



MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA
REGULAR ASSEMBLY MEETING

November 16, 2023
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1. **Call to Order:**

Mayor Bass called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

2. **Roll Call:**

Present: Mayor: Sam Bass **Assembly Members:** Deb Potter, Alex Weddell, Kate Kolodi, Orion Hanson, Jay Burnham, Dan Henry

Absent:

3. **Approval of Minutes:**

A. October 19, 2023 Assembly

Motion/Second: Henry/Potter

To approve the October 19, 2023 Assembly minutes.

The Motion passed by roll call vote, 6 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

4. **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion/Second: Henry/Hanson

To approve the agenda.

The Motion passed by roll call vote, 6 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

5. **Reports of Officials and Committees:**

A. **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Bass indicated that:

- Citizens present will be at the standing podium or seated if the speaker prefers. Each speaker will be allowed 5 minutes to present to the Assembly. There will be a sign-up sheet available 30 minutes before the meeting.
- He traveled with Manager Ryan and Lobbyist John Walsh to Anchorage for a meeting with the Governor's office to request support in the Municipality's efforts to remediate contaminants associated with the remaining ore storage building as well as the removal of the structure itself. They also met with the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation to discuss the idea of a joint use ferry peninsula.
- He will be adding a Native Land Acknowledgement to the beginning of Assembly meetings, as well as reading the preamble of the Alaska State Constitution. By adding these two items along the pledge of allegiance, his hope is to recognize the history of this land, the value placed on partnership with the local native government, and the rights, freedoms, and obligations we have as citizens of the United States and as citizens of the State of Alaska.

B. **Assembly Committee Reports:**

A. **Assemblymember Jay Burnham:**

Motion/Second: Burnham/Hanson to approve the check run.

Motion passed by roll call vote, 6 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

Assemblymember Burnham indicated that Finance met on November 15, 2023, and did the following:

- Approved a community funding grant application from Catholic Community Service in the amount of \$27,340.18.
- Reviewed and recommends approval of Ordinance No. 23-25: Authorizing the Municipality of Skagway to Lease Property to ED&D Inc dba Skagway Network TV.
- Discussed the FY24 budget.

Assemblymember Hanson indicated that Public Works reviewed Resolution No. 23-30 regarding Garden City RV Park and did not have any recommended changes.

C. Treasurer's Report:

D. Manager's Report:

Manager Ryan indicated that:

- His written report is in the packet.
- He would like the Assembly to discuss scheduling a special meeting on Monday or Tuesday to discuss a change order for the ore peninsula redevelopment project.

6. Communications to the Assembly:

A. Correspondence:

B. Hear Citizens Present

Andrew Cremata indicated that some of the budget surplus should be saved each year to build a pool and an ad hoc committee assigned to look for grants to help fund it.

7. Ordinances, Resolutions, & Proclamations:

A. Second Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance No. 23-24: Providing for the Establishment and Adoption of the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2024

Main Motion/Second: Henry/Hanson for the second reading and public hearing of Ordinance No. 23-24.

Public Hearing

The Public Hearing closed with no comments.

Secondary Motion/Second: Burnham/Weddell to amend Ordinance No. 23-24 to include \$22,500 for contractual expenses in the Port budget and reduce the surplus to \$1,664,250.

Assemblymember Hanson indicated that the port director requested this amendment to allow for total station monitoring software and to install heaters in the seawalk restrooms.

The Secondary Motion passed by roll call vote, 6 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

The Main Motion passed as amended by roll call vote, 6 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

- B. Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 23-25: Authorizing the Municipality of Skagway to Lease Property to Electronic Design & Development, Inc., dba Skagway Network TV**

Main Motion/Second: Henry/Weddell for first reading of Ordinance No. 23-25.

Assemblymember Hanson indicated that the lease amount is 50% of market rent because emergency response information can be received through cable television.

Secondary Motion/Second: Hanson/Potter to amend the motion to clarify that the amount of the lease would be \$3,671.50.

The Secondary Motion passed by roll call vote, 6 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

The Main Motion passed as amended by roll call vote, 6 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

8. Unfinished Business:

- A. Confirmation of Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

Motion/Second: Potter/Henry to approve the list of mayoral appointments to the Skagway Visitor Advisory Board as well as the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

The Motion passed by roll call vote, 6 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

- B. Appointments to the Dahl Memorial Clinic Board of Directors**

[Clerk's note: There is a pending subsidiary motion postponed from the November 2, 2023 Regular Assembly meeting to "postpone the appointment of Scott Raia term ending 2026 until the Clerk's department has received official confirmation of his interest in serving."]

Assemblymember Weddell indicated that Mr. Raia had submitted a letter indicating he no longer wished to serve.

The Subsidiary Motion failed by roll call vote, 1 yes, 5 no, 0 absent; with Assemblymembers Kolodi, Burnham, Hanson, Weddell, and Potter dissenting.

[Clerk's note: There is a pending Main Motion postponed from the November 2, 2023 Regular Assembly meeting to "Appoint Joel Jorgensen with a term ending 2026, Janilyn Heger with a term ending 2026, Kilipaki Harris with a term ending 2025, and William Lockette as alternate with a term ending 2025 to the Dahl Memorial Clinic Board of Directors"]

Primary Amendment/Second: Potter/Henry to amend the main motion to appoint Joel Jorgensen to a full seat term ending 2026, Janilyn Heger to a full seat term ending 2026, Kilipaki Harris to a full seat term ending 2025, Brittney Thomas to a full seat term ending 2026, and William Lockette to an alternate seat term ending 2025.

Mayor Bass confirmed that he received the official resignation of Allyson Nannini.

Secondary Amendment/Second: Potter/Weddell to amend the amendment to appoint jeremy simmons to the vacant seat with a term ending 2024.

Assemblymember Potter indicated that having new board members will match well with the new executive director, but she understands some of the concerns expressed about losing the 16 years of experience that jeremy simmons offers.

The Secondary Amendment passed by roll call vote, 5 yes, 1 no, 0 absent; with Assemblymember Henry dissenting.

The Primary Amendment passed by roll call vote, 4 yes, 2 no, 0 absent; with Assemblymembers Burnham and Henry dissenting.

The Main Motion passed as amended by roll call vote, 5 yes, 1 no, 0 absent; with Assemblymember Henry dissenting.

9. **New Business:**

- A. Approval of Clinic Executive Director Contract

Motion/Second: Potter/Weddell for the approval of Albert Wall to serve as the Executive Director of the Dahl Memorial Clinic.

The Motion passed by roll call vote, 6 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

10. **Mayor and Assembly Discussion Items:**

The Mayor and Assembly discussed scheduling a Special Meeting on Monday at 11:00 a.m. to consider additional expenses for the ore redevelopment project to avoid longer delays.

The Mayor and Assembly discussed bears and the need to address trash protocols before the spring arrives.

The Mayor and Assembly discussed the display of school art in City Hall.

Assemblymember Weddell indicated that Juneau recently voted to limit cruise ship passengers and it will be interesting to see how that plays out for them.

Assemblymember Henry indicated that the cost to build an aquatic center is only increasing and there will need to be a revenue stream to achieve that goal.

11. **Executive Session:**

12. **Adjournment:**

Motion/Second: Henry/Potter to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

The Motion passed by roll call vote, 6 yes, 0 no, 0 absent.

ATTEST:

Sam Bass, Mayor

Steve Burnham Jr., Borough Clerk
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