

Haines Borough
Borough Assembly Meeting #173
February 23, 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**, Joanne **WATERMAN**, Steve **VICK**, and Scott **ROSSMAN**. **Absent:** Norm **SMITH**.

Motion: **ROSSMAN** moved to "excuse Assembly member **SMITH**." The motion carried unanimously.

Staff Present: Mark **EARNEST**/Borough Manager (via teleconference), Julie **COZZI**/Borough Clerk, 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**

The mayor removed the public hearing, item 7A, from the agenda. The newspaper inadvertently left the required notice out of the paper, so it will be rescheduled for the March 9th assembly meeting.

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

* 4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – February 9, 2010

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

SEWARD, Takshanuk Watershed Council Executive Director, said she will be out of town during the next two assembly meetings but will encourage other staff members to attend in case there are questions about Ordinance 10-01-222.

VOGT said she believes heli-skiing qualifies for both tourism and econ development funds. The borough should hire a pro-industry person for six months to help implement this ordinance; the borough should spend a little money to get it right. She believes the assembly is kind of shooting in the dark when making GPS requirements without getting industry input. In her opinion, an "infraction" should be any place where the code is not followed, and she agreed that the width of flight paths needs to be defined. The seriousness of various infractions needs to be determined. **CAREY** agreed that the implementation concerns are doable/fixable.

R.MAYNARD agreed that the assembly is shooting in the dark with the GPS reporting requirements.

KURZ said the borough should not be regulating any industry that heavily.

6. **MAYOR'S REPORT/COMMENTS**

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

- The March edition of the Alaska Magazine featured Haines and contains a beautiful photo of Cannery Cove taken by the Haines Tourism Director.
- Next week is the Southeast Conference Mid-Session Submit. The Governor will do a welcoming address and a special reception is planned for the late J.C. Conley. Additionally, the newly-revived Southeast Conference of Mayors group will convene with the Sitka mayor as chair.
- The Strategic Plan was prepared in 2004 Strategic Plan and needs to be reviewed and updated in the very near future. It's an important guide for the assembly, mayor, and manager.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A. **Ordinance 10-01-222** – Removed during approval of the agenda

8. **STAFF REPORTS**

A. **Borough Manager**

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

- Legislative Priorities
- Heli-ski Ordinance Implementation
- FAA Road Speed Limit
- Smoke-free Ordinance – Request for Modification
- Personnel Update
- Legal Matters Update

Additionally, the manager said he was able to meet with Rep. Thomas and others in Juneau yesterday to discuss legislative priorities. In response to an assembly question, he said *Safe Schools* is being worked on by staff, and a report will be provided soon.

- * 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**

VICK reported that the Committee met prior to this meeting to discuss the draft resolution that would create a special group to address the heli-ski conflicts. Several citizens attended. The Committee will redraft the resolution as a result of the discussion and intends to bring it to the assembly for adoption on March 9th.

- * 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**

SCOTT provided a report on borough energy consumption and fuel costs in the Chilkat Valley. At the next assembly meeting, the assembly will be asked to consider two resolutions recommended by the ESC: 1) supporting the school district's application to participate in "Alaska Wind for Schools," and 2) authorizing a temporary sales tax exemption on products purchased during the Energy Fair.

- * N. **Service Area Boards**

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. Grant Writer/Administrator – Job Description

Postponed Motion on Table: "Accept the Grant Writer-Economic Development Administrator Job Description as presented by the manager."

During discussion, the manager expressed his opinion that a grant-writer position is not needed. There are existing borough employees with expertise and background in many areas who have the ability to seek and write grants. However, he recommended maintaining the option to seek specialists for those grant opportunities that happen to fall outside of staff expertise. The manager said that the writing of a grant is 20% of the process with the administration being 80% or more. "Sometimes you can set yourself up with free money that can actually end up costing more in administration than you get." He assured the assembly that the borough is very connected to funding sources and most agencies bring granting opportunities to the borough's attention. Regarding an economic development position, he said such an individual could be a very valuable

asset and could assist with grant-writing. However, he recommended focusing on the Comprehensive, Strategic, and Capital Improvements Plans prior to making decisions about that position. He will be working with the planning commission and staff to prepare a timeline for revision of the Comprehensive Plan.

Motion: **VICK** moved to "table the motion." The motion carried unanimously.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

1. Resolution 10-02-182

A resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly supporting the Haines Assisted Living Project.

Motion: **VICK** moved to "adopt Resolution 10-02-182." The motion carried unanimously.

B. Ordinances for Introduction - None

C. Other New Business

- * 1. Liquor License Renewals**
- 2. Advisory Board Appointments**

Motion: **LAPP** moved to "Confirm the mayor's appointments to various boards and commissions." The following appointment was made: Appoint Janet Kurz to CC Advisory Board. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Recreational Boat Sewage Pump-out Station – Cooperative Agreement w/ AK-F&G

Motion: **LAPP** moved to "Authorize the manager to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game for the purpose of construction, management and maintenance of a Recreational Boat Sewage Pump-out Station in Portage Cove Harbor." The motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

12. CORRESPONDENCE - None

13. SET MEETING DATES

There will be a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting March 4, at 6:00pm, for a Denali Pipeline presentation.

A Committee-of-the-Whole meeting will take place on March 9, at 5:30pm, for a Coeur-Alaska update on Kensington Mine.

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS

B.MAYNARD said he spoke with the individual conducting the Kensington Mine Job Fair about the housing issue and stressed that it is a concern for Haines. Coeur is working very hard with out-of-town people to provide housing onsite during the construction phase. The permanent housing needs to go through the permitting process. The mayor said she will reiterate that it is an important concern.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

ROSSMAN showed a photo of the very first City of Haines town hall meeting in 1910. The mayor said this year marks 100 years since the City of Haines incorporated and wondered if the community should celebrate. She encouraged people to come up with ideas.

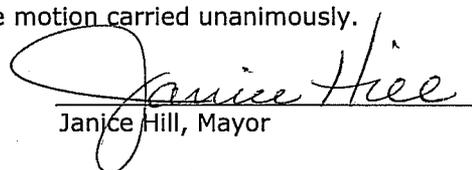
Chief Lowe said the problem the Fogcutter Bar was having with finding a place for their patrons to smoke outside has been resolved. They have worked together to find a good place.

16. ADJOURNMENT - 7:47 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

Julie Cozzi, Borough Clerk


Janice Hill, Mayor