

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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BOROUGH MAYOR

Edna DeVries

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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, JANUARY 21, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, January 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: 6 - Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Dee McKee, Assemblymember Maxwell Sumner, Assemblymember Bill Gamble, Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov, and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

Telephonic: 1 - Assemblymember Tim Hale

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brenda Henry, Assistant Clerk.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

There were no minutes presented.

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. Reports From Cities

Glenda Ledford, Mayor of the City of Wasilla, spoke to upcoming community events for the City of Wasilla.

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 Committee On School Issues

There was no report provided.

2. Assembly Public Relations

Mayor DeVries spoke to a Martin Luther King, Jr. event and the Presidential executive order, regarding ANWR.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

2. Strategic Planning Issues

3. Assessor's Report

[25-022](#) 2025 Annual Assessor's Report

Art Godin, Senior Appraisal Analyst, presented on the Annual Assessor's Report.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos spoke the Board of Equalization appeal process.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Brenda Henry, Assistant Clerk, spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

[25-012](#)

1. Big Lake RSA Board of Supervisors: 11/11/24
2. Greater Palmer Consolidated FSA Board of Supervisors: 12/17/24
3. Greater Talkeetna RSA Board of Supervisors: 12/12/24
4. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: 11/21/24
5. North Lakes Community Council: 11/21/24, 11/25/24
6. Platting Board: 10/03/24, 11/07/24, 12/19/24
7. Talkeetna Community Council: 09/03/24, 11/04/24, 12/02/24

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

[IM 25-007](#)

Reporting Conclusion Of Contract No. 23-073B With Western Construction And Equipment, LLC. For A Total Contract Amount Of \$1,717,062.58 For Central Landfill Access And Chanlyut Circle Road Improvements Project.

[IM 25-022](#)

Reporting Conclusion Of Contract No. 22-060B With Anchorage Striping, LLC For A Total Contract Amount Of \$1,813,406.50, For The 2022 Through 2024 Crack Sealing Project.

[IM 25-026](#)

Reporting The Conclusion Of Contract For Bid 24-006B With Western Marine Construction, Inc., For A Final Contract Amount Of \$10,267,085 For The Construct Port MacKenzie Improvements Project.

[IM 25-027](#)

Informing The Assembly Of The Submittal Of A Grant Application To The Mat-Su Trails And Parks Foundation For The Jonesville Public Use Area.

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

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.)

The following person spoke to roundabouts in the Borough, 15-minute cities, and streetlights: Chris Tyree.

The following person spoke to the grant application for the Jonesville public use area: Brian Largent.

The following persons spoke to hand counting in Borough elections: Johnson Quarels, John Miller, Father Randy Allman, Lloyd Thurman, Thomas Oels, Desiree Terry, and Bruce Owens.

The following person spoke to having an employee of the year for the Borough and a possible nominee: Tom Robertson.

The following person spoke to roundabouts in the Borough, assessments, and hand counting: Mike Booth.

The following persons spoke to the E.A.R. Project and fetanyl education and awareness: Karl and Frank (did not provide last names).

The following person spoke to local roads and performance bonds: Daniel Potter.

The following persons spoke to poll watchers, Ordinance Serial No. 25-012, and hand counting: Richard Stoffel and Mike Alexander.

The following person spoke to data farms and an additional airport in the Borough: Travis Friesen.

The following person spoke to the Library Citizens' Advisory Committee and against merging health powers with any city: Linda Spohn.

The following person spoke to the audience participation offered at Assembly meetings; against Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion programs; and the Borough owned properties and buildings: Mark Spohn.

The following person spoke in opposition of more gun ranges and ballot counters: Dave Maxwell.

The following person spoke to hand counting, a by-pass around the City of Wasilla, and the Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program: Janice Norman.

The following person spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 25-011: Glenda Ledford, Mayor of Wasilla.

The following person spoke to one of her books and the Library Board: Jackie Goforth.

The following person spoke to Ordinance Serial No. 25-012: David Long.

The following person spoke to hand counting and public records request process: Kathy Harris.

The following person spoke to Resolution Serial No. 25-002: Ruth Wood.

The meeting recessed at 8:05 p.m. and reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)

[OR 24-101](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.73, To Change Notification Requirements And Process For Multifamily Developments.

Sponsors: Hale

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

Alex Strawn, Planning Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 24-101: Steve Pannone, Mat-Su Home Builders Association.

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 24-101: Rod Hanson, Chair of North Lakes Community Council; and John Strassenburgh.

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

Assemblymember Hale moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 24-101.

Assemblymember Nowers moved to postpone to Ordinance Serial No. 24-101 to February 18, 2025.

The motion to postpone failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember McKee

No: 4 - Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

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 failed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 2 - Assemblymember Hale, and Assemblymember McKee
- No:** 5 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

[OR 25-004](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$118,788 From The Alaska State Department Of Military And Veteran's Affairs Homeland Security Program, For Hazardous Materials Decontamination Equipment And Confined Space Rescue Training.

RS 25-004: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Hazardous Materials Decontamination Equipment And Confined Space Rescue Training.

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

Ken Barkley, Emergency Services Director, provided a staff report.

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 Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-004 and Resolution Serial No. 25-004.

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 25-005](#)

An Ordinance Approving The Land Classification Of A Borough-Owned Property As Reserved Use Land For The Purpose Of An Emergency Services Facility In The Core Area.

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

Ken Barkley, Emergency Services Director, provided a staff report.

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 Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-005.

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 25-006](#)

An Ordinance Appropriating \$41,230.75 From The Alaska State Department Of Education And Early Development For The Online With Libraries Internet Cost Assistance Grant Program.

RS 25-005: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Online With Libraries Internet Cost Assistance Program.

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

Jillian Morrissey, Community Development Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke against Ordinance Serial No. 25-006 and Resolution Serial No. 25-005: Jackie Goforth.

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

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-006 and Resolution Serial No. 25-005.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Assemblymember Bernier moved to suspend the rules and to extend the meeting past 10 p.m. and not to exceed 11 p.m.

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 25-007](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$461,648.07 From Revenue Replacement Funding For 2022 Windstorm Disaster Funding Shortfalls.
RS 25-006: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For 2022 Windstorm Disaster Funding Shortfalls.

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the read.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided a staff report.

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 Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-007 and Resolution Serial No. 25-006.

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 25-008](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$170,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Military And Veteran's Affairs, Emergency Management Performance Grant, And Requesting A Reappropriation Of \$170,000 From The Emergency Management Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget For Emergency Management Wages And Benefits.
RS 25-007: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For A Grant In The Amount Of \$170,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Military And Veteran's Affairs, Emergency Management Performance Grant, For Emergency Management Wages And Benefits.
Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided a staff report.

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 Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-008 and Resolution Serial No. 25-007.

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 25-009](#)

An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of Alaska State Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2025 (Goose Creek Correctional Center Project), In One Or More Series, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$110 Million; Approving The Form And Substance Of An Offer To Purchase, A Dealer Manager Agreement, A Third Supplement To Trust Indenture, A Fourth Supplement To Trust Indenture, A Fourth Amendment To Lease Purchase Agreement, A Fifth Amendment To Lease Purchase Agreement, One Or More Continuing Disclosure Certificates, One Or More Bond Purchase Agreements, And A Refunding Trust Agreement; Authorizing Offering Documents; Making Certain Findings And Determinations; Authorizing The Selection And Engagement Of A Dealer Manager And One Or More Underwriters; Authorizing The Execution Of Documents And Instruments Necessary Or Convenient To Accomplish The Foregoing; And Containing Other Provisions Relating To The Subject.

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearings.

The following person spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 25-009: Loy Thurman.

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

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-009.

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 25-011](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 2.12 Related To Assembly Office Holding, Vacancies, And Meetings.

Sponsors: Fonov and McKee

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

Mr. Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 25-011: John Strausenburg, Janice Norman, and Ruth Wood.

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

Assemblymember Fonov moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-011.

Assemblymember Hale moved a primary amendment to MSB 2.12.030(B) by striking the words "end of their current term" and inserting the words "next regular election" at the end of the paragraph.

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

The motion to stop debate 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 by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Fonov

No: 3 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment to MSB 2.12.040(D)(7) by inserting the words "in court" to read "(7) is convicted in court of a violation of AS 15.13;"

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 MSB 2.12.030(B) to insert the words "on an even numbered year" at the end of the paragraph to read "(B) If an elected member ceases to reside within the district from which the member was elected, the member may serve only until the next regular election on an even numbered year."

Assemblymember Bernier moved to suspend the rules and to extend the meeting past 11:00 and not to exceed 11:30 p.m.

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 by the following vote:

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

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

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

The motion failed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 4 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Gamble
- No:** 3 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Bernier moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 25-011 to February 4, 2025.

The motion failed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 1 - Assemblymember Bernier
- No:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Fonov

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

[OR 25-012](#) An Ordinance Amending Title 25, Elections.

Sponsors: Fonov

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

Estelle Wiese, Deputy Clerk, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 25-012: Janice Norman, Jackie Goforth, Loy Thurman, Desiree Cherry, Kathy Harris, Ruth Wood, and John Strausenburg.

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

Assemblymember Bernier moved to suspend the rules and to extend the meeting past 11:30 and not to exceed 12:00 a.m.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Assemblymember Fonov moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-012.

Assemblymember Fonov moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 25-012 to February 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

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 to concerns with recent Big Lake RSA Board of Supervisors meetings: Pat Daniels, Big Lake RSA Board of Supervisors member.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

[RS 25-003](#) A Resolution To Waive The Application And Land Use Permit Fees For The Talkeetna Community Council's Skate Park Proposal.

[RS 25-008](#) A Resolution Approving A Letter Of Agreement (LOA) Changing Employee Healthcare Contribution Amounts Under Article 45, Section A.2, Of The 2025-2027 Labor Agreement With The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Employee Association And Authorizing The Manager To Sign And Execute Said LOA.

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

[AM 25-003](#) Acceptance Of Late Filed And Retroactive Senior Citizen And Disabled Veteran Exemption Applications.

[AM 25-004](#) To Vacate A Public Use Easement Located Directly East Of North Northshore Road, North Of Wasilla Lake, And Through The Center Of Lot 4, North Shore, Lying Within Section 2, Township 17 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian.

[AM 25-006](#) Approval Of Change Order No. 1 For Contract No. 25-075B With Orion Construction, Inc. For The Wasilla Pool Floor Drain Repairs Project, Adding \$95,298.86 For The Repair Of Corroded Rebar On The Pool Bottom.

[AM 25-007](#) Approval Of Change Order No. 2 For Contract No. 24-028Q With The Boutet Company, Inc. For The Demaree And Sushana Road Bridge Earthquake Repairs Project To Extend The Completion Date To June 27, 2025.

[AM 25-008](#) Approval Of Change Order No. 2 For Term Contract No. 23-101P With HDL Engineering Consultants, LLC, To Add \$100,000 For On-Call Geotechnical Services In Fiscal Year 2025.

[AM 25-009](#) Approval Of Change Order No. 2 For Term Contract No. 23-100P(C) With The Boutet Company, Inc., To Add Authority For \$250,000 For Engineering And Survey Services For Fiscal Year 2025.

[AM 25-010](#) Approval Of Contract Amendment No. 1 For Architects Alaska, Inc., Contract 24-123P, To Extend Contract Completion Date For Station 6-2 Training Complex Buildout, Design Pad And Training Facility From June 15, 2026, To December 31, 2026, And Add \$401,347.80 To Complete Training Facility Prop Design And Provide Construction Administration Services.

Assemblymember Bernier 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 25-002](#) A Resolution Directing The Clerk To Review Election Official Pay And To No Longer Use Paper Counters In The Election.

Sponsors: Fonov and Bernier

Assemblymember Fonov moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 25-002.

Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment as follows:

***In the Be It Further Resolved clause by inserting the words " or any electronic device or machine for counting ballots" after the words "paper counters" and insert the word "only" before the words "hand count" to read: "that the Clerk is directed to no longer use paper counters or any electronic device or machine in the election and have only hand count officials count out the total number of ballots".**

The amendment passed by the following vote:

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

Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment to the Be It Further Resolved clause to insert the words "for counting ballots" after the words "machine" to read: "Be It Further Resolved that the Clerk is directed to no longer use paper counters or any electronic device or machine for counting ballots in the election and have only hand count officials count out the total number of ballots."

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: 5 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 2 - Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember McKee

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

IX. VETO

There were no vetoes presented.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 02/04/25 Assembly Chambers)

[OR 25-014](#) An Ordinance Reappropriating \$90,000 From The Project Management Division Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget, \$7,849.21 From Settlers Bay Road/Parking Lot Project, And \$4,287.19 From Alcantra Field No. 4 Repair Project; And Extending The Date Of Completion For The Project Funding To June 30, 2026, For The Public Works Project Management Software Purchase And Setup.

RS 25-009: A Resolution Amending The Budget For The Generator For Warm Storage Building, Settlers Bay Road/Parking Lot, Alcantra Field No. 4 Repair; Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Public Works Project Management Software Purchase And Setup.

[OR 25-015](#)

An Ordinance Authorizing The Borough To Issue Areawide General Obligation Bonds Not To Exceed \$117,639,400, In One Or More Series, To Finance The Cost, In Whole Or In Part, Of (A) The Acquisition, Design, Construction, Major Renovation And Renewal Of Educational And Related Capital Improvement Projects In The Matanuska-Susitna Borough, (B) The Construction, Additions, Improvements, Betterments, Repair, Reconstruction, Or Acquisition Of Public Roads And Pathways And Facilities Related Thereto In The Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Together With All Necessary Equipment And Transportation Facilities Including Improving School Access, And The Acquisition Of Lands Or Rights In Lands In Connection Therewith, And (C) The Refunding Of Certain Outstanding General Obligation Bonds Of The Matanuska-Susitna Borough; Fixing Certain Details Of Such Bonds; And Authorizing Their Sale.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and to set the public hearings for February 4, 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

[25-013](#)

Mayoral Requests for Confirmation
Enhanced 911 Advisory Board
Kenneth Kleewein
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Connie Erickson
MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission
Michael Bowles
John Van Diest

Assemblymember Bernier moved to confirm the appointments 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

There was no other new business.

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

There were no referrals presented.

XI. RECONSIDERATION

There were no reconsiderations.

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember Bernier said God bless everyone.

Assemblymember Nowers spoke to health powers and encouraged people with questions to reach out. Spoke to multifamily housing permits.

Mr. Brown spoke to the 2024 Citizens' Financial Transparency Report and mockup of the Law, Liberty, and Legacy display.

Ms. Henry thanked the Assembly.

Assemblymember Gamble spoke to conditional use permits.

Assemblymember Fonov directed staff to follow up on issues discussed during the audience participation portions of the meeting.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.