

**Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting
Held on August 28, 2018**

Mayor David L. Jack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., August ²⁸ 28, 2018, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Gilbert, Larrabee, Powell, Howell, and Decker were present. Assembly Member Prysunka was absent. Borough Manager Von Barga and Clerk Kim Lane were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assembly Member Julie Decker.

The Invocation was given by Don McConachie.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS – None.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

With the consent of the Assembly, Item 15a (Executive Session) was moved up to be before 11a (Public Hearing).

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Agenda Items:

- a. Approval of Assembly Minutes –August 2 & 3, 2018 (Special); August 7, 2018 (Regular); August 9, 2018 (Special); August 14, 2018 (Special)

Correspondence Items:

- b. School Board Action (August 10, 2018 - action only, minutes will follow)
- c. Byford Junkyard Clean-up Status Report (week ending 7-29-18)

M/S: Gilbert/Powell moved to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Von Barga provided an update to the Assembly on the following items:

- New Library Hours
- EDA Grant
- Federal Lobbyist – Work Session scheduled for Sept. 4th at 5:30 p.m.
- Open City positions (Finance Director, Public Works Director, & Electric Superintendent)
- Shoemaker Bay Harbor Project
- IT Support / May contract with the SEARHC IT Dept.
- Condition of the DAM
- USCG Anthony Petit thanked City for allowing them to service their vessel at one of our docks
- Southeast Conference (Sept 10th thru Sept 15th)
- Auditors were in town a few weeks ago, will return first part of Sept.

Amber Al-Haddad, Capital Facilities Director and **Wayne McHolland, Water Treatment Leadman** provided the Assembly with an update on the Upper Dam condition; seepage is occurring at the foot of the west end of the dam. Al-Haddad expressed that there is seepage concerns and compromised pipe concerns (possibly needs replacement).

Reached out to Shannon & Wilson Engineers to discuss dam stability; last dam stability analysis was done in 1993; will need to have a new dam stability done; working with Mill Creek Management Technologies to come in and perform the camera inspections and trenchless pipe technologies; working closely with Alaska Dam Safety Engineers to determine the appropriate method of correction.

Von Bargen stated that we may need to have a future Work Session on this item; will keep the Assembly posted.

BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE

Clerk Lane's report was provided.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

Decker reported on the following:

- Governor Walker signed Mariculture Bill
- Governor Walker signed an Administrative Order to extend mariculture task force; as part of the task force, Decker stated that they will be working on implementing the comprehensive plan
- Working with a group of people to put together a resolution of support for Salmon Hatcheries; will be bringing it to the Wrangell Borough Assembly; a lot of misinformation going around in the press, board of fisheries on hatcheries; need to stay vigilant and look at the factual information that is being provided

Gilbert requested that the City's Permanent Fund Broker come and present to the Assembly; asked if a letter could be sent to Telegraph to express our condolences on the tragic forest fires. Von Bargen stated that she had that on her list and will make sure that it gets done.

MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENTS – None.

15a Discuss with the Borough's legal counsel, Dorsey & Whitney LLP and the Borough Manager, legal issues regarding the proposed Asset Purchase Agreement with SEARHC regarding the Wrangell Medical Center

M/S: Decker/Powell moved, pursuant to AS 44.62.310 (c)(1) and AS 44.62.310(c)(3), and section 3.04.120 of the Wrangell Municipal Code, that we recess into executive session to discuss privileged and confidential attorney-client information with our legal counsel, Dorsey & Whitney LLP and the Borough Manager, as well as information the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough, regarding a proposed Asset Purchase Agreement between the Borough and SEARHC regarding the Wrangell Medical Center. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

Recessed into Executive Session at 7:49 p.m.

Reconvened back into Regular Session at 8:48 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Jack opened the Public Hearing on the following items:

11a PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 948 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, REGARDING A PROPOSED TRANSACTION BETWEEN THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL AND SOUTHEAST ALASKA REGIONAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM CONCERNING FUTURE OPERATION OF THE WRANGELL MEDICAL CENTER AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HOSPITAL IN WRANGELL (second reading)

11b PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 949 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, REGARDING INAPPLICABILITY OF PROVISIONS OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE TO A PROPOSED TRANSACTION BETWEEN THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL AND SOUTHEAST ALASKA REGIONAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM CONCERNING FUTURE OPERATION OF THE WRANGELL MEDICAL CENTER AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HOSPITAL IN WRANGELL (second reading)

There were no Persons to be Heard on the Public Hearing items. Mayor Jack declared the Public Hearing closed.

11a *M/S: Powell/Gilbert moved to adopt Ordinance No. 948. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.*

11b *M/S: Powell/Howell moved to adopt Ordinance No. 949. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

13a PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 08-18-1422 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA AMENDING THE FY 2019 BUDGET IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FUND BY ACCEPTING A HARBOR FACILITY MATCHING GRANT FROM THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000,000 FOR THE SHOEMAKER BAY HARBOR PROJECT

M/S: Powell/Howell moved to approve Resolution 08-18-1422 of the City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska Amending the FY 2019 Budget in the Capital Projects Fund by Accepting a Harbor Facility Matching Grant from the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, in the Amount of \$5,000,000 for the Shoemaker Bay Harbor Project. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13b Approval of a Cooperative Agreement between the City & Borough of Wrangell and the US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration for the North Country Trailhead Access Road Repair Project

M/S: Howell/Powell moved to approve a Cooperative Agreement between the City & Borough of Wrangell and the US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration for the North Country Trailhead Road Repairs Project. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13c Approval of a Cooperative Agreement between the City & Borough of Wrangell and the US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration for the Non-Motorized Transportation System (Mt. Dewey Trail Extension) Project

M/S: Howell/Powell moved to approve a Cooperative Agreement between the City & Borough of Wrangell and the US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration for the Non-Motorized Transportation System (Mt. Dewey Trail Extension) Project. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13d PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 08-18-1423 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA AUTHORIZING THE SURPLUS OF BOROUGH PROPERTY THROUGH SCRAP METAL DISPOSAL

M/S: Gilbert/Howell moved to approve Resolution No. 08-18-1423 authorizing the surplus of Borough property through scrap metal disposal.

Powell expressed that he would like to see these items offered for surplus to the public before scraping them.

After extensive discussion, Von Bargen and Ms. Al-Haddad stated that we could see about listing the items for surplus if the condition of the items was noted; language could be obtained from the Borough Attorney.

Motion failed unanimously by polled vote.

13e PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 08-18-1424 OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA APPROVING THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE FACILITY MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST LEAD POSITION AND THE AMENDMENT OF THE UNION WAGE AND GRADE TABLE

M/S: Decker/Gilbert moved to approve Resolution No. 08-18-1424 approving the job description for the Facility Maintenance Specialist Lead Position and the Amendment of the Union Wage and Grade Table. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13f Approval to Purchase New Police Vehicle in the Amount \$39,499

M/S: Howell/Powell moved to approve purchase of new police vehicle in the amount of \$39,499. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

13g Approval to Cancel the Regular Assembly Meeting of September 11, 2018

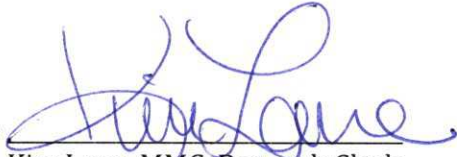
M/S: Powell/Decker moved to approve canceling the Regular Assembly meeting of September 11, 2018. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.

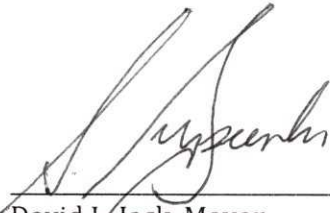
ATTORNEY'S FILE – Available for Assembly review in the Borough Clerk's office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (considered before the Public Hearing)

Regular Assembly meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

ATTEST:


Kim Lane, MMC, Borough Clerk


David L. Jack, Mayor

Stephen Prysunka, Vice-Mayor

