

Haines Borough
Borough Assembly Meeting #318
July 12, 2016
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**, and Assembly Members Diana **LAPHAM**, Ron **JACKSON**, Tresham **GREGG**, Mike **CASE**, Margaret **FRIEDENAUER** and George **CAMPBELL** (via telephone).
Staff Present: Bill **SEWARD**/Borough Manager, Julie **COZZI**/Borough Clerk, Brad **RYAN**/Director of Public Facilities, Jila **STUART**/Finance Director, Krista **KIELSMEIER**/Deputy Clerk, Leslie **ROSS**/Tourism Director, and Deborah **GRAVEL**/Library Tech, Helen **ALTEN**/Museum Director.
Visitors Present: Karen **GARCIA**/CVN, Jillian **ROGERS**/KHNS, Tony **HABRA**, Fred **GRAY**, Carol **TUYNMAN**, Sue **WATERHOUSE**, Don **TURNER** Jr., Evelynna **VIGNOLA**, Debra **SCHNABEL**, Paul **NELSON**, Mike **DENKER**, Scott **SUNDBERG**, Tim **HUBER**, Sean **GAFFNEY**, Kyle **GRAY**, Andy **HEDDEN**, Leonard **DUBBER**, Bill **MCCORD**, John **WINGE**, Suzy **BAKER**, Karen **HESS**, Robert **CHADWELL**, Peter **DWYER**, Tom **MORPHET**, Jean and Jerry **BALLANCO**, and others.

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

The following Items were on the published consent agenda indicated by an asterisk (*):

- 4 – Approve Assembly Meeting Minutes
- 8B – Accept Borough Clerk Report
- 9A – Accept Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes and Meeting Summary
- 11B1 – Introduce Ordinance 16-07-439 and Schedule Public Hearings

Motion: **LAPHAM** moved to “approve the agenda/consent agenda,” and it was amended to discuss under the manager’s report the recent no-trespass incident, plans for physical security modifications, and recent manager decisions. The motion carried unanimously.

*4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – 6/28/16

The motion adopted by approval of the consent agenda: “approve minutes of the 6/14/16 borough assembly meeting.”

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

MORPHET – Spoke against the proposed collective bargaining agreement. He suggested a delay for at least one meeting to give the public an opportunity to comment on it.

BAKER – Said she is against the wave barrier because of the appearance and the cost.

DWYER – Spoke in support of the harbor expansion project and congratulated the assembly for supporting it.

SCHNABEL – Said the public is aware of an incident that led the manager to consider physical security modifications to the borough administration building. She asked the assembly not to allow it to happen.

HESS – Asked the assembly not to put a question on the ballot to repeal the 1% tourism-economic development. This sales tax benefits everyone, not just the tourism industry. She added that she supports the harbor project, as well.

Jerry BALLANCO – Spoke against the proposed security measures. It would be insulting to be buzzed into the offices.

WATERHOUSE – Asked who the coastal management plan coordinator is for the borough; she has many questions she would like to get answers to.

CHADWELL – Spoke in support of maintaining the 1% sales tax dedicated to tourism/economic development.

NELSON – Said this assembly can unify and change the attitude in Haines by rescinding the harbor decision. The harbor expansion project should be postponed until the borough code and coastal management plan have been complied with.

GRAVEL – Spoke in favor of the harbor project. She believes the expanded harbor will enhance the waterfront rather than detract.

F. GRAY – Said from San Diego to Canada, he has seen many different ports, and ports are rarely, if ever, an instant gratification. The borough has the money now, and we have to spend the money now. He is in full support of the harbor project.

TUYNMAN – Believes we don't have that many differences regarding the harbor project. She supports everyone working together. In her opinion, some people seen as against the harbor just want more information.

DUBBER – Said there has been a lot of conflict in Haines, and he is concerned there are no peacemakers. We should consider how we can deescalate rather than instigate more strife. Buzzing in people at the office is a bad idea.

K. GRAY – Urged the assembly on behalf of the Chamber of Chamber to keep the 1% sales tax dedicated to tourism/economic development.

HEDDEN – Spoke in favor of maintaining the 1% tax. It is important to find out if there is enough support to put it on the ballot before just moving forward.

VIGNOLA – Understands it is too late for vote changing concerning the harbor project. She and many people support a harbor expansion but believe the design is too much.

SUNDBERG – Said he doesn't think there is citizen support for repealing the 1% tax. If there is, they should mount a citizen initiative petition. He did agree the tax proceeds should be reviewed and discussed. Regarding the Heliskiing report in the packet, the decline in skier day use should be noted. Both economic and natural forces have affected this.

TURNER – Supports the 1% tax. It spider webs out in the community more than is realized. He also supports the harbor project.

GAFFNEY – Spoke in support of the 1% sales tax. Without it, he believes we would see a substantial decrease in the visitor funds coming into the community. There is certainly room for additional economic development drivers, and the Tourism Advisory Board is looking at that.

6. MAYOR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

Mayor **HILL**: 1) announced Lori Lapeyri Smith has been appointed to the Mobile Commercial Business Committee, 2) thanked the borough clerk for putting together a list of topics currently with the assembly committees, and 3) introduced Tony **HABRA**, the new school superintendent. He said has made a commitment not to make any changes for the next six months; he plans to listen and learn.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Ordinance 16-06-437 – First Hearing

An Ordinance of the Haines Borough amending Haines Borough Code Section 11.40.040 to change the Borough Election Day polling place opening time from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. to match the State Election opening time.

Mayor **HILL** opened and closed the public hearing at 7:06 pm; there were no public comments.

Note: Since the assembly already scheduled the second hearing for 7/26/16, no motion was needed now unless the second hearing date needed to change or some other action was desired.

B. Ordinance 16-06-438 – First Hearing

An Ordinance of the Haines Borough authorizing Chilkat Valley Preschool, Inc. to lease an addition on the Senior Center Building.

Mayor **HILL** opened and closed the public hearing at 7:07 pm; there were no public comments.

Note: Since the assembly already scheduled the second hearing for 7/26/16, no motion was needed now unless the second hearing date needed to change or some other action was desired.

8. STAFF/FACILITY REPORTS

A. Borough Manager – 7/12/16 Report

The manager summarized his written report and responded to a few questions from the assembly, including questions about the recent no-trespass incident and plans for physical security modifications.

Motion: **CAMPBELL** moved to "direct the manager to cease efforts to install any system to restrict or require any type of locking access that would prevent the public from doing their borough business," and the motion carried 4-2 with **CASE** and **LAPHAM** opposed.

1. Report of 2016 Heliskiing Season

***B. Borough Clerk – Election Update**

9. COMMITTEE/COMMISSION/BOARD REPORTS & APPROVED MINUTES

***A. Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee – Minutes of 5/18/16 & Summary of 6/22/16 Meeting**

B. Assembly Board Liaison Reports

FRIEDENAUER – Port & Harbor Advisory Committee and Public Safety Commission

LAPHAM – Tourism Advisory Board and Mobile Commercial Businesses Committee

C. Assembly Standing Committee Reports

1. **Finance Committee** – Report of 6/29/16 Meeting Included under Item 11C1

2. **Personnel Committee** – Report of 6/27/16 Meeting (possible reorganization of the police and fire departments, and possibility of making the Director of Public Facilities a Deputy Manager)

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

1. **Resolution 16-07-685**

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly ratifying and adopting the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Haines Borough and Public Employees Local 71.

There were no public comments.

Motion: LAPHAM moved to “adopt Resolution 16-07-685,” and the motion carried 5-1 in a roll call vote with CAMPBELL opposed.

Note: there was some interest in postponing adoption to give more time for assembly review, but a consequence of not adopting it this evening is automatic ratification, according to Local 71. The assembly wants a full 30 days to review the agreement next time.

B. Ordinances for Introduction

***1. Ordinance 16-07-439**

An Ordinance of the Haines Borough amending the Zoning Use Chart in Haines Borough Code Section 18.70.040 to allow multiple single-family residences as a conditional use in the light industrial/commercial zone.

The motion adopted by approval of the consent agenda: “introduce Ordinance 16-07-439 and set a first public hearing for 7/26/16 and a second public hearing for 8/9/16.”

C. Other New Business

1. **1% Sales Tax Dedicated to Tourism & Economic Development** – Discussion Item

Note: on 6/29/16, the finance committee met to consider a citizen request to place a question on the 2016 borough election ballot to ask the voters whether or not to retain the 1% sales tax dedicated to tourism and economic development. During discussion, assembly members noted an apparent lack of public support for a change like this. Also, at this point there is not enough time to educate the public on the impacts. It was suggested it could still be put on a ballot through the citizen’s initiative process. Additionally, there is assembly interest in working a periodic sales tax review into a strategic plan. The assembly does appreciate the citizen bringing to their attention the need for more economic development emphasis when allocating the tax proceeds.

No action was taken.

12. CORRESPONDENCE/REQUESTS - None

13. SET MEETING DATES

A. Finance Committee – Monday, 8/8, 5:00pm - Topics: Tax Incentive and Economic Stimulus

B. Personnel Committee – Chair Mike Case said the committee is waiting to schedule another meeting on the organization chart until Chief Scott has arrived and been on the job for at least a couple of weeks

C. Commerce Committee – Chair George Campbell said he will schedule meetings once he has reviewed his work schedule as well as the list of topics assigned to this committee.

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VIGNOLA – 1) Requested the composition of the Code Review Commission include a local attorney, if possible, and asked the assembly to change the harbor plan.

RYAN – Clarified there were no heliskiing spot check violations. There was one confirmed violation during the season that resulted from a complaint.

TUYNMAN – Thanked the assembly for voting for the collective bargaining agreement. It will help employee morale and a sense of security.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

LAPHAM – Reminded there is a training for potential candidates for assembly on Monday, 7/25, 5:30pm.

CASE – 1) Reiterated his support for the manager and hopes those who are critical will make an effort to touch base with him, 2) believes it is a good collective bargaining agreement, and 3) said he is supportive of strategic planning, but it needs to be defined with a good facilitator.

FRIEDENAUER – Disclosed the recent email conversation about the harbor project between assembly members and **VIGNOLA**.

SEWARD – Thanked the assembly for giving him a chance to learn, and appreciates the public's patience.

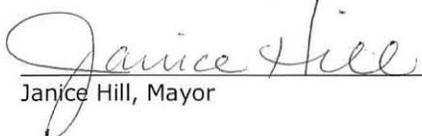
16. ADJOURNMENT – 9:28 p.m.

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

ATTEST:


Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk




Janice Hill, Mayor