

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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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, JUNE 17, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, June 17, 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 as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

25-100

- A. Assembly Manager Evaluation Meeting Minutes: 05/20/25
- B. Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes: 05/20/25
- C. Assembly Attorney Evaluation Meeting Minutes: 06/03/25
- D. Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes: 06/03/25

The minutes were approved as presented without objection.

VI. 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 Committee On School Issues

There was no report provided.

2. Assembly Public Relations

There was no report provided.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

2. Strategic Planning Issues

3. Bond Projections

25-103

10-Year Debt Projection

Mr. Brown spoke to how debt and the potential fuel excise tax can affect property taxes.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

There was no comment provided.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

- 25-101**
1. Agriculture Advisory Board: 04/16/25
 2. Big Lake Community Council: 02/25/25, 04/08/25
 3. Board of Ethics: Ethics Advisory Opinion 25-01
 4. Caswell Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: 02/10/25
 5. North Lakes Community Council: 02/27/25, 03/27/25, 04/24/25, Resolution No. 24-004
 6. Planning Commission: 05/19/25, Resolution No. 25-08
 7. South Lakes Community Council: 06/02/25
 8. Talkeetna Community Council: 04/07/25, 05/05/25
 9. Tanaina Community Council: 04/22/25
 10. Trapper Creek Community Council: 04/17/25
 11. Waterbody Setback Advisory Board: 03/12/25

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

- IM 25-110** Reporting The Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 25-075B With Orion Construction, Inc. For A Final Contract Amount Of \$441,631.02 For The Wasilla Pool Drain Repairs Project.
- IM 25-138** Informing The Assembly Of The Request For The Manager's Signature On The Fleet Maintenance Agreement Between The Borough And The City Of Houston For The Service Period Of July 1, 2025, Through June 30, 2030.
- IM 25-142** Reporting The Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 25-032B With Western Construction & Equipment, LLC. In A Final Contract Amount Of \$438,959 For The 2024 Talkeetna Revetment And Dike Repair.
- 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 the permitting process with Land Management and her business in Point MacKenzie: Renea McAllister.

The following person spoke to harassment she has received and to concern with library books: Jackie Goforth.

The following person spoke to Library Board minutes, the Library Citizens Advisory Committee, and Pride Month: Mary Robinson

The following persons spoke to Ordinance Serial No. 25-076 and the budget approval: Linda Spohn and Mark Spohn.

The following person spoke to concerns with library books: Karen Lewis.

The following person spoke to concerns with off road vehicles operating on public roads: Maxine Franklin.

The following person spoke to Mayor DeVries running for Governor, a banned book display in Fairbanks, and Ordinance Serial No. 25-076: John Miller.

The following person spoke to the passing of Bev Schacht and annexing Chugiak and Eagle River into the Matanuska-Susitna Borough: Ken McCarty.

The following person spoke to library books and book banning: Helen Vincent.

The following person spoke to public libraries and book banning: Randy Carpenter.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)

OR 25-042 An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$739,703 From The Enhanced 911 Fund Balance To A Project To Allow The City Of Palmer To Obtain Reimbursement From The Enhanced 911 Surcharge Funding For A VESTA 911 Telephone System.
RS 25-035: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For A Project To Allow The City Of Palmer To Obtain Reimbursement From The Enhanced 911 Surcharge Funding For A VESTA 911 Telephone System.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mr. Brown provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Nowers moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-042 and Resolution Serial No. 25-035.

Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment as follows:

***Strike "\$793,703" throughout both the ordinance and resolution and insert "\$448.174";**

***replace the memorandum from Palmer Police Department titled "Request for Reimbursement, 9GBase Vesta 911 Phone System" in the Information Memorandum and replace with the new memorandum provided by the Palmer Police Department outlining the justification for the updated request.; and**

***in the resolution, amend the scope of the work by striking the words "first year of support and monitoring services; and a three-year maintenance and warranty plan" and insert the words "including 5 years of support and monitoring, cost of labor and installation, logistics, and engineering."**

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

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 25-050 An Ordinance Modifying The Intent, Notification, And Appeal Process For MSB 17.05, Essential Service Utilities.

Sponsors: Hale and Gamble

Ms. McKechnie the legislation into the record.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Sumner declared a conflict of interest with the legislation as it directly relates to public utilities and he holds a position on the Matanuska Electric Association Board.

RULING: Mayor DeVries ruled that Assemblymember Sumner had a conflict of interest and would be recused from voting.

Assemblymember Sumner exited the meeting.

Alex Strawn, Planning & Land Use Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following person stated Matanuska Electric Association supports Ordinance Serial No. 25-050: John Sinclair.

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 25-050: Amber McDonough.

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. 25-050.

Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment by adding the following language to Ordinance Serial No. 25-050 Section 3 to read: "(B)(2)(c)(vi) a link to a website that provides project information including material such as maps, visual renderings, timelines and contact information for more information."

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

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

Recused: 1 - Assemblymember Sumner

The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

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

Recused: 1 - Assemblymember Sumner

Assemblymember Sumner re-entered the meeting.

OR 25-074 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$19,618.11 Of Revenues From Fiscal Year 2025 Public Donations To The Animal Care And Regulation Capital Projects Budget For Animal Care Outdoor Facility Upgrades.

RS 25-060: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Animal Care Outdoor Facility Upgrades Project.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Vanessa Forbes, Animal Care Director, provided the staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Nowers moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-074 and Resolution Serial No. 25-060.

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 25-075 An Ordinance Appropriating Road Service Area Operating Funds To Each Road Service Area's Capital Project Fund.
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Tom Adams, Public Works 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 the discussion moved to the Assembly.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-075.

The motion failed by the following vote:

No: 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 opposition to Segment D of Ordinance Serial No. 25-054: Renee Blake,

The following person spoke to proposed amendments to Ordinance Serial No. 25-054: Rod Hanson, Chair of the North Lakes Community Council.

The following person spoke to future planning for new subdivision in Section B of the CAMP plan: Sharon Johnson.

The following person spoke to concerns with Ordinance Serial No. 25-054: Andrew Rotelli.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

RS 25-062 A Resolution Extending The Time Of Completion For Project No. 15050, Fund 440, Jay Nolfi Park Improvements To June 30, 2026.

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

- AM 25-063** Award Of Bid No. 25-174B To Battleground, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$302,956 For North Colony Road Service Area No. 23 And Alpine Road Service Area No. 31 Annual Road Maintenance.
- AM 25-064** Approval Of Utility Relocation Costs Of \$163,447.70 To Enstar Natural Gas, For The Crimsonview Drive, Vermillion Drive, Thalo Drive, Ochre Drive And Crimsonview Court Reconstruction Project In South Colony Road Service Area No. 16; And Extend The Completion Date To December 15, 2026.
- AM 25-065** Award Of Bid No. 25-166B To Fierce Fire Protection Services In The Contract Amount Of \$227,902 To Provide Fire Alarm Security Systems, Carbon Monoxide Devices, Water Tank Systems, And Monitoring For The Public Works Department.
- AM 25-066** Approval Of Contract Amendment No. 4 To Contract No. 24-157B With Orion Construction Inc For The Animal Care Upgrades Construction Project To Extend The Contract Completion Date To December 15, 2025.
- AM 25-067** Award Of Bid No. 25-183B To Swisher Pumping, LLC. In The Contract Amount Not To Exceed \$200,000 To Provide Leachate Hauling And Disposal Services.
- AM 25-068** Award Of Bid No. 25-177B To QAP In The Contract Amount Of \$1,171,815 To Construct Phase I Meadow Lakes Loop Improvements.
- AM 25-069** Approval Of Utility Relocation Costs Of \$131,542.17 To Matanuska Telecom Association, Inc., For The Melanie Lane, Brian Drive Project In Greater Butte Road Service Area No. 26, With An Extended Completion Date Of July 15, 2026.
- AM 25-070** Award Of Proposal No. 25-121P To Kinney Engineering, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$907,678 To Design Green Forest Drive.
- AM 25-071** Award Of Proposal No. 25-142P To Professional & Technical Services, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$428,290 To Design Johnson's Road Upgrade.
- AM 25-072** Approval of Amendments To The 2025 Road Improvement Project Lists For South Colony Road Service Area No. 16 and Greater Talkeetna Road Service Area No. 29.

AM 25-073 Award Of Proposal No. 25-148P To Collins Construction In The Contract Amount Not To Exceed \$15,750,000 To Design And Build Academy Charter School.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

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

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OR 25-054 An Ordinance Adopting MSB 15.24.030(B)(48) Bogard-Seldon Corridor Access Management Plan.

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Fonov moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-054.

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Nowers moved to divide the question to take up Segment D. separately.

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 25 054, as follows:

• **Segment C.**

1. By striking the following language from Section 4.4.4.10, page 30: Cul-de-sac East Ashmore Avenue connection to East Bogard Road. Access to be maintained via Ashmore Avenue and North Green Forest Drive;

2. By striking map symbols (figure 4, page 33) for Cul-de-sac at East Ashmore Avenue (Section 4.4.4.10, page 30). Insert closure symbol on the map for the closure of the current entrance to the Finger Lakes State Park road (figure 4, page 33);

3. Insert map symbols (figure 5, page 35) to indicate new roadway connection from East Birch Acres to North Bear Street and North Grayling Street, from East Birch to East Chinook.

4. Strike the following language from Section 4.4.4.7:

* Improve East Pike Avenue and East King Salmon Drive to meet Borough road standards from North Bear Street to North Lois Way.

(a) Challenges improving East Pike Avenue to East King Salmon Drive may arise due to nonconforming parcels in this subdivision; and

* map symbols for road connection/improvement from East King Salmon Drive to East Pike Avenue (figure 5, page 35).

• **Segment D.**

1. Striking the recommendation and map symbols for Tax ID. 75920001001, driveway access realignment with Tait Drive (section 4.5.4.5, page 38)

• **Segment E.**

1. Striking the following:

* language from section 4.6.4.2, page 44, North Jacksnipe Drive: Access to/from Seldon is maintained off East Schrock Road;

* map symbols (figure 7 page 47) for cul-de-sac of Jacksnipe Drive.

2. Striking the following language from section 4.6.4.2, page 45:

*** North Old Squaw Loop: (a) access to/from Old Squaw Loop will be maintained via new roadway connection between North Old Squaw Loop and Pintail Drive.**

*** Roadway connections connect East Pintail Drive to North Old Squaw Loop. Proposed alignment will be determined during the environmental and design phase of the project;**

*** Striking map symbols (figure 7, page 47) for cul de sac at Old Squaw Loop.**

3. Striking the following language from Section (4.6.4.6, page 45)

*** Preferred alignment – realign North Snow Goose Drive to align with North Hematite Drive. This will require grading to reduce the hill to provide adequate intersection sight distance on East Seldon Road. This will impact four parcels in the northwest quadrant of North Snow Goose Drive;**

*** striking the first “alternative option” and inserting in its place, preferred alignment – realign North Hematite Drive to align with the existing Snow Goose Drive intersection;**

*** Striking the sentence, This will impact two parcels in the southeast quadrant of Hematite Drive.**

*** Striking map symbols (figure 7, page 47) and inserting in its place the new preferred realignment of North Hematite Drive with North Snow Goose Drive.**

• Segment F.

1. Striking the following from section 4.7.4.3, page 51:

*** Roadway Realignment. To further improve unsignalized intersection spacing, North Eureka Circle should be realigned to the west to align with Mountain Crest Drive. This will impact two parcels.**

*** Striking map symbols (figure 8, page 53) for realignment of North Eureka Circle with Mountain Crest Drive.**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Sumner stated he owned multiple properties within the Bogard-Seldon Corridor, but stated none of his properties are being directly effected by Ordinance Serial No. 25-054.

RULING: Mayor DeVries ruled that Assemblymember Sumner had no conflict of interest and would not be recused from voting.

The meeting recess at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened at 7:41 p.m.

The motion to divide the question to take Segment D. separately

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 to divide the question to take each segment and section separately.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Ms. McKechnie noted that Segment D would be brought before the Assembly after all the other segments as it was previously divided.

Assembly Fonov moved a primary amendment as follows:

***Segment C. No. 1**

***By striking the following language from Section 4.4.4.10, pg 30.: "Cul-de-sac E Ashmore Avenue connection to E Bogard Road. Access to be maintained via Ashmore Avenue and N Green Forest Drive."; and**

***By striking map symbols (Fig. 4, pg. 33) for cul-de-sac at E Ashmore Avenue. Add closure symbol on the map for the closure of the current entrance to the Finger Lakes State Park Road (Fig. 4, pg. 33).**

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Assemblymember Hale

Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 25-054, as follows:

***Segment C. No. 2**

***Inserting map symbols (Fig. 5, pg.35) to indicate new roadway connection from E Birch Acres to N Bear Street and N Greyling Street, from E Birch Acres to E Chinook Avenue.**

Assemblymember Fonov moved a secondary amendment as follows:

***Add the following language, "Extend frontage road from N Bear Street to N Greyling Street; and**

*** strike the proposed primary amendment language.**

Assemblymember Sumner moved to postpone the secondary amendment to August 5, 2025.

The motion failed by the following vote:

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

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

The secondary amendment passed by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Assemblymember Sumner

Assemblymember Nowers moved a secondary amendment as follows:

***Make the preferred alignment the frontage road from N Bear Street to N Greyling Street;**

***make the first alternative connection E Birch Acres Drive to N Bear Street;**

***make the second alternative the E King Salmon Drive to E Pike Avenue N Greyling Street connection; and**

***make the third alternative the N Greyling Street to E Chinook Avenue from E Birch Acres Drive.**

The secondary amendment passed 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 moved a secondary amendment to replace the map symbols at N Greyling Street for "create cul-de-sac" and N Bear Street "right-in/right-out with median" with no access red "X's".

The secondary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 1 - Assemblymember Hale

No: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The primary amendment passed as amended by the 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 Ordinance Serial No. 25-054, as follows:

***Segment C. No. 3**

***Strike the following from Section 4.4.4.7, pg. 29:**

***"Improve E Pike Avenue and E King Salmon Drive to meet MSB road standards from N Bear Street to N Loris Way.**

a. Challenges improving to E Pike Avenue to E King Salmon Drive may arise due to non-conforming parcels in this subdivision."; and

***remove map symbols for Road Connection/Improvement from E King Salmon Drive to E Pike Avenue (Fig. 5, pg. 35).**

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 Fonov moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 25-054, as follows:

***Segment E. No. 5**

***Striking the following:**

*** language from Section 4.6.4.2, pg. 44 "N Jacksnipe Drive: Access to/from Seldon Road is maintained off E Schrock Road."; and**

*** map symbols (Fig. 7, pg. 47) for cul-de-sac of Jacksnipe Drive.**

Assemblymember Fonov moved a secondary amendment to strike "cul-de-sac" and insert "right-in/right-out with median".

The secondary amendment failed by the following vote:

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

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

The primary amendment failed by the following vote:

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

Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 25-054, as follows:

***Segment E. No. 6**

***Striking the following language from Section 4.6.4.2, pg. 45 "N Old Squaw Loop**

a. Access to/from Old Squaw Loop will be maintained via new roadway connection between N Old Squaw Loop and E Pintail Drive";

***strike "Roadway Connections Connect E Pintail Drive to N Old Squaw Loop. Proposed alignment will be determined during the environmental and design phase of the project."; and**

***strike map symbols (Fig. 7, pg. 47) for a cul-de-sac at Old Squaw Loop and a new road constructed between N. Old Squaw Circle and E Pintail Drive.**

Assemblymember Hale moved a secondary amendment, as follows:

***Add new frontage road from N Old Squaw Loop to proposed new realignment of N Snow Goose Drive; and**

*** Strike language in Segment E No. 6(a) and insert secondary amendment language.**

The secondary amendment 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: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 25-054, as follows:

***Segment E. No. 7**

***Striking the following language from Section 4.6.4.6, pg. 45: "Preferred Alignment-Realign N Snow Goose Drive to align with N Hematite Drive. This will require grading to reduce the hill to provide adequate intersection sight distance on E Seldon Road. This will impact four parcels in the northwest quadrant of N Snow Goose Drive.";**

***replace the first "Alternative Option" with "Preferred Alignment-Realign N Hematite Drive to align with the existing N Snow Goose Drive intersection.";**

***striking "This will impact two parcels in the southeast quadrant of N Hematite Drive."; and**

***replace map symbols (Fig. 7, pg. 47) with the new preferred realignment of N Hematite Drive with N Snow Goose Drive.**

Assemblymember Sumner moved a secondary amendment by making the alignment of N Snow Goose Drive and N Hematite Drive the primary option.

The secondary amendment 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: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 25-054, as follows:

***Segment F. No. 8**

***Striking the following language from Section 4.7.4.3, pg. 51, "Roadway Realignment. To further improve unsignalized intersection spacing, N Eureka Circle should be realigned to the west to align with Mountain Crest Drive. This will impact 2 parcels."; and**

***strike the map symbols (Fig. 8, pg. 53) for realignment of N Eureka Circle with Mountain Crest Drive.**

The primary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 4 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Gamble

Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment Ordinance Serial No. 25-054, as follows:

*** Segment D. No. 4**

***Striking the recommendation and map symbols for Tax ID: 7592000L001 driveway access realignment with Tait Drive in Section 4.5.4.5, pg. 38.**

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Fonov spoke to a conflict of interest with the primary amendment as his brother owns the property impacted in the amendment.

RULING: Mayor DeVries ruled that Assemblymember Fonov had a conflict of interest and would be recused from voting.

Assemblymember Fonov exited the meeting.

Mayor DeVries ruled the original amendment Segment D. No. 4 made on June 3, 2025, out of order due to the fact the original maker of the motion had a conflict of interest and the motion would need to be moved by another Assemblymember.

Assemblymember Bernier moved the primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 25-054, as follows:

***Segment D. No. 4**

***Striking the recommendation and map symbols for Tax ID: 7592000L001 driveway access realignment with Tait Drive in Section 4.5.4.5, pg. 38.**

The primary amendment failed (tie vote):

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Bernier

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

Recused: 1 - Assemblymember Fonov

The primary amendment passed with Mayor DeVries exercising her voting rights and breaking the tie with an affirmative vote.

Assemblymember Fonov re-entered the meeting.

Assemblymember Nowers move a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 25-054, as follows:

***Insert a map symbol for a right-in/right-out intersection (orange circle) at N Stringfield Road and E Bogard Road to both the interactive map, and the plan document's map (Figure 4, page 33);**

***Insert a map symbol for a "provide left turn lane" (green triangle) intersection at N Barry's Resort Drive and E Bogard Road in both the interactive map, and the plan document's map (Figure 4, page 33); and**

*** Insert language to section 4.4.4.8 (page 30) as follows, "Construct median opening and left turn lanes at E Bogard a Barry's Resort and Dolly Varden."**

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 Fonov moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 25-054, as follows:

***In Section 4.5, replace incorrect naming of "N Larson Elementary Circle" as follows:**

***Section 4.5, page 37, strike "Larson Elementary Road" and insert "N Larson Elementary Circle";**

***Section 4.5.2, page 37, strike "Larson Elementary Road" and insert "N Larson Elementary Circle"; and**

***Section 4.5.4.6, page 39, strike "Larson School Circle" and insert "N Larson Elementary Circle".**

***In Section 4.5, replace incorrect naming of "E Village Loop" as follows:**

***Section 4.5.4.4, page 38, strike "East Village Drive's" and insert "E Village Loop's"; and**

***Section 4.5.4.6, page 39, strike "E Village Drive" and insert "E Village Loop".**

***In Section 4.5.4.5, page 38, correct spelling of Tait Drive, as follows: strike "Tate" and insert "Tait" to read, "Existing access to storage unit business should be closed and moved to align with Tait Drive"; and**

***On the web-based interactive map in Segment D., add map symbol showing preferred new connection of E Porcupine Trail to E Serendipity Loop.**

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 Fonov moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 25-054, as follows in Segment D., Section 4.5.4, pages 38-39, insert a controlled intersection on E Seldon Road at N Larson Elementary Circle and insert related map symbols to the plan document (Figure 6, page 41) and web-based interactive map.

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 to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 25-054 to August 5, 2025.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 2 - Assemblymember Nowers and Assemblymember Gamble

IX. VETO

There were no vetoes.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 07/15/25 Assembly Chambers)

OR 25-068 An Ordinance Amending MSB 2.38.Community Development Department; Title 18, Related To The Port District; And Title 23, Related To Land Management, To Reassign Responsibility For Administering Land Selection, Management And Development For Port MacKenzie.

Sponsors: Gamble

OR 25-077 An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$146,973 From The Enhanced 911 Fund Balance To A Project To Allow The City Of Wasilla To Obtain Reimbursement From The Enhanced 911 Surcharge Funding For Priority Dispatch Law Enforcement Protocol Software.
RS 25-064: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For A Project To Allow The City Of Wasilla To Obtain Reimbursement From The Enhanced 911 Surcharge Funding For Priority Dispatch Law Enforcement Protocol Software.

OR 25-078 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$38,777.21 From The Mat-Su Trails And Parks Foundation For The Matanuska Greenbelt Trails Signage And Trailhead Improvements.
RS 25-065: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Matanuska Greenbelt Trails Signage And Trailhead Improvements.

OR 25-080 An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$200,000 From The West Lakes Fire Service Area No. 136 Fund Balance To The Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area No. 130 Fund Balance For The Purchase Of A Used Fire Engine.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearings for July 15, 2025, respectively.

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

25-102 Mayoral Requests for Confirmation
Enhanced 911 Advisory Board
Melissa Sonnek
Jared Eison, resignation
Health and Social Services Board
Kathy John Swartz, resignation
Historical Presentation Commission
Karla McBride
Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues
Bill Gamble
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Melissa Sonnek
Jared Eison, resignation
Platting Board
Michael Gillson

Assemblymember Bernier moved to confirm the appointment and resignations 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.

XI. RECONSIDERATION

OR 25-046 An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.60, Conditional Uses, To Include Permit Requirements And Standards For Homeless Shelters.

Sponsors: Sumner and Gamble

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Hale moved to reconsider Ordinance Serial No. 25-046.

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 Hale moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 25-046, as follows:

*MSB 17.60.125(D) by striking the word "expiration" and inserting the word "renewal", to read: "(D) Renewal of Conditional Use Permit.";

*MSB 17.60.125(D)(2) by striking words "new" and "chapter" and inserting the words "renewal" and "subsection", to read: "(2) Continuation of the use beyond the expiration date shall require submission and approval of a conditional use permit renewal application in accordance with this subsection."; and

*MSB 17.60.125(D) by inserting the following language, to read: "(4) An application for renewal of a conditional use permit issued under MSB 17.60.125 shall meet the following requirements:

(a) the request for renewal shall be on a form provided by the Planning Department;

(b) a written narrative and all applicable documentation showing the operation is in full compliance with all conditions of the permit shall accompany the application form;

(c) the fee as established by the assembly shall accompany the application form; and

(d) the renewal application, with all required information, shall be submitted at least nine months prior to the expiration of the permit.

(5) A public hearing before the planning commission shall be conducted within 90 calendar days of the acceptance of a complete application for renewal in accordance with MSB 17.03, public notification, except that the notification area shall be one-half mile from the exterior of the boundary of the property that is the subject of the application.

(a) While considering the renewal of an application, the commission shall consider:

(i) whether the operation is in full compliance with all condition of the permit;

(ii) the effectiveness of measures in the existing permit to reduce negative effects upon adjacent properties; and

(iii) whether the operation has been harmful to the public health, safety, convenience, and welfare.

(b) While considering the renewal of an application, the commission shall not consider:

(i) the separation distances from uses listed in MSB 17.60.125(B)(2), which were established after the conditional use."

Assemblymember Bernier moved to suspend the rules and to extend the meeting past 10:00 p.m. and not to exceed 10:15 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 failed by the following vote:

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

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

The main motion passed the following vote:

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

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember McKee spoke to the meeting and amendments made to Ordinance Serial No. 25-054.

Assemblymember Bernier said a prayer.

Assemblymember Nowers spoke to Ordinance Serial No. 25-054 and Ordinance Serial No. 25-046.

Mr. Brown spoke to Ordinance Serial No. 25-076 and the budget process. Stated that updates for Ordinance Serial No. 25-054 will be available by July 23, 2025.

Ms. McKechnie thanked everyone and wished them a good evening.

Assemblymember Sumner spoke to proposed amendments for Ordinance Serial No. 25-046.

Assemblymember Gamble spoke to budget decisions being made by the State of Alaska.

Assemblymember Fonov spoke to the amendments made to Ordinance Serial No. 25-054.

Assemblymember Hale spoke to the reconsideration of Ordinance Serial No. 25-046.

Mayor DeVries spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

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EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 07/15/25