
Haines Borough
Borough Assembly Meeting #484
March 12, 2024

MINUTES

Approved

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**.

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

Visitors Present: Jon **CARLSON**, Craig **FRANKE**, Paul **ROGERS**, Donnie **TURNER**, Blythe **CARTER**, Kim **ROSADO**, Ellen **LARSON**, Brenda **JOSEPHSON**, Holly **THOMAS**, Joanie **WAGNER**, Toni **DeWITT**, Marvin **WILLARD**, Burl **SHELDON**, Barbara **NETTLETON**, Cindy **JONES** and 48 others on zoom.

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

Absent objection and per request, the Mayor moved Item 11C7 to be heard after 7E; and 11A2 to be heard after 11C6; remove item 11C2; move item 11C6 Comprehensive Plan Revision update after item 8A; and move item 11C7 to be heard after item 7E.

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. 2/27/24 Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes

Note: *The Minutes were approved by approval of the consent agenda: “Approve minutes from 2/27/24 Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes”.*

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

CARLSON: Worried about Lutak Dock failure and supporting current dock design.

FRANKE: Support of current design of Lutak Dock.

CARTER: Thankful for Assembly and their work but traumatized by last year’s BOE.

LARSON: Concerns regarding Lutak Dock.

ROSADO: Thankful for Assembly and for Property Tax Ad Hoc Committee’s work.

EVANS: Opposing the Lutak Dock design.

DeWITT: Wants Jake brakes prohibited in the Townsite.

CHILKOOT INDIAN ASSOCIATION/BILL THOMAS: Supportive of current design of Lutak Dock.

5. **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS:**

SCHNABEL: Wondering what happened to Haines Friends of Recycling Borough property request

DAWSON: Indicates that the Chilkat Valley Rural Residents would like to discuss settlement; and discussion of remand regarding CUP 23-87.

6. **MAYOR’S REPORT and COMMENTS:**

A. Rodney Williamson Commendation

Mayor’s Report: 40/19 vote overrode the Governor’s Executive Order abolishing the Bald Eagle Foundation Advisory Board; met with AP&T leadership about cell phone connectivity on cruise ship days; placing an emergency phone/shelter at Mosquito Lake facility; lack of

6. MAYOR'S REPORT and COMMENTS- *Continued*

phone at ferry terminal and airport- want a land line; wants to start meetings earlier at 6:00 pm; BOE committee deadline extended to March 24; Congratulations to Glacier Bear Girls for going to State for basketball; Need to reschedule Joint School Board meeting with discussion of what to do with old playground equipment if replaced; Illegal dumping at Garbage Point; Revive River clean up; wants to send letter to AML and Delta Western to try to get consideration on rates for new dock; Friday deadline for Financial Disclosure.

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 the public hearing at 7:19 pm and the following members of the public chose to speak with respect to this issue:

WAGNER, TURNER, WILLARD, DeWITT

Hearing no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:26 pm.

Motion: **LOOMIS** moved to "Adopt Ordinance 24-02-664,"

Primary Amendment: **LOOMIS** moved to change the word "regulating" to the word "prohibiting", and the motion FAILED 1-5 with **LOOMIS** in support.

Primary Amendment: **SCHNABEL** moved to "hold the Ordinance over for an additional public hearing March 26," and the motion carried 4-2 with **LOOMIS** and **THOMAS** in opposition.

*** Clerk's note: This had the effect of postponing adoption of the Ordinance until after the third public hearing.*

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 7:42 pm since no member of the public chose to speak with respect to this issue.

Motion: **SCHNABEL** moved to "Amend Ordinance 24-02-665 to recognize additional CPV revenue and adopt the ordinance," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

C. 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.

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:46 pm and the following members of the public chose to speak with respect to this issue:

ROGERS, JOSEPHSON, ROSADO, SHELDON

Hearing no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 8:02 pm.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** - *Continued*

D. **Ordinance 24-02-667**

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

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 8:25 pm and the following members of the public chose to speak with respect to this issue:

ROGERS, JOSEPHSON, ROSADO

Hearing no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 8:28 pm.

E. **Ordinance 24-02-668**

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

The Mayor opened the public hearing at 8:30 pm and the following members of the public chose to speak with respect to this issue:

ROGERS, ROSADO, CARTER, ONSKULIS, SMITH, NETTLETON, JOSEPHSON

Hearing no further comments, the public hearing was closed at 8:43 pm.

***Clerk's Note: Item 11C7 was heard at this point in the meeting.*

8. **STAFF/FACILITY REPORTS**

A. **Borough Manager Report** – February 26, 2024

Manager Kreitzer summarized her Manager's report and answered assembly questions.

B. **Borough Clerk** - Working Schedule for Assembly to Place Questions on the October 1, 2024 Municipal General Election Ballot

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

A. **Assembly Standing Committee Referred Topics**

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

C. **Historic Dalton Trail RMSA** – Budget Report

D. **Letnikof Estates Road RMSA** – Annual Report and Minutes

E. **Riverview RMSA** – Annual Report and Budget Request

F. **Port and Harbor Advisory Committee** – January 18, 2024 Minutes

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

11. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. **Resolutions**

1. **Resolution 24-03-1102**

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly Adopting the Borough's 2025 Federal Priorities.

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

Motion: AULTMAN-MOORE moved to "Adopt Resolution 24-03-1102," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

11. NEW BUSINESS - Continued

A. Resolutions

2. Resolution 24-03-1103

A Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Borough Manager to execute a construction contract with Glacier Construction, Inc. dba Southeast Road Builders for the Jenae's Playground design and build project for an amount not to exceed \$672,896.00.

*** Clerk's note: This item was heard following item 11C6.*

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

Motion: THOMAS moved to "Adopt Resolution 24-03-1103," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

3. Resolution 24-03-1104

Resolution of the Haines Borough Assembly authorizing the Borough Manager to contract with Alaska Mountain Guides for \$150 per hour or \$125 per hour for the operation of the 2024 Visitor Shuttle Service.

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

Motion: THOMAS moved to "Adopt Resolution 24-03-1104," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

B. Ordinances for Introduction – None

C. Other New Business

***1 Boards and Commissions:**

Note: *By approval of the consent agenda the following motion was made: "Confirmation of Mayor's reappointment of Brian Staurseth to the Fire Service Board #3 with a seat termination date of 11/25".*

2. Amend Previously Adopted Resolution 24-02-1094

Removed from Agenda.

3. Manager's Report Template

The Government Affairs and Services Committee recommends the attached Manager's Report Template be adopted as an Assembly Policy.

Motion: SCHNABEL moved to "Adopt the Manager's Report Template as an Assembly Policy," and the motion carried unanimously.

4. Creation of Bear Task Force Ad Hoc Committee

Motion: AULTMAN-MOORE moved to "Create a Bear Task Force to recommend community best practices for mitigating bear activity in the townsite and residential neighborhoods," and the motion carried unanimously.

11. NEW BUSINESS - Continued

C. Other New Business

5. Lutak Dock Replacement Update – Verbal

Motion: **LOOMIS** moved to "Direct the Manager to provide the language for a smaller rip-rap dock with no bulkhead as a reasonable alternative to the Draft EA for consideration," and the motion carried 4-2 with **THOMAS** and **SCHNABEL** in opposition.

6. Comprehensive Plan Revision Update – Postponed to the next meeting

7. Assessment Presentation – Appraisal Company of Alaska

*** Clerk's note: This item was heard following item 7E.*

12. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Notes on Port Development Fee

B. HDST Thank you note

13. SET MEETING DATES

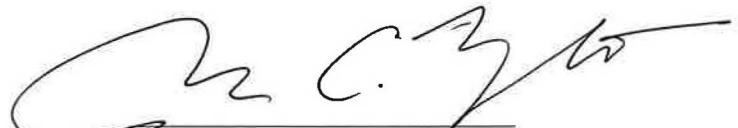
14. PUBLIC COMMENT: JONES

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ASSEMBLY COMMENTS/DIRECTION TO OFFICERS: None

16. ADJOURNMENT 10:00 pm

ATTEST:


Alekka Fullerton, MMC, Borough Clerk


Thomas C. Morphet, Mayor



