
Haines Borough
Borough Assembly Meeting #483
February 27, 2024

Approved

MINUTES

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**, Ben **AULTMAN-MOORE** and Natalie **DAWSON** (arrived at approximately 7:15pm).

Staff Present: Annette **KREITZER**/Manager, Alekka **FULLERTON**/Clerk, Kiersten **LONG**/Deputy Clerk, Jila **STUART**/Finance Director, Dave **LONG**/Public Facilities Tech

Visitors Present: Paul **ROGERS**, John **ROGERS**, Don **TURNER Jr**, Blythe **CARTER**, Kim **ROSADO**, Glenda **GILBERT**, Nancy **BERLAND**, Burl **SHELDON**, Brenda **JOSEPHSON**, Eric **HOLLE**, Cindy **JONES**, Diana **LAPHAM**, Fred **GRAY**, Marvin **WILLARD**, Eben **SARGENT**, Sue **WATERHOUSE**, Laurie **DADOURIAN**, Jessica **PLACHTA**, Katey **PALMER** and 56 others on zoom.

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

Absent objection, the Mayor added the following items to the consent agenda:

11A1 – Resolution 24-02-1096	Closing Letnikof Float
11A2 – Resolution 24-02-1097	PIDP Grant Application
11A3 – Resolution 24-02-1098	Collecting Past Due Sales Tax
11A5 – Resolution 24-02-1100	AMHS Board Support
11A6 – Resolution 24-02-1101	Support for SB171
11B1 – Ordinance 24-02-666	Introduction- BOE Membership
11B2 – Ordinance 24-02-667	Introduction – Full and True Value
11B3 – Ordinance 24-02-668	Introduction – Exchange of Information

Motion: **SCHNABEL** moved to “approve the agenda and the consent agenda as amended” and the motion carried unanimously.

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

- A. 2/13/24 Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes

Note: *The Minutes were approved by approval of the consent agenda: “Approve minutes from 2/13/24 Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes”.*

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

TURNER Jr – Upset at chaos of Lutak Dock

ROGERS – Comments about BOE Membership

JOSEPHSON – Please respect work of ad hoc committee

HOLLE – Advocating alternative design for Lutak Dock

ROSADO – Comments about BOE Membership

CARTER – Comments about fee appraisals

JONES – Spoke in favor of Lutak Dock project

LAPHAM – Spoke in favor of Lutak Dock project

WILLARD – Spoke against the Lutak Dock project

SARGENT – Spoke against the Lutak Dock project

WATERHOUSE – Thank you for the new packet format

DADOURIAN – Please look at new Lutak Dock designs

PLACHTA (on behalf of LCC) – Spoke against the Lutak Dock project

PALMER – Spoke against Lutak Dock

5. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS:

FORSTER – Wants IT to do records requests

SCHNABEL – Agrees with **FORSTER**

DAWSON – Agrees with **FORSTER**

6. MAYOR'S REPORT and COMMENTS:

Discussed Draft Comp Plan; meeting with Preston Kroes (DNR Parks); meeting with lobbyist; meeting with MARAD; property tax assessment notices will go out approximately March 22.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Ordinance 24-02-664

An Ordinance of the Haines Borough Assembly Amending Haines Borough Code Title 10.09.090 Prohibiting the Use of Engine (Jake) Brakes in the Townsite.

The Mayor opened and closed the public hearing at 7:24 pm since no member of the public chose to speak with respect to this issue.

Motion: **LOOMIS** moved to "Substitute Ordinance 24-02-664A Regulating the Use of Engine (Jake) Brakes in the Townsite and Declaring the Use of Engine Brake Without Noise Suppression a Nuisance in the Townsite in place of introduced Ordinance 24-02-664 Prohibiting the Use of Engine (Jake) Brakes in the Townsite," and the motion carried 5-1 with **THOMAS** in opposition.

B. Ordinance 24-02-665

An Ordinance of the Haines Borough, Providing for the Addition or Amendment of Specific Line Items to the FY24 Budget.

The Mayor opened and closed the public hearing at 7:27pm since no member of the public chose to speak with respect to this issue.

**Item 11C3 regarding Lutak Dock Replacement Updates was heard at this point.*

Motion: **SCHNABEL** moved to "adjourn the meeting at 10:15pm," and the motion carried unanimously.

8. STAFF/FACILITY REPORTS

A. Borough Manager Report – February 26, 2024

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

A. Assembly Standing Committee Referred Topics

B. Property Tax Assessment Ad Hoc Board – January 17, 2024 Minutes

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

1. Resolution 24-02-1096

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly Supporting the Closure of the Letnikof Cove Harbor Pipe Moorage Floats

Note: The Resolution was adopted by approval of the consent agenda: "Adopt Resolution 24-02-1096".

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions - *Continued*

2. Resolution 24-02-1097

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly supporting a Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP) Discretionary Grant application for Fiscal Year 2024 for Letnikof Cove Harbor Improvements

Note: *The Resolution was adopted by approval of the consent agenda: "Adopt Resolution 24-02-1097".*

3. Resolution 24-02-1098

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Authorizing the Borough Attorney to File Suit to Collect Past Due Sales Tax from Salmon Run Fishing Lodge, LLC in Excursion Inlet

Note: *The Resolution was adopted by approval of the consent agenda: "Adopt Resolution 24-02-1098".*

4. Resolution 24-02-1099

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly Authorizing an Appeal of the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Deobligation of Funding in the Amount of \$1,435,834.75 Related to the Permanent Repair of Porcupine Trail Road and Authorizing the Borough Manager to Contract with Birch Horton Bittner & Cherot for Consultation Services Associated with Review of Appeal Documents

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

Motion: SCHNABEL moved to "Adopt Resolution 24-02-1099," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote (Assembly member DAWSON asked to be excused prior to this discussion).

5. Resolution 24-02-1100

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly Supporting the Current Membership Configuration of the Alaska Marine Highway Operations Board

Note: *The Resolution was adopted by approval of the consent agenda: "Adopt Resolution 24-02-1100".*

6. Resolution 24-02-1101

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly Supporting the Passage of Senate Bill House Bill 171: An Act Changing the Residency Requirements for Sport Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping Privileges.

Note: *The Resolution was adopted by approval of the consent agenda: "Adopt Resolution 24-02-1101".*

11. NEW BUSINESS

B. Ordinances for Introduction

***1. Ordinance 24-02-666**

An Ordinance of the Haines Borough Assembly Repealing and Replacing Haines Borough Code Section 3.72.110 Board of Equalization; Adding Section 3.72.115 Hearing Panels of the Board of Equalization; and Amending 3.72.100 Appeals.

Note: The Ordinance was introduced and scheduled for its first public hearing 2/27/24 and its second public hearing 3/12/24 by approval of the consent agenda.

***2. Ordinance 24-02-667**

An Ordinance of the Haines Borough Assembly Amending Haines Borough Code Section 3.72.020 Full and True Value.

Note: The Ordinance was introduced and scheduled for its first public hearing 2/27/24 and its second public hearing 3/12/24 by approval of the consent agenda.

***3. Ordinance 24-02-668**

An Ordinance of the Haines Borough Assembly Amending Haines Borough Code Section 3.72.105 Exchange of Information

Note: The Ordinance was introduced and scheduled for its first public hearing 2/27/24 and its second public hearing 3/12/24 by approval of the consent agenda.

C. Other New Business

***1. Proposed FY25 Budget Meeting Schedule**

Note: The proposed FY25 Budget Meeting Schedule was adopted by approval of the consent agenda.

***2. Boards and Commissions**

Note: The Mayor's Appointments of Sage Thomas to the Fire Service Area Board #3 and Deborah Gravel and Rene Morrissey to the Library Advisory Board were confirmed by approval of the consent agenda.

3. Lutak Dock Replacement Update – Maintenance Cost Comparison and Jason Davis Letter

** This item was moved to be heard after item 7B.*

Motion: **SCHNABEL** moved to "Direct the Manager to give Eben Sargent's report to analyze and reference it in the EA if appropriate," and the motion carried 5-1 with **THOMAS** in opposition*

Assembly Member **DAWSON disclosed that Eben Sargent is her husband and offered to abstain from the vote but she was directed by the Mayor to vote.*

Motion: **SCHNABEL** moved to "see a draft EA prior to submission to MARAD," and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion: **SCHNABEL** moved to "Direct the Manager to maintain the full award and do not use the steel that was already procured," and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Comprehensive Plan Revision Update

12. CORRESPONDENCE

13. SET MEETING DATES

14. PUBLIC COMMENT:

LAPHAM- This is the best design for Lutak Dock

TURNER Jr – Worried about losing the Planner; supporting the manager and Lutak Dock

PALMER – Wants to make sure alternatives are included in NEPA

PLACHTA – Wants a new design considered in EA

STICKLER – Please let the professionals do their job re Lutak Dock

ROSADO – Worried about disparaging public comments

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ASSEMBLY COMMENTS/DIRECTION TO OFFICERS:

FORSTER – Ask for an assembly liaison to sit in on their board meetings and invite them to have a liaison invited into our meetings.

AULTMAN – MOORE – Concurs with FORSTER.

LOOMIS – Also concurs with FORSTER.

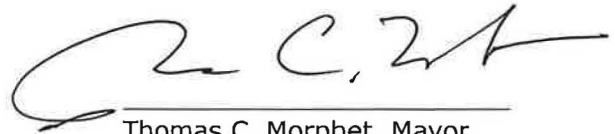
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16. ADJOURNMENT 10:05 pm

ATTEST:



Alekka Fullerton, MMC, Borough Clerk



Thomas C. Morphet, Mayor



