

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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Michael Brown

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Ron Bernier, District 7

ASSEMBLY AGENDA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ASSEMBLY MEETING IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND IN PERSON:

IN WRITING:

- * You can submit written comments to leg.com@matsugov.us

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- * Dial 1-855-225-2326
- * You will hear "Joining conference" when you are admitted to the meeting.
- * You will be automatically muted and able to listen to the meeting.
- * When the Mayor announces audience participation or a public hearing you would like to speak to, press *3; you will hear "Your hand has been raised."
- * When it is your turn to testify you will hear "Your line has been unmuted."
- * State your name for the record, spell your last name, and provide your testimony.

OBSERVE: Observe the meeting via the live stream video at:

- * <https://matanuska.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>
- * <https://www.facebook.com/MatSuBorough>
- * Matanuska-Susitna Borough - YouTube

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

[25-065](#)

A. Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes: 03/18/25

B. Joint Assembly/School Board Meeting Minutes: 03/25/25

C. Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes: 04/01/25

Attachments: [031825 - SIGNED - Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes](#)
[032525 - SIGNED - Joint Assembly School Board Meeting Minutes](#)
[040125 - SIGNED - Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes](#)

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS (MSB 2.12.082; Seven Minutes Per Person)

- 1. Reports From Cities**
- 2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District**
- 3. State of Alaska**
- 4. Library Board**

[25-066](#) Library Board Report

Attachments: [P.A.G.E.](#)

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee On School Issues**
- 2. Assembly Public Relations**

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

- 1. State/Federal Legislation**
- 2. Strategic Planning Issues**

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

E. CLERK COMMENTS

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

[25-063](#)

1. Abbreviated Plat: 03/19/25
2. Animal Care and Regulation Board: AC&R 25-04
3. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: 02/20/25
4. North Lakes Community Council: 01/30/25
5. Parks, Recreation, And Trails Advisory Board: 02/24/25
6. Platting Board: 03/06/25
7. South Colony RSA Board of Supervisors: 10/09/24, 01/08/25
8. Sutton Community Council: 04/24/24, 10/30/24, 01/29/25
9. Talkeetna Sewer & Water SSA Board of Supervisors: 03/05/25
10. Water & Wastewater Advisory Board: 12/11/24

Attachments: [04/15/25 - Citizen and Other Correspondence](#)

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

[IM 25-097](#)

Informing The Assembly Of The Dates For The Next Tax Foreclosure Sale.

Attachments: [IM 25-097](#)

[IM 25-099](#)

Informing The Assembly Of The May 3, 2025, Crevasse Moraine Trail Cleanup.

Attachments: [IM 25-099](#)

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.)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)

[OR 25-040](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$7,500 From The Mat-Su Trails And Parks Foundation To Continue The Segalhorst Trail Improvements.

RS 25-032: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Segalhorst Trail Improvements.

Attachments: [OR 25-040](#)

[RS 25-032](#)

[IM 25-071](#)

[OR 25-041](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$50,000 From The Mat-Su Trails And Parks Foundation To Begin The Design Of The Jonesville Public Use Area.
RS 25-033: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Jonesville Public Use Area.

Attachments: [OR 25-041](#)
[RS 25-033](#)
[IM 25-072](#)

[OR 25-049](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$932,200 From The Alaska State Department Of Fish And Game, Sustainable Salmon Fund For Kings Lake And Anderson Lake Fish Passage Improvements.
RS 25-037: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With The Alaska State Department Of Fish And Game For Kings Lake And Anderson Lake Fish Passage.

Attachments: [OR 25-049](#)
[RS 25-037](#)
[IM 25-085](#)

[OR 25-051](#) An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$66,663 From The Talkeetna Flood Service Area Fund Balance To The Talkeetna Flood Service Area Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget.

Attachments: [OR 25-051](#)
[IM 25-087](#)

[OR 25-052](#) An Ordinance Adopting MSB 15.24.030(B)(47), Matanuska-Susitna Borough Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

Attachments: [OR 25-052](#)
[IM 25-090](#)

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (You Can Speak Under One Of The Audience Participations On The Agenda, But Not Both; Three Minutes Per Person.)

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

[RS 25-031](#) A Resolution Directing The Manager To Subdivide Tracts 10 And 13, Alaska State Land Survey No. 80-111 (Plat No. 82-80, Palmer Recording District), To Separate The Rail Transportation Corridor And Terminal Easements Of The Point MacKenzie Rail Extension Project From The Remaining Agricultural Land, In Preparation For Future Land Disposal.

Attachments: [RS 25-031](#)
[IM 25-070](#)

[RS 25-038](#) A Resolution Approving Unincorporated Communities For Participation In The Fiscal Year 2026 Community Assistance Program.

Attachments: [RS 25-038](#)
[IM 25-088](#)

[RS 25-040](#) A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work And Budget And Extending The Timeframe For A Fill Site Project For The Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area.

Attachments: [RS 25-040](#)
[IM 25-094](#)

[RS 25-041](#) A Resolution Establishing The Minimum Level Of Funding For The Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District From Local Sources For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026.

Attachments: [RS 25-041](#)
[IM 25-095](#)

[RS 25-042](#) A Resolution Extending The Timeframe For The Emergency Services Station 12-9 Building Project.

Attachments: [RS 25-042](#)
[IM 25-096](#)

[RS 25-043](#) A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work For Port MacKenzie Deferred Maintenance Project.

Attachments: [RS 25-043](#)
[IM 25-098](#)

[RS 25-046](#) A Resolution In Support Of Ukrainian Refugees And Their Path To Permanent Residency.

Sponsors: Nowers

Attachments: [RS 25-046](#)
[IM 25-105](#)

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

[AM 25-035](#) Approval Of Utility Relocation Costs Of \$117,550 To ENSTAR Natural Gas, For The Helen Lane Project In Bogard Road Service Area No. 25, And Extending The Completion Date To December 15, 2025.

Attachments: [AM 25-035](#)

[AM 25-036](#) Approval Of Change Order No. 1 For Contract No. 25-032B With Western Construction & Equipment, LLC, To Add \$146,484 For The 2024 Talkeetna Revetment And Dike Repair Project.

Attachments: [AM 25-036](#)

[AM 25-037](#) Award Of Bid No. 25-144B To McKinley Fence Company Of Mat-Su Valley, Inc., For The Contract Amount Of \$169,596 To Supply And Install Fencing And Entrance Gate At The Central Landfill.

Attachments: [AM 25-037](#)

[AM 25-038](#) Award Of Proposal No. 25-139P To JHB Group, Inc. For The Contract Amount Of \$232,991.03 To Supply A Fire Prevention Training Trailer.

Attachments: [AM 25-038](#)

[AM 25-039](#) Award Of Proposal No. 25-095P To Nvision Architecture, Inc. For The Contract Amount Of \$2,453,338 To Design Birchtree Charter School.

Attachments: [AM 25-039](#)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. VETO

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 05/06/25 Assembly Chambers)

[OR 25-018](#) An Ordinance Conveying The Borough's Remaining Interest In The Real Property Estate Identified As Tax Id Nos. 21N05W36A002 And 21N05W36A003 To Mark And Sandra Stahl; And Implement Agricultural Covenants, Conditions, And Restrictions.

Attachments: [OR 25-018](#)
[IM 25-039](#)

[OR 25-055](#) An Ordinance Reappropriating \$150,000 From The Solid Waste Operating Fund To A Solid Waste Project Fund To Purchase And Improve Software With Automated Lane Support For The New Landfill Entrance And Scale House.
RS 25-044: A Resolution Approving The Reappropriation Of \$150,000 From The Solid Waste Operating Fund To A Solid Waste Project Fund To Purchase And Improve Software With Automated Lane Support For The New Landfill Entrance And Scale House.

Attachments: [OR 25-055](#)
[RS 25-044](#)
[IM 25-100](#)

B. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 04/22/25, At The Menard Sports Complex; 04/24/25, At The Willow Community Center; And 04/29/25, In Assembly Chambers)

[OR 25-025](#) 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, 2025, And Ending June 30, 2026; And Setting The Surcharge Rate For The Wireline And Wireless Enhanced 911 Systems For The Period Of July 1, 2025, Through June 30, 2026.

Attachments: [OR 25-025](#)

C. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

[25-064](#) Mayoral Requests For Confirmation

Attachments: [04/15/25 - Vacancy Report](#)

D. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

1. MOTION TO AMEND SOMETHING PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED (To Amend The Referral Timeframe)

[OR 25-047](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 2.08.060 And MSB 2.12.060, Compensation For The Mayor And Assembly.

Sponsors: Fonov

Attachments: [OR 25-047](#)

[IM 25-083](#)

[25-067](#) Proposed Referral Amendment

Attachments: [04/15/25 - Fonov Possible Amendment](#)

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

XI. RECONSIDERATION

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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