

Haines Borough
Borough Assembly Meeting #106
January 9, 2007

MINUTES

Approved

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG Deputy Mayor **LAPP** called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers of the Public Safety Building and led the pledge to the flag.
2. ROLL CALL **Present:** Deputy Mayor Jerry **LAPP**, and Assembly Members Doug **OLERUD**, Pete **LAPHAM**, Scott **ROSSMAN**, and Luck **DUNBAR**. **Absent:** Mayor Fred **SHIELDS** and Assembly Member Deborah **VOGT**.

Staff Present: Robert **VENABLES**/Borough Manager, Julie **COZZI**/Borough Clerk, Lori **STEPANSKY**/Tourism Director, Addison **FIELD**/Museum Director, and Phillip **BENNER**/Harbormaster.

Visitors Present: Ann **KAISER**/KHNS, Dave **AMMON**, Don **TURNER** III, Don and Elli **BRAATEN**, Vince **HANSEN**, Jody **FOX**, Chris **MERTL**, Mike **DENKER**, Tim **JUNE** and others.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by **OLERUD**: Approve the Agenda/Consent Agenda. It was seconded by **LAPHAM**. The motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES* 12/19/06 Regular

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

AMMON made several comments about the Third Avenue Reconstruction project and handed the clerk a document for distribution to the assembly. He believes he has come up with a better design and asked the assembly to allow him to talk to the Alaska Department of Transportation about it. The assembly instructed him to take his proposal to the manager. **AMMON** argued that he is never taken seriously and should be allowed to talk to the state about this project. **LAPP** reiterated that **AMMON** must take his comments to the manager.

E.BRAATEN briefly summarized her history of twice serving the Haines Borough as acting harbormaster and twice being passed over for the permanent position. She believes she was made promises that were not honored and that the assembly has been given incomplete and false information.

6. MAYOR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

LAPP said that Mayor **SHIELDS** will be out of town for up to four weeks for family medical reasons.

He also welcomed the new harbormaster, Phillip **BENNER**.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

8. STAFF REPORTS

A. Borough Manager

The manager summarized his written report that included the following topics:

- FY08 Budget Process
- Road and Facilities Inventory & Deferred Maintenance
- Crystal Cathedral Utility
- Community Funding at the Federal Level
- School Project Update
- Excursion Inlet MOU

LAPP asked the manager to look at AMMON's proposal.

B. Borough Clerk

C. Chief Fiscal Officer

D. Chief of Police

E. Museum

F. Library

G. Chilkat Center

9. COMMITTEE/COMMISSION/BOARD REPORTS

A. Commerce Committee

B. Finance & Budget

C. Personnel

D. Government Affairs & Services

E. Planning Commission

F. School Board

G. Chilkat Center Advisory Board

H. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

I. Tourism Advisory Board

J. Boat Harbor Advisory Committee

K. Public Safety Commission

10. OLD BUSINESS - None

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions - None

B. Ordinances for Introduction

1. Ordinance 07-01-151

An ordinance of the Haines Borough amending Haines Borough Code Title 12 Section 12.16.030(a) to make it consistent with Title 10.44.110 allowing conditional parking in alleyways.

Motion by LAPHAM: Introduce Ordinance 07-01-151 and set a first public hearing for January 23, 2007. It was seconded by ROSSMAN.

ROSSMAN talked about the bad condition of some of the alleyways; many are full of brush, ruts, etc. He

asked that public works take a look at it in the spring. **OLERUD** said he doesn't have any problem with the ordinance but suggested that the police department spend more energy on ticketing the cars on Main Street that are obstructing snow removal rather than worrying about alleys.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. Other New Business

1. Haines Highway Corridor Management Plan Presentation

LAPP said he read through the entire plan draft and he commended **MERTL** for his work on it. **MERTL** said the process is approaching wrap-up so he wanted to present it to the assembly and provide an opportunity for questions. He believes that the Haines Highway should be a slam dunk to become a national scenic byway. In order to apply, a plan has to be submitted. The byway program is a grassroots program and is about recognition and not regulation. The contents have come from the five public meetings that have taken place during the plan development process. **ROSSMAN** asked if Haines Junction has been contacted. **STEPANSKY** said yes and that they are very excited. **MERTL** said they came to the first round of meetings and he has visited them and will again. He asked the assembly for a letter or motion of endorsement. He said he has already met with Chilkat Indian Village (CIV). **LAPP** asked if the byways designation would help the borough get road money. **MERTL** said yes and no. New pullouts, restrooms, council ground improvements, trailhead parking at Ripinsky, etc. would probably qualify for funding but not really road maintenance or improvement per se. He thanked the assembly for their foresight. **FOX** was allowed to speak and expressed her concerns about too much signage being allowed. **MERTL** assured her that the concern is to consolidate the signs, making them more esthetic and concise while still being informative. **VENABLES** recognized **STEPANSKY**'s efforts in the project, as well. Jim Strong, on behalf of the CIV spoke in favor of the project. He said the village is struggling and a byways designation could stimulate some visitor interest. They would like to share their culture and stimulate the economy. **OLERUD** asked if the manager could bring a resolution to the assembly for consideration at the next meeting.

2. Peak Oil Presentation

DENKER said he believes peak oil is an urgent topic,

and he feels compelled to be here to present it as a citizen. The clerk distributed documents for him, and he gave a lengthy presentation to enlighten the assembly on the topic of dwindling energy fuel and to begin a community dialogue.

LAPP suggested that the manager advertise for a task force.

3. Museum Board Appointments

Motion by LAPHAM: Confirm the reappointments to the Museum Board of Trustees as requested by the mayor: Gary Lidholm and John Svenson. It was seconded by DUNBAR. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Manager's Evaluation - Goals & Objectives

Motion by LAPHAM: Move into executive session to discuss the manager's performance evaluation since being in open session could prejudice the manager's reputation. It was seconded by OLERUD. The motion carried unanimously.

The executive session began at 8:24pm. It ended at 9:15pm.

12. SET COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

The assembly will meet as a committee-of-the-whole on 1/23/07 at 5:30pm to discuss the Excursion Inlet Memorandum-of-Understanding. The regular assembly meeting will follow at 6:30pm.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

15. ADJOURNMENT - 9:20pm

Motion by OLERUD: Adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by LAPHAM. The motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Lapp, Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Cozzi, Borough Clerk