

Haines Borough
Borough Assembly Meeting #477
October 24, 2023
MINUTES

Draft

3B

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

Present: Mayor Douglas **OLERUD**, Mayor Thomas **MORPHET**, Assembly Members Gabe **THOMAS**, Debra **SCHNABEL**, Ben **AULTMAN-MOORE**, Margarette **JONES**, Cheryl **STICKLER**, Kevin **FORSTER**, Craig **LOOMIS** and Natalie **DAWSON** were present. Jerry **LAPP** was absent.

Staff Present: Alekka **FULLERTON**/Clerk, Kiersten **LONG**/Deputy Clerk, Jila **STUART**/Finance Director, Annette **KREITZER**/Manager.

Visitors Present: Brenda **JOSEPHSON**, Kim **ROSADO**, Burl **SHELDON**, Heather **LENDE**, Mark **SMITH**, Richard **CLEMENT**, Paul **ROGERS**, Blyth **CARTER**, Roy **JOSEPHSON**, Joe **PARNELL**, Sharon **RESNICK**, Cary **WEISHAHN** and others.

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

Motion: **AULTMAN-MOORE** moved to "approve the agenda and the consent agenda" and the motion carried unanimously.

- *3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from 10/10/23 Regular Assembly Meeting**

Note: The Minutes were approved by approval of the consent agenda: "Approve minutes from 10/10/23 Regular Assembly Meeting."

4. **2023 HAINES BOROUGH GENERAL ELECTION**

A. Certification of October 3, 2023 Haines Borough General Election

Motion: **THOMAS** moved to "Declare the October 3, 2023 Borough Election valid and certify the election results," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

Clerk's Note: Official Results attached.

B. Thank you to outgoing Mayor and Assembly Members: Douglas Olerud, Cheryl Stickler, Jerry Lapp and Margarette Jones.

C. Administration of Oaths to Newly-Elected Mayor and Assembly Members: Tom Morphet, Kevin Forester, Natalie Dawson and Craig Loomis.

Clerk **FULLERTON** administered the oath of office to Mayor **MORPHET**, Assembly Members **FORESTER**, **LOOMIS** and **DAWSON**.

*** At this point in the meeting, Mayor Morphet and Assembly Members Forester, Loomis and Dawson joined the other Assembly Members at the dais.*

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

LENDE – Read a blessing

SHELDON – Thank you and critical of assessments

B. JOSEPHSON – Critical of Assessments

ROGERS – Critical of Assessments

SMITH – Critical of Assessments

CARTER – Critical of Assessments

ROSADO – Critical of Assessments

R. JOSEPHSON – Critical of Assessments

PARNELL – Wants properties condemned

PODSIKI – Encouraging PSC

6. **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS and MAYOR'S REPORT and COMMENTS:**
LOOMIS – Wants MARAD and FEMA review and concerned about tax assessments
SCHNABEL – Time for comments

The Mayor introduced himself and offered to allow assembly members to use the Mayor's office; encourage dialogue with Manager between the meetings; intention to extend the time limit for public comments; announced office hours 3-5 daily and from 5:00-6:00pm by appointment; and handed out the committee appointments, among other ideas for changes.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. **Ordinance 23-09-656** – Third Hearing
An Ordinance of the Haines Borough Assembly Amending Haines Borough Code Title 2, Section 2.50 Public Safety Commission

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:27 pm and the following members of the public chose to speak with respect to this issue: **PODSIKI**

Hearing no further comments, the hearing was closed at 7:30 pm and returned to the Assembly for further consideration.

Motion: **SCHNABEL** moved to "Adopt Ordinance 23-09-656,"

Primary Amendment: **SCHNABEL** moved to "Amend Ordinance 23-09-656 to include:

B. shall review, investigate and make recommendations on any matter referred by the borough assembly or manager. The board may also, at the request and discretion of the fire chief or chief of police, be advisory to them in their duties and responsibilities; and existing

(B) will become (C)," and the motion carried unanimously," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

Motion: **SCHNABEL** moved to "re-refer this ordinance to the GASC committee," and the motion carried unanimously.

- B. **Ordinance 23-09-657** – Second Hearing
An Ordinance of the Haines Borough Assembly Amending Haines Borough Code Title 3 Required Property Tax Exemptions

The Mayor opened and closed the public hearing at 7:44 pm since no member of the public chose to speak with respect to this Ordinance.

Motion: **AULTMAN-MOORE** moved to "Adopt Ordinance 23-09-657," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

- C. **Ordinance 23-09-658** – Second Hearing
An Ordinance of the Haines Borough Assembly Amending Haines Borough Code Title 8.14 Custody and Removal of Dead Bodies.

The Mayor opened and closed the public hearing at 7:45 pm since no member of the public chose to speak with respect to this Ordinance.

Motion: **THOMAS** moved to "Adopt Ordinance 23-09-658," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS - Continued

**D. Ordinance 23-09-659 – Second Hearing
An Ordinance of the Haines Borough, Providing for the Addition or Amendment of Specific Line Items to the FY24 Budget.**

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:46 pm and the following members of the public chose to speak with respect to this Ordinance: **COHEN, PODSIKI**

Hearing no further comments, the hearing was closed at 7:49 pm and returned to the Assembly for further consideration.

Motion: **SCHNABEL** moved to "Adopt Ordinance 23-09-659

Primary Amendment: **SCHNABEL** moved to "amend the ordinance to appropriate \$1,000 for the Community Builder Award," and the motion carried 5-1 with **LOOMIS** in opposition.

And the main motion, to adopt Ordinance 23-09-659, as amended, carried 5-1 with **LOOMIS** in opposition.

8. STAFF/FACILITY REPORTS AND DIRECTION TO OFFICERS

A. Borough Manager Report – Verbal

9. COMMITTEE/COMMISSION/BOARD REPORTS & APPROVED MINUTES

A. Ports and Harbors Advisory Committee – Minutes from the 8/24/23 meeting

B. Government and Services Committee – Minutes from the 9/18/23 meeting

C. Commerce Committee – Minutes from the 9/19/23 meeting

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

1. Resolution 23-10-1069

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly Authorizing and Designating Certain Persons to Sign and Endorse Checks Pertaining to the Borough's First National Bank Alaska Accounts, and Authorizing Certain Persons as Signatories for the Borough's Security Cash Accounts and Investments.

No member of the public chose to speak with respect to this Resolution.

Motion: **AULTMAN-MOORE** moved to "Adopt Resolution 23-10-1069," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

2. Resolution 23-10-1070

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Borough Manager to purchase items required for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade required by the 2020 Storm event from DXP/Alaska Pump & Supply for an amount not to exceed \$35,572.

No member of the public chose to speak with respect to this Resolution.

Motion: **THOMAS** moved to "Adopt Resolution 23-10-1070," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

11. NEW BUSINESS - Continued

B. Ordinances for Introduction

1. Ordinance 23-10-660

An ordinance of the Haines Borough adopting the restated Port of Haines Terminal Tariff No. 3 and adopting a revised Harbor Fee Schedule.

Motion: **AULTMAN-MOORE** moved to "Introduce Ordinance 23-10-660 and set a first public hearing for 11/14/23 and a second public hearing for 11/28/23," and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Ordinance 23-10-661

An Ordinance of the Haines Borough amending Haines Borough Code Title 2 to clarify the Assembly Agenda.

Motion: **SCHNABEL** moved to "Introduce Ordinance 23-10-661 and set a first public hearing for 11/14/23 and a second public hearing for 11/28/23," and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Other New Business

1. Senior Exemption Unable To Comply "Good Cause Determination" Form

Motion: **AULTMAN-MOORE** moved to "To allow a good cause exemption for David Shackford, waive the claimant's failure to make timely application and authorize the assessor to accept his application as if timely filed since failure to apply was due to a serious medical condition beyond the taxpayer's control," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

Motion: **SCHNABEL** to "refer the timeliness and description of medical exemption to the GAS committee," and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Comprehensive Plan Update - Verbal

3. Lutak Dock Replacement Update - Verbal

12. CORRESPONDENCE -None

13. SET MEETING DATES -

A. Assembly Workshop re Lutak Dock- TBD

B. Assembly Workshop re Public Safety Building - TBD

C. Assembly Workshop re Porcupine Road - 11/16/23 at 5:30 pm

D. Assembly Workshop re Assessments - 11/2/23 at 5:30 pm

E. Assembly 101 - 11/8/23 5:30 pm

Motion: **SCHNABEL** moved to "suspend the rules to have a free flowing discussion about dates," and the motion carries unanimously.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT -

TUYNMAN - publicize meetings

ROSADO - Critical of assessments

KERMOIAN- Upcoming meetings

B. JOSEPHSON - Thank you for setting assessment meetings

RESNICK - Hard time hearing assembly members

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ASSEMBLY COMMENTS/DIRECTION to OFFICERS:

AULTMAN-MOORE – ZOOM problems last night

SCHNABEL – Anything can be done about penalties and interest

16. ADJOURNMENT at 9:24 pm.

Douglas Olerud, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alekka Fullerton, MMC, Borough Clerk