

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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ASSEMBLY AGENDA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ASSEMBLY MEETING IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND IN PERSON:

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Citizen Lifesaver Award

[25-164](#) Citizen Lifesaver Awards

Attachments: [10/21/25 - Certificate of Recognition](#)

B. 17th Annual Emergency Preparedness Expo Poster Contest Winners

VI. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

VII. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

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

- 1. Reports From Cities**
- 2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District**
- 3. State of Alaska**

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committees**
- 2. Assembly Public Relations**

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

- 1. State/Federal Legislation**
- 2. Strategic Planning Issues**

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

E. CLERK COMMENTS

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

[25-168](#)

1. Butte FSA Board of Supervisors: 07/10/25
2. Chickaloon Community Council: 02/12/25, 03/12/25, 04/09/25, 05/14/25, 06/11/25, 07/09/25
3. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: 08/21/25
4. North Lakes Community Council: 07/31/25, 08/28/25
5. Planning Commission: 09/15/25
6. Platting Board: 08/07/25, 09/18/25
7. Port Commission: 07/21/25, Resolution No. 25-003
8. Susitna Community Council: 09/04/24
9. Talkeetna Sewer & Water Board: 06/04/25, 07/02/25, 08/06/25
10. Tanaina Community Council: 09/23/25

Attachments: [10/21/25 - Citizen and Other Correspondence](#)

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

[IM 25-215](#)

Informing The Assembly Of The Submittal Of A United States Department Of Transportation, Build America Bureau, 2025 Rural And Tribal Assistance Pilot Program Grant Application Requesting \$890,000 For Development Of A Port District Master Plan For Port, Road, And Rail Loop Improvements Project.

Attachments: [IM 25-215](#)

[IM 25-231](#)

Informing The Assembly Of The Managers Signature On And Submittal Of The Federal Fiscal Year 2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant Application Requesting \$213,082.10 To Cover 50 Percent Of The Wages And Benefits For Emergency Operations Center Staff.

Attachments: [IM 25-231](#)

VIII. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (You can speak under one of the audience participations on the agenda, but not both; Three Minutes Per Person.)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)

[RS 25-072](#)

A Resolution Approving 2026 State Legislative Priorities.

Attachments: [RS 25-072](#)

[IM 25-160](#)

[10/21/25 - Gamble Possible Amendment](#)

[RS 25-073](#) A Resolution Approving 2026 Federal Legislative Priorities.

Attachments: [RS 25-073](#)
[IM 25-161](#)

[OR 25-112](#) An Ordinance Appropriating Talkeetna Sewer And Water Fund Reserves In The Amount Of \$40,353.38 To Pay Off Debt Associated With Talkeetna Community Water Upgrades.

Attachments: [OR 25-112](#)
[IM 25-211](#)

[OR 25-113](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A Grant In The Amount Of \$9,700 From The American Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals For The Dog Kennel Enrichment Upgrades Project.

RS 25-095: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Dog Kennel Enrichment Upgrades Project.

Attachments: [OR 25-113](#)
[RS 25-095](#)
[IM 25-213](#)

[OR 25-114](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A Grant In The Amount Of \$35,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Military And Veterans' Affairs For Phase One Of A Tsunami Warning Sirens Project.

RS 25-097: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Phase One Of A Tsunami Warning Sirens Project.

Attachments: [OR 25-114](#)
[RS 25-097](#)
[IM 25-217](#)

[OR 25-115](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$37,220 From The Mat-Su Trails And Parks Foundation For Signage For The Government Peak Recreation Area.

RS 25-098: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Signage For The Government Peak Recreation Area.

Attachments: [OR 25-115](#)
[RS 25-098](#)
[IM 25-222](#)

[OR 25-116](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating Additional Disaster Relief Funds In The Amount Of \$447,459 For The November 2018 Cook Inlet Earthquake.
RS 25-100: A Resolution Approving The Amended Scope Of Work And Budget For November 2018 Cook Inlet Earthquake Disaster Relief Funds.

Attachments: [OR 25-116](#)
[RS 25-100](#)
[IM 25-224](#)

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (You can speak under one of the audience participations on the agenda, but not both; Three Minutes Per Person.)

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

[RS 25-104](#) A Resolution Allocating Fiscal Year 2026 Human Services Community Matching Grant Program Funding To Local Nonprofit Agencies For The Provision Of Critically Needed Essential Health And Social Services To The Citizens Of The Borough.

Attachments: [RS 25-104](#)
[IM 25-232](#)

[RS 25-105](#) A Resolution Recognizing The Alaska State Department Of Law And The Palmer District Attorney's Office For Establishing A Diversion Program That Has Positively Impacted The Borough And State.

Sponsors: Fonov

Attachments: [RS 25-105](#)
[IM 25-233](#)

[RS 25-107](#) A Resolution Directing The Manager To Research And Report On Options Of Borough-Owned Property For A Possible Sale To The YMCA Of Alaska.

Sponsors: Fonov

Attachments: [RS 25-107](#)
[IM 25-235](#)

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

[AM 25-125](#) Approval Of Final Completion Date Extension For Contract No. 26-011B With Western Construction & Equipment LLC. For The Eska Street, Granite Street, Utah Street, And Grand Avenue Improvements Project.

Attachments: [AM 25-125](#)

[AM 25-127](#) Approval Of Utility Relocation Costs Of \$194,560.55 To MTA Communications, LLC. For The Fern Street Upgrade And Pathway Project Within The City Of Wasilla; And To Extend The Completion Date To October 31, 2026.

Attachments: [AM 25-127](#)

[AM 25-128](#) Authorization To Vacate The 33-Foot-Wide Section Line Easement On The Northern Boundary Of Block 2, Lot 1; And Block 1, Lot 8, Centennial Shores, Plat No. 89-22, Located Within The Northwest 1/4 Section 04, Township 17 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian.

Attachments: [AM 25-128](#)

[AM 25-129](#) Authorization To Vacate The 50-Foot-Wide Public Access Easement Located On The Southwest Boundary Of Lot 2, Kimberly's Lakeside Estates, Plat No. 2002-38. The Property Is Located West Of Florence Lake, Northeast Of Boot Lake, And Directly East Of North Crystal Lake Road; Within The Northeast 1/4 Section 23, Township 19 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian.

Attachments: [AM 25-129](#)

[AM 25-130](#) Award Of Bid No. 26-049B To H5 Construction In The Contract Amount Of \$14,083,785 To Construct Public Safety Building 3-9.

Attachments: [AM 25-130](#)

[AM 25-131](#) Informing The Assembly Of The Manager's Signature On The Fiscal Year 2026 Enhanced 911 Spending Priorities Agreement And Approving The Fiscal Year 2026 Payments Of \$144,000 Each To The Cities Of Wasilla And Palmer For Call Taker Wages And Benefits.

Attachments: [AM 25-131](#)

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. VETO

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 11/18/25, Assembly Chambers)

[OR 25-066](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.23, Port Mackenzie Special Use District, Repealing The Port Development Permit And Associated Standards.

Sponsors: Gamble

Attachments: [OR 25-066](#)
[IM 25-118](#)

[OR 25-089](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.17, Denali State Park Special Land Use District, By Eliminating A Provision That Allows The Special Use District Boundary To Change Automatically When The Boundary Of Denali State Park Changes.

Attachments: [OR 25-089](#)
[IM 25-168](#)

[OR 25-090](#) An Ordinance Adopting MSB 17.77, Large Lot District.

Sponsors: Hale

Attachments: [OR 25-090](#)
[IM 25-169](#)

[OR 25-117](#) An Ordinance Reappropriating \$12,000 From The Scissor Lift And Trailer Project To American Disabilities Act Door Modification Project At The Dorothy Swanda Jones Building.
RS 25-102: A Resolution Establishing The Scope Of Work And Budget For American Disabilities Act Door Modification Project.

Attachments: [OR 25-117](#)
[RS 25-102](#)
[IM 25-228](#)

[OR 25-118](#) An Ordinance Approving A Reappropriation Of The Station 5-2 Replacement Land Project And The Station 5-2 Land Purchase And Preparation Project, To A Project To Construct A New Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area Combined Station 5-2 And 6-5; And Extending The Time Limit For Completion On All Station 5-2 And 6-5 Construction Projects To June 30, 2030.
RS 25-102: A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work And Budget For A Project To Construct A Combined Station 5-2 And 6-5 For The Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area.

Attachments: [OR 25-118](#)
[RS 25-109](#)
[IM 25-229](#)

[OR 25-119](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$331,569 In Fiscal Year 2026 Community Assistance Program Funding
RS 25-103: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Community Assistance Program And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into Agreements With 21 Unincorporated Communities Within The Borough.

Attachments: [OR 25-119](#)
[RS 25-103](#)
[IM 25-230](#)

[OR 25-120](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 25.05.120(A), Informational Brochures For Elections.

Sponsors: Hale

Attachments: [OR 25-120](#)
[IM 25-238](#)

[OR 25-121](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$709,340 From The United States Department Of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Port Security Grant Program; And Extending Date Of Completion For Match Funding For The Port Enhanced Security Improvements Project.
RS 25-106: A Resolution Amending The Scopes Of Work And Budgets For Port Grant Match, Fiscal Year 2021; And Pickup 4x4 Crew Cab, Port Fiscal Year 2025; Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget; And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into An Agreement For The Port Enhanced Security Improvements Project.

Attachments: [OR 25-121](#)
[RS 25-106](#)
[IM 25-234](#)

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

[25-169](#) Mayoral Requests for Confirmation

Attachments: [10/21/25 - Vacancy Report](#)

C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

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

[OR 25-123](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.59, Lake Management Plan Implementation, To Update Definitions Related To Motorized And Personal Watercraft.

Attachments: [OR 25-123](#)
[IM 25-237](#)

XII. RECONSIDERATION

XIII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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