

**Haines Borough
Borough Assembly Meeting #172
February 9, 2010**

MINUTES

Approved

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Mayor **HILL** called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers and led the pledge to the flag.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Jan **HILL**, Assembly Members Jerry **LAPP**, Daymond **HOFFMAN** and Scott **ROSSMAN**. Norman **SMITH** participated by teleconference. **Absent:** Steve **VICK** and Joanne **WATERMAN**.

Motion: **ROSSMAN** moved to "excuse Assembly members **VICK** and **WATERMAN**." The motion carried unanimously.

Staff Present: Julie **COZZI**/Borough Clerk, Jila **STUART**/Chief Fiscal Officer, Brad **MAYNARD**/Director of Public Facilities, Gary **LOWE**/Chief of Police, and Jerrie **CLARKE**/Museum Director.

Visitors Present: Jessica **EDWARDS**/CVN, Bill **KURZ**, Janet **KURZ**, Emily **SEWARD**, Les **HOSTETLER**, Kelly **LOWE**, Gary **LIDHOLM**, Jim **CARNAHAN**/CIA Tribal Administrator, Tom **MORPHET**, Dick **SOMERVILLE** and Per **RASMUSSEN** (PND Engineers), and others.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: **LAPP** moved to "approve the Agenda/Consent Agenda." The motion carried unanimously.

*** 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –January 26, 2010

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

MORPHET said he asked for a document that he believes is a public record but his request was denied, because borough staff believes it is part of a confidential sales tax file. He disagrees with that opinion and asked the assembly to release it.

B.KURZ expressed disappointment that no assembly members attended the recent downtown development planning meeting.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT/COMMENTS

In her report, **HILL** provided updates and information on the following topics:

- Status of borough manager's injury – Mark Earnest is home where he will be recovering for several weeks. **COZZI** will serve as acting manager for at least the first two weeks.
- New CIA tribal administrator, Jim Carnahan – He was introduced to the assembly.
- AML/Conference of Mayors meetings in Juneau during the previous week.
- Downtown planning meeting – The mayor attended; she was pleased with citizen participation but was disappointed that no assembly members were there.
- J.C. Conley, past president of Southeast Conference and current 1st vice-president passed away.
- Pete Lapham, planning commissioner and former assembly member, is experiencing serious health problems.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Ordinance 10-01-222 – Second Public Hearing

An ordinance of the Haines Borough, providing for the addition or amendment of specific line items to the FY10 budget.

Mayor **HILL** opened and closed the public hearing at 6:51 pm. There were no comments.

Motion: **LAPP** moved to "adopt Ordinance 10-01-222." The motion carried unanimously.

8. STAFF REPORTS

A. Borough Manager

STUART, acting manager leading up to this meeting, summarized several items in her written report.

- * 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 and Labor Relations
- 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
- * L. Waterfront Improvement Committee
- * M. Energy & Sustainability Commission
- * N. Service Area Boards

10. OLD BUSINESS - None

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions - None

B. Ordinances for Introduction

1. Ordinance 10-02-223

An ordinance of the Haines Borough amending Haines Borough Code 3.70.040(D) to include the Takshanuk Watershed Council Property in the list of tax-exempted properties.

Motion: HOFFMAN moved to "introduce ordinance 10-02-223 and set a first public hearing for 2/23," and the motion carried unanimously.

During discussion, assembly members brought up questions and concerns about tax exemptions in general and decided to begin tackling them during the first public hearing.

C. Other New Business

1. Waterfront Development Project – Discussion Item

PND Engineers SOMERVILLE and RASMUSSEN distributed a handout that included a proposed project schedule, and they presented the 65% project design to the Assembly. They announced that the public comment period for the borough's Army Corps of Engineers permit application will open on February 10 and extend through March 11. The AK-DOT encroachment application has also been submitted. PND will be governed by the Corps permitting process, but the hope is to be bid ready by the first week of May. MAYNARD said if there are no major concerns about the 65% design, PND is ready to move forward on schedule. The assembly had no objection to PND proceeding.

2. Contract Assessor Services

Motion: LAPP moved to "Authorize the manager to negotiate a contract with John Wurst to provide Interim Assessor services for an amount not to exceed \$22,000." The motion carried unanimously.

12. CORRESPONDENCE - None

13. **SET MEETING DATES** – None

14. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

15. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

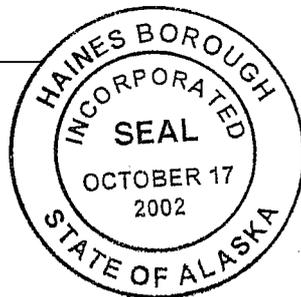
HOFFMAN wondered if, during road projects, the borough could at least look at the cost and feasibility of putting in underground power lines.

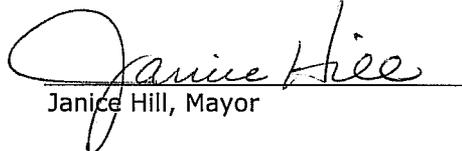
16. **ADJOURNMENT** – 7:50 p.m.

Motion: **LAPP** moved to adjourn the meeting, and the motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


Jamie Heinz, Deputy Clerk




Janice Hill, Mayor