

City of Edna Bay - Special Meeting

1 — Meeting Date, Place and Call to order:

This Special meeting was held on Friday, April 24th, 2015 at Edna Bay School.
Mayor Richter called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM.

2 — Roll Call:

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| Heather Richter | - Mayor / Presiding Officer | (Present) |
| Karen Williams | - Vice Mayor / City Council | (Present) |
| Tyler Poelstra | - Clerk / City Council | (Present) |
| Myla Poelstra | - Treasurer / City Council | (Present) |
| Carleigh Fairchild | - City Council | (Present) |
| Paul Haag | - City Council | (Absent) |
| Doris Greif | - City Council | (Absent) |

2.1 — Public Participants:

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| Pat Richter | Sandy Henson | Russ Bartels |
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3 — Consent Agenda:

A: Approval of Meeting Agenda:

The current agenda was read by Mr. Poelstra.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor, and no objections were noted.

Motion:

Mayor Richter moved to approve the Consent Agenda as read.

- *Seconded by Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra*
- **Approved by unanimous vote of the council**

3.1 — Business:

Special Business:

- a: *Comment letter and Resolution regarding the Division of Forestry Southeast State Forest Management Plan.*
- a: *Draft Fiscal Year 2015 City Budget Amendment Ordinance for EMS funds.*
- a: *Draft Fiscal Year 2016 City Budget Introduction.*

4 — **Special Business**

Item A – Comment letter and Resolution regarding the Southeast State Forest Management...:

Mayor Richter explained the item, and noted that she felt it would be prudent for the City to send a comment on the plan. A list of bulleted points were discussed, with the following items agreed upon for inclusion:

- 1: Scenery concerns along the ocean lines in the view shed of the community
- 2: Addressing easement access indirectly to support single land owner for easement to settlement lands
- 3: Noting the desire of the City to see a sustained yield and Division of Forestry presence
- 4: Encourage the Division of Forestry to implement personal use sales in their planning
- 5: Request additional evaluation for protection of wildlife due to adjacent private / federal management
- 6: Support the adjustments made to protections for the community watersheds
- 7: Point out potential critical habitat area(s) West of Survey Creek

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor and no objections were noted.

Motion:

Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra moved to write and submit a comment letter regarding the State of Alaska Division of Forestry Southeast State Forest Management Plan reflecting the public and Council consensus reached at the April 24th, 2015 Special Meeting.

- *Seconded by Councilor Fairchild*

- **Approved** by unanimous vote of the council

Item B – Draft Fiscal Year 2015 City Budget Amendment Ordinance for EMS Funds:

Councilor (Mrs.) Poelstra explained the item and read back a draft resolution detailing the amendment.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor and no objections were noted.

Motion:

Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra moved to accept and pass ordinance number 15-03NCO as drafted.

- *Seconded by Councilor Williams*

- **Approved** by unanimous vote of the council

Item C – Draft Fiscal Year 2016 City Budget Introduction:

Mayor Richter and Councilor (Mrs.) Poelstra explained the item. Revenue and budget items were shared in summary, leading into a discussion on various categories for budgeted items and how best to label them. Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra suggested that based on his training it would be better to be more specific with any categories for budget items that generalized.

Councilor Fairchild suggested that since this was the 2016 budget that values of estimated wage for a paid Clerk should be considered at this time, and shared various ranges of compensation derived from other City budgets in the region as a basis of discussion. Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra noted for the record his conflict of interest when discussing any feelings on the topic. Councilor Fairchild requested that this item be added to the next agenda for discussion.

It was suggested to increase the training budget to \$10K to ensure that future training needs are taken into account. After further discussion on the budget, categories, and adjustments it was agreed to share and discuss the items with DCRA staff to ensure the clearest outcome in the process. Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra felt that a work session should be scheduled to further discuss sub categories of expenses and overhead to ensure the budget process has been fully vetted before it is submitted.

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor of accepting the amendments to the budget as discussed, and no objections were noted.

Motion:

Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra moved to accept the amendments to the FY 2016 Revenue Sharing Application figures as discussed.

- *Seconded by Mayor Richter*

- **Approved** by unanimous vote of the council

Consensus of the public attendants was taken in favor of accepting the draft FY 2016 budget, and no objections were noted.

Motion:

Mayor Richter moved to accept the draft FY 2016 budget with the figures discussed.

- *Seconded by Councilor Williams*

- **Approved** by unanimous vote of the council

5 – Persons to be Heard:

Councilor Williams asked if any item can be discussed under persons to be heard. Councilor (Mr.) Poelstra noted that only if it is pertinent to City business.

Councilor Fairchild noted items from other municipal budgets and offered some items to consider, including cost overhead, and felt it was important to discuss other approaches to have good perspective.

Adjournment

Mayor Richter moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion seconded by Councilor Fairchild

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.