

# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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BOROUGH MAYOR  
Edna DeVries

BOROUGH CLERK  
Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC

BOROUGH MANAGER  
Michael Brown

BOROUGH ATTORNEY  
Nicholas Spiropoulos



BOROUGH ASSEMBLY  
Tim Hale, District 1  
Stephanie Nowers, District 2  
Dee McKee, District 3  
Robert Yundt, District 4  
Mokie Tew, District 5  
Jesse Sumner, District 6  
Ron Bernier, District 7

## MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS  
350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, 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 Tim Hale, Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Dee McKee, Assemblymember Robert Yundt, Assemblymember Mokie Tew, and Assemblymember Jesse Sumner

**Telephonic:** 1 - Assemblymember Ron Bernier (entered telephonically at 6:09 p.m.)

### **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

### **IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ken Barkley, Emergency Services Director.

### **V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS**

**22-144**

- A. Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes: 08/02/22
  - B. Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes: 08/17/22
  - C. Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes: 09/06/22
  - D. Joint Assembly/School Board Meeting Minutes: 09/13/22
- 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.

#### **2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District**

There was no report provided.

#### **3. State of Alaska**

Mr. Todd Smoldon, Executive Director of Governor Dunleavy's Mat-Su Office, stated that he had nothing to report but would answer any questions that the Assembly may have.

No questions were asked.

### **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**

Ken Barkley, Emergency Services Director presented Junior 1st Responder Awards to Mike Brown, Borough Manager; George Hays, Deputy Borough Manager; and Assemblymember Nowers for their participation in the Emergency Services Capabilities Demonstration that occurred on August 27, 2022.

Mike Brown, Borough Manager, spoke to Fire Chief Ken Farina's recent passing, to his work for the Borough and expressed his condolences to his family. Provided Ken Barkley, Emergency Services Director, with his 30 year service award.

## **3. Alaska Liquid Natural Gas Pipeline Update**

Lisa Haas, Environmental and Regulatory Manager with the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation, provided an update regarding the Alaska Liquid Natural Gas Pipeline.

## **4. Health Care Plan Updates**

Sonya Conant, Human Resources Director and Greg S. Loudon, Principal Account Executive with Parker, Smith and Feek, reported on the coming changes to the health care plan for the Borough.

## **D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

Mr. Spiropoulos reported that he has requested an executive session for the October 18 regular Assembly meeting. Stated that it is regarding a property boundary issue that may be resolved soon.

## **E. CLERK COMMENTS**

Ms. McKechnie spoke to upcoming meeting schedule. Advised that she had previously emailed the election brochure to the Assembly and provided a copy for review this evening. Inquired if there are any changes the Assembly would like.

Mayor DeVries queried if there were any changes to the election brochure.

There were no changes noted.

## **F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

**22-147**

1. Abbreviated Plat: 08/31/22
2. Board of Adjustment and Appeals: BOAA 22-02 Reconsideration Order
3. Chickaloon Community Council: 02/09/22, 04/13/22, 05/11/22, 06/08/22
4. Greater Talkeetna RSA Board of Supervisors: 07/14/22
5. Lazy Mountain RSA Board of Supervisors: 08/23/22
6. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: 08/18/22, Resolution No. 22-05
7. Port Commission: 05/23/22
8. Susitna Community Council: 07/07/22
9. Tanaina Community Council: 08/09/22

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

## **G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS**

**IM 22-183** Reporting The Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 21-128B With Orion Construction, Inc. For A Final Contract Amount Of \$1,707,525.76 For The Borough's Central Mat-Su Emergency Services Training Complex Improvements.

The informational memorandum was presented and no comments were noted.

## **VII. SPECIAL ORDERS**

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

There were no persons to be heard.

### **B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)**

**OR 22-094** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating The First Two Years Of The National Opioid Settlement Funding Totaling \$95,089.10 From The Manufacturers And Traders Trust Company.  
RS 22-073: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Opioid Settlement Relief.  
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mr. George Hays, Deputy Borough Manager, provided a staff report.

Mr. Todd Smoldon, Executive Director of Governor Dunleavy's Mat-Su Office, encouraged the Assembly to engage with groups that have been working on the opioid issue as they consider options of where to best utilize the funds.

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 Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 22-094 and Resolution Serial No. 22-073. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

**OR 22-095** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$315,780 In Fiscal Year 2023 Community Assistance Program Funding.  
RS 22-076: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Community Assistance Program; And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into Agreements With 20 Unincorporated Communities Within The Borough.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance 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 discussion moved to the Assembly.

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 22-095 and Resolution Serial No. 22-076. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

**OR 22-096** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$304,249 From The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services For The Provision Of Critically Needed Essential Health And Social Services.  
RS 22-077: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Human Services Community Matching Grant Program; And Allocating Funding To Nonprofit Subgrantees For The Provision Of Critically Needed Essential Health And Social Services.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance 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 discussion moved to the Assembly.

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 22-096 and Resolution Serial No. 22-077. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

**OR 22-097** An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The Tolson Avenue And Elkins Street Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 634; And Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments And Making Refunds To Property Owners.

OR 22-098: An Ordinance Providing For The Financing Not To Exceed \$77,000 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Internal Service Funds For The Tolson Avenue And Elkins Street Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 634; And Fixing Details Of Said Financing.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance 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 discussion moved to the Assembly.

**Assemblymember Tew moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 22-097 and 22-098. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

**OR 22-099** An Ordinance Repealing MSB 4.70, Wastewater And Septage Advisory Board.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mike Brown, Borough Manager, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in opposition to disbanding the Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board: Dan Tucker and Eric Anderson.

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 22-099.**

**Assemblymember Yundt moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 22-099 to February 7, 2023. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember Yundt

**No:** 4 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

**The main motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

**No:** 4 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Yundt



**OR 22-100** An Ordinance Establishing The Borough's Property Assessed Clean Energy Program.

**Sponsors:** Nowers

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in support of the C-PACE program: Jenny Willardson and Melanie Lucas.

**Assemblymember Nowers moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 22-100. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

**OR 22-101** An Ordinance Accepting \$25,723,438 And Appropriating \$12,523,438 From The Alaska State Debt Services Reimbursement.  
RS 22-080: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Community Transportation Nonfederal Match; Mat-Su Central School Construction; Brett Memorial Roof Replacement; Wildfire Mitigation; And Emergency Medical Services Station 12-9.

Ms. McKechnie 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 Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 22-101 and Resolution Serial No. 22-080. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

**No:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**OR 22-102** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating 2018 November Cook Inlet Earthquake Disaster Relief Funds In The Amount Of \$75,694 From The Federal Emergency Management Agency And The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management.

RS 22-081: A Resolution Approving The Amended Budget For 2018 Cook Inlet Earthquake Disaster Relief Funds.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance 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 discussion moved to the Assembly.

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 22-102 and Resolution Serial No. 22-081. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

#### **C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)**

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 22-119: Brian Endle, Richard Stoffel, Karen Lewis, Dave Johnson, and Jackie Goforth.

The following person spoke to the need for Government to be efficient: Steven Menard.

The following person spoke to concerns with differences between city, borough, and state elections: Tom Ols.

The following person opined that the Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board is not needed and to concerns with both voting machines and hand counts: Eric Anderson.

#### **D. CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **1. RESOLUTIONS**

**RS 22-086** A Resolution Amending The Fee Schedule For Brett Memorial Ice Rink.

- RS 22-087** A Resolution Approving A Waiver Of Facility Use Fees And Associated Permits Of Borough-Owned Facilities For The Arctic Winter Games.
- RS 22-089** A Resolution Amending The Title Of The Caswell Creek, Birch Creek, And Crocker Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project; And Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Birch Creek And Crocker Creek Fish Passage Project.
- RS 22-094** A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work For The Fiscal Years 2009 Through 2017 Community Assistance Program, To Authorize The Distribution Of Funding Designated For Two Inactive Community Councils To Local Non-Profits That Provide Public Benefit To The Communities.

## **2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS**

- AM 22-116** Acceptance Of Late Filed And Retroactive Senior Citizen And Disabled Veteran Exemption Applications.
- AM 22-117** Approval Of Contract Extension For Contract No. 22-075B With Anchorage Roofing And Contracting, Inc. For A Final Completion Date Of November 30, 2022, For The Wasilla Pool Roof Replacement Project.
- AM 22-118** Authorization To Purchase Fiscal Year 2023 Computer Replacements From Government Computer Sales Under The National Association Of State Procurement Officials Agreement In The Amount Of \$175,773.
- AM 22-120** Approval Of Contract Extension For Contract No. 22-119P With Socius Amica LLC. To Extend The Final Completion Date To December 31, 2022, For The Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan Update.
- AM 22-121** Approval To Extend The Completion Date For Contract No. 22-137B With Dirtworks, Inc. For The Lucille Street Culvert Improvements Project.
- AM 22-122** Approval To Extend Completion Date And Bid Reduction For Contract No. 22-054B With Western Construction And Equipment, LLC. For Belair Estates Road Improvement Project.

**AM 22-123** Approval To Extend Completion Date For Contract No. 22-150B With Dirtworks, Inc. For O'Brien Creek Fish Passage Improvements Project.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

**Assemblymember Sumner 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 Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

**AM 22-119** Approval To Extend the Completion Date For Contract No. 22-123B With Valley General Construction LLC. For Wolverine Avenue, Porcupine Avenue, and Beaver Avenue Upgrades Project, To June 30, 2023.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Sumner declared a conflict of interest as he does business with Valley General Construction.

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

Assemblymember Sumner exited the meeting.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

**Assemblymember Tew moved to adopt AM 22-19. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Sumner re-entered the meeting.

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **IX. VETO**

There were no vetoes presented.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

## **A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 10/04/22, Assembly Chambers)**

- OR 22-076** An Ordinance Repealing MSB 17.10, Overlay Districts.
- OR 22-106** An Ordinance Amending MSB 15.39.070, Compensation And Reimbursement, For The Board Of Adjustment And Appeals To Be Equal With The Increase Adopted With The Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.
- OR 22-107** An Ordinance Reappropriating \$50,000 From The Census Project Account To Recreation Services Operating Budget And Authorizing The Conversion Of Four On-Call Water Safety Instructor Positions Into Two Full-Time Water Safety Instructor Positions.

**Sponsors:** Sumner

- OR 22-108** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A Grant In The Amount Of \$40,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services, To Allow For The Implementation And Management Of Points Of Dispensing And Medical Countermeasures.  
RS 22-088: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For A Grant In The Amount Of \$40,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services For The Implementation And Management Of Points Of Dispensing And Medical Countermeasures.
- OR 22-109** An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$1,650,000 From The Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area Fund Balance To Purchase Two New Rescue Engines.  
RS 22-084: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For A Project To Purchase Two New Rescue Engines For Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area.
- OR 22-114** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$1,000,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Commerce, Community, And Economic Development For The 2024 Arctic Winter Games.  
RS 22-091: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget, And Authorizing The Borough Manager To Enter Into The Grant Agreement For The 2024 Arctic Winter Games.

- OR 22-115** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$179,794.39 From The Alaska State Department Of Commerce, Community, And Economic Development For The Maintenance Of Seasonally Impassable Roads In The Big Lake Area For Fiscal Year 2023.  
RS 22-092: A Resolution Assembly Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget, And Authorizing The Borough Manager To Enter Into The Grant Agreement For The Maintenance Of Seasonally Impassable Roads In The Big Lake Area For Fiscal Year 2023.
- OR 22-116** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$30,000,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Commerce, Community, And Economic Development; And Appropriating \$13,239,792 From Areawide Fund Balance, For The 2021 Transportation Infrastructure Package.  
RS 22-093: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget, And Authorizing The Borough Manager To Enter Into The Grant Agreement For The 2021 Transportation Infrastructure Package.
- OR 22-117** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$250,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Military And Veteran's Affairs, Emergency Management Performance Grant Program; And Requesting A Reappropriation Of \$250,000 From The Emergency Management Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget For Emergency Management Wages And Benefits.  
RS 22-095: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For A Grant In The Amount Of \$250,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Military And Veteran's Affairs, Emergency Management Performance Grant For Emergency Management Wages And Benefits.
- OR 22-119** An Ordinance Amending Title 25, Elections, To Require Ballots Be Counted By Hand Only, Direct That Counting Happen At Precincts, And Allow For Observation By Poll Watchers And Canvass Board Observers; All To Be Effective Beginning In 2023.

**Sponsors:** Bernier

## **B. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 11/22/22, Assembly Chambers)**

- OR 22-110** An Ordinance Creating East Forest Grove Circle Road Paving Local Improvement District No. 647; Approving The Improvement Plan For The District; Authorizing The Manager To Proceed With The Improvement; And Assessing Equally Among The Properties Within The District The Costs Of The Improvement.

**OR 22-111** An Ordinance Creating South Francine Street Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 651; Approving The Improvement Plan For The District; Authorizing The Manager To Proceed With The Improvement; And Assessing Equally Among The Properties Within The District The Costs Of The Improvement.

**OR 22-113** An Ordinance Creating Ridgefield And Drinkhouse Road Paving Local Improvement District No. 638; Approving The Improvement Plan For The District; Authorizing The Manager To Proceed With The Improvement; And Assessing Equally Among The Properties Within The District The Costs Of The Improvement.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and to set the public hearings for October 4, 2022, and November 22, 2022, respectively.**

**Assemblymember Nowers moved to divide the question to take up the introduction of Ordinance Serial No. 22-119, separately. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Yundt

**No:** 3 - Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

**SEGMENT ONE: Assemblymember Sumner moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and to set the public hearings for October 4, 2022, and November 22, 2022, respectively, with the exception of Ordinance Serial No. 22-119. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

**SECOND SEGMENT: Assemblymember Sumner moved to introduce Ordinance Serial No. 22-119, as read into the record by the Clerk and to set the public hearing for October 4, 2022.**

**Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment by striking "October 4" and inserting "February 7, 2023" in its place. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember McKee

**No:** 5 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Yundt,  
Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and  
Assemblymember Bernier

**Introduction on October 4, 2022, passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember McKee,  
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,  
Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

**No:** 1 - Assemblymember Nowers

## **C. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

### **1. VACANCY REPORT**

There was no vacancy report.

## **D. OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

There was no other new business.

## **E. 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**

Assemblymember McKee stated that she would like to understand more about the differences in state, city, and borough elections.

Assemblymember Hale stated that the Assembly knew the legislation to disband the Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board (WASB) was coming as the body directed staff to stop spending time on that board. Stated that since it has not been, perhaps they could look at how to develop a utility and who best to run it besides government.

Mr. Brown stated that if the Assembly has ideas for what the WASB could work on to please request legislation come forward. Advised that the School District had requested the Assembly to attend the September 28, 2022, meeting regarding the Mat-Su Central School. Noted that after discussion with the Clerk, he advised them that there was insufficient time to advertise and therefore the Assembly cannot attend as a whole. Noted that he would be in attendance and would report back to the Assembly.

Ms. McKechnie advised that the state of Alaska runs the state and federal elections. Commented that the cities and Borough's run their own elections. Noted that the Alaska State Division of Elections is working with her on precinct logistics in order to make the experience less confusing for voters.

Assemblymember Yundt opined that the WASB could focus on making recommendations regarding leachate. Spoke in support of forward funding for Mat-Su Central School instead of going into debt by bonding for it.

Assemblymember Nowers agreed that the WASB could focus on what to do with leachate. Noted that it is less expensive for tax payers if the school is funded with the debt reimbursement money from the state instead of being bonded for. Advised that her vote on introducing Ordinance Serial No. 22-119, did not mean she is opposed to the legislation. Stated that she is concerned that the legislation and the process it is proposing will not get the attention that it deserves because of the short amount of time between introduction and public hearing. Spoke in support of doing the right thing the first time. Thanked the body for supporting the C-PACE legislation

Assemblymember Sumner thanked the body for respecting the rights of other members.

Assemblymember Bernier said a prayer.

Mayor DeVries thanked Ms. McKechnie for keeping her on track.

### **XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session conducted.

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

September 27, 2022, Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes

(18 pages)

EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 10/18/22