

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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BOROUGH MAYOR

Vern Halter

BOROUGH CLERK

Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC

BOROUGH MANAGER

John Moosey

BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Nicholas Spiropoulos



BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

Jim Sykes, District 1

Matthew Beck, District 2

George McKee, District 3

Ted Leonard, District 4

Dan Mayfield, District 5

Barbara J. Doty, District 6

Randall Kowalke, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Bill Stoltz, former State Senator .

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Vern Halter.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Assemblymember Jim Sykes, Assemblymember Matthew Beck, Assemblymember George McKee, Assemblymember Ted Leonard, Assemblymember Dan Mayfield, Assemblymember Barbara J. Doty, and Assemblymember Randall Kowalke

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Halter inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

Assemblymember Kowalke requested Action Memorandum No. 17-102, be pulled from the consent agenda.

Assemblymember Doty requested Resolution No. 17-080, be pulled from the consent agenda.

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection to taking up Ordinance Nos. 17-120, 17-121, 17-122, 17-123, 17-124, 17-125, 17-126, 17-127, and 17-129 together.

There was no objection to combining the ordinances.

The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

[17-063](#)

- A. Regular Meeting Minutes: 09/05/17
- B. Joint Assembly/School Board Meeting Minutes: 09/12/17
- C. Regular Meeting Minutes: 09/19/17
- D. Election Certification Minutes: 10/17/17

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Mayor Halter queried if there were any changes to the meeting minutes as presented.

The minutes were approved as presented by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, Assemblymember Kowalke, and Mayor Halter

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS (MSB 2.12.082; Seven minutes per person)

1. Reports From Cities

Mayor Bert Cottle, City of Wasilla, reported on the activities of the City. He noted an ordinance regarding taxation of plastic bags was being forwarded to the City Council.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

There was no report from the School District.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee On School Issues

Assemblymember Beck reported that the Committee had a brief meeting on November 6, 2017, at which it addressed the School District's enrollment numbers.

Assemblymember Sykes noted that the Committee had changed its schedule from monthly to quarterly meetings.

2. Assembly Public Relations

There was no report provided.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

2. Strategic Planning Issues

Mr. Moosey introduced Mr. Ben Coleman, new hire in the Planning department.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos spoke to the dismissal of an appeal case regarding driveway permits. He noted he would be attending the Municipal Attorney's conference on November 13 and 14, 2017.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule. She introduced Melissa Iverson and Jordan Ortolano, new hires in the Clerks department. She noted she would be attending the Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks conference the week of November 13.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

[17-064](#)

1. Aviation Advisory Board: 08/17/17
2. Big Lake RSA Board of Supervisors: 08/09/17
3. Caswell Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: 08/02/17
4. Central Mat-Su FSA Board of Supervisors: 09/11/17
5. Enhanced 911 Advisory Board: 08/08/17
6. Greater Butte RSA Board of Supervisors: 09/25/17
7. Greater Talkeetna RSA Board of Supervisors: 06/08/17
8. Knik RSA Board of Supervisors: 07/12/17, Resolution 17-02
9. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: 06/15/17
10. MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission: 08/17/17
11. Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board: 08/28/17, Resolution No. 17-07
12. Planning Commission: 09/18/17, 10/09/17, Resolution Nos. 17-43, 17-49, 17-51, 17-54
13. Platting Board: 09/07/17, 09/21/17
14. South Colony RSA Board of Supervisors: 08/08/17
15. West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 08/14/17
16. Chase Community Council: 04/19/17, 07/19/17
17. Louise-Susitna-Tyone Community Association: 07/22/17
18. Meadow Lakes Community Council: 08/09/17, 09/13/17
19. Susitna Community Council: 09/07/17
20. Talkeetna Community Council: 09/05/17

Sponsors: Borough Manager

The citizen and other correspondence were presented and no comments were noted.

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

[IM 17-183](#) Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 17-092B To Rain Proof Roofing, LLC. For Glacier View School Roof Replacement.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[IM 17-184](#) Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 15-114B To Orion Construction, Inc. For School District Americans With Disabilities Act Upgrades.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

The informational memorandums were presented and no comments were noted.

VII. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (MSB 2.12.081; Three Minutes Per Person.)

(Requires 11 Days Advance Notice And Must Otherwise Be In Compliance With The Necessary Code Requirements. If No Advance Notice Is Given, Persons Wishing To Speak May Do So Under The Audience Participation Section Of The Agenda.)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)

[OR 17-114](#) An Ordinance Adopting The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Long Range Transportation Plan And Amending MSB 15.24.030(B)(12), Comprehensive Plan And Purposes.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in opposition to parts of Ordinance Serial No. 17-114 and the long-term transportation plan: Ms. Patti Fisher.

There being no others present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-114.

Assemblymember Sykes moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 17-114 to a time certain of December 5, 2017.

The motion to postpone passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Mayor Halter

No: 2 - Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Kowalke

[OR 17-120](#) An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$235,000 From Midway Road Service Area No. 9 Fund Balance, Fund 270, To Fund 410, Project No. 30036, For Midway Road Service Area No. 9 Capital Projects.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Clerk's Note: Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-120, 17-121, 17-122, 17-123, 17-124, 17-125, 17-126, 17-127, and 17-129 were taken up together.

[OR 17-121](#) An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$133,000 From Lazy Mountain Road Service Area No. 19 Fund Balance, Fund 275, To Fund 410, Project No. 30041, For Lazy Mountain Road Service Area No. 19 Capital Projects.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Clerk's Note: Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-120, 17-121, 17-122, 17-123, 17-124, 17-125, 17-126, 17-127, and 17-129 were taken up together.

[OR 17-122](#) An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$89,000 From North Colony Road Service Area No. 23 Fund Balance, Fund 278, To Fund 410, Project No. 30044, For North Colony Road Service Area No. 23 Capital Projects.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Clerk's Note: Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-120, 17-121, 17-122, 17-123, 17-124, 17-125, 17-126, 17-127, and 17-129 were taken up together.

[OR 17-123](#) An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$58,000 From Caswell Road Service Area No. 15 Fund Balance, Fund 272, To Fund 410, Project No. 30038, For Caswell Road Service Area No. 15 Capital Projects.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Clerk's Note: Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-120, 17-121, 17-122, 17-123, 17-124, 17-125, 17-126, 17-127, and 17-129 were taken up together.

[OR 17-124](#) An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$29,000 From South Colony Road Service Area No. 16 Fund Balance, Fund 273, To Fund 410, Project No. 30039, For South Colony Road Service Area No. 16 Capital Projects.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Clerk's Note: Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-120, 17-121, 17-122, 17-123, 17-124, 17-125, 17-126, 17-127, and 17-129 were taken up together.

[OR 17-125](#) An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$82,000 From Big Lake Road Service Area No. 21 Fund Balance, Fund 277, To Fund 410, Project No. 30043, For Big Lake Road Service Area No. 21 Capital Projects.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Clerk's Note: Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-120, 17-121, 17-122, 17-123, 17-124, 17-125, 17-126, 17-127, and 17-129 were taken up together.

[OR 17-126](#) An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$18,306 From Trapper Creek Road Service Area No. 30 Fund Balance, Fund 284, To Fund 410, Project No. 30050, For Trapper Creek Road Service Area No. 30 Capital Projects.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Clerk's Note: Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-120, 17-121, 17-122, 17-123, 17-124, 17-125, 17-126, 17-127, and 17-129 were taken up together.

[OR 17-127](#) An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$46,000 From Alpine Road Service Area No. 31 Fund Balance, Fund 285, To Fund 410, Project No. 30051, For Alpine Road Service Area No. 31 Capital Projects.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Clerk's Note: Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-120, 17-121, 17-122, 17-123, 17-124, 17-125, 17-126, 17-127, and 17-129 were taken up together.

[OR 17-129](#) An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$299,000 From Bogard Road Service Area No. 25 Fund Balance, Fund 279, To Fund 410, Project No. 30045, For Bogard Road Service Area No. 25 Capital Projects.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-120, 17-121, 17-122, 17-123, 17-124, 17-125, 17-126, 17-127, and 17-129. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

[OR 17-130](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 15.39, Board Of Adjustment And Appeals, By Adopting MSB 15.39.205, Withdrawal Of Appeal By Appellant; Joint Stipulation For Dismissal Of Appeal.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-130. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

[OR 17-131](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$108,900 From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management Grant Program, To Fund 425, Project No. 45158, For Animal Rescue Training, Radios, And An Emergency Management Command Vehicle.
RS 17-074: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management Grant, Project No. 45158, Fund 425, For Animal Rescue Training, Radios, And An Emergency Management Command Vehicle.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-131. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

[OR 17-132](#)

An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$260,000 From The Greater Palmer Consolidated Fire Service Area Fund Balance, Fund 259, To Project No. 45215 For The Purchase Of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus And Related Equipment For The Greater Palmer Consolidated Fire Service Area.

RS 17-076: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Project No. 45215, To Allow For The Purchase Of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus And Related Equipment For The Greater Palmer Consolidated Fire Service Area.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-132. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

[OR 17-133](#)

An Ordinance Amending MSB 2.71.040, Board Of Ethics; Created; Membership.

Sponsors: Halter

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-133. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)

The following person spoke in support of Resolution Serial No. 17-080: Mr. Bill Stolz, former State Senator.

The following person spoke in opposition of Resolution Serial No.17-080: Ms. Eileen Patterson.

The following person spoke to crime in the valley, reported on various citizen groups regarding public safety, and encouraged the Borough to provide an anti-crime task force: Ms. Patti Fisher.

The following person spoke in opposition to portions of Ordinance Serial No. 17-033: Mr. Larry Maulder.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

[RS 17-077](#) A Resolution Approving The Amended Scope Of Work For Anticipated Fiscal Year 2018 Project Income On The Rail Extension From Port Mackenzie To The Mainline Project.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[RS 17-078](#) A Resolution Approving The Amended Budgets For The Skwentna Landfill Improvements, Project No. 25030; Skwentna Landfill Purchase Of A Skid Steer, Tracked, Project No. 25030; Landfill Waste Container Hauling Truck, Project No. 25001; Landfill Waste Container Roll-Off Truck, Project No. 25001; Landfill Gas Management Plan, Project No. 25020; And Amend The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Landfill Building Improvements, Project No. 25020.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

[AM 17-099](#) Vacate The 50-Foot Wide Section Line Easements Lying Within Lots 6 And 7, United States Survey 4594, Located On The Northwest Shore Of Susitna Lake Within Sections 10 And 15, Township 8 North, Range 8 West, Copper River Meridian.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[AM 17-100](#) Eliminate The Unused Portion Of The Utility Easement Located In An East-West Direction Across The Middle Of Lot 1A, Quickstar, Plat No. 2017-73, Excepting Therefrom The 15-Foot Utility Easements Along The South And West Lot Lines. Located Within The Northeast 1/4, Section 21, Township 17 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska, Lying Northwest Of The Big Lake Roundabout.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[AM 17-101](#) Acceptance Of Late Filed And Retroactive Senior Citizen And Disabled Veteran Exemption Applications.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[AM 17-103](#) Award Of Proposal 18-001P To Parker, Smith, And Feek In The Amount Of \$387,667 For Health Benefits Consulting, Subject To Annual Appropriation Of Funding.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[AM 17-104](#) Approval Of A Contract Amendment For Contract No. 15-142B With Wirtanen Commercial, LLC. In The Total Change Order Amount Of \$15,613.66 For HVAC Upgrades At 8 Schools.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Ms. McKechnie read the consent agenda into the record.

Assemblymember Beck moved to approve the Consent Agenda as read into the record by the Clerk. The motion carried without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

[RS 17-080](#) A Resolution Supporting The Repeal Of SB-91 And Recommending That State Begin Anew With Criminal Reform.

Sponsors: Leonard, Mayfield and Kowalke

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Doty moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 17-080.

Assemblymember Doty moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 17-080, by adding verbiage to the Be It Resolved clause to read: "NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly hereby supports the repeal of SB-91 and urges the Executive and Legislative branches of the State of Alaska to begin a new criminal reform with appropriate considerations that deter crime, serve public safety, promote access to substance and mental health treatment, support effective transitional programs to reduce recidivism and promote the financial security of its citizens."

The primary amendment failed by the following vote: Assemblymember Sykes moved a secondary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 17-080, by adding to the primary amendment verbiage, "...to promote education and neighborhood watch programs..." The secondary amendment failed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 3 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, and Assemblymember Doty
- No:** 4 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Kowalke

The primary amendment failed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 3 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, and Assemblymember Doty
- No:** 4 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Kowalke

Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 17-080, by adding a second Be It Resolved clause to read: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature should enact separate legislation and provide funding to promote access to substance and mental health treatment and support effective transitional programs to reduce recidivism." The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke
- No:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

The main motion as amended passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

[AM 17-102](#) Award Of Bid No. 18-043B To Western Construction And Equipment, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$109,391 For Susitna Circle And Sroufe Boulevard.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Kowalke declared a conflict of interest due to the close proximity of the location to his residence.

RULING: Mayor Halter ruled there was a conflict of interest and Assemblymember Kowalke was recused from voting.

The meeting recessed at 7:02 p.m. and reconvened at 7:08 p.m.

Assemblymember Beck moved to approve Action Memorandum No. 17-102. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Doty

Recused: 1 - Assemblymember Kowalke

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[OR 17-033](#) An Ordinance Amending Title 43, Subdivisions, To Address Substantial Items Outlined In The Planning Department Staff Memorandum Dated March 1, 2013.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

The main motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-033 was on the floor.

Assemblymember Beck moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 17-033, by incorporating Planning Commission recommendations contained in Planning Commission Resolution Nos. 17-20, 17-32, and 17-51. The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

Assemblymember Beck moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 17-033 by:
amending MSB 43.20.300(E)(5)(b) to read, "45 feet of frontage if access is onto a cul-de-sac.";
amending MSB 43.20.300(E)(6)(a)(i) to read, "45 feet of frontage if access is onto a cul-de-sac."; and
amending 43.35.340 to read, "(A) [EXCLUSIVE OF FLAG LOTS] Lots adjacent to a watercourse or body of water shall be a minimum of 125 feet in width at the waterline, as measured directly between property corners at the waterline, or a minimum of 85 feet in width if community sewerage is provided to the lot. [(B)] (i) For flag lots where water is the only legal access, water body frontage is pursuant to 43.20.300(E)." The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

Assemblymember McKee moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 17-033 to a time certain of December 5, 2017. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Leonard

No: 5 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

The main motion as amended passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

No: 1 - Assemblymember McKee

[RS 17-070](#) A Resolution Approving State Legislative Priorities For Fiscal Year 2019.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

The main motion as amended was on the floor.

Assemblymember Doty moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 17-070, by adding the following road improvement projects and to incorporate the verbiage to accompany the titles:

Engstrom and Bogard Road Intersection Improvements - \$4 million;

Seldon Road Extension West, Phase 2 - \$8 million;

Tex-Al Drive Upgrade and Connection - \$5.5 million;

Vine Road and Hollywood Road Intersection Improvements - \$1.5 million; and

South Trunk Road Extension Bridges - \$1.5 million

The primary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

No: 4 - Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, and Assemblymember Mayfield

Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 17-070, by striking the title "Fishery Funding for Mat-Su Sonar, Weirs, and Other Tools to Improve Mat-Su Salmon Runs" and replacing it with "Fishery Protection - \$4 million" and to incorporate the verbiage to accompany the title. The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 17-070, by adding the title "Ability to Use Federal Funds to Protect Both Residents and Critical Road Ways" and to incorporate the verbiage to accompany the title. The primary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

No: 4 - Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, and Assemblymember Mayfield

The main motion as amended passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

No: 1 - Assemblymember McKee

[RS 17-071](#) A Resolution Approving Federal Legislative Priorities For 2019.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

PENDING MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 17-071, by inserting a new project (page 5 of the resolution) as follows: "Federal Road Funds to Protect Both People and Roads Where Erosion Threatens Both Residents and Major Highways \$25 - \$35 Million - The Glenn Highway has two reaches that are often threatened by erosion and/or flooding. During 2016, the state of Alaska stepped up to protect more than just the road, but took action to protect property outside the road easement that provides a larger buffer to protect the Old Glenn Highway. Protection measures such as bank stabilization, channelization, dikes, and revetments can be put in place well in advance of potential erosion and flooding much more cheaply than waiting for water to overtop the road. Glenn Highway Mile Post 63.5 to Mile Post 65.5 is a prime example where advance protection can help both residents near the river and allow a wider buffer of protection for the highway. On the Lower Matanuska the Old Glenn from Mile Post 13 to Mile Post 17 remains at risk and subject to the same risks and opportunities to protect as the Upper Glenn Highway. Just these two instances could cost between \$25 and \$35 million for meaningful protection for these areas for a long time to come."

Assemblymember Sykes moved a secondary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 17-071, by striking the proposed "Federal Road Funds to Protect Both People and Roads Where Erosion Threatens Both Residents and Major Highways" and the verbiage accompanying the title and inserting in its place, "Ability to Use Federal Funds to Protect Both Residents and Critical Road Ways" and to incorporate the verbiage to accompany the title. The secondary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

The primary amendment as amended passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

Assemblymember Kowalke moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 17-071, by inserting "Susitna/Talkeetna River Flood Control - \$30 million" and to incorporate the verbiage to accompany the title. The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 17-071, by inserting "Fishery Protection - \$4 million" and to incorporate the verbiage to accompany the title. The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

The main motion as amended passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

IX. VETO

There were no vetoes presented.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing November 21, 2017, Assembly Chambers)

[OR 17-103](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 1.45.100, Schedule Of Fines For Infractions; Changing Reference From Misdemeanors To Minor Infractions Within MSB 1.45, 3.15, 8.55, 17.23 And 17.62; And Amending Language Within MSB 1.45 To Match Alaska Statute And Court Rules.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-134](#) An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The Portion Of Doc McKinley Avenue Noncontiguous Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 592 And Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments And Making Refunds To Property Owners.

OR 17-135: An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Not To Exceed \$32,600 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Bonds For The Portion Of Doc McKinley Avenue Noncontiguous Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 592, And Fixing Details Of Said Bonds.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-136](#) An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The West Ord Lane Noncontiguous Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 594 And Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments And Making Refunds To Property Owners.

OR 17-137: An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Not To Exceed \$8,200 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Bonds For The West Ord Lane Noncontiguous Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 594, And Fixing Details Of Said Bonds.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-138](#) An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The West Backus Drive Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 596 And Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments And Making Refunds To Property Owners.

OR 17-139: An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Not To Exceed \$29,000 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Bonds For The West Backus Drive Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 596, And Fixing Details Of Said Bonds.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-140](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 15.24.030(B)(7), Adopting The Chase Comprehensive Plan.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-143](#) An Ordinance Approving The Disposal Of Borough-Owned Easement Lots And Publicly Dedicated Lots In Windsong Subdivision To Adjacent Owners (MSB007346).

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-144](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 4.75, To Change The Makeup Of The Fish And Wildlife Commission By Designating The Assemblymember Positions As Non-Voting And Adding New Voting Member.

Sponsors: Sykes

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Beck moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and to set the public hearings for November 21, 2017. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

[17-065](#) 11/07/17 - Vacancy Report

Sponsors: Borough Manager
Emergency Medical Services Board
Dane Wallace
Historical Preservation Commission
Resignations of
Lisa Schwarzburg and
Sonya Larkey-Walden
Library Board
Resignation of Marci Hawkins
MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission
Randall Kowalke
Resignation of Jehnifer Ehman
Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board
Resignation of Gina Jorgensen

Assemblymember Beck moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments and resignations. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

D. REFERRALS (For Referral To The Planning Commission For 90 Days Or Other Date Specified By The Assembly)

XI. RECONSIDERATION

There were no reconsiderations presented.

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Moosey reported on the Monday meetings of the Sales Tax Task Force and noted that an update would be provided to the Assembly at the December 5, 2017, regular meeting. He noted that he would be attending the AML and Managers Conferences the week of November 15.

Assemblymember Doty expressed appreciation for the hard work that was put into the recent legislation. She commended finding a balance on the Title 43 amendments. She noted that she was working with Manager Moosey and the new contractor to keep the Government Peak Recreational Area open to all residents.

Assemblymember Leonard noted he would be attending the Newly Elected Officials sessions at the upcoming AML conference. He thanked the Assembly for its patience as he became familiar with his role on the Assembly. He expressed appreciation for the the hard work of the Assembly.

Assemblymember McKee spoke to an article by the Mayor regarding salmon and spoke to persuading the State Legislature to reduce specific fishing vessels.

Assemblymember Sykes spoke in support of the work accomplished by the MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission and studies being conducted by the State Fish and Game Department. He spoke to SB91 and public safety measures provided by the Borough. He referred to a survey conducted in the past that resulted in a need for the Borough to establish police powers. He encouraged the Manager to hold public meetings to include former law enforcement officers and home security firms to come up with ideas to resolve crime issues within the Borough.

Assemblymember Sykes moved to direct the Manager to hold community meetings regarding crime.

Assemblymember Doty moved to postpone the matter to a time certain of December 5, 2017. The motion passed by the following vote:

YES - 6: Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Doty

NO - Assemblymember McKee and Assemblymember Kowalke

Assemblymember Mayfield commended the Assembly on representing the

constituents through Resolution Serial No. 17-080. He expressed hope that the State Legislature would understand the view of the Assembly and thanked the Assembly for its support on the legislation. He addressed Assemblymember Sykes' motion regarding community meetings on crime and encouraged the Assembly to consider how it could support neighborhood watch programs. He opined that it was a great meeting and appreciated the consolidation of agenda items.

Assemblymember Beck thanked the Assembly for its support on the amendment to Resolution Serial No. 17-080. He thanked the public allowing him the opportunity to serve the community.

Mayor Halter spoke in appreciation of Resolution Serial No. 17-080. He spoke in support of continued public and school access to the Government Peak Recreational Area through the new contract and noted the Assembly may need to review the contract in the future.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.