

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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BOROUGH MAYOR

Vern Halter

BOROUGH CLERK

Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC

BOROUGH MANAGER

John Moosey

BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Nicholas Spiropoulos



BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

Jim Sykes, District 1

Matthew Beck, District 2

George McKee, District 3

Ted Leonard, District 4

Dan Mayfield, District 5

Barbara Doty, District 6

Randall Kowalke, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Vern Halter.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Assemblymember Jim Sykes, Assemblymember Matthew Beck, Assemblymember George McKee, Assemblymember Ted Leonard, Assemblymember Dan Mayfield, Assemblymember Barbara J. Doty, and Assemblymember Randall Kowalke

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by the Veteran's in the audience.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

There were no minutes of preceding meetings.

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. Reports From Cities

Mayor Bert Cottle, Wasilla City Mayor, reported on the activities of the city.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

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

Mr. Moosey reported on the costs associated with the cyber-attack. Noted that the Borough is 45 percent recovered and expects to be recovered by 95 percent by the end of September. Provided an update regarding the police powers working group.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos spoke to the insurance policy related to the cyber-attack. Spoke to what the impact of the Supreme Court Janus decision could be on the Borough.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule. Noted that the Assembly typically meets with the Anchorage Assembly near this time of year and queried if the Assembly wanted to schedule a joint meeting for November 8, 2018.

The Assembly requested that another date be looked at.

Ms. McKechnie read the pro/con statement, that the Assembly directed to be done, regarding issues with the election date change.

There was no objection noted.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

[18-105](#)

1. Aviation Advisory Board: 02/28/18
2. Caswell FSA Board of Supervisors: 01/10/18, 05/09/18,
3. Central Mat-Su FSA Board of Supervisors: 04/09/18,
Resolution No. 18-001
4. Emergency Medical Services Board: 04/04/18
5. Enhanced 911 Advisory Board: 02/13/18
6. Greater Butte RSA Board of Supervisors: 5/22/18
7. Greater Talkeetna RSA Board of Supervisors: 05/10/18
8. Greater Willow RSA Board of Supervisors: 02/13/18,
Resolution No. 18-01
9. Knik RSA Board of Supervisors: 04/11/18
10. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: 05/17/18
11. Meadow Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: 02/22/18
12. Planning Commission: 05/21/18, 06/04/18, 06/18/18,
Resolution Nos. 18-20, 18-22, 18-23
13. Platting Board: 05/03/18, 05/17/18
14. South Colony RSA Board of Supervisors: Resolution No.
18-01
15. Chase Community Council: 04/18/18
16. Gateway Community Council: 02/02/18, 03/20/18,
04/19/18
17. Glacier View Community Council: 03/29/18, 04/26/18
18. Meadow Lakes Community Council: 05/09/18, 06/13/18
19. Susitna Community Council: 05/03/18
20. Sutton Community Council: 02/28/18, 03/28/18,
04/25/18, 05/30/18

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

[IM 18-135](#)

Land Management Will Be Conducting A 10-Year Plus Over-The-Counter Tax And Local Improvement District Foreclosure Sale This Fall. The Repurchase Rights Of The Former Record Owner Have Been Extinguished.

- [IM 18-137](#) Informing The Assembly Of The Manager Extending An Alaska Division Of Lands Lease Agreement For A Five-Year Period To Allow The Lessee The Option To Purchase The Land In Accordance With Borough Code And Policy And Procedures For The Purchase Of The Fee Simple Estate.
- [IM 18-138](#) Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 17-016B To Valley General Construction, LLC. For West Hazel Avenue.
- [IM 18-139](#) Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 17-084B To Valley General Construction, LLC. For Waldron Cove Court, Finger Cove Drive, Finger Cove Court, And Finger Lake Roads.
The informational memorandums were presented and no comments were noted.

VII. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (MSB 2.12.081; Three Minutes Per Person.)

(Requires 11 Days Advance Notice And Must Otherwise Be In Compliance With The Necessary Code Requirements. If No Advance Notice Is Given, Persons Wishing To Speak May Do So Under The Audience Participation Section Of The Agenda.)

There were no persons to be heard.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)

[OR 18-086](#) An Ordinance Establishing A Commercial Outdoor Shooting Facility Working Group.

Sponsors: Doty

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter reopened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 18-086: Mr. Keith Lipse, Mr. Mark Norm, and Mr. Bob Thompson.

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

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Doty moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 18-086.

Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 18-086, by inserting the words "educational and nonprofit" after the word "commercial" throughout the ordinance. The motion passed by the following vote.

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

No: 2 - Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Leonard
The Assembly took an at-ease from 6:36 p.m. to 6:42 p.m.

Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 18-06, as follows:

- inserting a new seat, Professional Range Safety Officer;
- inserting a new seat, resident with expertise in sound impacts;
- and
- striking “two” and inserting “three” in the second to last seat composition, to read: “ Three residents within a mile from an existing commercial, educational, and nonprofit outdoor shooting facility.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Sykes, and Assemblymember Beck

No: 5 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck,
Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Doty

No: 3 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, and
Assemblymember Kowalke

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)

The following persons spoke in opposition to the Veteran's Wall of Honor having been moved: Mr. Christopher Grandfather, Mr. L.E. Clayburgh, Mr. Keith Lipse, Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman, Ms. Linda Lipse, and Mr. Jerry Hoskins.

The following person spoke to concerns that the Red Cross did not receive funding through the Human Services grant program: Ms. Melanie Laden, Red Cross of Alaska.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

[RS 18-060b](#) A Resolution Allocating Human Services Community Matching Grant Funds To Nonprofit Human Service Agencies Within The Community And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into Grant Agreements With The Subgrantee Agencies.

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

[AM 18-081](#) Award Of Bid No. 19-021B To Granite Construction Company In The Contract Amount Of \$506,623 For The Purchase Of Winter Sand And Chips.

[AM 18-082](#) Authorization To Purchase From Alaska Safety, Inc. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$2,468,710, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Upgrades And Related Equipment.

[AM 18-083](#) Award Of Proposal No. 19-005P To Electric Power Systems, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$656,100 For Management Of The Mitigation Acquisition Program.

[AM 18-084](#) Award Of Bid No. 19-017B To Alaska Construction & Paving, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$1,475,263 For The Annual Maintenance And Operation Of Central Landfill.

- [AM 18-085](#) Approval Of A Contract Amendment To Contract No. 18-085P-A, With Boutet Company To Add \$51,000, Add Up To 5 Percent In Additional Change Order Authority, And Extend The Time To Complete The Project To October 1, 2018, For Construction Management Of The Reddane Road Extension Project, Project No. 75001, Fund 490.
- [AM 18-086](#) Approval Of A Contract Amendment To Contract No. 17-086P With Clark Engineering Corporation, To Add \$675,414; And Up To \$25,000 In Additional Change Order Authority To Complete The Engineering Services For The Septage And Leachate Treatment And Disposal Facility Project, Project No. 25054, Fund 420.
- [AM 18-087](#) Authorization To Purchase From CXT Precast Concrete Products In The Amount Of \$147,211.68, Four Precast Concrete Restrooms For Jim Creek Campground, Pioneer Ridge Trail Head, Government Peak Recreation Area, And West Butte Trail Head.
- [AM 18-088](#) Approval Of A Contract Amendment To Contract No. 18-099P With Moffatt & Nichol, In The Amount Of \$39,936 For Construction Management Of The Port Mackenzie Cell Dock Repairs, Phase II Project, Project No. 70012, Fund 450.

Ms. McKechnie read the consent agenda into the record.

Assemblymember Beck moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the Clerk. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

IX. VETO

There were no vetoes presented.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 09/18/18, Assembly Chambers)

[OR 18-090](#) An Ordinance Requesting A Reallocation Of \$1,050,000 From The Community Development Recreational Bond, Nine Trail Projects, Fund 440, Project Nos. 15043 And 15046; To Project No. 15041, Fund 440, To Allow For Additional Improvements To The Palmer And Wasilla Pools Project.

RS 18-063: A Resolution Amending The Budgets For Project Nos. 15043 And 15046; And Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Project No. 15041 To Allow For Additional Improvements At The Palmer And Wasilla Pool Improvements Project.

[OR 18-091](#) An Ordinance Of The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Approving A Supplemental Appropriation Of \$50,000 From The West Lakes Fire Service Area Fund Balance, Fund 249, To The West Lakes Fire Service Area Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget, Fund 249 To Reimburse For Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Expenses.

[OR 18-092](#) An Ordinance Approving A Loan Offer From The Alaska Department Of Environmental Conservation, Clean Water Fund Project No. 561131, Authorizing The Manager To Incur Debt In The Amount Of \$924,000, And Accept And Appropriate The Loan Proceeds To The Upgrade Talkeetna Wastewater Treatment Facility Project.

RS 18-064: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Talkeetna Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Project.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Beck moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and to set the public hearings for September 18, 2018. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

There was no vacancy report.

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

There were no reconsiderations presented.

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Moosey related that a Borough employee passed away on the way to work this morning, Mr. Pete Roney.

Assemblymember Sykes thanked the veteran's that provided testimony. Opined that there are many unanswered questions about the Veteran's Wall of Honor being moved. Summarized the history of how moving the wall came about. Stated that the Assembly supports veterans. Thanked the body for the meeting.

Assemblymember Mayfield agreed that the Assembly respects and supports veterans. Stated that the body tried to ensure that was conveyed when the discussion first came about. Stated that the city of Wasilla has worked with five separate veteran's organizations in the Borough to find a suitable place for it to be relocated to. Noted that there is no way to always get 100 percent agreement on anything. Opined that the new location for the wall is beautiful and that the phased development will only enhance the area and provide the perfect place to honor veterans. Thanked the public for their testimony.

Assemblymember Doty stated that she enjoyed the discussion surrounding the working group for shooting ranges. Encouraged the public to apply and provide input. Stated that she understood how so much confusion arose from the wall being moved. Provided a history of the transfer of the title to the property. Stated that she supports the Red Cross of Alaska.

Assemblymember Leonard thanked the public for their testimony. Stated that he would like to see the full history of how the wall move has evolved.

Assemblymember Beck provided a history of the property sale that impacted the veteran's wall. Noted that the new location will be ready for Veteran's Day celebrations this year. Noted that it is possible to develop a shooting range in a subdivision as he has seen it first hand in Montana. Spoke to the Parks Highway accident that claimed the lives of four Palmer residents.

Mayor Halter stated that it is difficult to hear the issues surrounding the veteran's wall being moved. Noted that his original intent was that it not be moved. Summarized the number of times the property has changed hands. Stated that he is hopeful that the new location will live up to veteran's standards. Expressed his appreciation for the service of veterans. Thanked the body for the meeting.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT


The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

September 4, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes (11 pages)


VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 10/30/18