

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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ASSEMBLY AGENDA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

[26-071](#) A. Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes: 03/17/26

Attachments: [05/05/26 - Minutes for Packet](#)

VI. 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

[26-072](#)

1. Big Lake Community Council: 03/10/26
2. Big Lake RSA Board of Supervisors: 02/09/26, 03/09/26, 04/13/26
3. Butte Community Council: 03/11/26, Resolution No. 26-01
4. Central Mat-Su FSA Board of Supervisors: 02/09/26
5. Chase Community Council: 01/21/26
6. Enhanced 911 Advisory Board: 02/10/26
7. Library Board: 03/10/26
8. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: 03/19/26
9. Meadow Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: 01/28/26, Resolution No. 26-002
10. Planning Commission: 04/06/26, Resolution No. 26-06
11. Platting Board: 03/19/26
12. Port Commission: 01/19/26, Resolution No. 26-01, 26-02
13. South Knik River Community Council: 03/19/26
14. South Lakes Community Council: 04/06/26
15. Transportation Advisory Board: Resolution No. 26-03
16. West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 03/09/26

Attachments: [05/05/26 - Citizen and Other Correspondence](#)

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

[IM 26-082](#) Informing The Assembly Of The Manager's Signature On A Grant Application For Submission To The Alaska State Department Of Fish And Game Hunter Access Grant Program For The Jonesville Phase 1 Project.

Attachments: [IM 26-082](#)

VII. 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.)

[OR 26-047](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$250,000 From The Mat-Su Trails And Parks Foundation For The Government Peak Recreation Area Traverse Trail And Skeetawk Summer Trails Survey Project And Authorizing The Manager To Execute The Grant Agreement.
RS 26-032: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget Of The Government Peak Recreation Area Traverse Trail And Skeetawk Summer Trails Survey Project.

Attachments: [OR 26-047](#)
[RS 26-032](#)
[IM 26-075](#)

[OR 26-049](#) An Ordinance Reappropriating \$125,000 From The Planning Department's Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget, To Fund The Port MacKenzie Master Plan Update.
RS 26-035: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Port MacKenzie Master Plan Update.

Attachments: [OR 26-049](#)
[RS 26-035](#)
[IM 26-080](#)

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 26-030](#) A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work And Title Of The Public Outreach, Education, And Incentives Subproject Account And Authorizing The Use Of Existing Fiscal Year 2026 Project Funds To Solicit A Request For Proposals For A Qualified Hydrologist To Study Long-Term Water Level Changes, Associated Property Impacts, And Potential Risks To Drinking Water Quality In The Palmer Area.

Sponsors: Nowers

Attachments: [RS 26-030](#)
[IM 26-069](#)

[RS 26-037](#) A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work And Budget Within Transportation Infrastructure Projects 2024, To Reallocate Funds From Settlers Bay Drive Pavement Preservation To Burma Road Safety Improvements.

Attachments: [RS 26-037](#)
[IM 26-083](#)

[RS 26-039](#) A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work For The Parking Lot Striping Project - Fiscal Year 2026.

Attachments: [RS 26-039](#)
[IM 26-086](#)

[RS 26-042](#) A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work And Budget Within Meadow Lakes Road Service Area No. 27, To Reallocate Funds From West Swan Drive And South Rainbow Street Improvements To Herkimer Drive And Spring Drive Improvements.

Attachments: [RS 26-042](#)
[IM 26-089](#)

[RS 26-043](#) A Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 238.

Sponsors: Fonov and McKee

Attachments: [RS 26-043](#)
[IM 26-090](#)
[05/05/26 - Bowles Possible Amendment](#)

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

[AM 26-045](#) Award Of Bid No. 26-137B To Northern Asphalt Construction, Inc. In The Amount Of \$292,352 To Construct East Knik View Drive And South Knik Circle Street Improvements.

Attachments: [AM 26-045](#)

[AM 26-046](#) Award Of Bid No. 26-142B AK Clearwater Mechanical, LLC. In Contract Amount Of \$123,441 For The Colony Middle School Boiler Pump Upgrades.

Attachments: [AM 26-046](#)

[AM 26-047](#) Authorization To Renew The Borough's Enterprise Tax And Assessment Software With Tyler Technologies Under A Three-Year Agreement Covering July 1, 2026, Through June 30, 2029, With Annual Payments Averaging \$416,095 Subject To Appropriation.

Attachments: [AM 26-047](#)

[AM 26-048](#) Authorization To Renew The Borough's Microsoft Enterprise Agreement With Crayon Software Experts, LLC. Under A Three-Year Agreement Covering July 1, 2026, Through June 30, 2029, With Annual Payments Of \$476,979.91 Subject To Appropriation.

Attachments: [AM 26-048](#)

[AM 26-049](#) Authorization To Renew The Borough's GIS Software And Services With Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. Under A Three-Year Agreement Covering July 1, 2026, Through June 30, 2029, With Annual Payments Averaging \$303,936 Subject To Appropriation.

Attachments: [AM 26-049](#)

[AM 26-051](#) Authorization To Renew Palo Alto Software And Hardware With World Wide Technology Inc. Under A Three-Year Agreement Covering July 1, 2026, Through June 30, 2029. The Total Cost Of The Agreement Is \$258,937.41 With Annual Payments Subject To Appropriation.

Attachments: [AM 26-051](#)

[AM 26-052](#) Approval Of Change Order No. Two For Contract No. 25-124P With PND Engineers, Inc. For The Wolf And Hart Lakes Drainage Study And Improvements Design Project To Add \$229,230 For Design Services; And Extend The Completion Date To December 31, 2028.

Attachments: [AM 26-052](#)

[AM 26-053](#) Award Of Bid No. 26-140B To Granite Construction Company For The Contract Amount Of \$4,482,500 For The Construction Of School Safety Improvements At Shaw Elementary School And Phase 1 Of The Foxtrot Extension.

Attachments: [AM 26-053](#)

[AM 26-054](#) Approval Of Contract Amendment No. 2 To Contract No. 26-112B, With Alaska Industries, Inc. Adding An Additional \$42,020.77 For Surface Treatment For The Brett Ice Rink Rubber Flooring Replacement Due To Elevated Moisture Levels.

Attachments: [AM 26-054](#)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. VETO

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 05/19/26 Assembly Chambers)

[OR 26-050](#) An Ordinance Approving A Less Than Fair Market Value Sale Of Nine Borough-Owned Properties To The Alaska State Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities For A Public Purpose.

Attachments: [OR 26-050](#)
[IM 26-081](#)

[OR 26-051](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$338,000 From The United States Department Of Military And Veterans' Affairs, Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.
RS 26-038: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into An Agreement For The Sushana Drive Drainage Improvement Phase 1.

Attachments: [OR 26-051](#)
[RS 26-038](#)
[IM 26-084](#)

[OR 26-052](#) An Ordinance Approving Land Classification Of Three Borough-Owned Properties In The Big Lake Area As Reserved Use Lands, Resource Management Lands, And General Purpose Lands.

Attachments: [OR 26-052](#)
[IM 26-085](#)

[OR 26-053](#) An Ordinance Extending The Date Of Completion Of The Brett Ice Arena Digital Sign Display Project Through June 30, 2027.
RS 26-040: A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work And Retitling The Brett Ice Arena Digital Sign Display Project.

Attachments: [OR 26-053](#)
[RS 26-040](#)
[IM 26-087](#)

[OR 26-056](#) An Ordinance Establishing The Board For Advisory Review Of Kennel Standards (“BARKS”) As An Advisory Board To Review And Make Recommendations Regarding Kennel Licensing And Enforcement.

Sponsors: Sumner, Fonov and Bernier

Attachments: [OR 26-056](#)
[IM 26-094](#)

[OR 26-058](#) An Ordinance Establishing A Tax On Certain Natural Resources Whenever The Natural Resource Is Severed And Removed From Property Within The Matanuska-Susitna Borough And Providing For Penalties For Failure To Pay Taxes Due By Adopting MSB 3.55, Natural Resource Severance Tax.

Sponsors: Nowers

Attachments: [OR 26-058](#)
[IM 26-096](#)

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

[26-073](#) Mayoral Requests for Confirmation

Attachments: [05/05/26 - 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 26-031](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.73, Multifamily Development Design Standards, To Align Permitting And Design Standards With The Scale And Complexity Of Development Projects.

Sponsors: Sumner

Attachments: [OR 26-031](#)

[IM 26-045](#)

XI. RECONSIDERATION

[OR 26-046](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.28 To Increase The Property Owner Ballot Threshold For Contiguous Local Improvement Districts From 54 Percent To 75 Percent.

Sponsors: Bowles and Sumner

Attachments: [OR 26-046](#)

[IM 26-074](#)

[05/05/26 - Fonov Reconsideration of OR 26-046](#)

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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