

Haines Borough
Borough Assembly Meeting #325
October 25, 2016
MINUTES

Approved

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

Present: Mayor Jan **HILL**, and Assembly Members Diana **LAPHAM**, Tresham **GREGG** (via phone), Ron **JACKSON**, Margaret **FRIEDENAUER**, Mike **CASE**, and; and Assembly Members-elect Tom **MORPHET** and Heather **LENDE**. Absent: George **CAMPBELL**

Staff Present: Bill **SEWARD**/Borough Manager, Julie **COZZI**/Borough Clerk, Jila **STUART**/Finance Director, Helen **ALTEN**/Museum, Shawn **BELL**/Harbormaster, Albert **GIDDINGS**/CYD Director, Dean **OLSEN**/Assessor, Tina **OLSEN**/Accounting Clerk, Krista **KIELSMEIER**/Executive Assistant to the Manager, and Brad **RYAN**/Director of Public Facilities.

Visitors Present: John **STANG**/CVN, Emily **FILES**/KHNS, Cary **SEWARD**, Ryan **COOK**, Bill **MCCORD**, Debra **SCHNABEL**, Don **TURNER** Jr., Don **TURNER III**, Mike **DENKER**, Paul **NELSON**, Diana **LAPHAM**, Kyle **GRAY**, Kay **CLEMENTS**, Dana **HALLETT**, Don **TURNER III**, Heidi **ROBICHAUD**, Joe **PARNELL**, Colin **TAYLOR**, Chris **OLSEN**, John **HAGEN**, Dennis **GUDMUNDSON**, JR **CHURCHILL**, Will **PRISCIANDARO**, Jimmy **THOMSEN**, Haynes **TORMEY**, and others.

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

The following Items were on the published consent agenda indicated by an asterisk (*):

- 3 – Approve Assembly Meeting Minutes
- 9A – Accept Parks & Rec Committee Minutes and Meeting Summary
- 11A1 – Adopt Resolution 16-10-689

Motion: **LAPHAM** moved to “approve the agenda/consent agenda,” and it was amended to add Item 11A1 regarding a possible special election regarding the harbor. The motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

- *3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – 10/11/16

The motion adopted by approval of the consent agenda: “approve minutes of the 10/11/16 borough assembly meeting.”

4. **2016 BOROUGH ELECTION**

A. Certification of October 4th Borough Election

Motion: **LAPHAM** moved to “declare the October 4, 2016 Borough Election valid and certify the election results,” and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

B. Administration of Oath to Newly-Elected Assembly Members

Mayor **HILL** administered the oath of office to Assembly Members-elect **MORPHET** and **LENDE**.

LAPHAM made a brief outgoing statement, and **LENDE** and **MORPHET** took their seats at the dais.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

TURNER JR. – Said he was not happy the two new assembly members protested the opening of the harbor bids.

LAPHAM – Read a letter in support of the harbor project.

HAGEN – Thanked the outgoing assembly members for their service. He spoke in support of the harbor project as designed and urged the new assembly members to build on the work of prior assemblies.

NELSON – Wanted to make sure the assembly was aware of his appeal of the planning commission’s decision regarding his harbor appeal.

GUDMUNDSON – Spoke in support of the harbor as designed. Right now, the harbor is considered the most inadequate harbor in Southeast.

THOMSEN – Supports the harbor and expanded parking lot. It has revenue-generating potential.

COOK – Said space in the harbor is inadequate, and the plan needs to move forward.

SCHNABEL – When the assembly endorsed the Haines Harbor as a Clean Harbor, it impacted activities that are allowed. She encouraged the borough to keep that in mind.

PARNELL – Spoke against the harbor project as designed. The borough should be tightening belts now, and the harbor should have a 200-foot rubble mound

PRISCIANDARO – Spoke in support of the harbor project.

TORMEY– Spoke in favor of the harbor project. It is important to his family and the community.

TAYLOR – Supports the new harbor for our future.

Fisherman – Spoke in support of the harbor. The steel wall can be turned into a lovely place to be.

C.OLSEN – Said he is in favor of the harbor. The fishermen are undervalued.

6. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS/MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Assembly Comments:

CASE – Thanked the outgoing assembly members and congratulated the newly-elected members. He reminded this is a representative government. He is gratified with the fishermen in attendance.

FRIEDENAUER – Asked for a response to **NELSON's** comment about his appeal. **SEWARD** explained the appeal was received and is following an administrative course outlined in code.

LENDE– Said she supports a new harbor but is concerned about the costs of maintenance, etc. She doesn't know that this plan is what is needed.

Mayor's Comments:

HILL reported on the progress of AP&T's project to lay fiber optic cable. She recently joined the Juneau and Skagway mayors in Skagway for a celebration of the first section of cable. This project is expected to improve our Internet service.

The mayor asked the assembly members to give consideration to what committees they wish to serve on. She announced her appointment of Mike Case as her deputy mayor for the next year, and she wants to make committee and liaison appointments very soon.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Ordinance 16-09-444 – Second Hearing

An Ordinance of the Haines Borough determining whether recently foreclosed properties deeded to the borough shall be retained for a public purpose or sold.

Mayor **HILL** opened and closed the public hearing at 7:14 pm; there were no public comments.

Motion: **FRIEDENAUER** moved to "adopt Ordinance 16-09-444," and the motion carried unanimously in a roll call vote.

8. STAFF/FACILITY REPORTS

A. Borough Manager – 10/25/16 Report

The manager summarized his written report and responded to a few questions from the assembly.

9. COMMITTEE/COMMISSION/BOARD REPORTS & APPROVED MINUTES

A. Tourism Advisory Board – Minutes of 9/9/16 & Letter with Specific Assembly Requests

Motion: **FRIEDENAUER** moved to "direct the borough manager to create a Haines Highway working group to support efforts to maintain safe access to the Chilkat River for local and commercial use," and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion: **FRIEDENAUER** moved to "direct the manager to work with the appropriate state agencies to address the speed limit at Picture Point," and motion carried unanimously.

B. Assembly Board Liaison Reports

CASE – Library Advisory Board

JACKSON – Heliskiing Map Committee and Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

C. Assembly Standing Committee Reports

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of a Possible Special Election Concerning the Harbor Project.

[This item was added during approval of the agenda.]

MORPHET distributed a draft resolution and draft advisory vote question. He wants a voter endorsement of the harbor project. **COZZI** explained the code requirement that a resolution has to first be published with an agenda.

Motion: **MORPHET** moved to "schedule a special meeting to take place in three days."

Primary Amendment: **MORPHET** moved to "amend the motion to change the three days to one week," and the motion **FAILED** 3-4 in a tie vote with **CASE**, **FRIEDENAUER**, and **JACKSON** opposed and the mayor breaking the tie in the negative.

The main motion **FAILED** 3-4 in a tie vote with **CASE**, **FRIEDENAUER**, and **JACKSON** opposed and the mayor breaking the tie in the negative.

The mayor said the draft resolution would be on the November 8 agenda.

B. Ordinances for Introduction

1. Ordinance 16-10-445

An Ordinance of the Haines Borough amending Borough Code Subsection 5.18.080(I)(b) to clarify the membership makeup of heliski map amendment committees.

Motion: **LENDE** moved to "introduce Ordinance 16-10-445 and schedule a first public hearing for 11/8/16 and a second hearing for 11/29/16."

Motion to Refer: **JACKSON** moved to "refer Ordinance 16-10-445 to the Tourism Advisory Board," and the motion carried unanimously.

***2. Ordinance 16-10-446**

An Ordinance of the Haines Borough amending Haines Borough Code Title 18 Subsection 18.30.040(L) to adjust the comprehensive plan review frequency.

The motion adopted by approval of the consent agenda: "Introduce Ordinance 16-10-446 and set a first public hearing for 11/8/16 and a second public hearing for 11/29/16."

C. Other New Business

1. Ordinance 16-01-429

An Ordinance of the Haines Borough amending Haines Borough Code Section 18.30.040 to adjust code to match the actual planning commission meeting start time and to revise the review process for capital improvements and borough projects.

Note: a version of the ordinance was introduced on 1/26/16. Public hearings were held on 2/9 and 3/8. Following the second hearing, the ordinance was substituted with a draft proposed by the administration. It was subsequently referred back to the planning commission for review. On 10/13, the planning commission voted to recommend a revision, and a new substitute ordinance was submitted for assembly consideration prior to adoption.

Motion: **CASE** moved to "adopt the substitute Ordinance 16-01-429 proposed by the Planning Commission."

Primary Amendment: **MORPHET** moved to "change \$100,000 to \$25,000 and replace "facilities" with "structures."

Motion to Postpone: **FRIEDENAUER** moved to "postpone this to the November 29 assembly meeting pending more information from the planning commission," and the motion carried 4-2 with **LENDE** and **MORPHET** opposed.

2. Sales Tax Exemption Request – Boy Scout Troop 984 (North Oldham Baptist Church)

Motion: **CASE** moved to "approve the request from Boy Scout Troop 984 (North Oldham Baptist Church in Kentucky) for sales tax exemption status, and authorize the borough clerk to issue an exemption certificate," and the motion carried 4-2 in a roll call vote with **LENDE** and **MORPHET** opposed.

3. Appointment/Confirmation of FY17 ad hoc Community Funding Scoring Committee

Note: the borough accepted grant applications from community nonprofit organizations seeking FY17 funding. Nine applications were received by the 5pm 10/19 deadline. The instructions stipulated the applications would be scored by an ad hoc committee composed of the mayor,

three members of the assembly, and the borough manager or his designee. The mayor sought assembly volunteers during this meeting.

Motion: **JACKSON** moved to "confirm the members of the FY17 ad hoc Community Funding Scoring Committee, as follows:

Mayor Hill
Assembly Members **GREGG, CASE, and LENDE.**
Deputy Clerk Alekka Fullerton (Borough Manager's designee)."

The motion carried unanimously.

12. CORRESPONDENCE/REQUESTS

- A. Harbor Project Comments** – E. Vignola
- B. Appreciates Borough's Position re. Ferries/Juneau Road** – Juneau Citizen, M. Stopha
- C. Thanks for Support** – Southeast Conference

13. SET MEETING DATES

- A. Committee of the Whole** - Wednesday 11/2, 6-8pm – Topic(s): 1) Revenue & Expenditures overview and recommendations; 6-7pm, and 2) Harbor Discussion and Presentation of Bid Proposal; 7-8pm.

Motion: **FRIEDENAUER** moved to "reschedule the first meeting in November from the 9th back to the 8th," and the motion carried unanimously.

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS

TURNER Jr. – Clarified the funding for the Sport Fish Ramp.

TURNER III – Said he is disappointed the first thing the new assembly members did was to try to bypass the public process by bringing a resolution without notice.

SCHNABEL – Said she is encouraged the public is being heard about budgeting. Regarding projects, people want the borough to work under the same rules the public has to work under.

KIELSMEIER – Said she is concerned about the assembly having a meeting on election night. She encouraged future consideration of that when scheduling meetings.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

MORPHET – Responded to **TURNER III**'s comment (under item 14). The essence of the resolution is to include people in the process by providing an opportunity for voting.

FRIEDENAUER – Thanked **KIELSMEIER** for reminding about early voting.

LENDE – Expressed excitement to be on the assembly. She thanked the police department for the recent drug bust. She is concerned about the rise of serious drug issues in Haines.

CASE – Reminded Lynn Canal Counseling does a good job with issues such as drug issues.

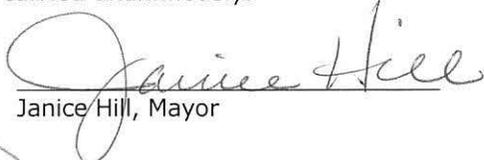
JACKSON – Welcomed the new assembly members.

16. ADJOURNMENT – 9:34 p.m.

Motion: **CASE** moved to "adjourn the meeting," and the motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


Julie Cozzi, MMC, Borough Clerk


Janice Hill, Mayor

