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Jesse Sumner, District 6
Ron Bernier, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2022

Budget Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Assemblymember Tim Hale, Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Robert Yundt, and Assemblymember Jesse Sumner

Excused: 1 - Assemblymember Dee McKee

Telephonic: 2 - Assemblymember Mokie Tew, and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mike Brown, Borough Manager.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following persons spoke in opposition to a youth shooting range (OR 22-056): Clay Chapman; and Kelly Fitzgerald, Togowoods Camp Director.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC HEARING

[OR 22-022](#) An Ordinance Appropriating Monies From The Central Treasury For The Borough Operating Funds, Enterprise Funds, Education Operating Fund And Capital Funds, Establishing The Rate Of Levy For All Borough Functions For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022, And Ending June 30, 2023; And Setting The Surcharge Rate For The Wireline And Wireless Enhanced 911 Systems For The Period Of July 1, 2022, Through June 30, 2023.

Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk, read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in support of sustainable 3-year funding agreement for the Mat-Su Convention and Visitor's Bureau: Wes Hoskins, Mat-Su Trails and Parks Foundation Executive Director.

Assemblymember Sumner moved to continue the public hearing to April 28, 2022. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Assemblymember Yundt stated that he is excited about tourism possibilities this year. Noted that he is also excited about the coming Arctic Winter Games. Related that he wished increased salmon runs would coincide with this summer's tourism.

Assemblymember Nowers stated that she too is looking forward to increased tourism. Requested information regarding lead contamination in relation to gun ranges.

Assemblymember Bernier thanked the body for the meeting. Noted that he was unable to attend in person due to his work schedule. Apologized for not being able to attend in person.

Assemblymember Hale spoke in support of the 65/35 split for bed tax revenues with the Mat-Su Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.