Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting Held on February 9, 2016

Mayor David L. Jack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., February 9, 2016, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Mitchell, Rooney, Powell, Prysunka and Blake were present. Assembly Member Decker was absent. Borough Manager Jeff labusch and Borough Clerk Kim Lane were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assembly Member Becky Rooney.

The Invocation was given by Karen Morse with the Baha'i Faith.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS

Neil Nesheim with the Alaska Court System gave a presentation for the upcoming renewal of the Courtroom Lease. He also brought to the attention of the Assembly, that the carpet had not been replaced in accordance with the agreement. He also stated that the windows and carpet had not been cleaned annually, which was also part of the existing agreement. He said that for those reasons, he would like to see the City pick up the cost difference for the design costs (\$15,000).

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Assembly meetings held January 26, 2016, were approved as presented.

COMMUNICATIONS

a. Written Correspondence from Lisa Torgramsen (regarding Item 12a)

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Jabusch's report was provided. In addition, Jabusch stated that he was confident that the City and the Court could come to an agreement on the renewal of the proposed agreement.

BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

MAYOR/ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

10a Reports by Assembly Members

Assembly Member Prysunka stated that the SEAPA Board meeting would be held on Thursday of this week at the Nolan Center. He invited the public to come to the meeting.

Assembly Member Powell stated that he had attended an event for the SAR (Search and Rescue) dog organization in Wrangell and appreciated what they did for the community.

10b Appointment to fill the vacancies on various City Boards, Committees, and Commissions

As there were no letters of interest received for the remaining vacant seats, the Mayor directed the Clerk to continue advertising.

10c Appointment to fill the vacancy on the Wrangell Medical Center Hospital Board, Unexpired term ending October 2016

As there were no letters of interest received for the vacant seat, the Mayor directed the Clerk to continue advertising.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

David Griffin, Southeast Area Lands Manager, introduced himself to the Assembly and provided some insight to the function of the Trust Land Office.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. (Motion must be called up by an Assembly Member before action on this motion can be taken)

M/S: Prysunka/Blake, Moved to CALL UP THE MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION FROM THE VOTE THAT WAS TAKEN BY THE ASSEMBLY AT THE REGULAR ASSEMBLY MEETING HELD JANUARY 26, 2016 ON THE FOLLOWING MOTION THAT WAS ADOPTED ON AGENDA ITEM 13A, CONTRACT ZONE REQUEST:

Approval of a Contract Zone for the Light Industrial use of a transportation office, storage and equipment maintenance area on a portion of Lot A-2, Torgramsen-Smith Subdivision with the following conditions to be added to the contract:

- 1. Planning and Zoning review and approve the Site Plan, and
- 2. 25' minimum green belt buffers on highway and adjacent properties, unless Planning & Zoning determines that a 50' minimum green belt buffer is required adjacent to Lot B, after Planning & Zoning has reviewed the Site Plan., and to have the final plan (after Planning & Zoning has approved), come back to the Assembly for final approval, and
- 3. Lighting that will not affect adjacent neighbors.

Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

M/S: Prysunka/Powell, to amend the motion to change condition number 2 to read: that a 25' minimum green belt buffer to be applied to all adjacent properties and to remove the Planning & Zoning review and approval of the Site Plan.

Bruce Smith, stated to the Assembly that it was his understanding that it was in the Code that the Site Plan had to be reviewed and approved by Planning & Zoning.

Prysunka stated that he was not clear if the Site Plan condition had been in the original motion from Planning & Zoning.

Clerk Lane referenced Wrangell Municipal Code section 20.77.020 (D) that stated that yes, a detailed site plan had to be submitted and approved.

Clerk Lane further stated that the Site Plan condition had in fact, been in the original recommendation from Planning & Zoning.

In response to Assembly Member Powell, Bill Willard, WCA stated that what he was looking for was the 25' buffer and some sort of approval so that they could move forward.

Clerk Lane stated that if the Assembly approved the Contract Zone this evening, Wrangell Cooperative Association would then have to bring a detailed site plan to Planning & Zoning for consideration. She also stated that if Planning & Zoning did not approve the site plan, the requestor could appeal to the Board of Adjustment.

Assembly Member Prysunka withdrew his condition that the Site Plan not be required. There were no objections from the Assembly.

The amendment to change condition number 2 to read: that a 25' minimum green belt buffer to be applied to all adjacent properties, was approved unanimously by polled vote.

Main Motion, as amended was approved unanimously by polled vote.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of an amendment to the Professional Services Contract for Morris Engineering Group, LLC for the Wrangell City Dock Electrical Upgrades Design

M/S: Blake/Rooney, to approve Amendment #1, to the Professional Services Contract between the City & Borough of Wrangell and Morris Engineering Group, LLC., in the amount of \$9,000 to be paid from the State of Alaska, DCCED grants for the Wrangell City Dock Rehabilitations project. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

ATTORNEY'S FILE - There was no Attorney's File.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was no Executive Session.

Regular Assembly Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk

David L. Jack, Mayor