

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
Michael Bowles, 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, NOVEMBER 18, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, November 18, 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: 7 - Assemblymember Tim Hale, Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Dee McKee, Assemblymember Maxwell Sumner, Assemblymember Bill Gamble, Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov, and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

Assemblymember Nowers moved to pull Ordinance Serial No. 25-129, under referrals, from the agenda.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Fonov

No: 2 - Assemblymember Sumner and Assemblymember Bernier

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assemblymember Hale.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

- 25-133** A. Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes: 08/19/25
 B. Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes: 09/02/25
 C. Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes: 09/16/25
 D. Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes: 10/07/25
 E. Joint Assembly/Planning Commission Meeting Minutes: 10/14/25
 The minutes were approved as presented without objection.

[Clerk's Note: The 8/19/25 Regular Meeting Minutes were removed from approval with no 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

Todd Smoldon, Executive Director of Governor Dunleavy's Mat-Su Office, spoke to the passing of Earl Lackey, the Jonesville Project and Land Economic Project, and to SNAP benefits and the State of Alaska paying for food assistance.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committees

There was no report provided.

2. Assembly Public Relations

Mayor DeVries presented Assemblymember Hale with a frame Matanuska-Susitna Borough seal in honor of his service as an assembly member.

a. Recognition of the State's Pretrial Diversion Program

Jason Ortiz, Planning Department Deputy Director, spoke to the community clean-up program and pretrial diversity program.

Assemblymember Fonov presented Trina Sears, Palmer District Attorney, resolution in recognition of their help with the program.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

2. Strategic Planning Issues

3. Solid Waste Division Project Updates

25-174 Solid Waste Projects Presentation

Jeff Smith, Solid Waste Division Manager, provided a Solid Waste Division projects update.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos spoke to a Board of Adjustments and Appeals case that has remanded back from the court.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

25-170

1. Agriculture Advisory Board: 09/17/25
2. Big Lake Community Council: 08/12/25, 09/09/25
3. Big Lake RSA Board of Supervisors: 08/11/25
4. Caswell RSA Board of Supervisors: Resolution No. 25-01
5. Central Mat-Su FSA Board of Supervisors: 08/11/25
6. Enhanced 911 Advisory Board: 08/12/25
7. Greater Oilwell Road Area Community Council: 05/29/25, 08/16/25
8. Greater Talkeetna RSA Board of Supervisors: 08/14/25
9. Library Board: 09/09/25
10. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: 09/18/25, Resolution No. 25-03
11. Meadow Lakes Community Council: 04/09/25, 05/14/25, 06/11/25, 07/09/25, 08/13/25, 09/10/25
12. Meadow Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: 08/04/25
13. Midway RSA Board of Supervisors: 07/09/25, Resolution No. 25-01
14. Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board: 06/23/25, Resolution No. 25-01
15. Planning Commission: 10/06/25, 10/20/25, Resolution No. 25-19
16. Platting Board: 10/02/25
17. South Lakes Community Council: 10/06/25
18. Talkeetna Community Council: 09/02/25, 10/06/25
19. Tanaina Community Council: 10/28/25
20. Transportation Advisory Board: 02/14/25, 04/25/25
21. West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 09/08/25

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

- IM 25-173** Reporting Conclusion Of Contract No. 25-046C With Northern Asphalt Construction, Inc. For A Total Contract Amount Of \$502,181.20 For The Welch Way Emergency Repair Project.
- IM 25-239** Notifying The Assembly Of The Submission Of A Grant Application In The Amount Of \$51,580 To The American Society For The Prevention Of Cruelty To Animals To Assist The Shelter In Expanding Access To Preventative Veterinary Services In Underserved Borough Communities.

IM 25-241 Informing The Assembly Of The Manager's Signature On, And Electronic Submittal Of A Department Of Emergency Services Grant Application For The Leary Firefighters Foundation Jeremiah Lucey Grant Program Requesting The Purchase And Delivery Of Two Compact Methane Gas Leak Detectors.

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 tax foreclosure auction and to people bidding on their own property. Opined they should not bid on their own property: Kendra Huling.

The following persons spoke to the election brochure: Randy Perlman and Monika Bujotzek.

The following person spoke to board vacancies and spoke to upcoming appointments to the MSB Library Board and thanked Assemblymember Hale for his service: Nancy Bertels.

The following person spoke to obscenity in the libraries and spoke to the last MSB Library Board and Library Citizens Advisory Committee meetings: Jackie Goforth.

The following persons spoke in opposition of OR 25-090: Robert Kennerson and Owen Dicks.

The following person thanked the assembly for the funding of the new Alcantra Disc Golf Course. Thanked Assemblymember Fonov for his support all throughout the process and presented him with a golden disc and a lifetime membership to the Mat-Su Disc Golf Association: Kelly Allen, Mat-Su Disco Golf Association President.

The following person spoke to their position on the MSB Library Board and working with the Big Lake librarian. Encouraged others to talk to their local librarians: Karen Crandall.

The following person spoke to endorsing Julie Endle for MSB the Library Board and spoke to Kathy Kysar service on the MSB Library Board: Michael Bowles.

The following person spoke to recently purchased property and grandfather rights: Elijah Miller.

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 25-090 and Ordinance Serial No. 25-120: Diane Fuller.

The following person spoke to Michael Bowles, the vacancy report, and the MSB Library Board Sutton Representative position. Noted the term lengths she served on the MSB Library Board: Kathy Kysar.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)

OR 25-066 An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.23, Port Mackenzie Special Use District, Repealing The Port Development Permit And Associated Standards.

Sponsors: Gamble

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

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 Gamble moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-066.

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 25-089 An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.17, Denali State Park Special Land Use District, By Eliminating A Provision That Allows The Special Use District Boundary To Change Automatically When The Boundary Of Denali State Park Changes.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

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. 25-089.

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 25-090 An Ordinance Adopting MSB 17.77, Large Lot District.

Sponsors: Hale

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 25-090: Ron Johnson, Curt Haller, Russel Joyce, Marc Cottini, AJ Kirby, and David Miller.

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 25-090: Abby Pochatko, John Vinduska, Gail Volt, Starla Brewer, and Jerry Hupp.

Assemblymember Hale moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-090.

Assemblymember Fonov moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 25-090 to December 2, 2025.

The motion failed by the following vote:

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

Assemblymember Hale moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 25-090, MSB 17.77.030(B) by striking the words "at least 67" and inserting the word "100" to read: "(B) Except as provided in subsection (A), a Large Lot District may be initiated or modified only by submitting a petition to the Planning Department containing the signatures of 100 percent of the affected properties, as listed in the Borough tax assessment records."

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 primary amendment failed by the following vote:

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

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

Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 25-090, MSB 17.77.080(A), by striking the words "5 acres" and inserting the words ".92 acres" to read "(A)The minimum lot size shall be .92 acres."

The primary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Fonov and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 5 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Gamble

Assemblymember Hale called for the question (to stop debate)

The motion failed by the following vote:

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

No: 4 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Fonov

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

The meeting recessed at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened at 8:53 p.m.

- OR 25-117** An Ordinance Reappropriating \$12,000 From The Scissor Lift And Trailer Project To American Disabilities Act Door Modification Project At The Dorothy Swanda Jones Building.
RS 25-102: A Resolution Establishing The Scope Of Work And Budget For American Disabilities Act Door Modification Project.
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

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. 25-177 and Resolution Serial No. 25-102.

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 25-118** An Ordinance Approving A Reappropriation Of The Station 5-2 Replacement Land Project And The Station 5-2 Land Purchase And Preparation Project, To A Project To Construct A New Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area Combined Station 5-2 And 6-5; And Extending The Time Limit For Completion On All Station 5-2 And 6-5 Construction Projects To June 30, 2030.
RS 25-109: A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work And Budget For A Project To Construct A Combined Station 5-2 And 6-5 For The Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

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 Fonov moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-118 and Resolution Serial No. 25-109.

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 25-119 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$331,569 In Fiscal Year
2026 Community Assistance Program Funding
RS 25-103: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For
The Community Assistance Program And Authorizing The Manager To
Enter Into Agreements With 21 Unincorporated Communities Within The
Borough.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

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.
25-119 and Resolution Serial No. 25-103.**

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 25-120 An Ordinance Amending MSB 25.05.120(A), Informational Brochures For Elections.

Sponsors: Hale

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the election brochure

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 25-120: Kenda Hunning, Irene Wagner, Doug Hill, Tom Pirog, Gail Volt, Jerry Hupp, and Patricia Fisher.

The following person spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 25-120: Ron Johnson, Janet Johnson, Michael Bowles, Starla Brewer, and Jackie Goforth.

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

Assemblymember Hale moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-120.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Hale and Assemblymember Nowers

No: 5 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

OR 25-121 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$709,340 From The United States Department Of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Port Security Grant Program; And Extending Date Of Completion For Match Funding For The Port Enhanced Security Improvements Project.

RS 25-106: A Resolution Amending The Scopes Of Work And Budgets For Port Grant Match, Fiscal Year 2021; And Pickup 4x4 Crew Cab, Port Fiscal Year 2025; Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget; And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into An Agreement For The Port Enhanced Security Improvements Project.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

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 Gamble moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-121 and Resolution Serial No. 25-106.

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 the Capital Improvement Program and asked for support of the Point MacKenzie Community Council: Jim Mills, Point MacKenzie Community Council President.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

RS 25-111 A Resolution Establishing Dates For Payment, Delinquency, Protest, And Appeal Of 2026 Regular Assessment And Tax Rolls And For The Commencement Of Hearings Before The Board Of Equalization.

- RS 25-112** A Resolution Approving A Letter Of Agreement With The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Employee Association To Amend Article 45, Section A, Of The 2025-2027 Labor Agreement By Establishing An Opt-Out Provision For Employees With Alternative Health Coverage; And Authorizing The Manager To Sign And Execute The Letter Of Agreement.
- RS 25-116** A Resolution Establishing Rates And Fees For Exclusive Use Land Permits Under MSB 23.10.100, Permits, For Inclusion In The Fiscal Year 2026 Schedule Of Rates And Fees.

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

- AM 25-134** Acceptance Of Late Filed And Retroactive Senior Citizen And Disabled Veteran Exemption Applications For The Period Of September And October 2025.
- AM 25-137** Award Of Proposal No. 26-016P To Lounsbury & Associates, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$497,266 To Design The Reconstruction Of King Arthur Drive.
- AM 25-138** Award Of Proposal No. 26-043P To RESPEC Company, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$494,921 To Design A New Household Hazardous Waste Facility.
- AM 25-139** Award Of Solicitation No. 26-059P To PND Engineers In The Contract Amount Of \$182,209 To Design Fish Passage Improvements For Charley Drive At Anderson Lake
- AM 25-140** Approval Of Change Order No. 2 For Contract No. 22-055P With Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. To Add \$40,000 For The Seldon Extension Phase II Right-Of-Way Acquisition Map Completion; And To Extend The Contract To June 30, 2026.

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

AM 25-135 Award Of Bid No. 26-083B To Hughes Fire Equipment In The Contract Amount Of \$790,558 To Purchase A Wildland/Urban-Interface Fire Apparatus for Central Mat-Su Fire Department.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember McKee moved to adopt AM No. 25-135.

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

There was no unfinished business.

IX. VETO

There were no vetoes presented.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 12/02/25, Assembly Chambers)

RS 25-096 A Resolution Adopting The Fiscal Year 2027 Capital Improvement Program.

OR 25-124 An Ordinance Amending Title 23 Real Property.
RS 25-108: A Resolution Amending The Land And Resource Management Division Policy And Procedures Manual.

OR 25-125 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$42,461.40 From The Alaska State Department Of Education And Early Development For Internet Cost Assistance.
RS 25-110: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work For The Online With Libraries Internet Cost Assistance Grant Program.

OR 25-130 An Ordinance Reappropriating \$1,000,000 From The Major Repair And Renovation Reserve To The Iditarod Elementary School Cladding Repair Project.

RS 25-115: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The School Cladding Repair Project.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and to set the public hearings for December 2, 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

25-171

Mayoral Requests for Confirmation

Agriculture Advisory Board

Jozef Slowik

Borough Area School Site Selection Committee

Daniel Bowen

Enhanced 911

Luke Szipszky

Kid Chan

Labor Relations Board

Michael Bowles, resignation

Library Board

Julie Endle

Marty Kincaid

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Josh Tudor, resignation

Shelia Olson

Harry "Randy" Hillman, resignation

Luke Szipszky

Rust Belanger

MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission

Michael Bowles, resignation

Office of Administrative Hearings

Scott Sterling

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board

James Jones

Steve Menard

Planning Commission

Linn McCabe

Platting Board

Michael Gillson

Port Commission

Fred Elvsaas, Jr.

Transportation Advisory Board

Kristina Whitman

Water and Wastewater Advisory Board

Terry Gorlick

Butte FSA Board of Supervisors

Mitzi Van Asdian

Central-Mat-Su FSA Board of Supervisors

Luke Szipszky

Craig Robinson

Bogard RSA Board of Supervisors

Billy Schuyler

Gold Trail RSA Board of Supervisors

Jeremy Hongslo
Greater Butte RSA Board of Supervisors
Karl Kopperud
Greater Talkeetna RSA Board of Supervisors
John Strassenburgh
Kink RSA Board of Supervisors
John Jobe
Lazy Mountain RSA Board of Supervisors
Pierre Stragier
South Colony RSA Board of Supervisors
Charles Crim
Talkeetna Sewer & Water Board of Supervisors
Jane Steere

Assemblymember Bernier moved to confirm the appointment and resignations requested by the Mayor.

Assemblymember Hale moved to divide the question to take up the appointment of Julie Endle separately.

The motion failed by the following vote:

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

The main 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

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

OR 25-126 An Ordinance Amending MSB 8.55, Special Events, To Repeal The Surety Bond Requirement Standards.

Sponsors: Fonov

OR 25-127 An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.67, Tall Structures Including Telecommunication Facilities, Wind Energy Conversion Systems, And Other Tall Structures; To Reduce The Minimum Setback Requirements For New Telecommunications Towers.

Sponsors: Fonov

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Fonov moved to refer Ordinance Serial No. 25-126 and Ordinance Serial No. 25-127 to the Planning Commission for 90 days.

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 25-128 An Ordinance Amending MSB 15.24 Assembly; Zoning Functions To Update The Process Of Initiating And Amending Lake Management Plans.
RS 25-113: A Resolution Establishing A Fee For Processing Requests For Lake Management Plans Under MSB 15.24 Assembly; Zoning Functions.

Sponsors: Sumner

Assemblymember Sumner moved to refer Ordinance Serial No. 25-128 to the Planning Commission for 90 days.

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 25-129 An Ordinance Repealing The Waterbody Setback Standards And Adopting New Waterbody Setback Standards.

Sponsors: Sumner

Ordinance Serial No. 25-129 was removed from the agenda at the approval of the agenda.

XI. RECONSIDERATION

There were no reconsiderations.

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos spoke to Assemblymember Hale and his work on the assembly and congratulated the newly elected assemblymembers. Noted his daughter is getting married and will be gone the week of Thanksgiving.

Assemblymember McKee spoke to newly elected assemblymembers and thanked the employee who helped her into the meeting.

Assemblymember Bernier spoke to Assemblymember Hale and to newly elected Michael Bowles. Said a prayer.

Assemblymember Hale spoke to each of his fellow assemblymembers, Mr. Spiropoulos, Mr. Brown, Ms. McKechnie, and Mayor DeVries. He opined his time serving District one has been an honor.

Assemblymember Nowers thanked everyone who came out and spoke to the passing of Bruce Bush. Spoke to Assemblymember Hale and his time on the Assembly.

Mr. Brown congratulated the newly elected and Assemblymember Hale.

Ms. McKechnie spoke to Assemblymember Hale's service.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to suspend the rules and to extend the meeting past 10 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

Assemblymember Sumner spoke to Assemblymember Hale. Spoke to the vacancy report. Spoke to the manager researching Request for Interest for additional gravel pits in the Borough.

Assemblymember directed the manager to research Request for Interest for additional gravel pits in the Borough.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Assemblymember Nowers

Assemblymember Gamble spoke to Ordinance Serial No. 25-129 and a possible work session. Spoke to Assemblymember Hale.

Assemblymember Fonov thanked everyone for coming and Mat-Su Disc Golf Association for his golden disc. He spoke to Assemblymember Hale. Directed Mr. Brown for three Borough owned plots of land for Request for Interest for data centers.

There was no objection noted.

Mayor DeVries spoke to Assemblymember Hale. Congratulated the newly elected.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

November 18, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes

(21 pages)


EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 12/02/25
