

SUBJECT: AMENDING TITLE 18 PORT, TO ADDRESS THE FREQUENCY OF SCHEDULED PORT COMMISSION MEETINGS FROM MONTHLY TO QUARTERLY.

AGENDA OF:**ASSEMBLY ACTION:**

adopted without objection. KBS 1.19.21

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Introduce and set for public hearing.

APPROVED BY GEORGE HAYS, ACTING BOROUGH MANAGER: *UWB*

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator Therese Dolan	<i>TD</i>	
	Finance Director	<i>Cx</i>	
	Borough Attorney	<i>[Signature]</i>	
	Borough Clerk	<i>BSA for JRM</i>	

ATTACHMENT(S): Fiscal Note: YES ____ NO X
 Ordinance Serial No. 20-099 (2 pp)
 Port Commission Resolution No. 20-03 (2 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

This legislation is being brought forward at the request of Mayor Halter.

This legislation would change the Port Commission's meeting schedule from monthly to quarterly.

On December 20, 1988 the Assembly approved Ordinance No. 88-222 adopting title 18, Port and establishing the Port Commission.

Their purpose was, "in order to develop and export the region's natural resources, generate employment opportunities within the Borough, attract capital investment by private enterprise, and to promote importation/marshalling of bulk and/or project cargos, may

develop, operate and maintain marine and industrial facilities of the port, encourage joint venture projects and meet the demands of the economy."

The Port Commission's applicability and authorities included "stewardship of the Port District," with the responsibility of promoting and leasing the uplands for commercial or industrial use. Notwithstanding other titles in code, the Port Commission had the authority, "to lease, without Assembly approval, parcels of ten acres or less for a period not to exceed ten years."

On October 2, 1990 the Assembly approved Ordinance 90-042 which, among other things, established the Port Commission as an Advisory Board. The Assembly modified the purpose of the commission by transferring Port District management authority to the Borough Manager and retaining lease approval authority with the Assembly.

Although this modification greatly reduced the work load of the commission, the Assembly did not modify the requirement for monthly meetings. The Port Commission agendas frequently lack pressing or urgent business and over the past five years 30% of their meetings have been canceled. Preparation for these meetings, even when canceled, require significant commitment of Borough resources including advertising costs, hours of staff work and administrative supplies as well as commitment of Borough facilities. Much of the loss in time and expense could be saved through quarterly scheduling with the option for special meetings if necessary.

In light of the projected \$16 million dollar budget shortfall from loss of State revenue, reducing meeting expenses is an appropriate and prudent management action.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:

Assembly approve quarterly Port Commission meetings with special meetings scheduled as necessary.

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
PORT COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 20-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PORT COMMISSION
RECOMMENDING AGAINST AMENDING MSB 18.04.080 (A), MEETINGS;
SCHEDULING NOTICE, TO ADDRESS THE FREQUENCY OF SCHEDULED PORT
COMMISSION MEETINGS FROM MONTHLY TO QUARTERLY.

WHEREAS, title 18.03.030(A) states, "the port commission shall advise the assembly and the manager on port development matters;" and

WHEREAS, the Port Commission believes Port MacKenzie is the single most important piece of real estate in the borough; and

WHEREAS, meetings can be cancelled if there is nothing pressing on the agenda; and

WHEREAS, the Port Commission would prefer to keep the monthly meeting schedule as is;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Port Commission hereby recommends the Assembly not adopt Ordinance 20-099, amending MSB 18.04.080.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Port Commission this
14th day of Dec., 2020.

OR 21-009
IM 21-013



Tim Anderson, Chair

ATTEST:



Therese M. Dolan
Port Operations Manager

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IM 21-013