

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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Robert Yundt, District 4
Mokie Tew, District 5
Jesse Sumner, District 6
Ron Bernier, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

10:00 AM

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Thursday, April 7, 2022, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor DeVries advised that she would have to exit the meeting at 1:40 p.m. and that Deputy Mayor Sumner will assume the duties of the chair.

Present: 6 - Assemblymember Tim Hale, Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Dee McKee, Assemblymember Robert Yundt, Assemblymember Mokie Tew, and Assemblymember Jesse Sumner

Excused: 1 - Assemblymember Ron Bernier

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The following person led the pledge of allegiance: Assemblymember Dee McKee.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Departmental Budget Presentations

Mike Brown, Borough Manager, presented his proposed budget.

Chris Loscar, Animal Care and Regulation Director, presented his proposed budget.

Ken Barkley, Department of Emergency Services Director, presented his proposed budget.

Therese Dolan, Port Director, presented her proposed budget.

The Assembly recessed for lunch at 12:03 p.m. and reconvened at 12:26 p.m.

Eric Phillips, Community Development Director, presented his proposed budget.

Eric Wyatt, Information Technology Director, presented his proposed budget.

Terry Dolan, Public Works Director, presented his proposed budget.

Alex Strawn, Planning and Land Use Director, presented his proposed budget.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, presented her proposed budget.

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Order of Presentations:

1. Introduction

Manager Mike Brown & Finance Director Cheyenne Heindel

2. Animal Care and Regulation

Director Chris Loscar

3. Emergency Services

Director Ken Barkley

4. Port MacKenzie

Operations Manager Therese Dolan

5. Community Development

Director Eric Phillips

6. Information Technology

Director Eric Wyatt

7. Public Works

Director Terry Dolan

8. Planning

Director Alex Strawn

9. Finance

Director Cheyenne Heindel

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Mike Brown, Borough Manager, stated that he is looking at what is being budgeted for by looking back 5 years as a tool. Spoke to ways that the process is impacted by applying vacancy rates in order to close the difference between the budget and actuals. Noted that he is looking at the vacancy rate for personnel costs so that it will be less of a thing over time. Thanked staff for their budget presentations.

Assemblymember Hale apologize for not being present for the entire meeting. Stated that he found out about a funeral that he had to attend at the last minute.

Assemblymember Yundt stated that he is excited to see that there are capital funds in the budget for roads and to move forward with the voter approved bond list. Stated that he would like to see the May 5, budget deliberation meeting moved to May 4, as May 5 is the first day of wrestling.

Brenda Henry, Assistant Borough Clerk, advised that she would get with the Borough Clerk to bring that before the Assembly.

Deputy Mayor Sumner stated that he is pleased with the proposed budget and commented that even if it is an appropriate budget, that there may still be a ton of amendments.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

April 7, 2022, Special Assembly Meeting Minutes

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EDNA DEVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 04/19/22