

**North Slope Borough Assembly  
Regular Meeting & Public Hearing  
February 6, 2024 @ 1:30 p.m.**

The Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the North Slope Borough Assembly was held at the North Slope Borough Assembly Room in Barrow, Alaska on February 6, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING  
& PUBLIC HEARING**

PRESIDENT CRAWFORD PATKOTAK called the North Slope Borough Assembly Regular Meeting & Public Hearing to order at 1:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

CRAWFORD PATKOTAK, Presiding

**PRESENT**

TRINA PAUL

FREDERICK BROWER

CARLA SIMSKAYOTUK

EVA KINNEEVEAUK

MICHAEL DONOVAN

DOUGLAS WHITEMAN, Telephonically

THOMAS NAPAGEAK, JR., Telephonically

MARTIN EDWARDSEN, Telephonically

JOSEPH AHMAOGAK, Telephonically

Comprising a QUORUM of the Assembly. Also present for all or part of the meeting were:

**QUORUM**

**MAYOR JOSIAH PATKOTAK**

Daniel Thomas, Mayor's

Chastity Olemaun, Planning

Jack Frantz, Housing

Araina Danner, Mayor's

Charlotte Brower, Self

Mariam Valenzuela, Health

Joshua Stein, Health

Patricia Patkotak, HR

James Aiken, DPW

Scott Evans, PA

John Graves, FEMA

Bernadette Adams, CIPM

Jim Evikana, CIPM

Martina Hopson, Mayor's

Scott Danner, DPW

Ruby Donovan, Health

Lynette Hepa, Health

Beverly Eliason, A&F

Thomas Leavitt, IHLC

Karina Ahkivgak, Health

Arnold Brower, Jr., Mayor's

John Citta, DWM

Monica Rowe, Wildlife

Pearletha Patkotak, Self

ARNOLD BROWER, JR. gave the invocation.

**INVOCATION**

MR. C. PATKOTAK presented the consent agenda, containing all items considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Assembly, to be approved by one motion, unless an Assembly member requests consideration in the agenda's normal sequence:

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**5) COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Mayor's Status Report**

**B. Monthly Financial Report**

**7) APPROVAL AND/OR CORRECTION OF MINUTES**

**A. Special Meeting, December 21, 2023 @ 1:30 p.m.**

**B. Regular Meeting & Public Hearing, January 16, 2024 @ 1:30 p.m.**

**8) INTRODUCTION AND/OR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

**A. Resolution 03-2024**, a Resolution Regarding the North Slope Borough's Participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

**B. Resolution 15-2024**, a Resolution Waiving Competitive Bidding for a Contract with Mercer (US) LLC to Provide a Comprehensive Study of North Slope Borough Employee Compensation.

**C. Resolution 16-2024**, a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Provide In Kind Funds by Change Order to North Slope Borough Contract No. 2021-117 with the United States Department of the Army for the Barrow Coastal Erosion Mitigation Project, CIP Project No. 07-268.

**D. Ordinance 2023-3I**, an Ordinance Appropriating Money out of the Treasury for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024. This is set for public hearing date March 5, 2024.

**E. Ordinance 2023-10F**, an Ordinance Adopting a Long Range Capital Improvements Program and Financial Plan: Providing for the Acceptance of Certain Powers Transferred and Appropriating Funds to Accomplish the Capital Projects Outlined. This is set for public hearing date March 5, 2024.

**F. Ordinance 2024-04**, an Ordinance Creating Chapter 2.09 and Amending Chapter 3.01 of the North Slope Borough Municipal Code to Provide for a Department of Administration and a Department of Finance.

**G. Ordinance 2024-06**, an Ordinance Amending Section 2.04.030 and Creating Sections 2.04.031-2.04.039 of the North Slope Borough Municipal Code to Codify Assembly Rules of Procedure and Order of Business.

What is the wish of the Assembly.

MRS. T. PAUL moved, seconded by MR. F. BROWER to approve the consent agenda, as presented. **MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

MAYOR JOSIAH PATKOTAK requested to add items:

5(C) Memo to the Assembly Subject: Point Hope Property Assessment Values for Assembly Review,

11(A) Resolution 17-2024, a Resolution Waiving Competitive Bidding and Authorizing the Mayor to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with UIC Construction, LLC for the Anaktuvuk Pass 10-Plex Completion, CIP Nos. 08-166 & 08-167.

11(B) Memo to the Assembly Dated February 5, 2024 Setting FY 24-25 Budget Workshop and Public Hearing Dates

11(C) Executive Session- Matters that may adversely effect Borough Finances; Litigation

MRS. T. PAUL moved, seconded by MR. F. BROWER to amend the agenda to add items 5(C), 11(A), 11(B) & 11(C).

Upon the call of the question, the motion carried.

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD RESOLUTIONS; MOTION CARRIED**

MRS. E. KINNEEVEAUK requested to pull items 5(B) Monthly Financial Report & 8(C) Resolution 16-2024.

**PULLED ITEMS**

MRS. C. SIMSKAYOTUK requested to pull item 5(A) Mayor's Status Report.

Upon the call of the question, the motion carried.

**MOTION CARRIED**

MR. C. PATKOTAK yielded the floor to MAYOR JOSIAH PATKOTAK to present communications.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

MAYOR JOSIAH PATKOTAK presented the employee of the month to the JASMINE REICH, HR Specialist III, of the Department of Human Resources for the month of February 2024.

**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

MR. C. PATKOTAK offered the Mayor's Status Report for February 2024.

**MAYOR'S STATUS REPORT**

MAYOR JOSIAH PATKOTAK presented the Mayor's Status Report.

MRS. T. PAUL moved, seconded by MR. F. BROWER to approve the Mayor's Status Report.

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

The North Slope Borough Assembly discussed and asked questions to the department director's and they responded. The North Slope Borough Clerk's Office has a CD recording.

**DISCUSSION**

MR. C. PATKOTAK offered the Monthly Financial Report for December 31, 2023.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

BEVERLY ELIASON presented the Monthly Financial Report.

By consensus, the North Slope Borough Assembly called for recess break at 3:06 p.m. p.m. & reconvened at 3:20 p.m.

**RECESS BREAK**

MRS. T. PAUL moved, seconded by MRS. E. KINNEEVEAUK to approve the Monthly Financial Report.

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

The North Slope Borough Assembly discussed and asked questions to BEVERLY ELIASON and she responded. The North Slope Borough Clerk's Office has a CD recording.

**DISCUSSION**

Upon the call of the question, the motion carried.

**MOTION CARRIED**

MR. C. PATKOTAK opened the floor to village concerns and audience participation. There were concerns from Atqasuk, Barrow & Point Lay.

**VILLAGE CONCERNS & AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

MR. C. PATKOTAK offered to the floor Resolution 03-2024, a Resolution Regarding the North Slope Borough's Participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

**RESOLUTION 03-2024**

SCOTT DANNER read the whole resolution into the record.

MRS. C. SIMSKAYOTUK moved, seconded by MR. F. BROWER to approve Resolution 03-2024, as presented.

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

The North Slope Borough Assembly discussed and asked questions to SCOTT DANNER and he responded. The North Slope Borough Clerk's Office has a CD recording.

**DISCUSSION**

Upon the call of the question, the motion carried.

**MOTION CARRIED**

MR. C. PATKOTAK offered to the floor Resolution 16-2024, a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Provide In Kind Funds by Change Order to North Slope Borough Contract No. 2021-117 with the United States Department of the Army for the Barrow Coastal Erosion Mitigation Project, CIP Project No. 07-268.

**RESOLUTION 16-2024**

SCOTT EVANS read the whole resolution into the record.

MR. T. NAPAGEAK, JR. moved, seconded by MRS. T. PAUL to approve Resolution 16-2024, as presented.

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

The North Slope Borough Assembly discussed and asked questions to SCOTT EVANS and he responded. The North Slope Borough Clerk's Office has a CD recording.

**DISCUSSION**

Upon the call of the question, the motion carried.

**MOTION CARRIED**

MRS. T. PAUL moved, seconded by MR. F. BROWER to get into public hearing. Upon the call of the question, the motion carried.

**MOTION TO GET INTO PUBLIC HEARING; MOTION CARRIED**

MR. C. PATKOTAK offered to the floor Ordinance 2005-04-18, an Ordinance Amending Section 3.11.010 of the North Slope Borough Municipal Code to Amend the Date for Assembly Hearing and Approval of the Operating Budget Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE 2005-04-18**

BEVERLY ELIASON read the sections and appropriations of the ordinance into the record.

The North Slope Borough Assembly discussed and asked questions to BEVERLY ELIASON and she responded. The North Slope Borough Clerk's Office has a CD recording.

**DISCUSSION**

MR. C. PATKOTAK offered to the floor Ordinance 2023-3H, an Ordinance Appropriating Money out of the Treasury for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024.

**ORDINANCE 2023-3H**

BEVERLY ELIASON read the sections and appropriations of the ordinance into the record.

The North Slope Borough Assembly discussed and asked questions to BEVERLY ELIASON and she responded. The North Slope Borough Clerk's Office has a CD recording.

**DISCUSSION**

MR. C. PATKOTAK offered to the floor Ordinance 2023-10E, an Ordinance Adopting a Long Range Capital Improvements Program and Financial Plan: Providing for the Acceptance of Certain Powers Transferred an Appropriating Funds to Accomplish the Capital Projects Outlined.

**ORDINANCE 2023-10E**

CHASTITY OLEMAUN read the sections and appropriations of the ordinance into the record.

The North Slope Borough Assembly discussed and asked questions to CHASTITY OLEMAUN and she responded. The North Slope Borough Clerk's Office has a CD recording.

**DISCUSSION**

MR. C. PATKOTAK offered to the floor Ordinance 2024-01, an Ordinance Amending Title 19 of the North Slope Borough Municipal Code.

**ORDINANCE 2024-01**

IAN STROUD read the sections and appropriations of the ordinance into the record.

The North Slope Borough Assembly discussed and asked questions to IAN STROUD and he responded. The North Slope Borough Clerk's Office has a CD recording.

**DISCUSSION**

MRS. T. PAUL moved, seconded by MR. F. BROWER to revert back to the Regular Meeting. Upon the call of the question, the motion carried.

**MOTION TO GET OUT OF PUBLIC HEARING; MOTION CARRIED**

MR. C. PATKOTAK presented Ordinance 2005-04-18, an Ordinance Amending Section 3.11.010 of the North Slope Borough Municipal Code to Amend the Date for Assembly Hearing and Approval of the Operating Budget Ordinance.

MRS. T. PAUL moved, seconded by MR. F. BROWER to adopt Ordinance 2005-04-18, as presented. Upon the call of the question, the motion carried.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**  
AYES – 10 NAYS – 0

MR. C. PATKOTAK presented Ordinance 2023-3H, an Ordinance Appropriating Money out of the Treasury for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024.

MRS. T. PAUL moved, seconded by MR. F. BROWER to adopt Ordinance 2023-3H, as presented. Upon the call of the question, the motion carried.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**  
AYES – 10 NAYS – 0

MR. C. PATKOTAK presented to the floor Ordinance 2023-10E, an Ordinance Adopting a Long Range Capital Improvements Program and Financial Plan: Providing for the Acceptance of Certain Powers Transferred and Appropriating Funds to Accomplish the Capital Projects Outlined.

MR. F. BROWER moved, seconded by MRS. T. PAUL to adopt Ordinance 2023-10E, as presented. Upon the call of the question, the motion carried.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**  
AYES – 10 NAYS – 0

MR. C. PATKOTAK presented to the floor Ordinance 2024-01, an Ordinance Amending Title 19 of the North Slope Borough Municipal Code.

MR. F. BROWER moved, seconded by MRS. C. SIMSKAYOTUK to adopt Ordinance 2024-01, as presented. Upon the call of the question, the motion carried.

**ROLL CALL VOTE**  
AYES – 10 NAYS – 0

MR. C. PATKOTAK enquired of the Mayor what Old Business needed attending.

MAYOR JOSIAH PATKOTAK stated that since item 8(E) Resolution 06-2024 was passed in the consent agenda, I wanted to let the listening audience on the radio and community of Tikigaq (Point Hope) know that the process of the paving of the runway will begin.

MR. C. PATKOTAK enquired of the Mayor what New Business needed attending.

MR. C. PATKOTAK offered to the floor Resolution 17-2024, a Resolution Waiving Competitive Bidding and Authorizing the Mayor to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with UIC Construction, LLC for the Anaktuvuk Pass 10-Plex Completion, CIP Nos. 08-166 & 08-167.

JACK FRANTZ read the whole resolution into the record.

**PRESENTATION OF  
ORDINANCE 2005-04-18**

**MOTION TO ADOPT;  
MOTION CARRIED**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**PRESENTATION OF  
ORDINANCE 2023-3H**

**MOTION TO ADOPT;  
MOTION CARRIED**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**ORDINANCE 2023-10E**

**MOTION TO ADOPT;  
MOTION CARRIED**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**ORDINANCE 2024-01**

**MOTION TO ADOPT;  
MOTION CARRIED**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 17-2024**

MRS. T. PAUL moved, seconded by MR. F. BROWER to approve Resolution 17-2024, as presented.

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

The North Slope Borough Assembly discussed and asked questions to JACK FRANTZ and he responded. The North Slope Borough Clerk's Office has a CD recording.

**DISCUSSION**

Upon the call of the question, the motion carried.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

AYES – 10 NAYS – 0

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

MR. C. PATKOTAK offered to the floor a Memo to the Assembly Dated February 5, 2024, Setting FY 24/25 Budget Workshop and Public Hearing Dates.

**MEMO TO ASSEMBLY:  
SETTING OF FY 24/25  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
AND PUBLIC  
HEARING DATES**

Proposed Dates for Workshop are April 3-4, 2024

Proposed Dates for Public Hearing is April 5, 2024.

MR. F. BROWER moved, seconded by MRS. C. SIMSKAYOTUK to approve the Memo to the Assembly, as presented.

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

The North Slope Borough Assembly discussed and asked questions to MAYOR JOSIAH PATKOTAK and he responded. The North Slope Borough Clerk's Office has a CD recording.

**DISCUSSION**

MR. C. PATKOTAK offered to get into Executive Session for the Matters that may adversely effect Borough Finances; Litigaton

**EXECUTIVE SESSION;  
LITIGATION UPDATE**

MRS. T. PAUL moved, seconded by MR. F. BROWER to get into Executive Session.

**MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION; MOTION CARRIED**

Upon the call of the question, the motion carried.

MRS. T. PAUL moved, seconded by MR. F. BROWER to get out of Executive Session.

**MOTION TO GET OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION; MOTION CARRIED**

Upon the call of the question, the motion carried.

MR. C. PATKOTAK asked if there were any appearance requests. The Borough Clerk responded that there was none.

**APPEARANCE REQUEST**

MR. F. BROWER moved, seconded by MR. M. DONOVAN to adjourn. Upon the call of the question, the motion carried.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN;  
MOTION CARRIED**

The North Slope Borough Assembly Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of Februy 6, 2024 adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Crawford Patkotak, Assembly President

ATTEST:

Sheila Burke, Borough Clerk

Falaura Hopson, Recording Clerk