

**Minutes of Special Assembly Meeting  
Held July 15, 2016**

Mayor David L. Jack called the Special Assembly meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., July 15, 2016, in the Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Mitchell, Powell, Prysunka, Rooney, Blake, and Decker and were present. Borough Manager Jeff Jabusch and Borough Clerk Kim Lane also attended.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Assembly Member Decker declared a potential conflict to Agenda Item 5c (**Executive Session:** Options for disposing of the Belt Freezer Facility) since she delivered fish to Trident and because one of her Board of Directors was an employee of Trident. Mayor Jack stated that he did not see that as a conflict of interest as it would not affect her financially directly. There were no objections from the Assembly.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

There were no persons to be heard.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**5a** Approval of a letter to the U.S. Forest Service

***M/S: Powell/Decker, to approve the proposed letter to be sent to the U.S. Forest Service regarding City's interest in the Wrangell Island Project.***

In response to Assembly Member Decker, **Carol Rushmore, Economic Development Director** reviewed key points of the proposed letter.

Assembly Member Prysunka voiced that what he was hoping the Forest Service would get out of this letter was that we were looking for long-term sustainable logging that supported businesses in our community.

Assembly Member Powell stated that Mike Allen had talked with him and said that he is also in support of the big sales too because he made money off of them.

Assembly Member Prysunka stated that what he did not want to see is that they go in there, log all of the logs, and leave us with no more timber to harvest; need to maximize the harvesting of logs for the longest amount of time possible.

***Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**5b** Discussion and possible action regarding changing the \$1,000,000 value for the sale or lease of borough property as defined in Charter section 5-14, Contracts and Sales

***M/S: Rooney/Decker, to approve an Ordinance to be brought back to the Assembly for consideration July 26, 2016 in its first reading and then for a second reading to occur for passage at a Special meeting in August so that the question can be added to the ballot for the voters to decide in October.***

Assembly Member Decker stated that she could see where this issue could arise. Decker gave her reasoning for why the cap should be higher, maybe \$2 million.

Assembly Member Mitchell spoke in opposition of changing the threshold; he believed that the voters should have the say if we are going to sell something over \$1 million.

Assembly Member Rooney stated that a possible option could be that if a Special Election were called, the buyer would have to pay the Special Election fees.

In response to Assembly Member Powell, Manager Jabusch stated that the \$1 million dollar threshold had been set a long time ago.

Before the vote, Clerk Lane clarified that this vote, if approved, would direct her to draft an ordinance for the Assembly to consider at the July 26<sup>th</sup> Regular Assembly meeting. She also stated that if that were to happen, she would need to know what amount the Assembly would want that to be.

***M/S: Prysunka/Decker, to amend the main motion to say that the threshold on a proposed ordinance would be \$2 million dollars.***

Assembly Member Powell spoke in opposition to raising the threshold.

***The amendment failed with Decker and Prysunka voting yes; Rooney, Mitchell, Blake, Powell and Mayor Jack voted no.***

***Main Motion failed with Decker, Blake and Prysunka voting yes; Mitchell, Powell, Rooney and Mayor Jack voted no.***

#### **5c Executive Session: Options for disposing of the Belt Freezer Facility**

***M/S: Prysunka/Powell, pursuant to AS 44.62.310 (c), (1), that we recess into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough, specifically the options for disposing of the Belt Freezer facility. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

Clerk Lane asked if the Assembly wanted to invite Manager Jabusch into Executive Session, the Assembly said yes.

Special Assembly meeting recessed @ 12:27 p.m.

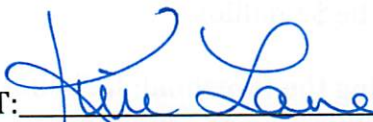
Special Assembly meeting reconvened @ 1:12 p.m.

Special meeting recessed at 1:13 p.m.



David L. Jack, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk

