

# GOVERNMENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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## **GHCC Meeting Minutes October 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes Submitted by Peter Partnow**

Meeting conducted via Zoom called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Jody Sola.

1. **Introduction of Attendees:** Attendees identified via Zoom appearance and noted on the virtual sign-in sheet provided with these minutes.

2. **Approval of agenda:** Jody Sola announces changes in the Agenda

Motion to approve agenda as amended: Stephanie Kesler

Second: Susanne DiPietro

Motion unanimously approved.

3. **Approval of 20, 2021 meeting minutes:** Steve Ribuffo noted the contractor at the Port is Pacific Pile and Marine.

Motion to approve minutes as corrected: Stephanie Kesler

Second: Susanne DiPietro

Motion unanimously approved.

4. **Legislative update:** Senator Tom Begich reports no progress made during the 4<sup>th</sup> Special Legislative Session, though extensive “background” discussions and consensus on desire re stability in the budget process. Notes up coming reapportionment deadlines and timing to submit testimony. Issues as to where Government Hill will be placed. Tom will do a tutorial on reapportionment issues

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**Representative Zack Fields** also notes failure of the special session.  
Discusses his support of universal pre-K.

5. **Assembly Update:** **Chris Constant** notes Assembly meeting next week to address backlogs. Provides dates for public hearings on the budget and notes budget will not be complete until the end of November. Mentions proposed move of the mobil crisis team from the Fire Department to the Police. Discusses difficulty working on budget because administration is over two months late providing information on administrative reorganization. Discusses the contentiousness regarding the mask mandate. Notes an agreement in concept with the administration on addressing the homeless problem, with a large number of potential sites being reviewed. Notes the various administrative appointments that may be rejected by the Assembly. Discussed the upcoming Municipal re-apportionment with 6 two member districts and indicates decision likely will not be finalized before the April Municipal election. Discusses how stressful the Assembly work has been.

6. **Treasurer's Report:** Susanne reports essentially unchanged

7. **Community:** **JBER:** Joy Boston- discusses upcoming Veterans' Day events, internship opportunities for next summer, and that 10 digit dialing for all phone numbers will be required as of October 24.

**Alaska Center**—Rachel Christianson discusses the solarization program, noting there will be a webinar on the program on November 18.

**Anchorage School District**—Margo Belamy discusses upcoming bond issue and the CIP. Notes that the Inlet View School project will be put off until 2024.

**Parks Master Plan**—Steve Gerlek notes next step will be a virtual public meeting to collect ideas so we can go to Parks and Recreation for work to be done next summer.

8. **Business Reports:** **Alaska Railroad:** Tim Sullivan reports on a request from North Point Bluff to cut down trees interfering with the view.

**Port of Alaska: Steve Ribuffo** shows photos of various aspects of construction/improvements at the Port noting the target of late December to put the new facility into operation.

**Vertical Bridge** – Sierra and Steve Hedges report on new Cell Tower to be constructed on Track J. In the early planning process. No tower lighting will be required due to the base field. The tower will be 140 feet, located 750 feet from the existing AT&T Tower, which is 212 feet high. Steve Gerlek requests photos to get an idea of how the new tower will impact the view and the Vertical Bridge reps indicate they will promptly provide photo simulations. There will be a public hearing on the proposed lease. Other sites were looked into, but this is apparently the location need to provide needed cell coverage

10. **Committee Updates:** **FCC/AMATS Update:** **Bob French** has nothing new to report.

11. **Other Community Comments:** H. Lee, a candidate for United States Senate, introduces himself.

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Motion to Adjourn: Unanimously passes.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.**