

Haines Borough
Borough Assembly SPECIAL Meeting
October 30, 2023
MINUTES

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1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG/ROLL CALL:** Mayor **MORPHET** called the meeting to order at 5:32pm in the Assembly Chambers and led the pledge to the flag.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Mayor Tom **MORPHET**, Assembly Members Ben **AULTMAN-MOORE**, Kevin **FORSTER**, Natalie **DAWSON**, Craig **LOOMIS**, and Debra **SCHNABEL** were present. Gabe **THOMAS** was not present.

Staff Present: Annette **KREITZER**/Borough Manager, Kiersten **LONG**/Deputy Clerk, Jila **STUART**/Chief Fiscal Officer.

Visitors Present: Katie Emma **BEGLEY**, Blythe **CARTER**, Kim **ROSADO**, Brenda **JOSEPHSON**, Glenda **GILBERT**, Paul **ROGERS**, Mark **SMITH**, Joanie **WAGNER**, Carol **TUYNMAN**, and others on zoom.

3. **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

Motion: **SCHNABEL** moved to "approve the Special Meeting agenda" and the motion carried unanimously.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

BEGLEY – Thank you to the assembly for being responsive to the community.

CARTER – Ordinance 23-10-662

ROSADO – Ordinance 23-10-662

JOSEPHSON – Ordinance 23-10-662

GILBERT – ADHOC committee for property tax

ROGERS – Supplemental Documents sent in

*The Mayor Called a brief recess because of zoom difficulties.

SMITH – 2023 Property Tax

WAGNER – 2023 Property Tax

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Ordinance 23-10-662**

An Ordinance of the Haines Borough Assembly setting the date that determines delinquency for certain tax payments to December 1, 2023 in order to provide a grace period for penalties and interest on certain delinquent tax payments.

Motion: **SCHNABEL** moved to "Introduce Ordinance 23-10-662 and set a first public hearing for 11/7/23 and a second public hearing for 11/8/23"

Primary Amendment: **SCHNABEL** moved to "Change the word "value" to the assessment of properties generally increased in the third whereas" and the amendment carried 4-1 with **LOOMIS** opposed.

5A. Ordinance 23-10-662 – Continued

Primary Amendment: **SCHNABEL** moved to “change the 4th whereas statement to the Haines Borough received a significant number of appeals” and the amendment to the motion carried unanimously.

Primary Amendment: **FORSTER** moved to “change the tax delinquency date to December 31, 2023” and the amendment to the motion carried unanimously.

Primary Amendment: **SCHNABEL** moved to “change the First public hearing date to November 8th” and the motion carried unanimously.

Primary Amendment: **SCHNABEL** moved to “change the Second Public hearing date to November 14” and the motion carried unanimously.

And the motion, as amended, carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

TUYNMAN – asked a clarifying question about ordinance 23-10-662

ROSADO – Ordinance 23-10-23

JOSEPHSON – Property Tax

BEGLEY – Property Tax

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ASSEMBLY COMMENTS:

SCHNABEL – Assembly work shop

8. ADJOURNMENT at 6:39 pm

Thomas C. Morphet, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alekka Fullerton, MMC, Borough Clerk