

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, NOVEMBER 16, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Vern Halter.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Assemblymember Tim Hale, Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember George McKee, Assemblymember Robert Yundt, Assemblymember Mokie Tew, Assemblymember Jesse Sumner, and Assemblymember Tam Boeve

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Susan Whiton.

Mayor Halter presented framed Borough seals to Assemblymembers McKee and Boeve in recognition of their service to the Borough.

Assemblymember Boeve presented a framed Borough seal to Mayor Halter in recognition to his service to the Borough.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

[21-211](#)

A. Joint Assembly/Planning Commission Meeting: 10/12/21

B. Special Assembly Meeting: 10/19/21

C. Regular Assembly Meeting: 10/19/21

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

Mayor Edna Devries, city of Palmer, reported on the activities of the city.

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, thanked Mayor Halter and Assemblymember Boeve for their service and noted that to Governor Dunleavy is working on the budget.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee On School Issues

There was no reports provided.

2. Assembly Public Relations

There were no reports provided.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

2. Strategic Planning Issues

Mr. Brown requested a special meeting on January 11, 2022, to discuss the port.

There was no objection noted.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

There was no report provided.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie reported on the upcoming meeting schedule.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

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1. Agriculture Advisory Board: 09/15/21, Resolution No. 21-01
2. Big Lake Community Council: 09/14/21
3. Board of Adjustment and Appeals: 05/27/21, BOAA 21-04 Final Decision
4. Butte FSA Board of Supervisors: 08/25/21
5. Caswell FSA Board of Supervisors: 10/14/20, 04/21/21
6. Caswell Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: 08/04/21
7. Central Mat-Su FSA Board of Supervisors: 05/10/21, 09/13/21
8. Chase Community Council: 07/21/21, 08/03/21
9. Chickaloon Community Council: 06/14/21, 07/14/21
10. Enhanced 911 Advisory Board: 08/10/21
11. Greater Butte RSA Board of Supervisors: 07/15/21, Resolution Nos. 21-02, 21-03
12. Greater Talkeetna RSA Board of Supervisors: 08/12/21
13. Historical Preservation Commission: 05/20/21, Resolution No. 21-01
14. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: 09/16/21, Resolution No. 21-04
15. MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission: 09/23/21
16. Meadow Lakes Community Council: 08/11/21
17. Meadow Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: Resolution No. 21-01
18. North Lakes Community Council: 05/27/21, 09/30/21
19. Planning Commission: 10/04/21, Resolution Nos. 21-22, 21-27
20. Platting Board: 08/05/21
21. South Colony RSA Board of Supervisors: 08/12/21, Resolution No. 21-003
22. Susitna Community Council: 08/05/21
23. Talkeetna Community Council: 09/07/21, 10/04/21, 10/24/21, 11/01/21
24. Tanaina Community Council: 09/28/21

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

- [IM 21-221](#) Reporting The Conclusion Of Contract For Bid 20-101B With Collins Construction, Inc. For A Final Contract Amount Of \$4,110,577.10 For The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Public Safety Building 6-1 Renovation And Addition.
- [IM 21-224](#) Reporting The Conclusion Of Contract For Bid 21-090B With CYS Enterprises, LLC. For A Final Contract Amount Of \$848,055 For The Houston Middle School Demolition.
- [IM 21-230](#) Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 21-111B With Roger Hickel Contracting, Inc. For Shirley Towne Bridge Repair Project.
- [IM 21-231](#) Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 21-168B With Alaska Diversified Contractors, LLC. For Construction Of Cell 4 Gas Collection System Project.
- [IM 21-233](#) Reporting The Conclusion Of Contract For Bid 21-011B With Northern Asphalt Construction, Inc. For A Final Contract Amount Of \$365,740.27 For Alix Drive Improvements.
- [IM 21-234](#) Reporting The Conclusion Of Contract For Bid 21-031B With Northern Asphalt Construction, Inc. For A Final Contract Amount Of \$386,038.72 For The Birch Lake Drive, Simms Road, and Spruce Court Improvements Project.
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.)

There were no persons to be heard.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)

[OR 21-095](#)

An Ordinance Creating East Dille Avenue Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 623, 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.

Mr. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Hale moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-095.

The motion failed by the following vote:

- No:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumnerand Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 21-096](#)

An Ordinance Creating East Grizzly Bear Drive Road Paving Local Improvement District No. 626, 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.

Mr. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Hale moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-096.

The motion failed by the following vote:

No: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,
Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt,
Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumnerand
Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 21-097](#)

An Ordinance Creating Tolson Avenue And Elkins Street Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 634, 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.

Mr. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter 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. 21-097.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,
Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt,
Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumnerand
Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 21-103](#)

An Ordinance Approving The Addition Of A Regular, Full-Time, Fire Service Area Assistant For The Willow And Caswell Fire Service Areas; And Approving A Supplemental Appropriation Of \$54,615 From Both The Willow And Caswell Fire Service Areas Fund Balance Accounts To Their Respective Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budgets, For Wages And Benefits For The New Position For The Period January 1, 2022, To June 30, 2022.

Mr. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Brian Davis, FSA Deputy Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-103.

Assemblymember Boeve moved to amend Ordinance Serial No. 21-103 and IM No. 21-201 by striking "\$54,615" and inserting in its place "\$27,307.50" throughout the legislation.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumnerand Assemblymember Boeve

The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumnerand Assemblymember Boeve

No: 1 - Assemblymember McKee

[OR 21-105](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating An Additional \$100,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services, To Provide Financial Assistance To The Borough For COVID-19 Vaccine Support Services.

RS 21-107: A Resolution Approving The Extended Timeframe And Revised Budget For The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services Grant, To Provide Financial Assistance To The Borough For COVID-19 Vaccine Support Services.

Mr. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-105 and Resolution Serial No. 21-107.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

[OR 21-106](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$50,000 From The Palmer Volunteer Fire Association For Improvements To The Driveway And Parking Pad For Greater Palmer Fire Service Area Station 3-3 Located On Lazy Mountain.

RS: 21-112: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Improvements To The Driveway And Parking Pad For Greater Palmer Fire Service Area Station 3-3 Located On Lazy Mountain.

Mr. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Nowers moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-106 and Resolution Serial No. 21-112.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumnerand Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 21-107](#)

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 21-113: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into The Grant Agreement For The 2024 Arctic Winter Games.

Mr. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-107 and Resolution Serial No. 21-113.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,
Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt,
Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumnerand
Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 21-108](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$156,030 From The Matanuska-Susitna Convention And Visitors Bureau For The Gateway Visitors Center.

RS 21-114: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Gateway Visitors Center.

Mr. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-108 and Resolution Serial No. 21-114.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,
Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt,
Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumnerand
Assemblymember Boeve

[RS 21-115](#)

A Resolution Approving A List Of Potential Federally Funded Infrastructure Projects.

Mr. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mr. Mike Brown, Borough Manager, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in opposition to the Herman>Showers Road extension: Mr. Mike Klawitter, Ms. Barbara Gerard, Ms. Rachael Gerard, Mr. Austin Grimes, Mr. Joe Gerard, Mr. Gerald Melbrick, Mr. Dustin Renner, Mr. Don Sakis, Ms. Bev Sakis, Ms. Jessica Drummond, Mr. Robert Beck, Mr. Brian Endle, Mr. Steve Renner, Mr. Charles Renner, Ms. Serena Smith, Ms. Ivy Bingham, Mr. Anthony Drano, Mr. Paul Kaventey, Ms. Becky Hine, and Mr. Brian Griver.

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

Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 21-115.

Assemblymember Boeve moved to amend Resolution Serial No. 21-115 and IM 21-220 as follows:

1. "Bridges and Culvers" project list by striking No. 13, "Wade Drive Bridge - #1 million" and inserting in its place: "Lynx Lake Bridge Replacement and Lake Road to condition that allows bridge construction equipment to reach the bridge site then replace the substandard bridge with a new bridge eliminating weight restrictions,"

2. "Bridges and Culvers" section, by inserting a new No. 14 to read: "Yoder Road Bridge Replacement and Bridge Access Improvements - \$4.5 million. The Yoder Road Bridge was designed and constructed in the early 1940's for the ALCAN road project. It was repurposed in the 1980's to bridge Montana Creek on Yoder Road. The bridge is now nearly 80 years old, has been repaired a number of times for structural damage and has a wooden deck that needs to be replaced approximately every ten years. Te project would improve Yoder Road access to and from the bridge, provide stream bank protection around the bridge abutments and replace the bridge;" and

3. to renumber the remaining sections in bridges and culvers

accordingly.

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumnerand Assemblymember Boeve

Assemblymember Tew moved to amend Resolution No. 21-115 and IM No. 21-220, "Roads, Rail and Port Projects" section, "5. Port MacKenzie Natural Gas Line - \$25,000,000." By striking the project estimated of \$25,000,000 and inserting "14,000,000" in its place throughout the legislation.

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumnerand Assemblymember Boeve

Assemblymember Nowers moved to amend Resolution No. 21-115 and IM No. 21-220, "Safe Routes to Schools," by striking \$2.5 million and inserting \$5 million in it's place throughout the legislation.

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumnerand Assemblymember Boeve

Assemblymember Nowers moved to amend Resolution No. 21-115 and IM NO. 21-220, Drinking Water and Wastewater, as follows:

- 1. by inserting the following project after "Visitor Restroom Facilities" BOGARD WATER BOOSTER STATION - \$2,300,000 - Access to safe, reliable drinking water and fire protection water is a key and essential component in the continued development of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough COre Area. The City of Palmer has been working to extend water service to portions of the COre aArea within its utility service are since 2004. The Bogard Booster project is critical to providing needed drinking water and fire protection water along the Bogard Road corridor and the Colony Middle School and Colony High School complex. In 2015, approximately 12,000 linear feet of 18-inch water main was installed along Bogard Road as part of the Bogard Road Water Extension Projects. The water main connects to the existing Palmer Water rSystem near Palmer's Reservoir 1 (located of Scott Road) and ends west of 49th State Street at Colony High SWchool. The water main crosses from a lower pressure zone to a higher-pressure zone just east of Arabian Lane, and therefore requires a booster station to increase the pressure to serve Zone 3. Until the Booster Station is complete, the water mail along Bogard Road will remain disconnected; and**
- 2. renumber the remaining projects accordingly.**

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumnerand Assemblymember Boeve

Assemblymember Nowers moved to amend Resolution No. 21-115 and IM No. 21-220 "Roads, Rail and Port Projects" as follows:

- 1. by inserting a new project after "Substandard Roads and Bridges", "Inner-Outer Springer Loop Pathway - \$1 million. The project would provide a valuable connection between two existing pathways, one adjacent of the Glenn Highway and the other adjacent to Cope Industrial Way in the heavily populated area surrounding Palmer near the Alaska State Fairgrounds. This segment of Inner and Outer Springer Loop has minimal road shoulders, but is heavily used by pedestrians and bicyclist during many times of the year. This project will increase the safety of these residents and visitors by removing them from the vehicle travel lanes;" and**
- 2. renumbering the remaining sections accordingly.**

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

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

The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

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

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)

The following person spoke running for United States Senate seat: Mr. Huhnkie Lee.

The following persons spoke to appreciation of Mayor Halter and Assemblymember Boeve for their service: Ms. Cheryl Newsome, Mr. Ken Anderson, Mr. Steve Charles, Mr. Harry Banks, Ms. Ruth Woods, and Mr. John Strassenburg.

The following person spoke in opposition of the Burma Road trail underpass: Ms. Kelly Dixson.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

[RS 21-117](#) A Resolution Establishing Dates Certain For Payment, Delinquency, Protest, And Appeal Of 2022 Regular Assessment And Tax Rolls, And Business Inventory Filing; And For The Commencement Of Hearings Before The Board Of Equalization.

[RS 21-120](#) A Resolution Reinstating Free Disposal Of Limited Amounts Of Residential Hazardous Waste At The Central Landfill For Motor Oil, Latex Paint, Vehicle Batteries, Antifreeze, And Cooking Oil.

Sponsors: Sumner

[RS 21-121](#) A Resolution Amending The Budget For Clapp/Mack Road Extension: Wasilla Sports Center To Knik Goose Bay Road (Wasilla) Improvements Project And The Felton Street Extension Project.

[RS 21-127](#) A Resolution Authorizing Participation In And Submission Of An Application Under The Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Community Development Block Grant Program For Grant Funds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$850,000 For The Mat-Su Senior Services Housing Rehabilitation Project.

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

[AM 21-108](#) Authorization To Purchase From Government Computer Sales In The Amount Of \$182,829 Fiscal Year 2022 Computer Replacements Under The National Association Of State Procurement Officials Agreement.

- [AM 21-109](#) Approval Of Contract Amendment To Contract No. 21-180P With CRW Engineering Group, LLC. To Extend The Completion Date For The Septage Treatment And Disposal Facility Feasibility Study To September 30, 2022.
- [AM 21-110](#) Award Of Bid No. 22-052B To Northern Asphalt Construction, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$447,445.50 For West Cormorant Way Road Improvements.
- [AM 21-111](#) Approval Of Contract Extension For Bid 21-143B With Mechanical Specialists Inc. For A Final Completion Date Of December 31, 2021, For The Public Safety Building 6-5 Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Upgrades Project.
- [AM 21-112](#) Approval Of Contract Extension For Bid 21-015B With Roger Hickel Contracting, Inc. For A Final Completion Date Of June 30, 2022, For The Willow Library Construction And Community Center Upgrades.
- [AM 21-113](#) Approval Of Contract Extension For Bid 21-105B With Steppers Construction Company For A Final Completion Date Of August 1, 2022; And A Substantial Completion Date Of June 30, 2022, For The Julie Marie And Morgan Circle Improvements Project.
- [AM 21-114](#) Approval Of Contract Extension For Bid 21-123B With Western Construction & Equipment, LLC. For A Final Completion Date Of August 15, 2022; And A Substantial Completion Date Of July 1, 2022, For The Michigan Street And Lakeshore Circle Improvements Project.
- [AM 21-115](#) Approval Of Contract Extension For Bid 21-109B With Granite Construction Co. For A Final Completion Date Of September 30, 2022; And A Substantial Completion Date Of August 15, 2022, For The Sunset Drive Improvements Project.
- [AM 21-116](#) Award Of Proposal No. 22-039P To Architects Alaska, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$542,593.58 To Design The New Palmer Emergency Services Facility.

[AM 21-117](#) Award Of Proposal 22-046P To Respec Company, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$148,877 To Design Central Landfill Road Access Improvements.

Ms. McKechnie read the consent agenda into the record.

Assemblymember Boeve 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 Boeve

[RS 21-128](#) A Resolution Directing The Borough Fish And Wildlife Commission To Become More Involved Regarding Issues Of Wildlife And Provide Quarterly Reports To The Assembly In 2022.

Sponsors: McKee

Ms. McKechnie read Resolution Serial No. 21-128 into the record.

Assemblymember McKee moved to approve Resolution Serial No. 21-128.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew and Assemblymember Sumner

No: 3 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers and Assemblymember Boeve

[AM 21-105](#) Award of Bid No. 22-040B to Valley General Construction, LLC. In the contract amount of \$616,621 For Muskrat Street, Fox Avenue, Mink Street, Musk Ox Street, and Marten Avenue Road Improvements.

Ms. McKechnie read AM 21-105 into the record.

Assemblymember Tew moved to approve AM 21-105.

Assemblymember Sumner called the question to stop debate.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

The main motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Nowers and Assemblymember

No: 5 - Assemblymember ~~Haley~~ Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew and
Assemblymember Sumner

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[OR 21-040](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 2.08.060(A), Compensation For The Mayor.

Sponsors: McKee

Meeting went into Recess at 8:52 p.m. and Reconvened at 8:58 p.m.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

**MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember McKee moved to adopt
Ordinance Serial No. 21-040.**

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

**Assemblymember McKee moved to postpone Ordinance Serial
No. 21-040 to the December 21, regular meeting.**

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

IX. VETO

There were no vetoes presented.

X. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 12/07/21, Assembly Chambers)

[OR 21-109](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A Grant From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management For Equipment And Training.

RS 21-118: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management Grant For Equipment And Training.

[OR 21-110](#) An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$574,786 From The Areawide Fund Balance, For Bridge And Railroad Crossing Major Maintenance And Repair; And The Dust Control Program (50 Percent Road Service Area Construction/50 Percent Dust Control).

[OR 21-111](#) An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation From The Willow Fire Service Area Fund Balance To An Existing Project For An Underground Water Tank, Paving, And A Gravel Pad At Willow Station 12-5.

RS 21-119: A Resolution Approving The Amended Budget For An Underground Water Tank, Paving, And A Gravel Pad At Willow Station 12-5.

[OR 21-112](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 15.08.010 (C), Compensation Of The Planning Commission; And Amending MSB 43.10.030(A), Compensation Of The Platting Board, Based On The Commission On Salaries And Emoluments Recommending An Increase To The Per Meeting Compensation For Both Boards.

Sponsors: Sumner

[OR 21-113](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$10,000,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Commerce, Community, And Economic Development For Pavement Rehabilitation Through The Mat-Su Population Corridor.

RS 21-122: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget, And Authorizing The Borough Manager To Enter Into The Grant Agreement For Pavement Rehabilitation Through The Mat-Su Population Corridor.

[OR 21-114](#)

An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.08.220, Solicitation And Acceptance Of Bids; and MSB 3.08.260, Competitive Sealed Proposals; Negotiated Procurement.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Boeve moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and to set the public hearings for December 7, 2021.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

[21-216](#)

Mayoral Requests for Confirmation
Agriculture Advisory Board
Cody Beus
Jozef Slowik
Aviation Advisory Board
Adrian Abrams
Board of Adjustments and Appeals
Tina Crawford
Board of Equalization
James Young
Commission on Salaries & Emoluments
Jessica Viera
Enhanced 911 Advisory Board
Brent Johnson, Resignation
Health & Social Services Board
Mary Hoyle
Historical Preservation Commission
Kevin Toothaker
Library Board
Susan Pougher
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Kevin Munson
Kenneth Hudson
Cathi Kramer
Michael Chmielewski
MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission
Mike Wood
Larry Engel
Howard Delo
Tam Boeve, Resignation
Jesse Sumner
Jim Sykes
Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board
Patricia Owens
Roy Wahl
Ruth Wood
Platting Board
Pio Cottini
Caswell FSA
Cheryl Newsome
Central Mat-Su FSA
James Steele
Grater Palmer Consolidated FSA
Ted Stuff

Talkeetna FSA
Louis Farina
West Lakes FSA
Cathi Kramer
Willow FSA
Michael Jonrowe
Bogard RSA
Jennifer Noffke
Caswell Lakes RSA
Randall Kowalke
Gold Trail RSA
Micah Schoming
Greater Butte RSA
Lucy Klebesadel
Greater Talkeetna RSA
Robert Gerlach
Greater Willow RSA
Todd Smoldon
Meadow Lakes RSA
Camden Yehle
North Colony RSA
Barbara Gerard

Assemblymember Boeve moved to confirm the appointments and resignations requested by the Mayor.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumnerand Assemblymember Boeve

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.

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Brown thanked Mayor Halter and Assemblymembers Boeve and McKee for their service.

Mr. Spiropoulos thanked Mayor Halter and Assemblymembers Boeve and McKee for their service.

Ms. McKechnie noted that it is always hard to say goodbye to someone you have worked with for a long period of time. Thanked Mayor Halter and Assemblymembers Boeve and McKee for their service.

Assemblymember McKee suggested the Borough get more involved with the community. Thanked everyone for helping when he asked for it.

Assemblymember Nowers thanked Mayor Halter and Assemblymembers Boeve and McKee for their service.

Assemblymember Sumner thanked Mayor Halter and Assemblymembers Boeve and McKee for their service.

Assemblymember Yundt thanked Mayor Halter and Assemblymembers Boeve and McKee for their service.

Assemblymember Tew thanked Mayor Halter and Assemblymembers Boeve and McKee for their service.

Assemblymember Hale thanked Mayor Halter and Assemblymembers Boeve and McKee for their service.

Assemblymember Boeve relayed her reason for entering politics and enjoyed the time she served.

Mayor Halter thanked Borough staff for all the hard work they do everyday and expressed how much he enjoyed serving.

Assemblymember Boeve moved to extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (For Matters, Which The Immediate Public Knowledge Of Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Borough; And Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Kept Confidential; And To Discuss Matters Involving Consideration Of Borough Records That By Law Are Not Subject To Public Disclosure; And Discussion Of Matters Subject To Attorney/Client Privilege.)

Meeting went into Recess

Meeting Reconvened

A. Potential Litigation Regarding The 2021 State Redistricting Plan

Assemblymember Boeve moved to enter into executive session, for matters, which the immediate public knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the borough; and matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be kept confidential; and to discuss matters involving consideration of borough records that by law are not subject to public disclosure; and discussion of matters subject to attorney/client privilege. Specifically, to discuss potential litigation regarding the 2021 state redistricting Plan. Those present in the executive session will be the Mayor, the Assembly, the Manager, the Deputy Manager, the Attorney, the Clerk, Ms. DeVries, and Mr. Bernier.

The motion passed and the Assembly entered into executive session at 9:30 p.m.

Assemblymember Boeve moved to exit executive session.

The motion passed without objection and the Assembly exited executive session at 10:23 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

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EDNA DEVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 12/07/21