

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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ASSEMBLY AGENDA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025

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

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

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. Mat-Su Convention and Visitor's Bureau**

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committees**
- 2. Assembly Public Relations**

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

- 1. State/Federal Legislation**
- 2. Strategic Planning Issues**
- 3. Wolf Lake Park Feasibility Study**

[25-124](#) Feasibility Study

Attachments: [08/19/25 - Feasibility Study - Handout](#)

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

E. CLERK COMMENTS

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

- [25-120](#)
1. Big Lake Community Council: 05/13/25, 06/10/25
 2. Glacier View Community Council: 04/24/25
 3. Planning Commission: 07/21/25

Attachments: [08/19/25 - Citizen and Other Correspondence](#)

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

[IM 25-170](#) Notification Of Land Acquisition Of One Acre Adjacent To The New Gateway Visitor Center.

Attachments: [IM 25-170](#)

[IM 25-177](#) Informing The Assembly On The Submittal Of The Final Grant Report For The River Management Program Grant (14-DC-087) Awarded Through The Department Of Commerce, Community, And Economic Development.

Attachments: [IM 25-177](#)

[IM 25-179](#) Informing The Assembly Of Consent By The Matanuska-Susitna Borough To Assign Lease Of Land Operating As A Solar Farm From Renewable IPP, LLC To CleanCapital, D/B/A Energy 49, As Provided For In The Fair Market Value Lease.

Attachments: [IM 25-179](#)

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 25-079](#) An Ordinance Adopting MSB 15.24.030(C)(43), Fuller Lake, Lake Management Plan; And Amending MSB 17.59.060, Lake Management Plan Implementation.

Attachments: [OR 25-079](#)
[IM 25-143](#)

[OR 25-083](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$18,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Natural Resources, Office Of History And Archaeology, For The DePriest Family Farm National Register Nomination Project.

RS 25-069: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into The State Grant Agreement And The Agreement With The DePriest Family Trust For The DePriest Family Farm National Register Nomination Project.

Attachments: [OR 25-083](#)

[RS 25-069](#)

[IM 25-154](#)

[OR 25-086](#) An Ordinance Enacting MSB 1.10.180, Limited Health Powers From The Cities.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Attachments: [OR 25-086](#)

[IM 25-162](#)

[OR 25-087](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 5.25.044(A), Service Area No. 27: Meadow Lakes Road Service Area; And Placing On The Ballot Of The November 4, 2025, Regular Borough Election The Annexation Of Parcels Located On West Mana Naen Street, West Elvas Lane, And A Portion Of North Utopia View Circle Into The Meadow Lakes Road Service Area.

RS 25-075: A Resolution Finding The Annexation Of Parcels Located On North Mana Nael Street, West Elvas Lane, And A Portion Of North Utopia View Circle Into The Meadow Lakes Road Service Area, Serves The Public Interest; And Placing The Question Before The Voters In The November 4, 2025, Regular Election.

Sponsors: Bernier

Attachments: [OR 25-087](#)

[RS 25-075](#)

[IM 25-165](#)

[OR 25-088](#) An Ordinance Annexing All Of Lot 4A, Homestead Hills Phase 2, Into The Greater Butte Road Service Area.
RS 25-076: A Resolution Finding The Annexation Of All Of Lot 4a, Homestead Hills Phase 2, Into The Greater Butte Road Service Area Serves The Public Interest.

Sponsors: Hale

Attachments: [OR 25-088](#)
[RS 25-076](#)
[IM 25-166](#)

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 25-077](#) A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work For The Wasilla Pool Drain And Backwash Pit Repairs To Include Americans With Disabilities Act And Safety Upgrades At Recreation Facilities, Including The Purchase Of An Americans With Disabilities Compliant Pool Chair Lift, Automatic Door With Access Control, Locker Room Security Doors, And Entrance Door Crash Bars.

Attachments: [RS 25-077](#)
[IM 25-172](#)

[RS 25-078](#) A Resolution Approving The Amended Budget For Lynda Lake Portage At Beaver Lake Road And Birch Creek Tributary At Mastodon Road Fish Passage; And Approving The Time Extensions Of The Areawide Budget Appropriations For Fish Passage Birch Creek Tributary At Mastodon Road Match Fund And Fish Passage Neklason Lake At Homebuilt Circle Match Fund.

Attachments: [RS 25-078](#)
[IM 25-175](#)

[RS 25-079](#) A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budgets For Michelle Drive Bridge At Willow Creek, Lewis Loop Bridge at Fish Creek, And King Salmon Drive Bridge at Cottonwood Creek; And Approving A Time Extension Of The Areawide Budget Appropriation And Fund Balance Appropriation For The 2024 Sushana Drive At Little Susitna River Flooding Mitigation.

Attachments: [RS 25-079](#)
[IM 25-176](#)

[RS 25-081](#) A Resolution Directing The Clerk To Place Additional Information Regarding The Fuel Excise Tax In The Election Brochure For The Voters.

Sponsors: Nowers

Attachments: [RS 25-081](#)
[IM 25-183](#)

[RS 25-082](#) A Resolution To Submit An Advisory Question To The Qualified Voters Of The Borough At The November 4, 2025, Regular Borough Election To Enact A 7-Cent-Per-Gallon Motor Fuel Tax For 1.5 Years.

Sponsors: Nowers

Attachments: [RS 25-082](#)
[IM 25-184](#)

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

[AM 25-092](#) Approval Of Change Order No. 2 To The E-911 And Dispatch Services Agreement No. 16-100P, Modifying Contract Language And Increasing The Annual Cost By \$340,000 In Fiscal Year 2026 For Two Additional Dispatchers.

Attachments: [AM 25-092](#)

[AM 25-098](#) Authorization To Purchase A Tanker Fire Apparatus For The Willow/Caswell Fire Service Area No. 140 From General Fire Apparatus/Rosenbauer For The Amount Of \$626,846.

Attachments: [AM 25-098](#)

[AM 25-102](#) Award Of Bid No. 26-012B To Granite Construction Company For The Contract Amount Of \$338,032.40 To Deliver Salted Sand And Road Chips For Fiscal Year 2026 Road Maintenance, Schedule A.

Attachments: [AM 25-102](#)

[AM 25-103](#) Award Of Bid No. 26-012B To Western Construction & Equipment For The Contract Amount Of \$231,870 To Deliver Salted Sand And Road Chips For Fiscal Year 2026 Road Maintenance, Schedule B.

Attachments: [AM 25-103](#)

[AM 25-104](#) Award Of Bid No. 26-015B To Orion Construction, Inc. For The Contract Amount Of \$193,400 To Supply And Install New Crematory At Animal Care.

Attachments: [AM 25-104](#)

[AM 25-105](#) Award Of Bid No. 26-019B To K & H Civil Constructors For The Contract Amount Of \$1,296,157 For Settler's Bay Drive Pavement Preservation.

Attachments: [AM 25-105](#)

[AM 25-107](#) Award Of Bid No. 26-022B To QAP For The Contract Amount Of \$654,523 To Construct East Lakeview Road Pavement Preservation.

Attachments: [AM 25-107](#)

[AM 25-108](#) Authorization To Purchase 2010 Pierce Velocity Pumper Refurbishment Services From Hughes Fire Equipment, Inc. For The Amount Of \$1,018,973.

Attachments: [AM 25-108](#)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. VETO

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 09/02/25 Assembly Chambers)

[OR 25-091](#) An Ordinance Naming The Big Lake Facility The Big Lake Lions Recreation Center.

Sponsors: Gamble

Attachments: [OR 25-091](#)
[IM 25-174](#)

[OR 25-094](#) An Ordinance Reappropriating National Opioid Settlement Funding Totaling \$21,000 For The Department Of Emergency Services Peer Support Training Program.
RS 25-080: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Department Of Emergency Services Peer Support Training Program.

Attachments: [OR 25-094](#)
[RS 25-080](#)
[IM 25-182](#)

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

[25-121](#) Mayoral Requests for Confirmation

Attachments: [08/19/25 - Vacancy Report](#)

C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

D. 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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