

Haines Borough  
Borough Assembly Meeting #176

April 13, 2010

MINUTES

APPROVED

1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** Mayor **HILL** called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. in the Haines Borough Public Library and led the pledge to the flag.

2. **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mayor Jan **HILL**, Assembly Members Jerry **LAPP**, Daymond **HOFFMAN**, Norm **SMITH**, Scott **ROSSMAN**, Joanne **WATERMAN** and Steve **VICK**.

**Staff Present:** Mark **EARNEST**/Borough Manager, Jamie **HEINZ**/Deputy Clerk, Brad **MAYNARD**/Director of Public Facilities, and Gary **LOWE**/Chief of Police.

**Visitors Present:** Jessica **EDWARDS**/CVN, Jim **CARNAHAN**/CIA, Bill **KURZ**, Adam **PATTERSON**, Suzanne **VUILLET-SMITH**, Gregg **JOHNSON**, Jim **TURNBULL**, Shelly and Donnie **TURNER**, Jim **STUDLEY**, Tim **JUNE**, Roger **MAYNARD**, Dan and Nicole **FITZGERALD**, Andy **HEDDEN**, Martha and Thad **STEWART**, Pam **RANGLES**, Chip **LENDE**, Annette **SMITH**, Judy **HEINMILLER**, Gina **ST. CLAIR**, Alison **JACOBSON**, Joanie **WAGNER**, Sally **MCGUIRE**, Randa **SZYMANSKI**, Carol **TUYNMAN**, Erwin **HERTZ**, Norm **BLANK**, Joan **SNYDER**, Marge **WARD**, Maisie **JONES**, Tresham **GREGG**, Cindy **BUXTON**, Jason **GAFFNEY**, Esther **BOWER**, Hannah **WING**, Jimmy **THOMSEN**, Tyler **THOMAS**, Anna **JACOBSON**, Sam **WRIGHT**, Libby **JACOBSON**, Zak **LITTLE**, Leanne **CONVERSE**, Stephanie **SCOTT**, Art **JESS**, Deborah **VOGT**, Kathleen **MENKE**, Brad **RYAN**, Lee **HEINMILLER**, and others.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA & CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion:** **LAPP** moved to "approve the Agenda/Consent Agenda," and it was amended to add new business item C2 - Borough's Legal Firm - Discussion Item. The motion carried unanimously.

\* 4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Regular: 3/30/10

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**S. TURNER, J. HEINMILLER, B. KURZ, G. JOHNSON, D. TURNER, and A. HEDDEN** spoke in support of the waterfront improvement project. Most spoke about the need for public safety, the availability of the funds for construction, the length of time the public process has been going on and the state mandated changes in parking and the effect those changes have on the property.

**J. STUDLEY, G. ST. CLAIR, S. VUILLET-SMITH, J. SNYDER, J. TURNBULL, Z. LITTLE, T. STEWART, E. HERTZ, A. JESS, D. VOGT, M. JONES, T. GREGG, H. WING, C. TUYNMAN, N. BLANK, C. LENDE, R. SZYMANSKI, K. MENKE, B. RYAN, D. FITZGERALD, L. CONVERSE, S. MCGUIRE, J. WAGONER, M. WARD, A. JACOBSEN, P. RANGLES, N. FITZGERALD and E. BOWER** expressed concern about the loss of beach. In addition, most apologized for their late testimony and spoke about the hard work that had been put in to the project, the need for reconsideration of the project, the need for something that will be useful for everyone, the desire to use the money to purchase picture point and the need for additional public process and education.

**T. JUNE** thanked the young people for coming and commenting. He also spoke in support of resolution 10-04-194 which opposes the "anti-corruption act" because of the difficulties its passage would create for municipalities. He talked about the great work by the planning commission and tourism advisory board on the waterfront improvement project but thinks it deserves a public hearing or additional public process.

**N. HUGHES** spoke in favor of resolution 10-04-195 authorizing manager to enter into contract with engineers for the harbor expansion project. He pointed out that he wants the boat harbor advisory committee to be involved in this process before the engineers sharpen their pencils because it is nice to give input early on as plans are developed.

The mayor called a short break at 7:43 pm. The meeting re-convened at 7:56 pm.

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

Mayor **HILL** explained that the first week of May she, Jerry Lapp and Brad Maynard would be traveling to Washington DC to work with the Lobbyist and meet with the delegation. She will report the events.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A. **Ordinance 10-03-224** - First Hearing

**An ordinance of the Haines Borough amending Title 18 section 18.20.020 to amend the definitions relating to guest houses.**

The mayor opened and closed the public hearing at 8:00pm. There were no public comments.

**Motion:** LAPP moved to "Advance Ordinance 10-03-224 to a second public hearing on April 27, 2010."

The zoning districts that allow guest houses and the maximum allowable guest house size and enclosed porches being built were topics discussed.

The motion carried unanimously.

## **8. STAFF REPORTS**

### **A. Borough Manager**

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

- Haines Borough Additional Lands Selection
- Excursion Inlet Land Survey Update
- Personnel, including Union Negotiations and Assessor Recruitment Update and Harbormaster Recruitment
- Lily Lake Transmission Line Upgrade Project
- FY11 Budget Update
- Capital Projects Update
- Leases
- Energy Audits
- Haines Borough School Renovation Completion
- Haines Borough School GO Bond Upgrades
- Portage Cove Improvements

Funding and Department of Transportation mandates for the Portage Cove Waterfront Improvement Project and a maintenance agreement for the restrooms on the Lutak Highway were other topics discussed.

- \* 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**

### **A. Renaming Front Street & Beach Road South**

**Motion on the table:** At the 3/30/10 Assembly Meeting LAPP moved to "authorize the manager to rename a portion of Beach Road South from Main Street to the Old Haines Highway intersection, Front Street South and direct the manager to submit a request to Representative Thomas to rename Front Street, Front Street North and rename Beach Road South, Beach Road so that an improved numbering convention may be established," it was amended to read "authorize the manager to rename a portion of Beach Road South from Main Street to the Old Haines Highway intersection South Front Street and direct the manager to submit a request to Representative Thomas to rename Front Street, North Front Street and rename Beach Road South, Beach Road so that an improved numbering convention may be established."

The use of different street names was discussed and the rationale of splitting North and South at Main Street was explained.

The motion carried with **ROSSMAN** opposed.

## **11. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Resolutions**

#### **1. Resolution 10-03-189**

**A resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly awarding the contract for the project to replace the vinyl in the restrooms located in the Chilkat Center lobby and the Visitor Center building.**

**Motion:** **LAPP** moved to "re-adopt Resolution 10-03-189, as amended," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

#### **2. Resolution 10-04-193**

**A resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the manager to negotiate and to enter into a purchase and sales agreement with Crystal Cathedrals Water and Sewer System, Inc. to acquire, in the best interests of the community, certain assets of that corporation.**

**Motion:** **WATERMAN** moved to "adopt Resolution 10-04-193,"

Tying the Crystal Cathedrals Water and Sewer System into the main systems, funding, costs to users and Regulatory Commission of Alaska processes were topics discussed.

The motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

#### **3. Resolution 10-04-194**

**A resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly opposing "an initiative creating an Alaska Anti-Corruption Act" which will be on the 2010 Alaska primary election ballot.**

**Motion:** **LAPP** moved to "adopt Resolution 10-04-194," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

#### **4. Resolution 10-04-195**

**A resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Borough Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with PND Engineers, Inc. for planning and concept design services for the South Portage Cove Harbor Expansion project.**

**Motion:** **VICK** moved to "adopt Resolution 10-04-195," and

The sources of funding for the start of the project, the moratorium on federal funding for "New Start" projects, the need to start the project for federal funding options to become available and the delegation's support of the project were topics discussed.

The motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

#### **5. Resolution 10-04-196**

**A resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly requesting consideration of Haines Borough School District projects in any statewide General Obligation (GO) Bond legislation.**

**Motion:** **LAPP** moved to "adopt Resolution 10-04-196," the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

#### **6. Resolution 10-04-197**

**A resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Borough Manager to enter into a Project Agreement with Alaska Department of Education for the "Haines Schools Renovation Completion" project.**

**Motion:** **ROSSMAN** moved to "adopt Resolution 10-04-197."

Funding amounts budgeted and needed assembly appropriations were topics discussed.

The motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

**B. Ordinances for Introduction**

**1. Ordinance 10-04-225**

**An ordinance of the Haines Borough amending Haines Borough Code Title 16 Chapter 16.32 to establish parking regulations at the Letnikof Cove Park Boat Facility.**

**Motion:** WATERMAN moved to "Introduce Ordinance 10-04-225 and set a first public hearing for April 27, 2010."

Current parking practices, increased usage of the facility and the need for the regulation were topics discussed.

The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Other New Business**

**1. Walton Easement Vacation Request**

**Motion:** LAPP moved to "vacate the platted easement on the Walton property on Small Tracts Road."

The easement terminating on the property in question was discussed.

The motion carried unanimously.

**2. Borough's Legal Firm – Discussion Item**

The fees the borough is paying with the current firm was discussed.

**Motion:** LAPP moved to "put out an RFP for alternative legal services."

The number of attorneys working on tasks, unavoidable costs, the high quality of work and the possibility of reigning in the current firm were topics discussed.

The motion carried unanimously.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

**13. SET MEETING DATES**

**A. Set FY11 Budget Meeting Schedule – scheduled.**

**14. PUBLIC COMMENTS –**

KURZ reminded everyone about the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the desire for fireworks.

**15. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

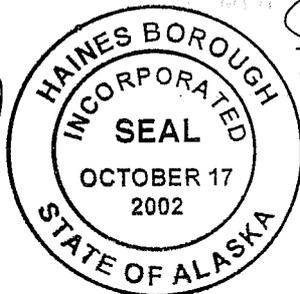
WATERMAN said she was happy with the pre-season heli-ski meeting and the heli-ski operators working closely with borough staff to inform of helicopters being used for reasons other than heli-skiing. VICK announced his resignation and said his last meeting will be 4/27. He explained that he is taking a job in Fairbanks with Campfire USA. HOFFMAN talked about Harbormaster turnover and suggested it be on the next agenda to discuss. LAPP explained that the Tourism Advisory Board and Museum Board of Trustees had discussed the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and are looking at celebrating on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. SMITH requested the PC Dock Restroom Project be on the next agenda. VICK agreed pointing out that some of the public needs more information and others have good ideas. ROSSMAN said he'd like to see a whole page public service announcement with PC Dock Waterfront Improvement option #5 in the paper so people can see. VICK added that pictures in the Assembly Chambers and the bank would be beneficial as well. LAPP suggested taking the rocks from the south side of the harbor expansion project and using them on the Waterfront Improvement Project to create more beach. He also suggested hiring an artist to help give a visual of the project including the removed pilings. VICK suggested putting the safe routes to school project on the next agenda. MAYNARD explained that he had provided Department of Transportation (DOT) with data for safe routes to school project. EARNEST said that he has an upcoming meeting with Carolyn Moorehouse who is the DOT's representative on the project.

**16. ADJOURNMENT – 10:01 p.m.**

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

ATTEST:

Jamie Heinz, Deputy Clerk



Janice Hill, Mayor

