



Kenai Peninsula Borough

144 North Binkley Street
Soldotna, AK 99669

Meeting Minutes - Final

Assembly

Kelly Cooper, President
Hal Smalley, Vice President
Norm Blakeley
Jesse Bjorkman
Kenn Carpenter
Tyson Cox
Willy Dunne
Brent Hibbert
Brent Johnson

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

6:00 PM

The meeting will be held through Zoom - Meeting ID:
128 871 931, from the Betty J. Glick Assembly
Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

[Clerk's Note: The invocation was given by Debbie Hamilton.]

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Jesse Bjorkman, Norm Blakeley, Kenn Carpenter, Tyson Cox, Willy Dunne, Brent Hibbert, Brent Johnson, Hal Smalley, and Kelly Cooper

Also present were:

Charlie Pierce, Borough Mayor
James Baisden, Chief of Staff
Colette Thompson, Borough Attorney
Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk
Michele Turner, Deputy Borough Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Assembly Member Hibbert stated the Finance Committee met and discussed its agenda items.

Assembly Member Johnson stated the Lands Committee met and discussed its agenda items.

Assembly Member Dunne stated the Policies and Procedures Committee met and discussed its agenda items.

Assembly Member Smalley stated the Legislative Committee met and discussed its agenda items.

Hibbert moved to schedule a work session on June 11, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. with the Assembly and Borough Administration to discuss Ordinance 2019-19-39 and be conducted through Zoom. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Bjorkman, Blakeley, Carpenter, Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, and Cooper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Smalley moved to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

Copies have been made available to the public, Borough Clerk Johni Blankenship noted by title only the resolutions and ordinances on the consent agenda.

[KPB-2645](#) May 19, 2020 Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes
approved.

The following public hearing items met the required conditions of KPB 22.40.110 and were added to the consent agenda:

[2019-19-40](#) An Emergency Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Central Peninsula Hospital Plant Replacement Fund to Purchase a High Capacity Molecular Testing Platform in Order to Better Ensure Testing Resources Necessary to Protect the Borough Residents and Businesses from the Novel Coronavirus Disease During and After Reopening the Borough, and Authorizing a Proprietary Procurement (Mayor) (Hearing on 06/02/20)

[Clerk's Note: The final Whereas clause of Emergency Ordinance 2019-19-40 was amended to read, "at its regular meeting of May 28, 2020, the CPGH, Inc. board recommended approval by passage of their Resolution 2020-21."]

This Emergency Ordinance was enacted as amended.

[2020-26](#) An Ordinance Providing for an Exception to the Operating Agreement Between the Kenai Peninsula Borough and Central Peninsula General Hospital, Inc. to Allow Cash in Excess of 90 Days to be Retained by Central Peninsula General Hospital, Inc. as of June 30, 2020 Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic (Mayor)

[Clerk's Note: Ordinance 2020-26 was amended by deleting Section 2 in its

entirety, [SECTION 2. THE MAYOR MAY APPROVE SIMILAR REQUESTS TO ALLOW CPGH, INC. TO RETAIN CASH IN EXCESS OF 90 DAYS OPERATING CASH, AFTER THOROUGH REVIEW WHILE THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC REMAINS IN EFFECT.]]"

This Ordinance was enacted as amended.

New Business

[2020-036](#) A Resolution Accepting Medical Equipment from the Southern Region Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc., on Behalf of Bear Creek Fire Service Area (Mayor)

This Resolution was adopted.

[2020-040](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Fiscal Year 2021 Alaska Land Mobile Radio Communication System Membership Agreements (Mayor)

This Resolution was adopted.

[2020-038](#) A Resolution Extending the Disaster Emergency Declaration for the Kenai Peninsula Borough Issued Due to the Current and Expected Imminent Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic for an Additional 90 Days (Mayor)

This Resolution was adopted.

[2020-041](#) A Resolution Encouraging the Cruise Line Industry to Return to Alaska, and Specifically the Kenai Peninsula in 2020 (Cox)

This Resolution was adopted.

[2019-19-38](#) An Ordinance Appropriating Commercial Passenger Vessel Tax Proceeds Received from the State of Alaska in the Amount of \$612,640 and Allocating \$577,195 to the City of Seward and \$35,445 to the City of Homer (Mayor)

This Budget Ordinance was introduced and set for public hearing.

[2019-19-39](#) An Ordinance Accepting and Appropriating Funding from the State of Alaska in the Amount of \$37,458,449.47 for a Federal Pass-Through Award Under the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Coronavirus Relief Fund and Authorizing a Partial Temporary Waiver of the Prohibition Against Contracting with a Coronavirus Relief Fund Applicant if the Applicant is in Violation of Certain Sales Taxation Requirements (Mayor)

This Budget Ordinance was introduced and set for public hearing.

[2020-27](#) An Ordinance Authorizing the Director of Finance to Accept the FY2021 Late-Filed Senior Citizen Grant Application for the Seldovia Senior Citizen Program (Mayor)

This Ordinance was introduced and set for public hearing.

[2020-28](#) An Ordinance Authorizing the Assessor to Accept Three Late Filed-Senior Exemption Applications for 2020 Filed After March 31 and Providing an Exception to KPB 5.12.040(B) (Mayor)

This Ordinance was introduced and set for public hearing.

[2020-30](#) An Ordinance Authorizing Cooperative Leases of Space at the Kenai River Center Building with the State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game and Department of Natural Resources (Mayor)

This Ordinance was introduced and set for public hearing.

[2020-31](#) An Ordinance Expanding the Anchor Point Fire and Emergency Medical Service Area Boundaries to Include the Ninilchik Area (Johnson) (Hearing on 07/07/20)

This Ordinance was introduced and set for public hearing.

[KPB-2629](#) Approving a Letter of Non-Objection Regarding the Transfer of Ownership of a Restaurant/Eating Place License and the Restaurant Designation Permit for Two Brothers Roadhouse Liquor License #5012

approved

[KPB-2637](#) Petition to Vacate a Portion of Fritz Creek Drive Right-of-way Adjacent to Tract E, Fritz Creek Acres Addition Tract D & E (HM 78-105) and Adjacent to Lot 2, Carl Baier Tract A Weber 1981 Subdivision (HM 82-10) as dedicated on Fritz Creek Acres (HM 78-105) and Fritz Creek Acres No.4 (HM 2007-122) and the 66-foot Wide Section Line Easement Located Within the Portion of Fritz Creek Valley Drive Right-of-way and Section Line Easement Being Vacated are Partially Developed and Located Within the NW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 28, and the NE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 28, and the NE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 12 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska, Within the Kenai Peninsula Borough. KPB File 2020-035V. Petitioners Terri Bramel Trust of Anchorage, Alaska

[Clerk's Note: The Planning Commission approved the above referenced petition to vacate at its May 11, 2020 meeting by unanimous consent.]

approved.

[KPB-2636](#)

Petition to Vacate the West 5 Feet of the Existing 70-foot Wide Camelot Drive Right-of-way Along the East Boundary of Lots 6, 7 and 8, Block2, as Dedicated on Camelot by the Sea Subdivision, Plat SW-76. The Right-of-way Being Vacated is Developed and Located within the NW1/4 SE1/4 of Section 23, Township 1 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska, Within the Kenai Peninsula Borough. KPB File 2020-032V. Petitioners: J. Craig Turnbull and Catherine M. Turnbull of Seward, AK

[Clerk's Note: The Planning Commission approved the above referenced petition to vacate at its May 11, 2020 meeting by unanimous consent.]

approved

Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda

President Cooper called for public comment with none being offered.

The motion to approve the Agenda and Consent Agenda carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Bjorkman, Blakeley, Carpenter, Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, and Cooper

COMMENDING RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

PRESENTATIONS WITH PRIOR NOTICE

1. [KPB-2647](#) Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Quarterly Report (10 Minutes)

[Clerk's Note: John O'Brien, Superintendent and Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent from the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District provided a quarterly report to the Assembly.]

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

Assembly President Cooper called for public comment.

Tim Dillon, Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District addressed the Assembly regarding their survey results, CARES Act Funding and the 2020 Census.

There being no one else who wished to speak the public comment period was closed.

ITEMS NOT COMPLETED FROM PRIOR AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ORDINANCES

2020-19

An Ordinance Appropriating Funds for Fiscal Year 2021 (Mayor)

[Clerk's Note: The motion to enact Ordinance 2020-19 was on the floor from the May 19, 2020 meeting.]

President Cooper passed the gavel to Vice President Smalley and declared a possible conflict with Kenai Peninsula Tourism Marketing Council funding, as she owned a hospitality business. Vice President Smalley ruled a conflict did not exist as defined by borough code. Vice President Smalley returned the gavel to President Cooper.

President Cooper called for public comment.

The following people spoke in support of Kenai Peninsula College funding:

Jacob Keisling, Homer
Jill Burnham, Homer
Bill Howell, Sterling
Cheryl Siemmers, Kenai
Joel Isaak, Soldotna
Paul Perry
Jim Tuttle
Mike Morgan
Jeffrey Laube, Nikiski
Deborah Boege-Tobin, Homer
Janell Grenier, Nikiski
Maggie Grenier, Nikiski
Bill Baker
Nichole Lyke, Nikiski
Zoe Kramer
Chris Holdren, Homer

Dawson Slaughter, Anchor Point addressed the mill rate for the Anchor Point service area.

Debbie Speakman, Executive Director of Kenai Peninsula Tourism Marketing Council spoke in support of their funding.

There being no one else who wished to speak, the public comment period was closed.

[Clerk's Note: Assembly Member Smalley disclosed he was a member of the college council, stating he served on a volunteer basis and no stipend was received. Mr. Smalley stated he was also the appointed assembly representative to the Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District board and no stipend was received. Assembly Member Johnson disclosed he was a member of the college council, stating he served on a volunteer basis and no stipend was received.]

Cox moved to amend the FY2021 budget document as follows:

Page 146, Department Function:

Contractual Services - KPB Public Relations. The Borough will be issuing a Request for Proposals [(1) TO MARKET THE BOROUGH ON A NONAREAWIDE BASIS WITH A FOCUS ON ECONOMIC RECOVERY OR (2) TO MARKET THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH, APPLYING THE OBJECTIVES APPROVED IN RESOLUTION 2020-003 TO ACHIEVE THE SCOPE OF WORK] for services to promote the Borough on a non-areawide basis with a focus on public relations, applying objectives to be approved by the Assembly.

[FUNDING FOR FY2021 IS BUDGETED AT \$100,000 TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES.]

Page 147, Budget Detail:

General Fund, Economic Development, decrease line item 100.94900.00000.43011, "Contractual Services - KPB Public Relations" to \$50,000.

Line-Item Explanations, "**43011 Contractual Relations - KPB Public Relations.**

In FY2021, the borough will be contracting to provide funding for [advertising/marketing]promoting the Kenai Peninsula Borough with a focus on public relations [AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS (\$100,000)]."

Assembly Member Johnson spoke in support of the amendment.

Cox's motion to amend the FY2021 budget document carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Bjorkman, Blakeley, Carpenter, Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, and Cooper

Cox moved to amend the FY20201 budget document as follows:

Page 146, Department Function:

"Contractual Services - KPB Promotion. The Borough will be issuing a Request

for Proposals for services to promote the Borough on a non-areawide basis with a focus on tourism and local businesses, applying objectives to be approved by the Assembly.”

Page 147, Budget Detail:

General Fund, Economic Development, add a new line item
100.94900.00000.43011, “Contract Services - KPB Promotion” to \$50,000.

“Contractual Services - KPB Promotion. In FY2021, the Borough will be contracting to provide funding for promoting the Kenai Peninsula Borough with a focus on tourism and local businesses.”

Cox's motion to amend the FY2021 budget document carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Bjorkman, Blakeley, Carpenter, Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, and Cooper

Cox moved to amend the FY2021 budget document as follows:

Page 147, Budget Detail:

General Fund, Economic Development, increase line item 100.94900.00000.43021
“Peninsula Promotion - KPTMC” \$100,000.”

Johnson moved a secondary amendment as follows:

Page 147, Budget Detail:

General Fund, Economic Development, increase line item 100.94900.00000.43021
“Peninsula Promotion - [KPTMC]Request for Proposal” to \$100,000.

Johnson's secondary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Bjorkman, Blakeley, Carpenter, and Johnson

No: 5 - Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Smalley, and Cooper

Carpenter moved a secondary amendment to read as follows:

General Fund, Economic Development, increase line item 100.94900.00000.43021
“Peninsula Promotion - KPTMC” to \$[100,000]60,000.

Carpenter's secondary amendment carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Bjorkman, Blakeley, Carpenter, Johnson, and Cooper

No: 4 - Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, and Smalley

Cox's amendment to the FY2021 budget document as amended carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Blakeley, Carpenter, Cox, Dunne, Johnson, and Cooper

No: 3 - Bjorkman, Hibbert, and Smalley

Bjorkman moved to amend the FY2021 budget document as follows:

Page 254, Budget Detail:

General Fund, Road Service Area, decrease line item 236.33950.00000.43951 "Dust Control" to \$100,000 and decrease line item 236.33950.00000.50434 "Capital Projects" to \$300,000.

Assembly Members Dunne, Smalley and Hibbert spoke in opposition to the amendment.

Bjorkman's motion to amend the FY2021 budget document failed by the following vote:

Yes: 1 - Bjorkman

No: 8 - Blakeley, Carpenter, Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, and Cooper

The motion to enact Ordinance 2020-19 as amended carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Bjorkman, Blakeley, Carpenter, Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, and Cooper

[2020-24](#)

An Ordinance Amending KPB Title 4 Regarding Borough Elections to Provide for Vote by Mail Elections, for More Time Between a Regular Election and a Run-Off Election, and to Remove Proposition Statements (Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Smalley)

[Clerk's Note: Assembly Member Carpenter gave notice of reconsideration at the June 2, 2020 assembly meeting.]

Dunne moved to enact Ordinance 2020-24.

President Cooper called for public comment.

The following people spoke in support of Ordinance 2020-24:

Alex Koplín, Homer
Carrie Henson, Kalifornsky
Evan Anderson
James Price
Greg Sutter
Rachel Lord

The following people spoke in opposition to Ordinance 2020-24:

Bradley Cross
Amber Chatham
Dawson Slaughter
David Nees

Representative Ben Carpenter
James Baisden

There being no one else who wished to speak, the public comment period was closed.

Smalley moved to suspend the rules and extend the legislative deadline by one half hour until midnight.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Bjorkman, Blakeley, Carpenter, Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, and Cooper

Dunne moved to amend Ordinance 2020-24 as follows:

Amend Section 18 to read, "That this ordinance shall become effective [IMMEDIATELY UPON ENACTMENT]January 21, 2021.

Assembly Member Smalley spoke in support of the amendment.

The motion to amend carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Bjorkman, Blakeley, Carpenter, Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, and Cooper

[Clerk's Note: Having reached the legislative deadline, President Cooper recessed the meeting at midnight, noting the meeting would reconvene the following day to continue with Ordinance 2020-24 and Resolution 2020-037. The introduction of Ordinance 2020-29 was moved to the next regular meeting agenda on June 16, 2020 under Items Not Completed from Prior Agenda. The Assembly reconvened at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2020.]

[2020-24](#) An Ordinance Amending KPB Title 4 Regarding Borough Elections to Provide for Vote by Mail Elections, for More Time Between a Regular Election and a Run-Off Election, and to Remove Proposition Statements (Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Smalley)

[Clerk's Note: Assembly Member Carpenter gave notice of reconsideration at the June 2, 2020 assembly meeting.]

Blakeley moved to amend Ordinance 2020-24 as follows:

Insert a new Section 18 to read, "SECTION 18: That a proposition shall be placed before the voters at the October 6, 2020 election that reads as follows:

Proposition No. _____

Shall Kenai Peninsula Borough Ordinance 2020-24, amending the borough code to provide for vote-by-mail borough elections, with in-person voting only available at vote centers for absentee ballots and for voters unable to vote by mail, be ratified?

YES A “yes” vote means you approve borough ordinance 2020-24, providing for vote-by-mail borough elections with in-person voting available at vote centers for absentee ballots and for voters unable to vote by mail.

NO A “no” vote means you oppose borough ordinance 2020-24, providing for vote-by-mail borough elections with in-person voting available at vote centers for absentee ballots and for voters unable to vote by mail.” and

Amend newly numbered Section 19 to read: "SECTION 19[8]. That Sections 18 and 19 of this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon enactment, and Sections 1 through 17 of this ordinance shall only become effective upon approval of the proposition contained in Section 18 of this ordinance by the majority of voters voting in the October 6, 2020 regular borough election."

Assembly Members Carpenter and Bjorkman spoke in support of the amendment.

Assembly Members Smalley, Hibbert, Dunne, Cox and Johnson spoke in opposition to the amendment.

President Cooper passed the gavel to Vice President Smalley and spoke in opposition to the amendment. Vice President Smalley returned the gavel to President Cooper.

The motion to amend Ordinance 2020-24 failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Bjorkman, Blakeley, and Carpenter

No: 6 - Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, and Cooper

The motion to enact Ordinance 2020-24 as amended carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, and Cooper

No: 3 - Bjorkman, Blakeley, and Carpenter

[Clerk's Note: Assembly Member Carpenter gave notice of reconsideration of Ordinance 2020-24.]

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolutions

[2020-037](#)

A Resolution Setting the Rate of Levy for Real and Personal Property Taxes for the Kenai Peninsula Borough and for Service Areas Within the Borough for Fiscal Year 2021, Tax Year 2020 (Mayor)

Hibbert moved to adopt Resolution 2020-037.

President Cooper called for public comment with none being offered.

President Cooper passed the gavel to Vice President Smalley and moved her amendment.

Cooper moved to amend Resolution 2020-037 as follows:

Amend Section 4 to read, "That in addition to any other rate or rates of levy applicable for other purposes, the rate of levy of taxes on all real and personal property within the Anchor Point Fire and Emergency Medical Service Area for said area for the Fiscal Year 2021 is hereby set at [~~2.75~~2.95] mills on each one dollar of assessed value as determined by the assessment roll and any supplemental rolls hereafter certified by the Borough Assessor."

Assembly Member Dunne spoke in opposition to the amendment.

Assembly Member Smalley spoke in support of the amendment.

Johnson moved a secondary amendment as follows:

Amend Section to read, "That in addition to any other rate or rates of levy applicable for other purposes, the rate of levy of taxes on all real and personal property within the Anchor Point Fire and Emergency Medical Service Area for said area for the Fiscal Year 2021 is hereby set at [~~2.95~~2.85] mills on each one dollar of assessed value as determined by the assessment roll and any supplemental rolls hereafter certified by the Borough Assessor."

Assembly Member Dunne spoke in opposition to the amendment.

Assembly Member Hibbert spoke in support of the amendment.

Johnson's secondary amendment carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Bjorkman, Cox, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, and Cooper

No: 3 - Blakeley, Carpenter, and Dunne

Cooper's amendment to Resolution 2020-037 as amended carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Cox, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, and Cooper

No: 4 - Bjorkman, Blakeley, Carpenter, and Dunne

The motion to adopt Resolution 2020-037 as amended carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Bjorkman, Blakeley, Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Johnson, Smalley, and Cooper

No: 1 - Carpenter

2. Ordinances for Introduction

[2020-29](#)

An Ordinance Opposing Passage of Legislation that Would Restrict Individual Rights Protected by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and Declaring the Borough a Second Amendment Sanctuary (Mayor, Bjorkman, Blakeley, Carpenter) (Hearing on 07/07/20)

Hibbert moved to add Ordinance 2020-29 to the agenda.

Assembly Members Carpenter, Bjorkman and Blakeley spoke in support of the motion.

Assembly Members Smalley, Cox and Johnson spoke in opposition to the motion.

President Cooper passed the gavel to Vice President Smalley and spoke in opposition to the motion. Vice President Smalley returned the gavel to President Cooper.

The motion to add Ordinance 2020-29 to the agenda failed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Bjorkman, Blakeley, Carpenter, and Hibbert

No: 5 - Cox, Dunne, Johnson, Smalley, and Cooper

Bjorkman moved to add a discussion to the agenda to hold in-person Assembly meetings at a bigger venue, such as a school auditorium.

Assembly Members Dunne, Smalley, Johnson, Hibbert and Cox spoke in opposition to the motion.

The motion to add a discussion item to the agenda regarding in-person meetings failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Bjorkman, Blakeley, and Cooper

No: 6 - Carpenter, Cox, Dunne, Hibbert, Johnson, and Smalley

MAYOR'S REPORT

[KPB-2638](#)

Mayor's Report Cover Memo

1. Assembly Requests/Responses - None.

2. Agreements and Contracts

[a. KPB-2639](#)

Authorization to Award a Contract for ITB20-022 Central Peninsula

Landfill (CPL) Brush Chipping Project 2020 to Evergreen Alaska, Inc., Kasilof, Alaska.

3. Other

- a. [KPB-2640](#) Agnew::Beck Update Presentation on the Communication Strategy and Implementation Plan
[Clerk's Note: Inger Deede and Jon Papendieck from Agnew::Beck gave a presentation to the Assembly at Policies and Procedures Committee.]
- b. [KPB-2641](#) KPTMC Financial/Progress Report
- c. [KPB-2642](#) Revenue-Expenditure Report - April 2020
- d. [KPB-2643](#) Budget Revisions - April 2020
- e. [KPB-2644](#) Investment Report Quarter Ended 03/31/2020

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Assembly Member Blakeley stated he appreciated the Mayor and the Directors' work on the FY2021 budget. He stated he was glad the notice of reconsideration was given for Ordinance 2020-24. He wished everyone a good weekend.

Assembly Member Johnson congratulated the Mayor and staff on a well presented budget. Mr. Johnson also stated he received an email from Deputy Borough Attorney, Patty Burley regarding the leg work needed prior to the Anchor Point Ninilchik expanded service area vote at the next regular election. Assembly Member Johnson stated his concerns with the COVID-19 borough cases increasing.

Assembly Member Dunne stated he was glad to see the support for hybrid vote by mail, even though notice of reconsideration was given. He shared his memories of when legalizing marijuana was discussed and how contentious it was; and stated, now the industry appears to be functioning well and also generated tax dollars. He stated he felt vote by mail also fell in that category, and felt once people had options to cast their vote, they would like it and it would be successful. Mr. Dunne stated we should be cautious as the COVID-19 cases were on the rise.

Assembly Member Smalley thanked everyone for their patience with a long two-day long meeting and for their testimony regarding the budget and vote by mail. He stated the budget process was very successful and thanked the Mayor for the budget as presented. He thanked the Clerk's Office for their hard work. He wished Chief

Baisden Happy Birthday.

Assembly Member Hibbert thanked the administration and departments for all their work on the budget. He also thanked Dan Nelson, Emergency Manager and Brenda Ahlberg, Public Information Officer for keeping the borough informed regarding COVID-19. Mr. Hibbert thanked the Clerk's Office and the IT Department for all their work in order for the Assembly to continue meeting in a safe manner. He thanked everyone for their participation and testimony on the Zoom platform. He also thanked his fellow assembly members for the great discussion the past two days.

Assembly Member Cox shared his thoughts regarding the importance of perceptions.

Assembly Member Bjorkman stated he was bringing forward a resolution to discuss conducting borough meetings in person.

President Cooper stated to not only remember perception, but also patience and grace. She stated that she liked that the assembly could disagree on matters but members were always respectful with one another. She reminded members of meeting decorum.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS AND REPORTS

ASSEMBLY MEETING AND HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. June 11, 2020 Joint Work Session with Assembly and Borough Administration regarding Ordinance 2019-19-39
2:00 PM
2. June 16, 2020 Regular Assembly Meeting
6:00 PM This meeting will be held through Zoom: Meeting ID 128 871 931 from the Betty J. Glick Assembly Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the assembly, President Cooper adjourned the meeting at 3:12 p.m. on June 3, 2020.

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly meeting of June 2, 2020.


John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

Approved by the Assembly: 06/16/20