

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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BOROUGH MAYOR
Edna DeVries

BOROUGH CLERK
Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC

BOROUGH MANAGER
Michael Brown

BOROUGH ATTORNEY
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BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
Tim Hale, District 1
Stephanie Nowers, District 2
Dee McKee, District 3
Maxwell Sumner, District 4
Bill Gamble, District 5
Dmitri Fonov, District 6
Ron Bernier, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 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.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Assemblymember Tim Hale, Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Maxwell Sumner, and Assemblymember Bill Gamble

Telephonic: 3 - Assemblymember Dee McKee, Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov, and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Denise Michalske, Assistant Borough Attorney.

V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Citizen Lifesaver Award

Mayor DeVries presented a citizen lifesaver award to Maud and Russell Edmonds in recognition of their recent life saving efforts.

B. 17th Annual Emergency Preparedness Expo Poster Contest Winners

Mayor DeVries and Talon Boeve, Emergency Operations Specialist, presented awards to the Emergency Preparedness Expo Poster Contest winners:

1st place winners:

- *Kaz McRae
- *Aiden Watson
- * Jersey Irish
- * Eliya Sielak
- * Carla Kuluknon-Lincoln
- * Carol Dorman

2nd Place winners:

- * Bellamy Doramus
- * Asher Bordelon
- * Liora Pelton
- * Taylor Clayton-Manelick
- * Austen Antunez
- * Amber Halverson

VI. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

There were no minutes of preceding meetings.

VII. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. Reports From Cities

There were no reports provided.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

There was no report provided.

3. State of Alaska

There was no report provided.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committees

There was no report provided.

2. Assembly Public Relations

There were reports provided.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

2. Strategic Planning Issues

There was no report provided.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

There was no report provided.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule and pertinent election dates. Asked if the Assembly would like to schedule the annual joint meeting with the State Delegation for December 18, 2025, at 10 a.m.

Mayor DeVries queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

Ms. McKechnie noted that with the reconstruction of Seward-Meridian, that the former entrance to the Alcantra National Guard Armory has been moved. Advised that this impacts voters of Precinct No. 28-465 and that an informational postcard has been sent to every voter in that precinct. Spoke to other ways that the change is being conveyed to voters.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

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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

The citizen and other correspondence were presented, and no comments were noted.

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.

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.
The informational memorandums were presented, and no comments were noted.

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.)

The following person spoke to concerns with pornographic books in Borough libraries: Jackie Goforth.

~~The following person spoke to concerns with censoring books in --~~
Borough libraries: Kathy Kysar.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)

RS 25-072 A Resolution Approving 2026 State Legislative Priorities.
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Gamble moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 25-072.

Assemblymember Gamble moved a primary amendment as follows:

*** Section J. - Fishery Management, second bullet, by striking the word "increase" and by inserting after the word "weirs" the following language "while exploring sonar capabilities to maintain monitoring during high water events: to read: "Maintain funding and support for fish weirs while exploring sonar capabilities to maintain monitoring during high water events in the Borough, coho genetic sampling to improve salmon management, and invasive species suppression programs."**

***Section J. - Fishery Management, fourth bullet, by inserting after the word "salmon" the following language: "to adequately meet Northern Cook Inlet salmon escapement goals, while providing harvest opportunities throughout the season" to read: "4. Maintain the conservation corridor for Northern-bound salmon to adequately meet Northern Cook Inlet salmon escapement goals, while providing harvest opportunities throughout the season." and**

***Section J. - Fishery Management, sixth bullet, by striking the words "list" and "as stocks of yield concern" and inserting the following language at the beginning of the sentence, "Support ADF&G designation of" and inserting the following language after the word "salmon" "at the appropriate stock of concern levels" and inserting after the word "and" the word "help" and inserting at the end of the paragraph the following language "during 2026" to read: "Support ADF&G designation of Susitna king salmon, Deshka coho salmon and Little Susitna coho salmon at the appropriate stock of concern levels and help develop corresponding management action plans during**

2026." and

***Funding Priority, Section 7, Fishery protection, first paragraph: by striking the word "improved" and inserting "stabilized" in its place, by inserting the word "sonar" after the word "weirs/", by striking "2025" and inserting "2026" in its place, and by striking the word "five" and inserting "2026" in its place, to read: "FISHERY PROTECTION - \$2,500,000 (HD 25-30) - In 2015, a strategic Research, Monitoring, and Evaluation Plan for Upper Cook Inlet was conducted, resulting in improved resource management through genetic stock analysis, economic impact studies, and stabilized funding of Northern District weirs/sonar. In 2026, the plan will be a decade old, six years beyond its stated relevant time horizon. Since the last plan, there have been significant declines in salmon populations in the Borough. An update to this plan would provide a list of prioritized goals and strategies that support healthy salmon populations and habitat, and an opportunity for public and agency engagement in guiding strategies for the future." and**

***Second paragraph, by striking the language "secure more consistent" and inserting "provide stabilized" in its place, and by inserting after the word "weirs/" the following language, "testing of sonar augmentation" and by striking the words "resume operation of the Upper Cook Inlet commercial test net fishery" to read: "Additionally, this funding would be utilized to support ongoing work on the Borough's fish passage program, provide stabilized funding and studies, execute pike suppression efforts, operate a Susitna River Sockeye Salmon mark/recapture abundance estimate, provide an update to the Economic Contributions of Sportfishing on the Cook Inlet Region in 2017, study and ensure additional cataloging of local streams, rivers, and habitat essential for healthy fish and wildlife populations." and**

***Third paragraph, by striking the words "prioritize the procurement of" and insert in its place "maintain adequate" and by inserting after the words "adequate staffing" the words "recurring season staff hirings should be exempt from hiring freeze delays" to read: "Quality fisheries management for Upper Cook Inlet should not only maintain adequate funding for projects but should also ensure adequate staffing -**

recurring seasonal staff hiring's should be exempt from hiring-freeze delays - to operate and execute the programs efficiently. In a region with such extensive and essential anadromous fish habitat surrounding a rapidly growing population center, and with declining salmon stocks, it is necessary for our region to continue monitoring and investing in tools, data, and information that support healthy local salmon populations and productive Northern Cook Inlet and Mat-Su fisheries."

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Sumner moved a primary amendment, to Borough Action Priorities, Item E. Support for modifying Alaska Statute 34.08, Common Interest Ownership Act, by striking it in its entirety.

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 3 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember McKee

Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment, Borough Action Priorities, Item M - Support for Establishing the Alaska Energy Independence Program and the Alaska Energy Independence Fund, by striking it in its entirety.

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Sumner moved a primary amendment as follows: to Change Borough's Action Priorities to have two sections. One section with no more than six of the Assembly's highest priorities and the second section with the remaining priorities. Funding priorities would remain unchanged.

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Hale moved a primary amendment to have each Assembly Member choose one priority and for the body to amend the priority order.

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Sumner moved a primary amendment to set the priority order as follows:

- * Fishery Management;**
- * Support for Corporate Tax Holiday for the Port MacKenzie District;**
- * Amend State Law to Allow for Four-Year Terms for Local Elected School Board Members;**
- * Alaska State Trooper Staffing; and**
- * State Land Transfers to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.**

Assemblymember Hale moved a secondary amendment to insert one more priority, to the end of the list as follows:

- * Support for User-Friendly Transparent Healthcare Pricing, Including Adoption of a State All-Payer Claims Database (APCD).**

The secondary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Gamble

No: 2 - Assemblymember Fonov and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Hale moved a secondary amendment to set the priority order as follows:

- * Fishery Management;**
- * Alaska State Troopers;**
- * Support for Corporate Tax Holiday for the Port MacKenzie District;**
- * Support for User-Friendly Transparent Healthcare Pricing, Including Adoption of a State All-Payer Claims Database (APCD);**
- * State Land Transfers to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; and**
- * Amend State Law to Allow for Four-Year Terms for Local Elected School Board Members.**

The secondary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 2 - Assemblymember Sumner and Assemblymember Fonov
Assemblymember Fonov moved a secondary amendment to set the Priority List Order as follows:

- * Fishery Management;**
- * Alaska State Troopers;**
- * Support for Corporate Tax Holiday for the Port MacKenzie District;**
- * Amend State Law to Allow for Four-Year Terms for Local Elected School Board Members;**
- * Support for User-Friendly Transparent Healthcare Pricing, Including Adoption of a State All-Payer Claims Database (APCD); and**
- * State Land Transfers to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.**

Assemblymember Nowers called for the question (to stop debate).

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The secondary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Fonov and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 5 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,
Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, and
Assemblymember Gamble

Assemblymember Hale called for the question (to stop debate).

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,
Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner,
Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and
Assemblymember Bernier

**The primary amendment passed as amended by the following
vote:**

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

No: 1 - Assemblymember Fonov

Assemblymember Hale called for the question (to stop debate).

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,
Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner,
Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and
Assemblymember Bernier

The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,
Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner,
Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and
Assemblymember Bernier

RS 25-073 A Resolution Approving 2026 Federal Legislative Priorities.
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Gamble moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 25-073.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,
Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner,
Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and
Assemblymember Bernier

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.
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Gamble moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-112.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,
Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner,
Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and
Assemblymember Bernier

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.
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Nowers moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-113 and Resolution Serial No. 25-095.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

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.
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Gamble moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-114 and Resolution Serial No. 25-097.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

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.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Hale moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-115 and Resolution Serial No. 25-098.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

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.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Hale moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-116 and Resolution Serial No. 25-100.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

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

The following person spoke in support of AM 25-128, stated he knows more about the history of this parcel than anyone, and offered to answer any questions the body may have: Gary LoRusso.

Mayor DeVries queried if the Assembly had any objection to asking questions of Gary. LoRusso.

There was no objection noted and the Assembly asked questions of Gary. LoRusso.

The following person opined that Ordinance Serial No. 25-090 is problematic and should not be adopted: Jesse Sumner.

The following person opined that Ordinance Serial No. 25-090 is an infringement on personal property rights: Michael Bowles.

The following person thanked Assemblymember Hale for his service. Noted that with his past experience being a State Senator, that he can assure the Assembly that it does not have any impact as to the priority order the Assembly's priorities are listed, and commented that the body should not limit Administration from pursuing priorities that already have momentum: David Wilson.

The following person thanked Assemblymember Hale for his service, spoke in opposition to the large lot ordinance, and opined that a vote to keep an area large-lot only should require 100 percent agreement from all property owners: Jay Van Diest.

The following person invited everyone to the city of Wasilla event titled, Follow the Yellow Brick Road: Cathy Cottle, Wasilla City Council Member.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Gamble moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the Clerk.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

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

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember McKee moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 25-107.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

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.
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Alex Straw, Planning and Land Use Director, provided a staff report.
Assemblymember Nowers moved to adopt AM No. 25-128.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

X. VETO

There were no vetoes.

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

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.

OR 25-090 An Ordinance Adopting MSB 17.77, Large Lot District.

Sponsors: Hale

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.

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 25-109: 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.

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.

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

Sponsors: Hale

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.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Gamble moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and to set the public hearings for November 18, 2025.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

25-169 Mayoral Requests for Confirmation
Transportation Advisory Board
Terry Gorlick
Gold Trail RSA No. 28
Maksim Zagorodniy, resignation

Assemblymember Gamble moved to confirm the appointments and resignation requested by the Mayor.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

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.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Gamble moved to refer Ordinance Serial No. 25-123 to the Planning Commission for 90 days.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

XII. RECONSIDERATION

There were no reconsiderations.

XIII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember Bernier thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Said a prayer.

Assemblymember Hale advised that Station 3-9 is an ambulance facility that will have a significant impact on the Butte Community and improve response times. Noted that there is currently no ambulance stationed in the Butte and having Station 3-9 will improve services for his constituents. Stated that he hopes the Assembly will continue to support this project.

Assemblymember Nowers noted that Station 3-9 has been a long time project of the Assembly and noted that besides improving response times in the Butte, it will also improve response times in the Government Peak Recreation Area and Skeetawk. Stated that if anyone has any questions about it, that they could talk to the Emergency Services Director. Queried if there are enough election officials.

Ms. McKechnie noted that earlier today, there were not enough election officials. Related that those empty positions were filled. Stated that by the end of the day, five people had changed their minds.

Assemblymember Nowers stated that she would refer people to the Clerk's Office. Spoke to the devastation that Typhoon Halong caused to the west coast of Alaska. Spoke to ways that the Borough is supporting post-typhoon needs. Requested more information on the Common Ownership Interest Act.

Assemblymember Sumner thanked the body for supporting his ideas for Resolution Serial No. 25-072.

Assemblymember Gamble spoke in support of and to the importance of Station 3-9. Noted that it is not just an ambulance bay, but also a state of the art training facility that has been supported by funding from the state.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

October 21, 2025, Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes

(20 pages)

EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 12/02/25