


Haines Borough
Borough Assembly Meeting #481
January 23, 2024
MINUTES

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

Present: Mayor Thomas **MORPHET**, Assembly Members Gabe **THOMAS**, Debra **SCHNABEL**, Kevin **FORSTER**, Craig **LOOMIS**, Natalie **DAWSON** and Ben **AULTMAN-MOORE**.

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

Visitors Present: Don **TURNER**, Blythe **CARTER**, Kim **ROSADO**, Glenda **GILBERT**, Emma **BEGLEY**, Patty **KERMOIAN**, Brenda **JOSEPHSON**, Lori **SMITH**, Eric **HOLLE** and others on zoom.

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

Motion: **THOMAS** moved to "approve the agenda and the consent agenda" and the motion carried unanimously.

*3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** - Approve the following Minutes

- A. 1/9/24 Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes

Note: The Minutes were approved by approval of the consent agenda: "Approve minutes from 1/9/24 Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes".

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

SHOVE: Support subsistence rights, support Lutak Dock

ROSADO: Support changes to the BOE and Tax Assessment Ad Hoc committees recommendations

CARTER: Support changes to the BOE and Tax Assessment Ad Hoc committees recommendations

BEGLEY: Support changes to the BOE and Tax Assessment Ad Hoc committees recommendations

TURNER: Please appeal Porcupine Road FEMA deobligation; sought to correct the record

JOSEPHSON: Support changes to the BOE and Tax Assessment Ad Hoc committees recommendations

KERMOIAN: In Support of Chilkat Bald Eagle Foundation Advisory Committee

SMITH: Support changes to the BOE and Tax Assessment Ad Hoc committees recommendations

5. **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS:**

SCHNABEL: Questions about the Property Tax Ad Hoc Committee

THOMAS: Be careful of infringing upon First Amendment rights of citizens commenting

DAWSON: UA land selections

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

Mayor took responsibility for Property Tax Assessment Ad Hoc committee recommendations not being on the agenda.

A. **Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve Advisory Council Governor's Executive Order**

Absent objection, he will convey to our legislators that the Haines Borough opposes the elimination of the Chilkat Bald Eagle Foundation Advisory Council.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** - None

8. **STAFF/FACILITY REPORTS**

- A. **Borough Manager Report** – January 18, 2024
- B. **CFO Report** – January 18, 2024
 - 1. **Max Mertz Presentation Regarding the FY23 Financial Audit**
- C. **Tourism Director Report**

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

- A. **Planning Commission** – 12/14/23 Minutes
- B. **Property Tax Assessment Ad Hoc Advisory Committee** - 12/13/23 and 12/20/23 Minutes
- C. **Commerce Committee** – 11/16/23 Minutes

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Resolutions**

1. **Resolution 24-01-1084**

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Borough Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Appraisal Company of Alaska LLC, to provide contract Assessor Services for the Haines Borough.

The following members of the public chose to speak with respect to this Resolution: **CARTER, BEGLEY, ROSADO**

Motion: SCHNABEL moved to “Adopt Resolution 24-01-1084 entering into a Professional Services Agreement with Appraisal Company of Alaska LLC,” and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **Resolution 24-01-1085**

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly Authorizing the Borough Manager to Enter into a Contract with Windward Strategies to Provide Federal Lobbying Services for \$36,000.

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

Motion: THOMAS moved to “Adopt Resolution 24-01-1085 with Windward Strategies for \$36,000” and the motion carried 4-2 with **LOOMIS** and **DAWSON** in opposition.

3. **Resolution 24-01-1086**

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly Authorizing the Borough Manager to Enter into a Contract with Theodore W. Popely, PC to Provide State Lobbying Services for \$48,000.00

The following members of the public chose to speak with respect to this Resolution: **BEGLEY**

Motion: THOMAS moved to “Adopt Resolution 24-01-1086 with Ted Popley for \$48,000” and the motion FAILED 3-3 with the Mayor joining **FORSTER, LOOMIS** and **DAWSON** in opposition.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions - Continued

4. Resolution 24-01-1087

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly Authorizing the Borough Manager to Enter into a Contract with Reid Harris, Harris Advocacy to Provide Sate Lobbying Services for \$36,000.

Motion: **SCHNABEL** moved to "Adopt Resolution 24-01-1087 with Reid Harris for \$36,000" and the motion FAILED 4-2 with **SCHNABEL** and **LOOMIS** in support.

B. Ordinances for Introduction – None

C. Other New Business

1. Porcupine Trail FEMA Appeal.

Motion: **SCHNABEL** moved to that "Following a response from CIV regarding engaging, **DAWSON, KREITZER, FORSTER** and **GLADSJO** convene a meeting to redraft the appeal letter," and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion: **SCHNABEL** moved to "Direct the manager to seek competent consultants to evaluate and advise regarding our appeal," and the motion carried unanimously.

***2. Marijuana License Renewal – Flower Mountain Farms**

Note: The following motion was approved by approval of the consent agenda: "The Haines Borough has no objection to the renewal of the marijuana cultivation license for Flower Mountain Farms".

12. CORRESPONDENCE – None

13. SET MEETING DATES –

- A. Comprehensive Plan joint Planning Commission meeting February 26 at 5:30 pm
- B. Board and Committee Training on January 29, 2024 at 5:30 pm

14. PUBLIC COMMENT:

CARTER: Ad Hoc committee's recommendations
ROSADO: Ad Hoc committee's recommendations
HOLLE: Porcupine Road
SMITH: Rebuilding community trust

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ASSEMBLY COMMENTS/DIRECTION TO OFFICERS

SCHNABEL: Wants to understand more about the Executive Order
THOMAS: Sorry we have no state lobbyist

16. ADJOURNMENT at 10:00 pm.

ATTEST:

Thomas C. Morphet, Mayor

Aleka Fullerton, MMC, Borough Clerk