



**Haines Borough
Planning Commission Special
Meeting
December 6th, 2012
MINUTES**

Approval

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

2. **ROLL CALL** – **Present:** Chairman Rob **Goldberg**, Commissioners Rob **Miller**, Lee **Heinmiller**, Don **Turner III**, Danny **Gonce**, Andy **Hedden**, Robert **Venables** (Absent).

Staff Present: Xi “Tracy” **Cui**/Borough Planning and Zoning Technician III

Also Present: Borough Manager Mark **Earnest**, Mayor Stephanie **Scott**, Executive Assistant to Manager Darsie **Culbeck**, Director of Public Facilities Carlos **Jimenez**, Karen **Garcia** (CYN), Bill **Kurz**.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: **Gonce** moved to “approve the agenda as amended,” and the motion carried unanimously.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

5. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT** –

Goldberg mentioned that the community is looking into the conditions of the Borough buildings and the possibilities of renovating/replacing those buildings. He continued stating that the Borough received reports from the engineers who made analysis on those buildings (Human Resource Building, Museum, Visitor Center, Administration Building, Swimming Pool, Senior Center), and that those buildings are in bad shape and are not energy efficient. For instance, the Visitor Center cost about \$12,000 each year for oil heating. He concluded that it is expensive to build new buildings, which needs to be considered as well.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Historic District/Building Review** - None

B. **Haines Borough Code Amendments** - None

C. **Project Updates** – None

D. **Other New Business**

1. **State Legislative Priorities**

Earnest briefly introduced the State Legislative Priorities list. He mentioned the Assembly is seeking funding for projects. The Borough is trying to keep this list being focused and realistic. The recommendations from the Planning Commission will be considered by the Assembly. (Next Assembly meeting will be on Dec. 11, 2012.) **Earnest** also stated that the funding for the Shakwak projects on the Alaska Highway and Haines Highway is not included in this list. **Earnest** said he would continue working on modifying the language of Section 2.

Motion: Miller moved to “recommend that funding for the Shakwak projects on the Alaska Highway and Haines Highway in Canada be put back into the federal budget”. The motion carried unanimously.

Gonce questioned if a project about replacing fire department equipments has been discussed and included in this list.

Earnest answered it has been discussed, but that it had not been included into this cycle of funding.

Goldberg asked **Turner** if it is true that a brand new dump truck cost as much as a house.

Turner answered that is true if it is a brand new one with all the other necessary accessories. (cinder, loader, etc.) **Turner** suggested that the Borough could buy something two or three years old with half of the price.

Goldberg mentioned that both of Lutak Dock Upgrades and Sewer System upgrades are important. A failure of either one of these facilities would create a crisis.

Turner inquired about the Lutak/Oceanview Area Slump Mitigation & Drainage Improvements project. He wondered if that is DOT’s responsibility to address this issue.

Earnest pointed out that the Borough had hired PND engineers to address this issue, and that the engineers will do an on-site survey showing all the necessary information (culverts, houses, roads, etc.) DOT will do their job for Lutak road, but the Borough doesn’t know what their plans are.

Motion: Miller moved to “recommend Lutak Dock Upgrades and Sewer System Upgrades to be the top tier of the funding requests”. It was seconded by **Gonce**. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Gonce moved to “recommend Public Safety Building, Road Improvements (Phase IV) and Road Maintenance Equipment to be the next tier of the funding requests”. It was seconded by **Heinmiller**. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Gonce moved to “add High School/Pool Locker Rooms to be in the next tier of the funding requests as well”. The motion carried unanimously.

Further discussion ensued.

2. Planning Commission Seat A and Seat D Re-appointment

Motion: Miller moved to “recommend Lee **Heinmiller** be re-appointed to the Planning Commission”. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Heinmiller moved to “recommend Robert **Venables** be re-appointed to the Planning Commission”. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **COMMISSION COMMENTS** - None

8. **CORRESPONDENCE** - None

9. **SET MEETING DATES** – The next Regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 13th.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**– 7:35 p.m.