
Subject:

FW: Resolution 2016-072

From: Floyd & Gert [mailto:seekins@xyz.net]

Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 10:46 PM

To: Blankenship, Johni <JBlankenship@kpb.us>

Subject: Fwd: Resolution 2016-072

Begin forwarded message:

From: Floyd & Gert <seekins@xyz.net>
Date: November 17, 2016 10:40:13 AM AKST
To: jblankenship@kpb.us
Subject: Resolution 2016-072

To Johni Brinkenship, Borough Clerk. Please share this with the rest of Kenai Peninsula Borough members. Thank you.

I live in Homer, AK, thus residing in the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

I am very concerned about the up-coming vote of the Assembly on Resolution 2016-072, which addresses the proposed changes concerning prayers and devotions at your assembly meetings.

I urge you to seriously consider not to adopt the wording in Section IX D.4. a. on page 3, "or other interest or belief". Such a change would open the door for prayers to unknown deities that are not gods, but only foolish mans inventions that come from who knows where. Who's motives are often suspect.

A true prayer can only be addressed to the One and Only True God of the universe. Our Father in Heaven, who is The Lord God Almighty.

Thank you for considering my above request. I am praying to the God of Heaven for direction for all of our Assembly members concerning this.

Respectfully .. Floyd Seekins. PO BOX 53. Homer. Ak. 99603..PH. 235-0530

Subject:

FW: Assembly Prayer

From: James Preston <jpreston60@gmail.com>

Date: November 18, 2016 at 8:53:14 PM AKST

To: Kenai Peninsula Borough Clerk Johni Blankenship <jblankenship@kpb.us>

Subject: Assembly Prayer

KPB Clerk Johni Blankenship,

Please distribute the following email to all Borough Assembly Members:

The Fact of the Matter is that our Founding Fathers (United States of America) were guided and directed by the God of the Bible in the development of our U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence. The U.S. Congress has and continues to be blessed by a Biblical chaplain. A very popular one was Rev. Peter Marshall back during and after World War II.

This is not a matter of religion, it is a matter of recognizing the One, True God, and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is our creator and sustainer. No matter whether you believe it or not, it would bode well for All (believers and unbelievers) to recognize our God in prayer. The record is clear: again concerning our Founding Fathers, when their deliberations became stalled, Benjamin Franklin suggested prayer. This they did and it helped.

Therefore, we encourage you the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly to vote NO on Resolution 2016-072.

Thank you, James E. Preston and Janice E. Preston

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Homer, Alaska 99603

Subject: FW: support a moment of silence

From: Pamela Hays [mailto:pamelah@pobox.alaska.net]

Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 10:53 AM

To: Blankenship, Johni <JBlankenship@kpb.us>

Subject: support a moment of silence

Dear Borough Assembly Members:

Regarding who is permitted to present the invocation, I strongly encourage you to vote for a moment of silence in place of the rule permitting only designated religious groups. I believe our country is founded on the separation of church and state for good reasons, namely, to allow for a diversity of beliefs.

Thank you,

Pamela A. Hays

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FW: Representing all Alaskans

From: Hugh Hays [mailto:hrhays@alaska.net]

Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 11:43 AM

To: Blankenship, Johni <JBlankenship@kpb.us>

Subject: Representing all Alaskans

Alaska is comprised of many diverse people. I believe we need to accept that fact, and do our best to treat every one equally and justly with dignity and respect for all. In the process we need to be cautious in setting up policies and practices that support and benefit all people and not just special interest groups. For that reason, the "moment of silence" proposed in the letter by Pamela A. Hays is an idea worthy of your consideration for assembly practices.

Dear Borough Assembly Members:

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Thank you,

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Respectfully, Hugh R. Hays
Veteran for Freedom, Integrity, Equality, Justice and Peace

Subject:

FW: In reference to Tuesday's borough meeting.

From: ray_wigdal@hushmail.com [mailto:ray_wigdal@hushmail.com]**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2016 12:07 PM**To:** Blankenship, Johni <JBlankenship@kpb.us>**Subject:** In reference to Tuesday's borough meeting.

Greetings Assembly members, as a Homer resident for over 34 years but has spent most of my time in the People's Republic of China, I am proud to be an Alaskan. I know all too well how important prayer can be and how God works through prayer. I want to voice my opinion as it relates to being open to any group of "belief" group to represent the community in open prayer. It is a total contradiction to allow Satan or devil related believers to represent those of us who support God and his teaching in supposed prayer. I do believe they have their rights to freedom of speech and to practice as they see fit. I refuse to allow them to represent those of us who teach and believe God is in a holy spiritual battle against the forces of darkness (aka Satan) and to "pray" through demonic names. True prayer can only be made to God and not the forces that the Almighty is fighting against. We as God's children can not prayer with forces who are opposed to the very God we stand with.

I suggest if they want to pray on their own in their own organized gatherings, that be arranged for them and not with those of us who pray only to God. They can never represent us who love and serve God.

1 John 3:10 makes it very clear how obvious this issue is.

"By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother."

Ray Wigdal and his 10 Chinese orphan children.

Subject:

FW: Common Sense Needed

From: Ruth Lawler [mailto:ralaskat@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, November 21, 2016 3:00 PM

To: Blankenship, Johni <JBlankenship@kpb.us>

Subject: Common Sense Needed

To the borough assembly, please read out loud to the Nov. 22 audience.

I think we've lost our common sense in a fruitless quest to please everyone. It can't be done and only the foolish will try. Would you warn your child about child predators and then leave that child alone on a big city street late at night? Of course not. But here we have people telling us we need to sit through Satanist prayers when we know that Satan is the sworn enemy of God. Satan intends to defeat and replace God so that he can enslave mankind. The book of Revelation reveals that God will defeat Satan and that people who have chosen God will reign and rule with Him under the leadership of His son, the Christ. This is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of the Jews. God's group contains the majority of Americans, yet all others are free to worship their own god, or no god. But slick tongued lawyers have been talking us out of our beliefs, property and safety for hundreds of years with no end in sight..

Folks, we have a democratic Republic, not a pure democracy. In a pure democracy each person demands his own whims and wishes to be put into law. But your rights end where mine begin, so insisting each person gets his own way is dangerously counter productive. Democracies inevitably end in chaos and bloodshed. A republic protects the rights of minorities but the majority has the loudest voice. Our representatives make laws based on what is best for the most people. Unfortunately, history is no longer taught, having been replaced by social studies which tend to champion socialism and individual rights over majority rights. Chaos and bloodshed have arrived. We have free speech, slowly being taken away, but allowing Satanist prayers in a group that mostly believes in God is absurd. We would have to walk out rather than pray for God's enemy. Would a Satanist group be given tax free status by the IRS? Isn't prayer to the enemy of God anti-religious? It sounds akin to yelling fire in a crowded theater to me.

Please keep the present guidelines if possible.

Ruth Lawler Kasilof.

Subject:

FW: Invocation

From: David Pearson [mailto:davidelipearson@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 4:27 AM

To: Blankenship, Johni <JBlankenship@kpb.us>

Subject: Invocation

Dear kpb

I have never felt comfortable at invocations at GOVERNMENT meetings. Keep the religion out of it. If you feel there is a void have a moment of silence. Let those who need to look to their god or gods do so silently. There is absolutely no need to mix religious invocations with government meetings. Drop the invocation, save the money, have a moment of silence and get on with it.

David Eli Pearson

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Subject:

FW: New Public Comment to Assembly Members

From: Kenai Peninsula Borough [<mailto:webmaster@borough.kenai.ak.us>]**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2016 4:36 AM**To:** BoroughAssembly <Borough-Assembly@kpb.us>**Subject:** New Public Comment to Assembly Members**Name:** Mark Hayden**Email:** mwhayden1@gmail.com**Subject:** Invocation Policy**Message:**

Considering the ridiculous invocation policy and money the assembly wishes to waste regarding it, was also curious if it is also okay with allowing 2nd amendment people to open carry semi-automatic weapons or other firearms at meetings? You all must have a lot of taxpayer \$\$\$ to waste.

Subject:

FW: Moment of Silence to replace invocation

From: LaDawn Druce [mailto:ladawn_druce@hotmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2016 8:07 AM

To: Blankenship, Johni <JBlankenship@kpb.us>

Subject: Moment of Silence to replace invocation

Dear Borough Assembly Members:

Regarding who is permitted to present the invocation, I strongly encourage you to vote for a moment of silence in place of the rule permitting only designated religious groups. I believe our country is founded on the separation of church and state for good reasons, namely, to allow for a diversity of beliefs.

It is my understanding from a ADN article posted yesterday, the ACLU has already given an opinion on this matter.

A moment of silence discriminates against no one and allows for expression of one's beliefs without infringing on the rights of others.

Sincerely,

LaDawn Druce

38240 Robinson Loop Rd

Sterling

PS I would have been at tonight's meeting, however I am substituting as the elementary school counselor in Barrow.