CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

BOROUGH CLERK'S REPORT

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TO: BOROUGH ASSEMBLY MEMBERS AND MAYOR GILBERT

FROM: KIM LANE, BOROUGH CLERK SUBJECT: October 22nd CLERK'S REPORT

Upcoming Meetings & Other Informational dates:

Other City Boards/Commissions:

November 7 – Port Commission mtg at 6:00pm in the Assembly Chambers November 14 – Planning & Zoning Commission mtg at 5:30pm in the Assembly Chambers

Community Events:

November 11th – Closed in observation of Veteran's Day **November 28 & 29** - Closed in observation of Thanksgiving

Upcoming Work Sessions (scheduled), Public Hearings (scheduled),

Regular Assembly Meetings, and Other Meetings (scheduled)

DATE	TIME	PURPOSE
October 22 (no work session scheduled)	6рт	Regular Assembly Meeting (7pm)
November 12 (WS for Borough Goals)	6pm WS	Regular Assembly Meeting
November 19th (W/S with School Board and Staff)	5:30pm	
December 3rd (rescheduled from December 10)	6рт	Regular Assembly Meeting
January 14th (no work session scheduled)	6рт	Regular Assembly Meeting
January 28th (no work session scheduled)	6рт	Regular Assembly Meeting
February 11 th (no work session scheduled)	6рт	Regular Assembly Meeting
February 25th (no work session scheduled)	6рт	Regular Assembly Meeting
March 11th (no work session scheduled)	6рт	Regular Assembly Meeting
March 25th (no work session scheduled)	6рт	Regular Assembly Meeting
April 8th (no work session scheduled)	6рт	Regular Assembly Meeting
April 22 nd (no work session scheduled)	6рт	Regular Assembly Meeting

Reports for past information....

Just a reminder that if you want to view the Manager and Clerk's past reports, they can be accessed here.

Parliamentary....

There have been times when a motion has been considered and the assembly has expressed interest in bringing it back at a future meeting for consideration. I wanted to explain the rules for this.

There are several rules that relate to this type of action.

- **RENEWAL** of a motion: Robert's Rules of Order allows for the reintroduction of a defeated motion at a future meeting, called "renewing a motion". To renew a motion, a member can request that it be placed back on the agenda <u>at a future meeting</u>, for consideration. The motion can be different or the same. There is NO time limit to bringing the item back, however, this would not be allowed at the same meeting.
- **RECONSIDERATION** of a motion may be applied to any action of the assembly as long as the action on the item has not been carried out.

Here are the rules for Reconsideration, as defined in WMC 3.05.100:

- A. An assembly member may make a motion to reconsider only if:
 - 1. The assembly member voted on the prevailing side on the question to be reconsidered. That is to say, if the motion was adopted, the motion to reconsider can be made only by a member who voted in favor of the motion, or if the motion failed, then only by a member who voted against the motion. The motion can be seconded by any member, regardless of how they voted;
 - 2. The assembly member makes the motion to reconsider on the same day and at the same meeting at which the vote to be reconsidered was taken; or
 - 3. The assembly member files with the clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on the first city business day, following the day on which the vote was taken, a written notice of intent to reconsider and then makes the motion to reconsider at the next regular assembly meeting. The assembly member may file by telephone; provided, that the written notice of intent to reconsider is signed before the motion is considered.
- B. The clerk shall publish the intent to reconsider on the next regular assembly meeting agenda.
- C. A motion for reconsideration requires a majority vote of the membership to pass.
- D. For the purposes of this section, an assembly meeting which is recessed and reconvened on a different day shall constitute one meeting.

E. Only one motion to reconsider shall be entertained on any ordinance, resolution, or other action even if the assembly overturns the original action. If a motion to reconsider a particular ordinance, resolution, or other action fails, a second motion to reconsider the same action shall not be in order.

F. **Actions Which May Not Be Reconsidered**. The following motions may not be reconsidered:

- 1. A motion which can be renewed within a reasonable time;
- 2. An affirmative vote whose provisions have been partly carried out;
- 3. An affirmative vote in the nature of a contract when the party to the contract has been notified of the outcome;
- 4. Any vote which has caused something to be done which it is impossible to undo;
- 5. A vote on a motion to reconsider; or
- 6. When practically the same result can be obtained by some other parliamentary motion.
- **RESCIND:** A motion to rescind can be made at any time to annul an action, so long as the action has not been done. For example, if a motion to approve purchasing a truck for \$20,000 was made and after the meeting, the truck was purchased, no action can be made to remove that action. However, if the truck has not been purchased and an assembly member wants to rescind the action, they may do so by asking the Clerk to add that to the agenda. Giving prior notice, a majority vote is all that is needed to rescind the action.
- AMEND A MOTION PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED: A motion to amend something that was
 previously adopted is in order, so long as the action that was approved has not been
 carried out.

An example of this would be if the Assembly approved the purchase of a truck for \$20,000 and afterwards thought that the cost was too high (or too low), you can ask the Clerk to add an agenda item to "Amend a previously adopted motion" to "move to amend the authorization previously adopted to purchase a truck by removing \$20,000 and inserting \$15,000.

General Election.....

The General Election (Presidential) will be held on November 5, 2024. Absentee voting for this election will take place in the Borough Assembly chambers from October 21, 2024 through November 4, 2024. You can find the most up-to-date information on the General Election on the Alaska Division of Elections webpage here: https://www.elections.alaska.gov/election-information/#GENR

Ranked Choice Voting: Click here to view the video on Ranked Choice Voting

Ranked Choice Voting: In accordance with Alaska law, all general elections will be conducted by Ranked Choice Voting (RCV). RCV allows voters to rank candidates in order of preference. Only the top four candidates who received the greatest number of votes for any office in the primary will appear on the general election ballot. There will still be a space for write-in candidates except for Presidential races. For a candidate to win, they must receive a majority (50% + 1) of total votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority of 1st choice votes in the 1st round of counting, more rounds of counting continue until a candidate reaches a majority.

