Haines Borough Borough Assembly Meeting #273 July 8, 2014 MINUTES

Approved

1. <u>CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG</u>: Mayor **SCOTT** 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 Stephanie **SCOTT**, and Assembly Members Jerry **LAPP**, Debra **SCHNABEL**, George **CAMPBELL**, Dave **BERRY**, and Diana **LAPHAM**. **Absent:** Joanne **WATERMAN**

Staff Present: David **SOSA**/Borough Manager, Julie **COZZI**/Borough Clerk, Carlos **JIMENEZ**/Director of Public Facilities, Bill **MUSSER**/Chief of Police, Christina **BASKAYA**/Special Projects Officer, Helen **ALTEN**/Museum Director, and Jila **STUART**/Finance Director.

Visitors Present: Karen **GARCIA**/CVN, Margaret **FRIEDENAUER**/KHNS, Ginger **JEWELL**/School District Superintendent, Joe **POOR**, and others.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA & CONSENT AGENDA

The following Items were on the published consent agenda:

Consent Agenda:

4 - Approve Assembly Meeting Minutes

7A - Withdrawn Abatement Appeal

8B - Library Report

9A - Museum Board Minutes

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11A1 - Resolution 14-06-572

11A2 - Resolution 14-06-573

11A3 - Resolution 14-06-574

11A4 - Resolution 14-06-575

11A5 - Resolution 14-06-576

<u>Motion</u>: CAMPBELL moved to "approve the agenda/consent agenda," and it was amended to removed item 11A3 from the consent agenda. The motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 6/24/14 Regular
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS None

6. MAYOR'S COMMENTS/REPORT

Mayor **SCOTT** said the Chilkat Indian Village needs more time to discuss the mining forum proposal in order for the full tribal council to be involved. She appreciates those individuals who attended the recent Energy Roundtable, and she is working on a written report. **LAPP** inquired about the purpose for the mayor's recent letter to Commissioner Kemp about telecommuting. **SCOTT** explained there are some members in the Haines community who work for the state and telecommute. **CAMPBELL** reported the governor has now issued a directive that the state will no longer authorize telecommuting.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

* A. Appeal of a Nuisance Abatement Order - George Edwards

This appeal was been withdrawn by Mr. Edwards. He has agreed to an abatement plan.

8. STAFF/FACILITY REPORTS

A. Borough Manager - 7/8/14 Report

SOSA summarized his written report and entertained questions and comments about the following topics: possible refinancing of the 2005 school construction bond; borough land acquisition; a project to inventory the borough roads, specifically type and condition, prioritization, and available funding (this will enable staff to develop a plan); policy pertaining to the random GPS spot checks; and negotiation of a land sale to Haines Brewing Company.

- * B. Public Library May 2014 Report
- 9. COMMITTEE/COMMISSION/BOARD REPORTS & MINUTES
- * A. Museum Board of Trustees Minutes of 5/29/14
- * B. Library Board of Trustees Minutes of 4/16/14 and 5/21/14

C. Assembly Standing Committee Reports

SCHNABEL reported the Commerce Committee met to discuss the proposed amendments to the signage ordinance to allow for off-premise signs. It remains in committee; they are working on a redraft to bring to the assembly. The manager noted he has stayed enforcement of the current code pertaining to off-premises signs until this ordinance is dealt with.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

*1. Resolution 14-07-572

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Borough Attorney to File Suit to Collect Past Due Sales Tax from Bruce Bauer d/b/a Funny Farm.

The motion adopted by approval of the consent agenda: "adopt Resolution 14-07-572."

*2. Resolution 14-07-573

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Borough Attorney to File Suit to Collect Past Due Sales Tax from Haines Sanitation, Inc.

The motion adopted by approval of the consent agenda: "adopt Resolution 14-07-573."

3. Resolution 14-07-574

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Borough Attorney to File Suit to Collect Past Due Sales Tax from Hog Heaven Caffeine & Grub LLC.

CAMPBELL disclosed a potential conflict of interest; he believes he has competing interests because this business also owes him money. He is uncomfortable with voting on this.

<u>Motion</u>: **BERRY** moved to "recuse Campbell from this matter as having a conflict of interest," and the motion <u>failed</u> 3-1 with **SCHNABEL** opposed.

There were no public comments about this resolution.

The mayor noted a citizen claimed **SCHNABEL** and **BERRY** each have a conflict of interest, as well. She does not believe that to be the case, and the assembly agreed.

<u>Motion</u>: **CAMPBELL** moved to "adopt Resolution 14-07-574," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

*4. Resolution 14-07-575

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly designating the acquisition of State of Alaska, Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) grant funds for the project entitled Sewer Treatment Plant Health and Safety Upgrades as the number one local state funding priority for fiscal year 2016.

The motion adopted by approval of the consent agenda: "adopt Resolution 14-07-575."

*5. Resolution 14-07-576

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Borough Manager to contract with Leading Edge Equipment Partners, LLC in the amount of \$42,000 for the purchase of a forklift.

The motion adopted by approval of the consent agenda: "adopt Resolution 14-07-576."

B. Ordinances for Introduction - None

C. Other New Business

1. Board Appointment

An appointment application was received for a seat on the Historic Dalton Trail RMSA Board. The mayor sought assembly confirmation.

<u>Motion</u>: **CAMPBELL** moved to "confirm the mayor's appointment of Mary Cummins to the "Sub-zone 2" seat on the Historic Dalton Trail RMSA Board for a term ending 11/30/16," and the motion carried unanimously.

12. CORRESPONDENCE/REQUESTS - None

13. SET MEETING DATES

A. Strategic Planning Sessions (C.O.W.) – <u>First session</u>: 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, 8/20. <u>Second session</u>: Wednesday, 9/3. **SOSA** recommends no fewer than two sessions but three would be ideal. He advised the sessions should be structured so there are both inputs and outputs. Strategic Planning takes a lot of work, and he suggests a five-year strategic plan. Those who have decided to run for borough assembly should be invited to attend. A facilitator is not necessary. He is directing staff to prepare updates and information to assist the assembly in the strategic planning, and staff will need time between sessions to prepare information.

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

 ${f LAPHAM}$ said she has received great comments about the officials who walked in the 4th of July parade.

SCHNABEL proposed the following ideas: 1) having a policy that where there is employee misconduct the borough could refrain from negotiating an agreement that prevents disclosure of personnel information, and 2) creating a "land bank" within the borough's Permanent Fund allowing the borough to purchase properties to use for incentive programs and enabling the borough to attract new businesses into the community. Mayor **SCOTT** suggested the ideas could be written up and presented for consideration at a future assembly meeting.

Mayor **SCOTT** said an idea for a block party to celebrate the paving of Third Avenue has been proposed.

LAPP said he heard a lot of good comments about the manager's town hall. He is concerned about the condition of many of the dirt roads in the townsite and would like to see grading move a little quicker this summer. **JIMENEZ** explained there are staffing shortages that are being addressed; he agrees work is needed.

CAMPBELL said he has been hearing good things about the new manager, including the town hall. Additionally, he welcomed the new school superintendent to the community.

16. ADJOURNMENT - 7:24 p.m.

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

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Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borolugh Clerk

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