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MEETING MINUTES

MENARD SPORTS COMPLEX
1001 SOUTH CLAPP STREET, WASILLA

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025

Budget Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at the Menard Sports Complex, 1001 South Clapp Street, Wasilla, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers (entered at 6:01 p.m.),
Assemblymember Dee McKee (entered at 6:06 p.m.),
Assemblymember Maxwell Sumner, Assemblymember Bill Gamble,
Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov, and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

Excused: 1 - Assemblymember Tim Hale

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Shannon Bodolay, Assistant Borough Attorney.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following persons thanked the Borough for their support for the Hatcher Pass Avalanche Center and spoke to a grant request included in the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget: Kirsten Berg and Heather Johnson.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC HEARING

OR 25-025 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, 2025, And Ending June 30, 2026; And Setting The Surcharge Rate For The Wireline And Wireless Enhanced 911 Systems For The Period Of July 1, 2025, Through June 30, 2026.

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

There was no one present who wished to testify.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to continue the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 25-025, to April 24, 2025, at the Willow Community Center.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Excused: 1 - Assemblymember Hale

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Assemblymember Bernier thanked everyone for coming and said a prayer.

Assemblymember Fonov opined if the Wasilla public hearing should be continued in future years due to the lack of attendance and public testimony.

Mayor DeVries spoke to events she plans to attend in Talkeetna on Thursday, April 24, 2025, prior to the public hearing at 6 p.m. and encouraged others to attend.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

April 22, 2025, Budget Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

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EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 05/20/25