

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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Mokie Tew, District 5
Dmitri Fonov, District 6
Ron Bernier, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023

II. ROLL CALL

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

Present: 4 - Assemblymember Robert Yundt, Assemblymember Mokie Tew, Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

Excused: 2 - Assemblymember Tim Hale and Assemblymember Dee McKee

Telephonic: 1 - Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bill Stoltze.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no one present who wished to testify.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Departmental Budget Presentations

23-019

Order of Presentations:

1. Introduction
Manager Mike Brown
2. Port MacKenzie
Operations Manager Dave Griffin
3. Emergency Services
Director Ken Barkley
4. Community Development
Director Eric Phillips
5. Animal Care and Regulation
Director Chris Loscar
6. Public Works
Director Tom Adams
7. Planning and Land Use
Director Alex Strawn
8. Finance
Director Cheyenne Heindel

Mike Brown, Borough Manager, provided a budget overview.

Dave Griffin, presented the Port's budget.

Ken Barkley, presented the Emergency Service's proposed budget.

Eric Phillips, presented the Community Development's proposed budget.

The Assembly recessed at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

Chris Loscar, presented the Animal Care and Regulation's proposed budget.

Tom Adams, presented the Public Work's proposed budget.

Mike Brown, Borough Manager, presented the Planning and Land Use proposed budget.

Cheyenne Heindel, presented the Finance's proposed budget.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Assemblymember Yundt thanked everyone for their budget presentations. Stated he is looking forward to the outcome of the Borough Manager speaking to the School District.

Assemblymember Nowers apologized for not being present in person and noted the reasons why. Spoke to the importance of the budget presentation meeting. Stated she appreciated hearing the accomplishments and challenges of the departments and thanked the Manager and the Finance Director for their work on the budget . Stated she is glad to hear about work being accomplished on the eCommerce site, Port MacKenzie, and trail systems. Spoke to the challenges of the Fire Departments. Stated her concerns with the increase of health care costs to the Borough . Spoke to the increase of the senior and disabled property exemptions and how that will effect the budget in the future.

Mike Brown, Borough Manager, spoke to the importance of instilling confidence in the community on the government services the Borough provides and the purpose of the budget presentations. Thanked the Assembly for their engagement.

Mayor DeVries spoke to the upcoming budget meetings.

Assemblymember Bernier thanked staff for their budget presentations. Said a prayer.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10: 04 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

April 11, 2023, Assembly Special Meeting Minutes

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EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 05/02/23