

Haines Borough  
Borough Assembly Meeting #400  
May 12, 2020  
MINUTES



Approved

**Haines Borough Zoom Assembly Meeting**

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

**Present:** Mayor **HILL**, Assembly Members Stephanie **SCOTT**, Brenda **JOSEPHSON**, Zephyr **SINCERNY** (on zoom), Jerry **LAPP**, Paul **ROGERS** and Gabe **THOMAS**.

**Staff Present:** Debra **SCHNABEL**/Borough Manager, Alekka **FULLERTON**/Borough Clerk, Carolann **WOOTON**/Grants and Contracts Administrator, Ed **COFFLAND**/Director of Public Facilities

**Visitors Present:** Kyle **CLAYTON**/CVN, Ceri **GODNEZ**/CVN, Paul **NELSON**, Don **TURNER** Jr, Carol **TUYNMAN**, Kay **CLEMENTS**, George **CAMPBELL**, Sara **CHAPPELL**, Jeanine **ALLEN**, Helen **ALTEN**, Lucia **CHAPPELL**, Shannon **DONAHUE**, Thom **ELY**, Clay **FRICK**, Liz **HEYWOOD**, Tresham **GREGG**, Karen **HESS**, Heather **LENDE**, Tom **MORPHET**, Ann **MYREN**, Kristine **HARDER**, Mark **SMITH**, David **SIMMONS**, Lee **ROBINSON**, Joanie **WAGNER**, Heather **SHADE/HEDC**, Lorrie **DUDZIK**, Annette **SMITH**, Margaret **FRIEDENAUER**, Ellen **LARSON**, Dawn **DRETOS** and others.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA & CONSENT AGENDA**

The following Items were on the published consent agenda indicated by an asterisk (\*)  
3 – Approve Minutes from Regular Assembly Meeting

**Motion:** **ROGERS** moved to "approve the agenda/consent agenda," and the motion carried unanimously.

- \*3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – 04/28/20 Regular.

*Note: The motion adopted by approval of the consent agenda: "approve minutes of the 04/28/20 regular borough assembly meeting."*

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** **TUYNMAN, TURNER, CLEMENTS, CAMPBELL, CHAPPELL, ALLEN, ALTEN, L.CHAPPELL, ELY, FRICK, HEYWOOD, GREGG, HESS, LENDE, MORPHET, MYREN, HARDER, SMITH, SIMMONS, ROBINSON, WAGNER**

5. **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS:** **SCOTT, ROGERS, SINCERNY, JOSEPHSON, LAPP**

**Motion:** **ROGERS** moved to "suspend the Borough Manager with pay, effectively immediately until further notice, and to schedule a special assembly meeting to consider the necessary steps to terminate the borough manager's employment without cause. This meeting will be held in executive session at a time convenient for the borough attorney. At the end of the executive session, the assembly may take public action to terminate the manager's employment,"

**Primary Amendment:** **SCOTT** moved to "postpone the motion," and the motion FAILED 4-2 with **SINCERNY** and **SCOTT** in favor.

**Primary Amendment:** **SCOTT** move to "amend the motion to eliminate the suspension," and the motion and the motion FAILED 4-2 with **SINCERNY** and **SCOTT** in favor.

And the main motion (unamended) carried 4 -2 with **SINCERNY** and **SCOTT** opposed.

6. **MAYOR'S REPORT AND COMMENTS:**

Mayor **HILL** reported the last night the legislature approved the Governor's plan to distribute CARES Act funding and the first payment should be here by the end of the month.

## 7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

### A. Ordinance 20-04-566 – First Hearing

#### **An Ordinance of the Haines Borough, Alaska, Providing for the Establishment and Adoption of the Operating Budget, Capital Budget, and Capital Improvement Plan of the Haines Borough for the Period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.**

Mayor **HILL** opened the public hearing at 8:11 pm and the following people spoke: **NELSON, SHADE/HEDC, DUDZIK, TUYNMAN, SMITH**

Hearing no further comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing at 8:27 pm.

**Motion:** **LAPP** moved to "Amend Ordinance 20-04-566 to reflect the Manager's 5/5/20 Budget," and the motion carried 5-1 with **SINCERNY** opposed.

**Primary Amendment:** **JOSEPHSON** moved to "Amend Ordinance 20-04-566 to extend the Planning and Zoning Tech position to be full time (2040 hours) and eliminate the Planner position," and the motion carried unanimously.

**Primary Amendment:** **JOSEPHSON** moved to "Amend Ordinance 20-04-566 to delete the Assessor in Training position in the amount of 2040 hours plus benefits and reinstate the Administrative Assistant position of 2040 at the existing pay scale plus benefits for the position," and the motion carried unanimously.

**Primary Amendment:** **JOSEPHSON** moved to "Amend Ordinance 20-04-566 to Remove Assembly/Library Sinking Fund for Assembly Chambers at the rate of \$135,000 per year for 3 years from the 6 year CIP list," and the motion carried unanimously.

**Primary Amendment:** **ROGERS** moved to "Amend Ordinance 20-04-566 to cut the funding for the Chilkat Center for the Arts completely and return the facility to the original owners,"

**Secondary Amendment:** **JOSEPHSON** moved to "postpone this amendment until June 9," and the motion carried unanimously.

**Primary Amendment:** **ROGERS** moved to "Amend Ordinance 20-04-566 to cut all funding for economic development for \$75,300,"

**Secondary Amendment:** **SCOTT** moved to reduce the HEDC budget to \$35,000," and the motion FAILED 4-2 with **SCOTT** and **SINCERNY** in favor.

And the primary amendment (unamended) carried 4-2 with **SCOTT** and **SINCERNY** opposed.

### B. Ordinance 20-04-567 – First Hearing

#### **An Ordinance Of The Haines Borough, Providing For The Addition Or Amendment Of Specific Line Items To The FY20 Budget (#4).**

Mayor **HILL** opened and closed the public hearing at 9:07 pm since no member of the public desired to speak on this ordinance.

**Motion:** **LAPP** moved to "Substitute Ordinance 20-04-567S in place of Ordinance 20-04-567," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

### C. Ordinance 20-04-568 – First Hearing

#### **An Ordinance of the Haines Borough authorizing the Borough Manager to enter into a loan agreement in the amount of up to \$1,329,860 with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation for the Small Tracts/Mud Bay/Front AC Pipe Replacement project.**

Mayor **HILL** opened and closed the public hearing at 9:10 pm since no member of the public desired to speak on this ordinance.

**8. STAFF/FACILITY REPORTS**

- A. Borough Manager** – 05/12/20 Report
- B. Director of Public Facilities** – Presentation regarding the Public Safety Building (postponed)
- C. Finance Director Report** – FY20 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- D. Tourism Director Update**

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

- A. Chilkat Center Advisory Board** – Resolution and Minutes from 4-7-20 meeting
- B. Tourism Advisory Board** – Minutes from 3-12-20 meeting
- C. Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee** – Minutes of 2-20-20 Meeting

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Resolutions**

**1. Resolution 20-05-863**

**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly Supporting a State Parks Recreational Trails Program Grant for the Haines Area Trails Access Rehabilitation project.**

No member of the public spoke regarding the agenda item.

**Motion:** **ROGERS** moved to "Adopt Resolution 20-05-863," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

**2. Resolution 20-05-864**

**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly supporting a Strengthened Relationship with Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines.**

**GAFFNEY** spoke in favor of this agenda item.

**Motion:** **LAPP** moved to "Adopt Resolution 20-05-864," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

**3. Resolution 20-05-865**

**A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Borough Clerk to execute a construction contract with Glacier Construction Inc., dba Southeast Road Builders for the Small Tracts/Mud Bay Rd AC Pipe Replacement project for an amount not to exceed \$ 1,379,275.50**

No member of the public spoke regarding the agenda item.

**Motion:** **LAPP** moved to "Adopt Resolution 20-05-865," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote with **THOMAS** and **JOSEPHSON** recusing themselves due to their associations with Glacier Construction Inc. dba Southeast Road Builders.

**B. Ordinances for Introduction**

**1. Ordinance 20-05-569**

**An Ordinance of the Haines Borough authorizing the Borough Manager to enter into a loan agreement in the amount of up to \$579,867 with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation for the Waste Water Influent and Lift Pump Upgrade on Beach Rd and Skyline Dr.**

**Motion:** **LAPP** moved to "Introduce Ordinance 20-05-569 and schedule it for two public hearings 5-26-20 and 6-09-20," and the motion carried unanimously.

**C. Other New Business**

**1. Borough Personnel Actions**

a. Planning and Zoning Tech

**Motion:** JOSEPHSON moved to "postpone hiring until 06/09/20 meeting," and the motion carried unanimously.

b. Seasonal Parks Laborer

**Motion:** JOSEPHSON moved to "authorize the hiring of the seasonal parks laborer," and the motion carried unanimously.

c. Seasonal Harbor Assistant

**Motion:** JOSEPHSON moved to "authorize the hiring of the seasonal harbor assistant which is an internal transfer," and the motion carried unanimously.

**2. CARES Act Program Development**

**Motion:** JOSEPHSON moved to "create an ad hoc committee of the Assembly for the CARES Act Program Development," and the motion carried unanimously with JOSEPHSON, SCOTT and LAPP volunteering to be on the ad hoc committee.

**3. Fund 23 Discussion**

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Public comments as posted.

**13. SET MEETING DATES**

A. May 18 at 3:00 pm in Assembly Chambers for the Ad Hoc CARES Act Committee

B. May 20 at 6:30 pm for a field trip of the Public Safety Building to be followed by a presentation by the Director of Public Facilities.

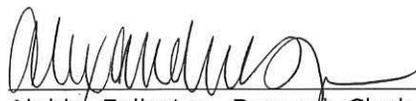
**14. PUBLIC COMMENTS: SCHNABEL, ELY, FRIEDENAUER, LARSEN, DRETOS, ALTEN, MORPHET**

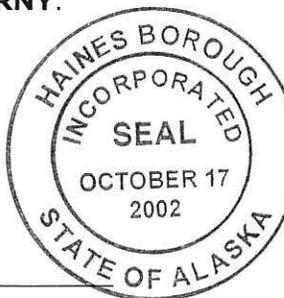
**15. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ASSEMBLY COMMENTS/DIRECTION TO THE MANAGER: SCOTT, SINCERNY**

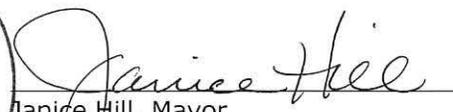
**Motion:** SINCERNY moved to "direct staff to draft an Ordinance to put the issue before the voters to spend \$448,000 from the Permanent Fund for FY21 School Bond Debt," and the motion FAILED 4-2 with SCOTT and SINCERNY.

**16. ADJOURNMENT - 9:55 pm**

ATTEST:

  
Alekka Fullerton, Borough Clerk



  
Janice Hill, Mayor