

**CITY OF CRAIG  
COUNCIL AGENDA  
MARCH 18, 2021  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS 6:30 PM**

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Tim O'Connor, Hannah Bazinet, Jim See, Julie McDonald, Michael Kampnich, Chanel McKinley, Millie Schoonover

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Items listed below will be enacted by one motion. If separate discussion is desired on an item, that item may be removed and placed on the regular meeting agenda.*

- City Council Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2021

**HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC**

- Open for public comment
- Resolution 21-08, Supporting Logging and Processing of Tongass Young Growth Timber

**READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

- Period Ending February 28, 2021 Alaska Permanent Capital Management Statement

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

- Resolution 21-08, Supporting Logging and Processing of Tongass Young Growth Timber

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- CDC Masking Rule Comment Draft

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Discussion of Alaska Forest Practices Act
- Discussion of Access Permits
- Request for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration funding Letter

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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CITY OF CRAIG  
COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY MARCH 18, 2021

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**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Timothy O'Connor called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and the roll was taken. Present were, Julie McDonald, Jim See, Millie Schoonover, Michael Kampnich by telephone, and Chanel McKinley. Hannah Bazinet was absent and excused from the meeting.

**Staff present:** Jon Bolling, City Administrator; Brian Templin, City Planner; and Tracey Jensen, City Clerk

**Audience present:** Douglas Ward.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. City Council Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2021

SCHOONOVER/MCKINLEY

Moved to accept the Consent Agenda.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**HEARING FROM THE PUBLIC**

Douglas Ward attended in person but did not speak.

**READING OF CORRESPONDENCE**

1. February 2021 Alaska Permanent Capital Management Statement

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**

1. Resolution 21-08, Supporting Logging and Processing of Tongass Young Growth Timber  
Councilman Michael Kampnich said that he sponsored this resolution, and it is a timely resolution as 2x4 planks are being priced at \$6 apiece. Michael believes that Resolution 21-08 is in POW Island's best and economic interests. Mayor O'Connor agrees and would like to reach out to industry experts to start looking at this issue on POW island, when second growth will be viable, and to possibly start a mill. Mayor O'Connor expressed his hopes of community support.

SCHOONOVER/MCKINLEY

Moved to adopt the Resolution 21-08,  
Supporting Logging and Processing of  
Tongass Young Growth Timber. MOTION  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY ROLL  
CALL VOTE

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **1. CDC Masking Rule Comment Draft**

Jon Bolling said that he prepared a cover memo, a draft letter, and the actual CDC masking order, per the Council's request and review. Councilwoman McKinley said that the letter looked good, and questioned the safety of fishermen wearing masks, as she explained that fishermen have a hard time hearing over water noise, and must resort to reading lips and using hand signals.

The Council discussed the CDC, federal overreach, contradictory orders, and wet masks concerns.

The Council directed the staff to edit and send the proposed comment letter to include mask-wearing safety concerns for fishermen that may interfere with their safety.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Discussion of Alaska Forest Practices Act**

Jon Bolling explained that he was looking for specific direction on sending comments regarding the merits and practices of the Forest Practices Act and submitted a fact sheet for review and discussion. Councilman See said that the State practices are not as restrictive as the Federal Forest Service Act and believes the State should adopt the practice to stay further away from the streams and avoid cherry picking trees and buffer zones. Jon Bolling said that from appearances it seems that the lion's share of timber is going through the Viking Mill, but is unsure if it is getting milled, chipped, or exported. Mayor O'Connor expressed that he would like to make sure that 40% - 60% of the timber is retained for the benefit of local mills within the state to provide jobs, and that the wood should not be shipped overseas it has been happening in previous years. Jon Bolling said that the issue may have been settled by a state court case that he remembered reading about that might have been at the University, with the decision of no health lands could be subject to the processing mandate, but the general forest lands could be. Jon said the court case is a vague recollection and that he is not sure if the statutes have changed since. Jon said that he believes the Forest Practices Act is silent to the manufacturing.

The Council discussed logging practices effecting fish and Councilman Kampnich explained the three levels of guidance consisting of the Forest Service, which is most restrictive, the State and then the Private Forest Lands that provided for buffers of 66 feet which ended up being problematic after a few years when a big wind came though and blew down most of that buffer. Michael Kampnich suggested inviting a State Forester to instruct the Council on their rules and the Council agreed. Mayor O'Connor said that there should be a State practices and rulebook that the Council could review, as well.

The Council directed staff to request a State Forester (possibly from Ketchikan), to come to POW Island and brief the Council on its rules and practices.

**2. Discussion of Access Permits**

Jon Bolling said that Brian Templin provided a summary and broader version of the Craig Municipal Code 16 that covers access permitting.

The Council discussed regular access permit items not needing Council notification but did say they would like notification in advance for large public activity areas that have a higher level of public scrutiny, prior to access permit approval. Jon Bolling said that it was in his authority under current Municipal Code to grant the permits, and explained the options to either amend the ordinance, or request staff to make it their practice to notify the Council of upcoming large public areas requesting permits.

The Council directed staff to give prior notification via council packet, for large public areas that are out of the normal scope requesting permitting.

**3. Request of 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration Funding Letter**

Jon Bolling said that the Council did approve \$10,000 last year and the City only paid \$5,000 of that because the Craig Fourth of July Committee did such a great job fundraising.

The Council expressed concerns of fundraising limitations this year due to COVID-19.

MCDONALD/SCHOONOVER

Moved to Allocate up to \$10,000 in 2022 Fourth of July Committee Funds beginning with an initial \$5,000 increment payment and additional funds to be used if needed.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilwoman McDonald said that she is concerned that Craig Tribal Association has designated the Headstart playground as a liability that can no longer be in their building, and if there is no longer a playground, per the rules there is no longer a Headstart. Councilwoman Schoonover said that CTA is trying to move Headstart to the School. Julie McDonald stressed that time is of the essence due to red tape delays.

Councilwoman McKinley said that said that the Port St. Nicholas Road 15-mph posted speed limit was too slow and is even slower than a school zone area. The Council agreed and directed staff to change the 15-mph posted speed limit to 20-mph on Port St. Nicholas Road for the stretch up to 30-mph posted speed limit sign.

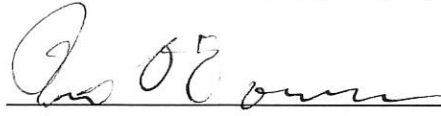
Councilman Kampnich said that the Control Lake Junction-Big Salt road is deteriorating quickly and developing major potholes, even though the State Department of Transportation is doing a great job of trying to keep up with it. Michael Kampnich said that this is a community main artery road and thinks the City should contact the State Transportation Director to see what the City can do to help support the repairs and maintenance.


**ADJOURNMENT**

SEE/MCKINLEY

Moved to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.  
MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of may, 2021.

  
MAYOR TIMOTHY O'CONNOR

ATTEST:   
TRACEY JENSEN, CITY CLERK

