S: Prysunka/Blake, to approve the renewal of a Contract Zoning Agreement for a portion of Lot 1, and Lots 2, 3, and 5 of Block 12, USS 1119 for Evi Fennimore and to approve the transfer of said agreement to Mike Matney, potential buyers of said property, once the sale is finalized.

In response to Assembly Member Blake, Carol Rushmore stated that although the Contract Zoning Agreement had expired, the business had been maintained according to the WMC requirements and it was recommended to approve this for the new owners.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13e PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 02-15-1312: A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, IN SUPPORT OF FULL FUNDING FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA HARBOR FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM IN THE FY 2016 CAPITAL BUDGET

M/S: Blake/Powell, to adopt Resolution No. 02-15-1312 that supports full funding for the State of Alaska Harbor Facility Grant Program for the FY 2016 Capital Budget. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13f Approval to eliminate the Finance Dept. Temporary Office Position and to replace it with a permanent Part-time Position

M/S: Prysunka/Blake, to approve the attached plan to create a new job position for the finance department and authorize staff to formalize a new job description and pay range and to bring both back to the assembly for approval.

Assembly Member Prysunka stated that he was bothered that Manager Jabusch was giving up a portion of his pay to assist funding this position; understood that it because of the outlook of the upcoming lack of State funding. He said that he also appreciated that the staff in that department was extremely short staffed and that collections needed more attention.

Assembly Member Decker stated that she had never seen a government official take this type of action and she thanked Manager Jabusch for doing this.

Manager Jabusch stated that he felt very strongly about the addition of this position and that the collection amounts should more than pay for this position.

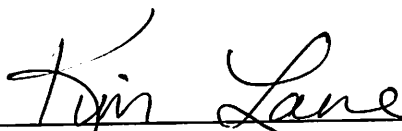
Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

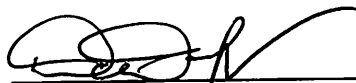
ATTORNEY'S FILE – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kim Lane, Borough Clerk



David L. Jack, Mayor

