



Petersburg Borough

Meeting Agenda

Borough Assembly

Regular Meeting

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Petersburg, AK 99833

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Assembly Chambers

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- 1. Call To Order/Roll Call**
- 2. Voluntary Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - A.** The minutes for the September 21, 2026 meeting will be on the October 20, 2026 agenda for approval.
- 4. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda**
- 5. Public Hearings**
- 6. Bid Awards**
- 7. Persons to be Heard Related to Agenda**

Persons wishing to share their views on any item on today's agenda may do so at this time.
- 8. Persons to be Heard Unrelated to Agenda**

Persons with views on subjects not on today's agenda may share those views at this time.

9. Boards, Commission and Committee Reports

10. Consent Agenda

A. Amendment No. 1 to Contract of Employment – Stephen Giesbrecht, Borough Manager

This item authorizes Amendment No. 1 to the July 27, 2022 Contract of Employment between Borough Manager Giesbrecht and the Petersburg Borough. The amendment is a housekeeping and administrative item intended to update the written employment contract to accurately reflect salary adjustments that have previously been approved by the Borough Assembly. All other terms and conditions of the existing Contract of Employment remain unchanged.

11. Report of Other Officers

A. Petersburg Medical Center

PMC CEO Hofstetter will provide a report. His written report is attached to this agenda item.

B. Petersburg School District

Petersburg School Superintendent Taylor will provide a report.

12. Mayor's Report

A. Mayor's Report for October 5, 2026

13. Manager's Report

A. Manager's Report for October 5, 2026

14. Unfinished Business

A. Ordinance #2026-19: An Ordinance of the Petersburg Borough Assembly Repealing Chapter 9.36, Violation -- Penalty, From the Municipal Code to Reflect Borough Incorporation - Third Reading

This ordinance repeals Chapter 9.36, *Violation – Penalty*, of the former City of Petersburg Code. The chapter contains a penalty provision related to interference with the health officer and violations of certain health and safety provisions.

The ordinance removes this outdated provision because the applicable enforcement and penalty provisions are now addressed in Chapter 9.04 of the Petersburg Municipal Code.

Ordinance #2026-19 was unanimously approved in its first and second readings.

B. Ordinance #2026-20: Assembly Repealing Chapter 9.08, Food Sanitation, From the Municipal Code to Reflect Borough Incorporation - Third Reading

If approved in three readings, this ordinance would repeal Chapter 9.08, *Food Sanitation*, of the former City of Petersburg Code. The chapter remained in effect following Borough incorporation under Charter Section 19.06 but is no longer necessary because food sanitation matters are regulated and enforced under applicable State of Alaska laws.

The ordinance removes the outdated former City provisions from the Petersburg Municipal Code and updates the Code to reflect current Borough and State regulatory authority.

Ordinance #2026-20 was unanimously approved in its first and second readings.

C. Ordinance #2026-21: An Ordinance of the Petersburg Borough Adjusting the FY 2027 Budget for Known Changes -Third Reading

If approved in three readings, Ordinance #2026-21 will amend the FY 2027 Budget to reflect known changes in revenues, expenditures, transfers, grants, loans, and project funding.

Ordinance No. 2026-21 was unanimously approved on first reading and, as amended, was approved on second reading to include the Gjoa Street Sewer Line Project.

The amendments include adjustments related to the following:

Harbor C Float Project: Addition of a \$125,000 State of Alaska Legislative Grant and corresponding port facility expenditures.

Sanitation – Hazmat: Increase of \$9,000 for Hazmat event disposal expenses that exceeded the budgeted amount.

Wastewater Disinfection and Industrial Pretreatment Studies: Addition of \$300,000 in State Revolving Fund loan revenue and corresponding expenditures for required wastewater studies.

Aquatic Center Capital Project: Addition of \$541,546 in State of Alaska School Major Maintenance Grant funding and corresponding construction expenditures, with the reimbursement retained in the Aquatic Center Capital Project Fund for future facility expenses.

Municipal Building Heat Pump and HVAC: Increase of \$40,657 for heat pump repair and HVAC duct system cleaning.

Electric Grid Resiliency Project: Adjustments to project transfers and professional services funding, including the closeout of the Auto Control Project.

Standby Diesel Generator Project: Increase of \$800,000 in budgeted revenue bond proceeds to reflect the actual bond issuance.

Elderly Housing: Addition of \$20,000 for replacement of two walk-in cooler condenser units.

Fire Department: Increase of \$301,327 for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) tanks and masks previously approved but invoiced in FY 2027.

Parks and Recreation: Increase of \$5,500 for the purchase of a Genie 2632 scissor lift to assist with maintenance and to be available for use by other Borough departments.

Wastewater Fund: Increase by \$150,000 to fund the Gjoa Steet Sewer Line Replacement Project.

15. New Business

A. **Ordinance #2026-22: An Ordinance of the Petersburg Borough Adjusting the FY 2027 Budget for Known Changes**

This ordinance adjusts the FY 2027 budget for known changes identified after adoption, including additional funding for union wage increases, staffing adjustments in the Water and Wastewater Departments and the Public Works building maintenance position.

B. **Ordinance #2026-23: An Ordinance Amending Section 3.76.020 of the Petersburg Borough Municipal Code to Add the Lands Manager as an Administrative Officer**

This ordinance amends PMC 3.76.020 to add the Lands Manager as an administrative officer of the Petersburg Borough. The Lands Manager position was approved by the Assembly as part of the FY2027 budget, and the Borough has since hired an individual to fill the position. The Lands Manager provides dedicated oversight and coordination of Borough-owned lands, including land sales, leases, permits, acquisitions, dispositions, and other land management activities. This ordinance is an administrative update to the Borough Code to formally recognize the Lands Manager as an administrative officer consistent with the position already approved and established by the Assembly. It does not create a new position or authorize additional funding.

C. **Temporary Moratorium on Certain Data Center Development**

This agenda item requested by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor.

The Assembly will consider directing the Borough Manager to prepare an ordinance establishing a temporary, nine-month moratorium on certain data center development. The proposed moratorium would apply to data centers that cannot meet normal operating electrical loads through the interconnected electrical grid or that do not utilize closed-loop cooling systems, with exceptions for emergency and standby generation.

The moratorium would provide time for the Borough to evaluate potential impacts and determine whether additional regulations or development standards are appropriate.

A memorandum from Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor outlining the proposed moratorium and recommendation is attached to this agenda item.

D. Preparation of Proposed Zoning Regulations for Data Centers

This agenda item requested by Member Meucci.

The Assembly will consider directing the Borough Manager to prepare, for consideration by the Assembly, an ordinance proposing amendments to Title 19 of the municipal code to establish zoning provisions for data centers. The Borough Manager may utilize and is encouraged to use outside consultants as necessary in developing the proposed amendments.

Data centers are not currently specifically addressed in Title 19 and were not contemplated when the Borough's zoning regulations were originally adopted.

Suggested Motion: I move to direct the Borough Manager to prepare, for consideration by the Assembly and with the assistance of outside consultants as necessary, proposed amendments to Title 19 of the municipal code, regarding zoning, to establish provisions governing data centers, which are not currently specifically addressed and were not contemplated when Title 19 was originally adopted.

E. Request for Updated Tsunami Inundation Study

The Assembly is asked to approve a letter to the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Alaska Earthquake Center requesting assistance in prioritizing and conducting an updated tsunami inundation study for the Petersburg Borough.

Updated inundation mapping would provide more precise information for evacuation planning, emergency preparedness, and protection of critical waterfront infrastructure. The Borough would support the effort by providing local data, coordinating stakeholders, and incorporating the resulting information into emergency planning and public safety efforts. A letter prepared by Emergency Services Director Hankins is attached to this agenda item along with the current tsunami map.

F. Letter Requesting Additional Tsunami Warning Sirens

The Assembly is asked by Emergency Services Director Hankins to consider approving a letter to the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management requesting two additional tsunami warning sirens through an available DHS&EM resource opportunity. The sirens would improve warning coverage at Petersburg's harbors and Papke's Landing, which are not fully covered under current FEMA standards. Purchasing the siren heads independently would cost approximately \$30,000 or more each. Through this opportunity, the Borough would receive the sirens at the cost of shipping and would be responsible for installation and ongoing maintenance, providing a cost-effective way to improve local tsunami warning coverage.

The letter and a current coverage map are attached to this agenda item.

G. Evaluate Public Information and Communications Services

This agenda item requested by Member Meucci.

The Assembly will consider directing the Borough Manager to evaluate the feasibility and cost of contracting for public information and communications services and return to the Assembly with recommendations. The evaluation should include a potential scope of work, estimated costs, contracting options, and potential funding sources.

H. Capital Projects Lists

This agenda item requested by Member Meucci.

Discussion of the capital projects list provided by the Borough Manager to the Assembly. The lists are attached to this agenda item.

I. Letter of Support for European Green Crab Management

This agenda item requested by Vice Mayor Stanton Gregor.

The Assembly is asked to consider approving a letter to the Alaska Board of Fisheries supporting continued state action to address the spread of European green crab in Southeast Alaska. The letter encourages proactive management measures, including consideration of reclassifying European green crab from a Class A to a Class B invasive species, as well as targeted trapping, monitoring, and other removal strategies. The letter is attached to this agenda item.

16. Communications

A. Correspondence Received Since September 17, 2026

17. Assembly Discussion Items

A. Fire Department Training Prop – Relocation and Funding Options

This agenda item requested by Member Meucci.

Discussion regarding the potential relocation of the Fire Department training prop, including the feasibility, estimated costs, site work requirements, and potential funding options associated with the proposed move.

B. Assembly Member Comments

C. Recognitions

18. Adjourn