

Haines Borough  
Borough Assembly Meeting #275  
August 12, 2014  
MINUTES

Approved

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

**Staff Present:** David **SOSA**/Borough Manager, Julie **COZZI**/Borough Clerk, Bill **MUSSER**/Chief of Police, Leslie **ROSS**/Tourism Director, Helen **ALTEN**/Museum Director, and Jila **STUART**/Finance Director.

**Visitors Present:** Karen **GARCIA**/CVN, Margaret **FRIEDENAUER**/KHNS, Ginger **JEWELL**/School District Superintendent, Bill and Libby **KURZ**, Janet **KURZ**, Mike **CASE**, Paul **WHEELER**, Jeanne **KITAYAMA**, Sean **GAFFNEY**/AMG, Marlena **SAUPE**, Craig **ANSELL**, and others.

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

The following Items were on the published consent agenda:

Consent Agenda:

- 4 – Approve Assembly Meeting Minutes
- 8B – Fire Department Report
- 9A – PRAC Minutes
- 9B – DRC Report
- 11A2 – Resolution 14-08-581
- 11A3 – Resolution 14-08-582
- 11B1 – Ordinance 14-08-389
- 11C2 – Election Policy re. Polling Place Visitation
- 12A – ADOT Letter re. Telecommuting

**Motion:** **WATERMAN** moved to “approve the agenda/consent agenda,” and it was amended to add to the agenda Other New Business item 11C3–Reconsider 7/29 vote on AMG permit and remove from the consent agenda 9A-PRAC minutes, and 11A2-Resolution 14-08-581. The motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

\*4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – 7/29/14 Regular

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**SAUPE** spoke against Resolution 14-08-582 saying the cabin at Chilkat State Park is a wrong fit for nightly rentals. **SCHNABEL** noted that resolution was adopted as part of the consent agenda.

**B.KURZ** said even when unpopular topics arise, the assembly must make the necessary decisions and lead from the front, not behind.

**6. MAYOR’S COMMENTS/REPORT**

Mayor **SCOTT** is at the Alaska Municipal League/Alaska Conference of Mayors summer meetings in Nome.

**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. Ordinance 14-07-384** – First hearing

**An Ordinance of the Haines Borough placing a proposition on the October 7, 2014 Haines Borough General Election ballot to amend Borough Charter Section 16.04 to remove the requirement for a runoff election if a candidate does not receive at least 40% of votes cast to be elected to borough office.**

Deputy Mayor **LAPP** opened and closed the public hearing at 6:45pm; there were no public comments.

**Motion:** **BERRY** moved to “advance Ordinance 14-07-384 to a second public hearing on 8/26/14,” and the motion carried 5-1 with **CAMPBELL** opposed.

**B. Ordinance 14-07-385** – First hearing

**An Ordinance of the Haines Borough to amend Borough Code Section 11.48.50 to provide that candidates receiving the greatest number of votes cast shall be declared the winners of an election even if the greatest number of votes cast is less than 40% of the total votes cast and to eliminate the requirement for a runoff election.**

Deputy Mayor **LAPP** opened and closed the public hearing at 6:49pm; there were no public comments.

**Motion:** **BERRY** moved to “advance Ordinance 14-07-385 to a second public hearing on 8/26/14,” and the motion carried 5-1 with **CAMPBELL** opposed.

**C. Ordinance 14-07-386** – First hearing

**An Ordinance of the Haines Borough providing for the addition or amendment of specific line items to the FY14 budget.**

Deputy Mayor **LAPP** opened and closed the public hearing at 6:49pm; there were no public comments.

**Motion:** **BERRY** moved to “advance Ordinance 14-07-386 to a second public hearing on 8/26/14,” and the motion carried unanimously.

**D. Ordinance 14-07-387** – First hearing

**A non-code Ordinance of the Haines Borough approving the sale to Haines Brewing Company Inc. of Lot [TBD], Primary School Subdivision Plat No. 2014-[TBD], Haines Recording District, First Judicial District, State of Alaska.**

Deputy Mayor **LAPP** opened and closed the public hearing at 6:51pm; there were no public comments.

**Motion:** **BERRY** moved to “advance Ordinance 14-07-387 to a second public hearing on 8/26/14,” and the motion carried 5-1 with **WATERMAN** opposed.

**E. Ordinance 14-07-388** – First hearing

**An Ordinance of the Haines Borough authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$4,722,079 to finance up to four projects for capital improvements to school facilities of the Borough; authorizing submission to the qualified voters of the Borough at the regular Election to be held on October 7, 2014, of four propositions, one for each of the capital improvement projects authorized by this ordinance; appropriating funds for those projects that are approved by the voters; and providing for an effective date.**

Deputy Mayor **LAPP** opened and closed the public hearing at 7:02pm; there were no public comments.

**Motion:** **BERRY** moved to “advance Ordinance 14-07-388 to a second public hearing on 8/26/14,” and it was amended to remove Proposition #4 from the ordinance (and renumber the remaining propositions to be in sequence). The motion carried unanimously, as amended.

**8. STAFF/FACILITY REPORTS**

**A. Borough Manager – 8/12/14 Report**

**SOSA** summarized his written report. He also provided an update on the process to hire a Community & Economic Development Director.

**\*B. Fire Department – Report of July 2014**

**9. COMMITTEE/COMMISSION/BOARD REPORTS & MINUTES**

**A. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee – Minutes of 6/18/14**

**Motion:** **WATERMAN** moved to “accept the PRAC minutes,” and the motion carried unanimously.

**\*B. Downtown Revitalization Committee – Report**

**C. Assembly Standing Committee Reports**

**SCHNABEL** reported the last committee meeting did not have a quorum but those present did talk about the signage ordinance and tax incentives.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

## 11. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Resolutions

#### 1. Resolution 14-08-579

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly approving the Borough's participation in a proposed refinancing by the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank of certain of the Bond Bank's general obligation bonds, which provided funds to purchase the Borough's General Obligation School Bond, 2005, under a loan agreement between the Borough and the Bond Bank; and authorizing the Borough's finance director to approve a revised schedule of principal and interest payments on the Borough's 2005 Bond, in accordance with the loan agreement, if the Bond Bank successfully refinances its bonds.

There were no public comments.

**Motion:** BERRY moved to "adopt Resolution 14-08-579," and the motion carried unanimously.

#### 2. Resolution 14-08-581

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Borough Manager to execute a purchase order with Cal Worthington Ford of Anchorage to purchase a pickup for Public Works for an amount not-to-exceed \$34,248.

There were no public comments.

**Motion:** WATERMAN moved to "adopt Resolution 14-08-581," and the motion carried unanimously.

#### \* 3. Resolution 14-08-582

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly requesting that the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation (DPOR), make the Chilkat State Park cabin available for public use for a nightly fee using DPOR's online cabin rental system.

*The motion adopted by approval of the consent agenda: "adopt Resolution 14-08-582."*

### B. Ordinances for Introduction

#### \* 1. Ordinance 14-08-389

An Ordinance of the Haines Borough providing for the addition or amendment of specific line items to the FY15 budget.

*The motion adopted by approval of the consent agenda: "Introduce Ordinance 14-08-389 and set a first public hearing for 8/26/14."*

### C. Other New Business

#### 1. Board Appointments

*An appointment application has been received for a seat on the Museum Board. The mayor plans to make the appointment and seeks assembly confirmation.*

**Motion:** BERRY moved to "confirm the mayor's appointment of Ginger Jewell to the Museum Board of Trustees for a term ending November 2017," and the motion carried unanimously.

#### \* 2. Policy re. Borough Clerk Visits to Polling Places on Election Day.

*On 5/27/14, the assembly passed a motion directing "the manager to establish a written election policy that the clerk or assistant will visit each polling place on Election Day and then bring the policy to the assembly." The motion adopted by approval of the consent agenda: "confirm the administrative policy requiring the borough clerk or assistant to visit each Borough Election Day polling place."*

#### 3. Reconsideration of 7/29 Vote Concerning AMG's Canoeing Permit

*This item was added during approval of the agenda.*

**Motion:** LAPHAM moved to "reconsider her vote on the 7/29/14 motion concerning the Alaska Mountain Guides' permit," and the motion to reconsider carried 4-2 with WATERMAN and SCHNABEL opposed. This returned the following motion back to the table as though it had never been voted on:

"Postpone consideration of the Alaska Mountain Guides' tour permit request pending development of a plan to address the carrying capacity and congestion in the Chilkoot River Corridor and establish a moratorium until there is a plan."

**LAPHAM**, who voted on the prevailing side, explained her reasoning for wanting to reconsider her vote: subsequent to the 7/29 meeting, she received new information and wanted further discussion.

The new vote on the motion failed with **LAPP, LAPHAM, BERRY, and CAMPBELL** opposed.

**Motion:** **LAPHAM** moved to "direct the manager to research the plan and bring it back to the assembly the first meeting in September," and it carried 4-2 with **CAMPBELL** and **BERRY** opposed.

**Motion:** **CAMPBELL** moved to "direct the staff to issue the permit as requested by Alaska Mountain Guides," and the motion carried 4-2 with **SCHNABEL** and **WATERMAN** opposed.

**12. CORRESPONDENCE/REQUESTS**

\* **A. Letter from ADOT Commissioner Kemp** – response to Mayor's 7/7/14 telecommuting letter

**13. SET MEETING DATES**

**A. Commerce Committee Meeting** – Tuesday, 8/19, 5:30pm, Topic: signage and solid waste management plan


**14. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

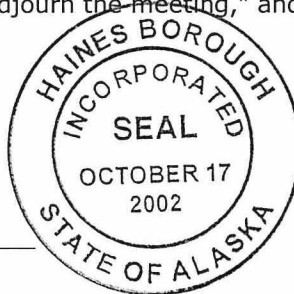
**15. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**


**16. ADJOURNMENT** – 8:38 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

  
Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk



  
Stephanie Scott, Mayor