

# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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Jesse Sumner, District 6  
Ron Bernier, District 7

## MEETING MINUTES

MENARD SPORTS COMPLEX  
1001 SOUTH CLAPP STREET, WASILLA

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

6:00 PM

MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022

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### Budget Public Hearing

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Monday, May 2, 2022, at the Menard Sports Center, 1001 South Clapp Street, Wasilla, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

#### II. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Assemblymember Tim Hale, Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Dee McKee, Assemblymember Robert Yundt, Assemblymember Mokie Tew, Assemblymember Jesse Sumner, and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

#### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

#### IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The following person led the pledge of allegiance: Mayor Glenda Ledford, city of Wasilla.

#### V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no one present who wished to testify.

## VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

### A. PUBLIC HEARING

[OR 22-022](#) An Ordinance Appropriating Monies From The Central Treasury For The Borough Operating Funds, Enterprise Funds, Education Operating Fund And Capital Funds, Establishing The Rate Of Levy For All Borough Functions For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022, And Ending June 30, 2023; And Setting The Surcharge Rate For The Wireline And Wireless Enhanced 911 Systems For The Period Of July 1, 2022, Through June 30, 2023.

Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk, read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke to the successful year at Skeetawk Ski Area and in support of the funds included in the budget to improve the access road to that area: Rob Wells.

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

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 22-022.**

**Assemblymember Nowers moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 22-022 to May 4, 2022. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

## **VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT**

Assemblymember Nowers noted the low public participation in the budget public hearings this year.

Assemblymember Yundt commented that the best attendance was at the Willow budget public hearing. Spoke to his excitement about the budget process. Noted that staff has been extremely responsive and helpful with questions he has had.

Assemblymember Bernier spoke to the spring yard work he has been doing.

Assemblymember Hale apologized for missing the last public hearing. Advised that he was at the Glacier View Community Council meeting speaking to the amendment to the apportionment legislation that moved them into Assembly District 7.

Assemblymember McKee advised that she has been in Fairbanks and apologized for missing the last public hearing.

Assemblymember Tew apologized for missing the last budget meeting. Noted that he will be in attendance from this day forward.

Assemblymember Sumner commented on the low public participation at the budget public hearings. Stated that he is looking forward to budget amendments that may come. Opined that generally speaking, the Manager put forward a reasonable budget that may only require a bit of fine-tuning.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.