

Haines Borough
Borough Assembly SPECIAL Meeting
May 19, 2020



Approved

Haines Borough Zoom Special Assembly Meeting

THIS SPECIAL MEETING WAS HELD SOLELY FOR CONSIDERING THE ITEMS LISTED ON THE PUBLISHED AGENDA. NO ADDITIONAL ISSUES WERE CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING.

1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG/ROLL CALL:** Mayor **HILL** called the special meeting to order at 3:00 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: Alekka **FULLERTON**/Borough Clerk

Visitors Present: Kyle **CLAYTON**/CVN, Paul **NELSON**, Thom **ELY**, Kay **CLEMENTS**, and the following people attended via ZOOM:

Laurie **DADOURIAN**, Tom **HEYWOOD**, Shannon **DONAHUE**, Norm **SMITH**, Dawn **DRETOS**, Heather **LENDE**, Spencer **DOUTHUIT**, Kristin **HATTHORN**, George **FIGDOR**, Ann **MYREN**, Clay **FRICK**, Patty **KERMOIAN**, Liz **HEYWOOD**, Margaret **FRIEDENAUER** and others.

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

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

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: SCHNABEL, NELSON, CLEMENTS, ELY, DADOURIAN, T.HEYWOOD, DONAHUE, SMITH, DRETOS, LENDE, DOUTHUIT, HATHHORN, FIGDOR, MYREN, FRICK**

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Discussion with Borough Attorney Regarding Termination of Borough Manager's Employment**

Motion: **ROGERS** moved to "Move into executive session as allowed by AS 44.62.310(c)(1) to discuss with the borough attorney regarding the termination of the Borough Manager's Employment; this qualifies for executive session because it concerns matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough; the borough clerk and borough attorney are asked to attend.

Primary Amendment: **SCOTT** moved to "include Debra **SCHNABEL** in the executive session"

Secondary Amendment: **ROGERS** moved to "invite Debra **SCHNABEL** and her attorney to attend the executive session for the beginning of the meeting," and the motion carried 4-3 with **SINCERNY**, **SCOTT** and **LAPP** opposed and the Mayor broke the tie in the affirmative.

The primary amendment, as amended, carried unanimously.

The main motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

Part One of Executive Session: Mayor **HILL**; Assembly Members **LAPP**, **THOMAS**, **SCOTT**, **SINCERNY**, **ROGERS** and **JOSEPHSON**; Borough Attorney Brooks **CHANDLER** and Borough Clerk Alekka **FULLERTON**; Borough Manager Debra **SCHNABEL** and her attorney Sara **BLOOM**.

Part One of the Executive Session convened at 4:06 pm and ended at 4:13 pm.

Part Two of Executive Session: Mayor **HILL**; Assembly Members **LAPP, THOMAS, SCOTT, SINCERNY, ROGERS** and **JOSEPHSON**; Borough Attorney Brooks **CHANDLER** and Borough Clerk Alekka **FULLERTON**.

Part Two of the executive session started at 4:23 pm (after a 10 minute break) and ended at 6:26 pm.

The Assembly resumed in Public Session at 6:26 pm.

Motion: ROGERS moved to "terminate the manager's employment without cause effective May 20, 2020 and to offer the Manager an opportunity for a public hearing before the assembly at the next meeting to allow her to respond to any statement made during public meetings regarding her employment contract," and the motion carried 4 – 3 with **SCOTT, SINCERNY** and **LAPP** opposed and the Mayor breaking the tie in the affirmative.

Motion: JOSEPHSON moved to "authorize the Mayor to issue a statement on behalf of the borough within the next 48 hours," and the motion carried 4-2 with **SCOTT** and **SINCERNY** opposed.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**: The following individuals made comments: **KERMOIAN, L.HEYWOOD, FRIEDENAUER**

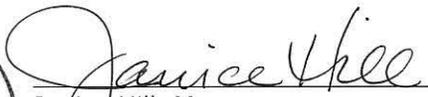
6. **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS: SCOTT, LAPP, SINCERNY**

7. **ADJOURNMENT**– 6:36 p.m.

ATTEST:


Alekka Fullerton, CMC, Borough Clerk




Janice Hill, Mayor