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Randall Kowalke, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

CURTIS D. MENARD SPORTS CENTER
1001 S. CLAPP STREET, WASILLA

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018

Budget Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at the Menard Sports Complex, 1001 S. Clapp Road, Wasilla, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Vern Halter.

II. ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Assemblymember Jim Sykes, Assemblymember Matthew Beck, Assemblymember George McKee, Assemblymember Ted Leonard, Assemblymember Dan Mayfield, and Assemblymember Randall Kowalke

Excused 1 - Assemblymember Barbara J. Doty

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assemblymember Sykes.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following person spoke to concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

The following person spoke in support of a possible road bond package: Ms. Patty Fisher.

The following person spoke in support of a planning grant that is included in the Borough's proposed budget: Mayor Bert Cottle, City of Wasilla.

The following person spoke in support of pass through grants for the city of Wasilla: Mr. Stu Graham, Wasilla City Council Member.

Mayor Halter spoke to the budget amendment packets provided by the Clerk's Office.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC HEARING

[OR 18-018](#) 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, 2018 And Ending June 30, 2019; And Setting The Surcharge Rate For The Wireline And Wireless Enhanced 911 Systems For The Period Of July 1, 2018 Through June 30, 2019.

Sponsors: Borough Manager
Ms. Kilborn read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in support of funding for the Mat-Su Convention and Visitor's Bureau (MSCVB): Ms. Bonnie Quill, MSCVB Executive Director.

Assemblymember Sykes moved to take a 15 minute recess to see if any additional members of the public would arrive. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Kowalke

No: 1 - Assemblymember Beck

Excused: 1 - Assemblymember Doty

Assemblymember Beck moved to continue the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 18-018, to April 26, 2018, at 6 p.m. in Assembly Chambers. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Kowalke

Excused: 1 - Assemblymember Doty

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Mr. Moosey thanked the city of Wasilla for the meeting space.

Assemblymember Beck stated that he is happy to support My House and Youth Court through the budget process. Stated that he is looking forward to additional discussions regarding what the Assembly can do about rising crime. Opined that youth programs do a lot to curb crime. Spoke in support of a proposed road bond package. Stated that he would like to see one on the ballot. Stated that he will not be present at the April 26 budget hearing.

Mayor Halter spoke in support of a road bond package. Stated that he would like to see Oilwell Road to Moose Road included. Spoke to the possibility of using a TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Grant for that road.

Mr. Spiropoulos stated that when the Federal Government issues grants, there is a notice that explains what the grants are targeting.

Mr. Moosey, explained that TIGER grants are being replaced with the BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) program. Noted that this new program requires a grant match, which is being increased.

Mayor Halter thanked the body for their attendance.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.