# 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
Dmitri Fonov, District 6
Ron Bernier, District 7

# **MEETING MINUTES**

# ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS 350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, 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:** 5 - Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Dee

McKee, Assemblymember Robert Yundt, Assemblymember

Mokie Tew, and Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov

Excused: 1 - Assemblymember Tim Hale

**Telephonic:** 1 - Assemblymember Ron Bernier

# III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

#### IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by former Senator Bill Stoltze.

#### V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

There were no minutes presented.

#### VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

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## 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

There was no report provided.

#### **B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## 1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee On School Issues

There was no report provided.

## 2. Assembly Public Relations

There were no reports provided.

#### C. MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Brown reported that the 15th Annual Mat-Su Emergency Preparedness Expo will be held at the Menard Memorial Sports Center on Saturday, September 30, 2023 from 10am to 3pm.

## 1. State/Federal Legislation

## 2. Strategic Planning Issues

#### D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

There was no report provided.

#### E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule and pertinent election dates.

## F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

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23-093 1. Abbreviated Plat: 07/12/23

2. Big Lake Community Council: 05/23/23, 06/13/23

3. Butte Fire Service Area Board of Directors: 04/13/23

4. Chase Community Council: 04/19/23, 06/14/23

5. Fishhook Community Council: 06/05/23

6. Greater Talkeetna RSA Board of Supervisors: 06/08/23

7. Midway RSA Board of Supervisors: 02/23/23, 07/12/23

8. North Lakes Community Council: 04/27/23, 05/25/23

9. Platting Board: 05/18/23, 06/01/23

10. Port Commission: 04/17/23

11. South Colony RSA Board of Supervisors: 04/12/23

12: Susitna Community Council: 05/04/23

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

#### G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

IM 23-166 Reporting Conclusion Of Contract No. 22-141B With Western Construction And Equipment LLC. For The Aurora Hills Drive, Hickory Street Project.

IM 23-167 Reporting Conclusion Of Contract No. 22-133B with Western Construction And Equipment, LLC. For a Total Contract Amount Of \$685,754.38 For The Viking Road, Arlie Road, Lost Valley Road Improvements Project.

IM 23-168 Reporting Conclusion Of Contract No. 22-123B With Valley General Construction, LLC. For A Total Contract Amount Of \$809,129.88 For The East Wolverine Avenue, East Porcupine Avenue, And East Beaver Avenue Project.

IM 23-169 Reporting Conclusion Of Contract No. 22-114B With Tutka LLC. For A Total Contract Amount Of \$645,084.05 For The Point Mackenzie Area Roads Earthquake Repairs Project.

Image: Image: Informing The Assembly Of The Right-Of-Way Acquisition Of Borough-Owned Land For A Temporary Construction Easement Valued At \$800 By Alaska State Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities For Seward Meridian Parkway Reconstruction, Phase II.

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- IM 23-171 Informing The Assembly Of The Manager Entering Into An All Cash Purchase Agreement With A Lessee To Purchase By Application The Alaska Division Of Lands Lease No. 050688, For The Fee Simple Estate Of Borough-Owned Lands.
- IM 23-172 Informing The Assembly Of A Grant Amendment To Be Presented To The Borough Manager For Signature, For The Houston Middle School Improvement Project.
- Im 23-174 Informing The Assembly Of The Manager Entering Into A Land Lease Agreement For A 5-Year Term And Allow Lessee The Option To Purchase The Fee Simple Estate Of The Land.

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.)**

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OR 23-061

An Ordinance Reappropriating \$839,075 From The Government Peak Recreation Area Parking Lot Project To The Gateway Visitor Center Project; And The State And Federal Grant Match Account.

RS 23-066: A Resolution Rescoping \$250,000 From The Government Peak Recreation Area Parking Lot Project For Use On The Jay Nolfi Park Project And Approving The Scopes Of Work And Budgets For The Gateway Visitor Center Project; And The State And Federal Grant Match Account.

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 Yundt moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 23-061 and Resolution Serial No. 23-066.

## The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

OR 23-067 An Ordinance Amending MSB 2.08.040 To Clarify And Update The Mayor's Appointment Powers.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mr Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney, 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 Yundt moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 23-067.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

OR 23-070

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$311,052 From The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services For The Provision Of Critically Needed Essential Health And Social Services.

RS 23-077: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Human Services Community Matching Grant Program And Allocating Funding To Non-Profit Sub-Grantees For The Provision Of Critically Needed Essential Health And Social Services.

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 Yundt moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 23-070 and Resolution Serial No. 23-077.

## The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

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OR 23-072 An Ordinance Amending Portions Of Title 25, Elections.

**Sponsors:** DeVries

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. McKechnie, Borough Clerk, 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 Yundt moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 23-072.

Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 23-072 by inserting a new section 25.30.020 (C), to read "No partisan or nonpartisan political activity, or any other activity which, in the judgment of the Borough Clerk, may directly or indirectly interfere with the orderly conduct of the election, shall be permitted in, on, or within 200 feet of any entrance to the building used as a polling or vote counting place. "political activity" in this section includes without limitation, any activity intended to persuade a person to vote for or against any candidate or measure or to desist from voting."

## The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier
The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

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OR 23-073

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating 2018 November Cook Inlet Earthquake Disaster Monies From The Federal Emergency Management Agency And The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management.

RS 23-079: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For 2018 November Cook Inlet Earthquake Disaster Relief Monies.

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 Yundt moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 23-073 and Resolution Serial No. 23-079.

## The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

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OR 23-075

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating 2022 January Mat-Su Windstorm Disaster Relief Funds In The Amount Of \$14,025 From The Federal Emergency Management Agency And \$4,675 From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management.

RS 23-080: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Brett Memorial Ice Area Locker Room Building Roof Repairs

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided a staff report.

Caused By The 2022 January Mat-Su Windstorms Disaster.

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 Yundt moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 23-075 and Resolution Serial No. 23-080.

## The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

OR 23-076 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$188,866.80 From A Judgment In The Boroughs Favor For Community Cleanup And Abatement Of Junk And Trash Issues.

RS 23-084: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Community Cleanup And Abatement Of Junk And Trash Issues.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mr. Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney, 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 Yundt moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 23-076 and Resolution Serial No. 23-084.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

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OR 23-077

An Ordinance Relating To The Construction, Additions, Improvements, Betterments, Repair, Reconstruction, Or Acquisition Of Public Roads And Pathways And Facilities Related Thereto In The Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Together With All Necessary Equipment And Transportation Facilities Including Improving School Access, And The Acquisition Of Lands Or Rights In Lands In Connection Therewith; And A Debt Of The Borough, Authorizing The Issuance Of Areawide General Obligation Bonds Of The Borough In An Amount Not To Exceed The Sum Of \$65,085,710 To Finance The Cost, In Whole Or In Part, Of Such Public Roads, Facilities, And Lands, And Submitting The Proposition To The Voters At The November 7, 2023, Regular Borough Election.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Tom Adams, Public Works 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 Yundt moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 23-077.

Assemblymember Yundt moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 23-077 by correcting names of the following listed projects to be consistent with their respective TIP23 designations and have staff update each project description in the IM to match as follows:

- \* Striking "Burma Road Reconstruction Phase 1 Ayrshire Avenue to Moore Road" and inserting in its place "Burma Road Reconstruction - Ayrshire Avenue to Moore Road"; and
- \* Striking "King Arthur Drive Phase 1: Parks Highway to No Name Hill Drive" and inserting in its place "King Arthur Drive Reconstruction: Parks Highway to No Name Hill Drive"; and
- \* Striking "Yoder Road Reconstruction MP 0 4" and inserting in its place "Yoder Road Reconstruction: Talkeetna Spur to Southfork Road".

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

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Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier
Assemblymember Tew moved a primary amendment to
Ordinance Serial No. 23-077 by inserting the following project
to the project list "Jolly Creek Drainage Improvement in the
amount of \$1,953,000" and direct staff to add a project
description.

## The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier
Assemblymember Tew moved a primary amendment to
Ordinance Serial No. 23-077 by inserting the following project
to the project list "West Lakes Boulevard Big Lake Trail No. 1
Separated Crossing in the amount of \$2,750,000" and direct
staff to add a project description.

# The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier
Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment to
Ordinance Serial No. 23-077 by inserting the following project
to the project list "Inner-Outer Springer Loop Pathway in the
amount of \$2,385,000" and direct staff to add a project
description.

## The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

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Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 23-077 by inserting the following listed projects for pavement rehabilitation and have staff update each project description in the IM to match as follows:

- \* Inserting "Tait Drive (Bogard to Seldon) in the amount of \$548,000"; and
- \* Inserting "Earl Drive, Eek Street (Bogard Road to Finger Lake Elementary) in the amount of \$493,000"; and
- \* Inserting "Gershmel Loop (Fireweed Road to Fireweed Road) in the amount of \$647,000".

# The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier
Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment to
Ordinance Serial No. 23-077 by inserting the following project
"School Site Traffic and Safety Improvements: Finger lake
Elementary School in the amount of \$1,484,000" and direct
staff to add a project description.

## The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

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(The meeting recessed at 7:22 p.m. and reconvened at 7:36 p.m.) Assemblymember Yundt moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 23-077 as follows:

\*Updating the title by striking "Burma Road Reconstruction Ayrshire Avenue to Moore Road" and inserting in its place "Burma Road Upgrades and Improvements."

\*Amending the description to read "improve Burma Road including, drainage, signage, paving, widening structural improvements and realignment"; and

\*Striking the length and the table in the current description.

#### The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier
Assemblymember Yundt moved a primary amendment to
Ordinance Serial No. 23-077 by:

- \* amending in the title of the ballot to read " Fifty Percent Match Borough Transportation Systems Bonds."
- \* amending all costs by reducing the amounts by fifty percent except the issuance cost;
- \* amending the first paragraph " this proposition authorizes the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to build the transportation systems projects listed below and issue bonds in the amount \$ 38,710,000 which is fifty percent (50%) of the cost of the projects." ;and
- \* inserting at the end of the ballot proposition "This is the amount of the Borough's bond contribution for the above projects. Bonds may not be issued to pay costs of a project unless matching funds of fifty percent (50%) for that project are received from sources other than the bonds."

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

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**Yes:** 5 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**No:** 1 - Assemblymember Nowers

Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment to amend Ordinance Serial No. 23-077 by inserting the following project to the project list "Big Lake Boat Launch Access and Parking Lot Reconstruction in the amount of \$ 161,000." and direct staff to add a project description.

# The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

- **Yes:** 4 Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier
- No: 2 Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember Yundt The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:
- Yes: 6 Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
  Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
  Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

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

The following person spoke to concerns with speeders on Wilmington drive and requested speed humps: Larry Macintosh.

The following persons spoke to concerns with pornographic books in Borough libraries and concerns with librarians' authority: Jackie GoForth and Karen Lewis.

The following person spoke to concerns with the animal control shelter policy for volunteers: James Walker.

The following person spoke to water body setbacks and noted her support for an advisory board: Jenn Holt.

#### D. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. RESOLUTIONS
- 2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

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| AM 23-077 | Request To Vacate Approximately 22,680 Square Feet Of East Edgerton Parks Road Right-Of-Way Lying West Of North Russet Road, Located In Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 01 West.                         |
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| AM 23-078 | Authorization To Purchase From Government Computer Sales In<br>The Amount Of \$154,746, Fiscal Year 2024 Computer<br>Replacements Under The National Association Of State<br>Procurement Officials Agreement. |
| AM 23-079 | Award Of Bid No. 24-004B To US Ecology Alaska, LLC. For The Contract Amount Of \$136,184 To Provide Household Hazmat Transportation And Disposal Services.  |
| AM 23-080 | Award Of Bid No. 24-014B To McKenna Brothers Paving, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$613,064.50 To Pave The Moose Park Subdivision And South Marina Circle; And Construct Speed Humps On Copper Creek.       |
| AM 23-081 | Award Of Proposal No. 23-110P To Tischlerbise, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$104,968 For Land Use Fiscal Analysis And Comprehensive Plan Support.  |
| AM 23-082 | Award Of Contract No. 24-011C To MCG Explore Design In The Contract Amount Of \$303,716 To Provide Construction Administration Services For Mat-Su Central School Construction.                               |
| AM 23-084 | Award Of Bid No. 23-118B To F-E Contracting, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$22,829,128.00 To Construct Mat-Su Central School.   |
| AM 23-085 | Approval To Extend Final Completion Date Of Contract No. 21-142P With Kinney Engineering, LLC. For Design Services for The Felton Street Extension Project.   |
| AM 23-086 | Approval To Extend Final Completion Date Of Contract No. 22-094P With The Boutet Company, Inc. To November 15, 2023, For Construction Management Services For The Felton Street Extension Project.            |

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AM 23-087 Approval To Extend Final Completion Date Of Contract No. 22-134B To October 31, 2023 With Pruhs Construction Company, LLC. For Felton Street Extension Project.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Yundt moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the Clerk.

## The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

AWard Of Bid No. 24-024C To Craig Taylor Equipment Company In The Contract Amount Of \$117,316.91 To Purchase A Compact Track Loader.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Tew moved to adopt AM No. 23-083.

## The motion passed by the following vote:

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

No: 2 - Assemblymember Tew, 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 August 15, 2023 Assembly Chambers)

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OR 23-071 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$33,300 In Anticipated Project Income During Fiscal Year 2024 For The Rail Extension Project From Port MacKenzie To The Mainline.

RS 23-078: A Resolution Establishing The Scope Of Work And Budget For Anticipated Project Income During Fiscal Year 2024 For The Rail Extension Project From Port MacKenzie To The Mainline.

OR 23-078

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A Grant In The Amount Of \$44,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services, For The Continued Management Of Points Of Dispensing And Medical Countermeasures.

RS: 23-087: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For A Grant In The Amount Of \$44,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services, For The Continued Management Of Points Of Dispensing And Medical Countermeasures.

OR 23-079 An Ordinance Establishing An Advisory Board To Review And Make Recommendations To The Assembly Regarding Water Body Setbacks.

**Sponsors:** DeVries and Borough Manager

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Yundt moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and to set the public hearings for August 15, 2023.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

#### B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

#### 1. VACANCY REPORT

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# 23-094 Mayoral Requests for Confirmation

MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission Resignation of Mike Wood

Assemblymember Yundt moved to confirm the resignation requested by the Mayor.

## The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

#### C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. Motion to Rescind - Assemblymember McKee

RS 23-041 A Resolution Authorizing The Borough Manager To Solicit Bids For The Long Lake Road Salvage Timber Harvest.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember McKee moved to rescind Resolution Serial No. 23-041.

## The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

# 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.

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#### XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember Nowers spoke to oil price changes and the impact on Borough's funding for Borough capital projects.

Assemblymember Yundt spoke to oil price changes and the impact on funding for Borough capital projects. Spoke to citizens concerns with speeding, suggested solar-powered speed limit signs and requested staff look into the cost. Spoke to citizen concerns with the animal control shelter and the shelters budget. Noted his appreciation of Ms. Holt's comments on the water body advisory board and spoke to the administrative process.

Mr. Brown noted that he is not interested in expanding the existing scope of operations for road maintenance. Spoke to the Borough construction project contract award and the next steps in the award process with the School Board and Assembly. Spoke to the general process for requesting speed-calming measures. Spoke to the Port Mackenzie Rail as a road and discussions with the State and Alaska Department of Transportation. Spoke to the Animal Care Shelter budget. Gave an overview of the upcoming Special Assembly Meeting on August 8 regarding community clean-up discussions.

Assemblymember Mckee spoke to her reasons for the motion to rescind the Long Lake Road Salvage Timer Harvest. Spoke to the importance of speed calming measures. Commented on concerns from Animal Care volunteers.

Assemblymember Bernier thanked everyone for coming and said a prayer.

Mayor DeVries spoke to the Wasilla Chamber presentation by the Directors regarding Borough projects and thanked the directors for attending.

#### XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

#### XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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