

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on January 24, 2017, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Vern Halter.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Jim Sykes, Assembly District No. 1  
Mr. Matthew Beck, Assembly District No. 2 (*Deputy Mayor*)  
Mr. George McKee, Assembly District No. 3  
Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4  
Mr. Dan Mayfield, Assembly District No. 5  
Ms. Barbara Doty, Assembly District No. 6 (*arrived at 6:03 p.m.*)  
Mr. Randall Kowalke, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk  
Mr. John Moosey, Borough Manager  
Mr. George Hays, Assistant Borough Manager  
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney  
Ms. Jessica Kilborn, Deputy Borough Clerk  
Mr. Jude Bilafer, Capital Projects Director  
Ms. Barb Baumgartner, Comptroller  
Mr. Terrance Dolan, Public Works Director  
Mr. Ken Barkley, FSA Deputy Director  
Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director  
Mr. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director  
Mr. Marc Van Dongen, Port Director

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Halter inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Marc Van Dongen, Port Director.

**V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS**

A. Regular Assembly Meeting: 01/10/17

Mayor Halter inquired if there were any changes/corrections to the regular meeting minutes of January 10, 2017.

Ms. McKechnie advised that the following amendment to Resolution Serial No. 17-001 passed and was inadvertently left out of the minutes.

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 17-001, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) by adding a project to the priority projects lists, as No. 11, Community Transportation Program, page 11 of the index and page 14 of the narrative, as follows:

- in the index to read: Lake Louise Road; and
- in the narrative to read: The only road to Lake Louise Road is 20 miles long off of Glenn Highway, Mile Post 159, providing access for residents and many visitors who come from all over for recreation winter and summer. The road has had continuous damage, accelerated since the late fall of 2015, which resulted in serious frost heaved far worse than usual. Serious safety hazards affect all drivers including loss of equipment to trailers. Last year, the Alaska State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, made some patches in the worst places, but many other similar bad spots remain unrepaired.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection to adding the amendment.

There was no objection noted.

GENERAL CONSENT: The minutes were approved as amended without objection.

**VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Reports from cities

Wasilla City

Mayor Bert Cottle reported on the activities of the City.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

*(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

1. State/Federal Legislation
2. Strategic Planning Issues
3. Rail Freight Transportation Study

Mr. Jim Calvin, McDowell Group, provided a presentation on the Rail Freight Transportation Study being used for grant purposes.

Mr. Moosey:

- noted that Mr. Harris, Borough Lobbyist, was in Juneau and would observe the legislative session, paying particular attention to those issues affecting the Borough;
- announced upcoming travel:
  - the second week of February to Astoria, Oregon to observe their sawmill operations, as it related to local Borough timber opportunities;
  - the third week of February to Juneau, to meet with Governor Walker; and
  - potential travel in April to Washington, DC for lobbying purposes;
- presented mill rates and levies dated back to 1961 to assist with the fiscal year 2018 budget process; and
- spoke to the leachate acceptance request for proposal that was issued by the Borough.

## D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos:

- announced an order from the court was received, dismissing the cases related to the 2015 marijuana petition; and
- spoke briefly to the next steps of the process and noted more information would be brought forward at the next regular Assembly meeting.

## E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie:

- spoke regarding the upcoming meeting schedule; and
- noted that the Clerk's Office would be practicing the new agenda and meeting management software, Granicus, for which the plan was to go-live within the upcoming months.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:
  - a. Caswell FSA Board of Supervisors: 11/09/16
  - b. Caswell Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: 10/05/16
  - c. Emergency Medical Services Board: 10/05/16
  - d. Enhanced 911 Advisory Board: 12/13/16
  - e. Greater Talkeetna RSA Board of Supervisors: 09/08/16, 11/10/16
  - f. MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission: 10/27/16, 12/15/16
  - g. Platting Board: 12/01/16
2. Community Council Minutes:
  - a. North Lakes Community Council: 01/28/16, 02/25/16, 09/29/16, 10/27/16
  - b. Susitna Community Council: 12/15/16
  - c. Talkeetna Community Council: 12/05/16

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

1. **IM No. 17-014:** Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 15-150P To Howdie, Inc. For The Fronteras Charter School Design-Build Project For The Final Contract Amount Of \$7,487,742.88.

The informational memorandum was presented.

**VII. SPECIAL ORDERS**

- A. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (Three minutes per person.)

*(There were no persons to be heard.)*

- B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three minutes per person.)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 17-006:** An Ordinance Approving The Acceptance And Appropriation Of Fiscal Year 2017 Community Revenue Sharing Program Funds In The Amount Of \$270,900 To Fund 475, Project No. 47033.
  - a. **Resolution Serial No. 17-007:** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Fiscal Year 2017 Community Revenue Sharing Program, Project No. 47033.
    - (1) IM No. 17-016

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke to concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-006 and Resolution Serial No. 17-007.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 17-007:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 2.12, Assembly; And MSB 2.08, Mayor; To Change Assembly And Mayoral Terms From 3 Years To 4 Years Without Affecting The Current Members Terms. *(Sponsored By Assemblymember Kowalke)*
  - a. IM No. 17-015

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 17-007 and spoke in support of placing the subject on a future ballot: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman, Ms. Helen Munoz, and Mr. John Vinduska.

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

*(Assemblymember McKee exited the meeting at 6:39 p.m. and rejoined the meeting at 6:46 p.m.)*

MOTION: Assemblymember Kowalke moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-007.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 17-007 indefinitely.

WITHDRAW: Assemblymember Beck moved to withdraw the motion to postpone indefinitely.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to call the question (stop debate).

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion failed unanimously.

*(The meeting recessed at 7:02 p.m. and reconvened at 7:09 p.m.)*

#### C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following person spoke to the Rail Freight Transportation Study and to actions taken by the Port Commission on the related matter: Mr. Chris Gates.

The following person spoke in support of Ms. Pat Chesbro being appointed to the Planning Commission: Ms. Helen Woodings.

The following person requested a letter of support from the Assembly to Congress regarding climate control: Mr. Phil Somerville.

The following person spoke to concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

a. **Resolution Serial No. 17-010:** A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work For Project No. 45040, Municipal Entitlement Lands To Include Trail Surveys.

(1) IM No. 17-023

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

a. **AM No. 17-008:** Award Of Bid No. 17-061B To Northern Asphalt Construction, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$283,636 For South Canter Place And South Surrey Road Reconstruction.

b. **AM No. 17-009:** Vacate A 1-Foot By 3.5-Foot And A 1-Foot By 5.5-Foot Portion Of South Lake View Loop To Alleviate A Structural Setback Violation On Lot C, Gothberg Addition 1, Within Section 28, Township 17 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian.

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the Clerk.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **AM No. 17-003:** Authorize The Purchase Of Ongoing Geomatics Services From Survbase In The Amount Of \$475,000 For The Port Mackenzie Rail Extension Project.

PENDING MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved to approve AM No. 17-003.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. Appointment To The Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area Board of Supervisors.

PENDING MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved to confirm the mayoral appointment of Mr. Brian Davis to the Central Mat-Su FSA No. 130 Board of Supervisors.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

## IX. VETO

*(There were no vetoes presented.)*

## X. NEW BUSINESS

### A. INTRODUCTIONS (For public hearing – 02/07/17 Assembly Chambers)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 17-012:** An Ordinance Requesting A Reappropriation Of \$4,874,486.64 From The Fire Service Area Capital Projects Budget, Fund 405, Project Nos. 10027, 10031, 10140, 45066, 45101, And 45268, To Project No. 10183, Fund 405, To Allow For The Construction Of The New Central Fire Station No. 62, Training Complex And Warehouse.
  - a. **Resolution Serial No. 17-008:** A Resolution Amending The Budgets For Project Nos. 10027, 10031, 10140, 45066, 45101, And 45268, And Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Project No. 10183 To Allow For The Construction Of The New Central Fire Station No. 62, Training Complex And Warehouse.
    - (1) IM No. 17-021

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearings for February 7, 2017.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

### B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

#### 1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Halter requested the following resignations and appointments for confirmation:

Aviation Advisory Board  
Chris Kepler, resignation  
Board of Equalization  
Read Dunn, resignation  
Enhanced 911 Advisory Board  
Rebecca Frey

Marijuana Advisory Committee  
Edna DeVries

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Beck moved to confirm the Mayor's resignations and appointments.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection.

**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 presented.)*

**XI. RECONSIDERATION**

*(There was no reconsideration presented.)*

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

Mr. Spiropoulos:

- spoke to past discussions regarding marijuana setbacks and variances; and
- noted the gravel tax matter would be on the agenda at the next meeting and requested those who had questions on the matter to meet with him prior to the meeting.

Ms. McKechnie briefly spoke to the manner in which the voting results would be displayed during meetings with the Granicus system implementation.

Mr. Moosey:

- commended the Clerk's Office for implementing the new meeting management system, especially the video streaming that would soon be available for the public; and
- noted a letter requesting the Assembly's support for the incorporation of Nikiski, located within the Kenai Peninsula Borough, and inquired if the Assembly wished to provide a response.

Mayor Halter queried if the Assembly objected to sending a response in support of the incorporation.

Discussion ensued regarding not proceeding as the incorporation was located in another borough.

Assemblymember McKee inquired about the status of the outstanding insurance claims for the M/V Susitna and the Port damages.

Mr. Moosey provided a status update on the insurance claims.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- thanked everyone for the meeting;
- expressed appreciation for the discussion on Ordinance Serial No. 17-007;
- requested of the Manager a status of the changes made by Director Gamble prior to his departure;
- spoke to the meetings of the MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission and noted the Board of Fish would meet in Anchorage in February; and
- encouraged Assembly and public participation at the state Board of Fish meetings related to the fishery issues affecting the Borough.

Assemblymember Kowalke:

- thanked everyone for the debate on Ordinance Serial No. 17-007;
- provided information concerning a recent meeting held between himself, Willow Area Community Organization, Mayor Halter, and an Idaho company, Gold Torrent, regarding proposed mining operations in the Hatcher Pass area;
- remarked that Gold Torrent was encouraged to work with the Willow community on its endeavors for the mining opportunity; therefore, a community meeting would be held on February 13, followed by an open house event on February 16, at the Willow Community Center; and
- noted that notification of the upcoming meetings would be made and interested parties were encouraged to attend.

Assemblymember Mayfield:

- thanked Assemblymember Kowalke for bringing forward Ordinance Serial No. 17-007 for discussion;
- thanked Mr. Spiropoulos for reminding the Assembly that Ordinance Serial No. 16-128, regarding severance taxes for gravel extraction, would be forthcoming;
- encouraged the Assembly to meet with Mr. Spiropoulos regarding any amendments to Ordinance Serial No. 16-128 prior to the next regular meeting; and
- noted his intention to bring forward a proposed trapping ordinance which would limit and/or prohibit trapping in various areas.

Assemblymember Doty:

- commended Director Gamble for his hard work and years of service to the Borough;
- requested an update on the status of the projects Director Gamble had been working on;
- inquired on the status of the dispatch billing process;
- thanked Mr. Somerville for his efforts on climate change;
- expressed her pleasure that monies were going to the community councils and advocated for guidance to the community councils on the purposes of those funds;
- thanked Mayor Cottle for his efforts to maintain healthy seniors and opined it was a great program; and

- noted she was working with the RSAs and Capital Projects to determine what could reasonably be done to address the traffic issues within District 6, with the limited funds available.

Assemblymember Colligan

- thanked Director Gamble for his hard work and years of service to the Borough; and
- noted he would be calling in for the next meeting.

Assemblymember Beck:

- noted he would be calling in for the next meeting;
- remarked on the girls' basketball game between Wasilla High School and Palmer High School; and
- expressed condolences to the family of Mr. William Snegirev, longtime Palmer resident.

Mayor Halter:

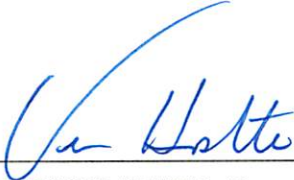
- thanked Assemblymember Kowalke for bringing forward Ordinance Serial No. 17-007 for discussion; and
- spoke to potential future discussions on the municipal classification of the Borough;
- referred to the mill rate/levies document provided by Mr. Moosey;
- commended Director Gamble for his hard work and years of service to the Borough and wished him well; and
- thanked everyone for a great meeting.

### **XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**


*(There was no executive session held.)*

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

  
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VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 03/07/17

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on February 7, 2017, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Vern Halter.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

- Mr. Jim Sykes, Assembly District No. 1
- Mr. Matthew Beck, Assembly District No. 2 (*Deputy Mayor*) (*entered telephonically at 6:38 p.m.*)
- Mr. George McKee, Assembly District No. 3
- Mr. Dan Mayfield, Assembly District No. 5
- Ms. Barbara Doty, Assembly District No. 6
- Mr. Randall Kowalke, Assembly District No. 7

Assembly members absent and excused were:

- Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection to him presenting a proclamation to Mr. Bill Gamble, immediately following the pledge.

There was no objection noted.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Layla Lesley, a member of the audience.

**V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**A. Proclamation in recognition of Mr. Bill Gamble.**

Mayor Halter read the proclamation into the record.

**VI. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS**

*(There were no minutes presented.)*

## VII. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

### A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Reports from cities

#### Wasilla City

Mayor Bert Cottle reported on the activities of the city.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

*(There was no report provided.)*

### B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

Assemblymember Sykes reported on the most recent meeting of the Committee.

2. Assembly Public Relations

*(There were no reports provided.)*

### C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation
2. Strategic Planning Issues
3. Mat-Su Community Health Needs Assessment

Ms. Elizabeth Ripley, Executive Director and Dr. Melissa Kemberling, Director of Programs, both of the Mat-Su Health Foundation, reported on the Mat-Su Community Health Needs Assessment.

4. Recycling Update

Mr. Terry Dolan, Public Works Director, provided a recycling update.

5. 2017 Property Appraisal Annual Report

Mr. Brad Pickett, Borough Assessor, provided the 2017 Property Appraisal Report.

6. ~~Employee Health Care Benefits~~

*(This item was moved to the March 7, 2017, regular Assembly meeting agenda under Manager's report.)*

*(Assemblymember Beck was no longer on the teleconference at this time.)*

Mr. Moosey referred to the draft property tax cap ordinance and summarized his intent for the legislation.

**D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

*(There was no report provided.)*

**E. CLERK COMMENTS**

Ms. McKechnie advised that Mr. Moosey requested to change the topic of “Service Level Reductions” to “E-911 Dispatch Migration” for the February 21, 2017, special Assembly meeting.

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

**F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Agriculture Advisory Board: Resolution Nos. 16-08, 16-10, 17-01
2. Aviation Advisory Board: 07/06/16, 12/08/16
3. Knik RSA Board of Supervisors: 10/12/16
4. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: 12/15/16
5. Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board: 11/30/16, 12/29/16, Resolution No. 17-01
6. Platting Board: 12/15/16
7. Transportation Advisory Board: 11/30/16
8. Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board: 09/08/16
9. Joint West Lakes and Central Mat-Su FSA Board of Supervisors: 12/12/16
10. North Lakes Community Council: 10/29/15, 04/21/16, 05/26/16
11. Point MacKenzie Community Council: 08/11/16
12. Trapper Creek Community Council: 11/17/16, 12/15/16

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

**G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS**

*(There were no informational memorandums provided.)*

**VII. SPECIAL ORDERS**

**A. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (Three minutes per person.)**

*(There were no persons to be heard.)*

*(The meeting recessed at 7:25 p.m. and reconvened at 7:31 p.m.)*

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three minutes per person.)**

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 17-012:** An Ordinance Requesting A Reappropriation Of \$4,874,486.64 From The Fire Service Area Capital Projects Budget, Fund 405, Project Nos. 10027, 10031, 10140, 45066, 45101, And 45268, To Project No. 10183, Fund 405, To Allow For The Construction Of The New Central Fire Station No. 6-2, Training Complex And Warehouse.
  - a. **Resolution Serial No. 17-008:** A Resolution Amending The Budgets For Project Nos. 10027, 10031, 10140, 45066, 45101, And 45268, And Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Project No. 10183 To Allow For The Construction Of The New Central Fire Station No. 6-2, Training Complex And Warehouse.
    - (1) IM No. 17-021

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.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Sykes moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-012 and Resolution Serial No. 17-008.

**VOTE:** The motion passed with Assemblymember McKee opposed.

**C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)**

The following person spoke in opposition to the proposed trapping legislation and to the need to enforce the Borough's leash law: Mr. Johnathan Zeppa.

The following person spoke to concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

The following person spoke to the need for a regional wastewater treatment facility: Ms. Helen Munoz.

*(Assemblymember Beck was back on the teleconference at this time.)*

**D. CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. RESOLUTIONS**

- a. **Resolution Serial No. 17-012:** A Resolution Supporting Alaska State House Bill No. 6, Establishing The Jonesville Public Use Area. *(Sponsored By Assemblymember Sykes)*
  - (1) IM No. 17-027

- b. **Resolution Serial No. 17-013:** A Resolution Approving State Legislative Priorities For Fiscal Year 2018.  
(1) IM No. 17-032

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

- a. **AM No. 17-010:** Award Of Bid No. 17-057B, To Wolverine Supply, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$1,353,000 To Remove And Replace Windows At Palmer, Houston, And Wasilla Middle Schools And Wasilla High School.
- b. **AM No. 17-011:** Award Of Bid No. 17-063B, To North Star Excavation And Asphalt In The Contract Amount Of \$150,561.88 For West Butte Trailhead Parking Lot Improvements.
- c. **AM No. 17-012:** Vacate Any Public Interest In The Southerly 90.25 Foot Right-Of-Way Of East Fireweed Road, In Lot 1, Terrace Business Park, Plat No. 1983-32, Located Within Section 16, Township 17 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian, Alaska.

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the Clerk.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*(There was no unfinished business.)*

**IX. VETO**

*(There were no vetoes presented.)*

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For public hearing – 02/21/17 Assembly Chambers)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 17-014:** An Ordinance Approving A Reappropriation Of \$25,000 From The Alpine Road Service Area No. 31 Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget, Fund 285, To Fund 410, Project No. 30051, For Alpine Road Service Area No. 31 Capital Projects.  
a. IM No. 17-024
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 17-015:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.04.131, Relating To The Fixed Asset Capitalization Policy.  
a. IM No. 17-025

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 17-016:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 5.25.145, To Annex Property In The Carney Road Area Into The West Lakes Fire Service Area No. 136.
  - a. **Resolution Serial No. 17-011:** A Resolution Finding The Annexation Of Properties In The Carney Road Area Into The West Lakes Fire Service Area No. 136 Serves The Public Interest Without The Placement Of The Question On The Ballot. *(Sponsored By Assemblymember Doty)*
    - (1) IM No. 17-026
  
4. **Ordinance Serial No. 17-018:** An Ordinance Authorizing The Borough To Issue Areawide General Obligation Bonds, In One Or More Series, To Finance The Construction, Acquisition, Improvement, And Equipping Of Parks And Recreational Capital Facilities, And Related Capital Improvements In The Borough; Fixing Certain Details Of Such Bonds; And Authorizing Their Sale.
  - a. IM No. 17-029
  
5. **Ordinance Serial No. 17-019:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 15.24.030(B)(5), Updating The City Of Houston Comprehensive Plan.
  - a. IM No. 17-030
  
6. **Ordinance Serial No. 17-020:** An Ordinance Authorizing The Borough Manager To Sign All Documents Necessary To Dispose Of The Borough-Owned Excess Land Acquired For The Port Mackenzie Rail Extension Project, Described As Tract 22A, Alaska State Land Survey No. 80-111, Recorded As Plat No. 82-80, Palmer Recording District, Third Judicial District, State Of Alaska, To Be Placed In An Upcoming Land Sale With A Minimum Bid Amount Of \$650,000.
  - a. IM No. 17-028
  
- B. INTRODUCTIONS (For public hearing – 03/21/17, Assembly Chambers)
  1. **Ordinance Serial No. 17-008:** An Ordinance Creating West White Birch Drive Road Paving Local Improvement District No. 588, 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.
    - a. IM No. 17-017
  
  2. **Ordinance Serial No. 17-009:** An Ordinance Creating East Mountain Goat Circle Road Paving Local Improvement District No. 591, 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.
    - a. IM No. 17-018
  
  3. **Ordinance Serial No. 17-010:** An Ordinance Creating A Portion Of Doc McKinley Avenue Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 592, 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.

a. IM No. 17-019

4. **Ordinance Serial No. 17-011:** An Ordinance Creating West Ord Lane Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 594, 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.

a. IM No. 17-020

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Sykes moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearings for February 21, 2017, and March 21, 2017, respectively.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection.

#### MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

##### 1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Halter requested the following resignation and appointments for confirmation:

Board of Equalization

Thomas Healy

Thomas Vereide

Emergency Medical Services Board

Suzanne Stehlik

Health and Social Services Board

Michelle Sturgeon

Library Board

Maire Rhode

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Cole Justice

Heather Ridge

Planning Commission

Michael Kish, resignation

Port Commission

Tim Anderson

West Lakes FSA No. 136

Corwin Matthews

Circle View & Stampede Estates Flood & Water

Kevin Foster

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Sykes moved confirm the resignation and appointments as requested by the Mayor.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection.

**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 presented.)*

**XI. RECONSIDERATION**

*(There was no reconsideration presented.)*

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

Assemblymember McKee:

- advised that he had written a letter to the Manager requesting information on the employee health care system;
- noted that he would like to have the data prior to the budget cycle; and
- queried the status of the insurance settlements regarding the port and the ferry.

Mr. Moosey reported on the status of the insurance claims.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- stated that the State Board of Fisheries meeting will be in Anchorage, beginning February 20, for 10 days at the Sheraton Hotel;
- noted the importance of the public providing testimony if they are impacted by or have any interest in fisheries; and
- spoke to Resolution Serial No. 17-012, which is in support of House Bill No. 6 that will establish the Jonesville Public Use Area.

Assemblymember Kowalke:

- thanked everyone for a productive meeting;
- welcomed Mr. Otto Feather, who is the Interim Emergency Services Director;
- listed the numerous drainage areas that are in his District; and
- stated that he will be attending the State Fisheries Board meeting and providing testimony.

Assemblymember Mayfield:

- welcomed Mr. Otto Feather and stated that he is looking forward to working with him;
- noted that the severance tax legislation will be before the body at the next meeting;

- encouraged the body to get familiar with the legislation and prepare amendments if they feel any are necessary; and
- thanked the body for the meeting.

Assemblymember Doty:

- spoke to having attended the Smart Communities event;
- stated that she has been looking at ambulance collections and how to best proceed with billing;
- spoke to having attended two council meetings within her Assembly District;
- implored the body to look at solutions for road projects that need to be done for safety purposes;
- spoke to her desire to encourage community councils to be better organized; and
- spoke to a meeting she attended at which there was a presentation of new software for emergency rooms across the state and how to best implement it.

Assemblymember Beck apologized for the technical difficulties he encountered while attending telephonically.

Mayor Halter:

- stated that he enjoyed hearing about the Mat-Su Community Health Needs Assessment;
- advised that he will be attending the Alaska Municipal League Conference and will not be at the next meeting;
- related that he will be meeting with Governor Walker to address budget concerns; and
- spoke in support of amending the tax cap as proposed by Mr. Moosey.

### **XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

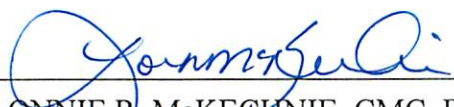
*(There was no executive session held.)*

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

  
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VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Matthew Beck.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

- Mr. Jim Sykes, Assembly District No. 1
- Mr. Matthew Beck, Assembly District No. 2 (*Deputy Mayor*)
- Mr. George McKee, Assembly District No. 3
- Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4
- Mr. Dan Mayfield, Assembly District No. 5
- Ms. Barbara Doty, Assembly District No. 6 (*entered at 4:03 p.m.*)
- Mr. Randall Kowalke, Assembly District No. 7

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Deputy Mayor Beck inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Dan Monarch, a member of the audience.

**V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)**

The following person spoke to concerns regarding the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

**VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**A. E-911 Dispatch Migration**

Mr. Eric Wyatt, Information Technology Director, provided information on the E-911 Dispatch Migration.

**B. Emergency Radio Systems Upgrade**

Mr. Eric Wyatt, Information Technology Director, provided a presentation on upgrades to the Emergency Radio Systems.

*(Deputy Mayor Beck exited the meeting and Assemblymember Sykes assumed as Presiding Officer at 5:19 p.m.)*

**VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS**

*(There were no comments.)*

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The special meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

  
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VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on February 21, 2017, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Matthew Beck.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

- Mr. Jim Sykes, Assembly District No. 1
- Mr. Matthew Beck, Assembly District No. 2 (*Deputy Mayor*)
- Mr. George McKee, Assembly District No. 3
- Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4
- Mr. Dan Mayfield, Assembly District No. 5
- Ms. Barbara Doty, Assembly District No. 6
- Mr. Randall Kowalke, Assembly District No. 7

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Deputy Mayor Beck queried if there were any changes to the agenda.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Kowalke moved to pull Ordinance Serial No. 17-021 from the agenda.

**VOTE:** The motion failed with Assemblymembers Kowalke and Colligan in favor.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Sykes moved to take up the Vacancy Report immediately preceding Special Orders.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection.

**GENERAL CONSENT:** The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Deputy Mayor Beck.

**V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS**

*(There were no minutes presented.)*

## **VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

### **A. AGENCY REPORTS**

#### **1. Reports from cities**

##### Houston City

Deputy Mayor Lance Wilson spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 17-019.

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

*(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**

- 1. State/Federal Legislation**
- 2. Strategic Planning Issues**
- 3. DEC Air Quality Update**

Ms. Denise Koch, Deputy Director of Department of Environmental Conservation, provided an update on the air quality in the Butte area.

Mr. Darren Starr, Risk Manager:

- provided a report on the M/V Susitna and Port insurance claims; and
- reviewed the Borough's insurance premiums.

Mr. George Hayes, Deputy Manager, queried if there was any objection to the Mayor signing a letter to the Alaska State Board of Fisheries in support of the MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission recommendations.

There was no objection noted.

Assemblymember Kowalke reported on his and the Manager's travel to Oregon to visit the Port of Astoria and view products routed through the port.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

*(There was no report provided.)*

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie

- spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule;
- spoke to the departmental budget presentation date and the proposed budget meetings;
- noted availability of the locations for the budget public hearings had not yet been determined; and
- inquired if the dates would work for the Assembly.

Assemblymember Doty:

- requested the proposed budget public hearing date of Monday, May 1, be changed to Thursday, May 11; and
- noted she would be out of the country during the budget public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, May 3.

Deputy Mayor Beck queried if there was any objection to the change requested by Assemblymember Doty.

There was no objection noted.

Ms. McKechnie:

- informed the Assembly that the Clerk's Office would move forward with video streaming of the Assembly meetings, via Granicus, during the special and regular meetings of March 7;
- noted the goal was to be training the Assembly to use Granicus before the March 21, regular meeting; and
- advised that the Assembly would begin using the voting component of the Granicus system once everyone was comfortably using the new system.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. Emergency Medical Services Board: 12/07/16
2. Greater Butte RSA Board of Supervisors: 10/13/16
3. Planning Commission: 09/19/16, Resolution No. 17-02
4. Louise/Susitna/Tyone Community Association: 07/16/16, 09/24/16
5. Meadow Lakes Community Council: 11/09/16, 12/14/16
6. North Lakes Community Council: 11/17/16

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

1. **IM No. 17-031:** Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 17-030B To Alaska Abatement Corporation For The Iditarod Elementary School Demolition Project For The Final Contract Amount Of \$651,452.97.

The information memorandum was presented.

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Halter requested the following resignation and appointments for confirmation:

Board of Equalization  
Blake Elder  
Emergency Medical Services Board  
Christian Hartley, resignation  
Local Emergency Planning Committee  
Joseph Schmidt, resignation  
Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board  
Stuart Leidner  
Scott Lapiene  
Planning Commission  
Patricia Chesbro

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved to confirm the resignation and appointments as requested by the Mayor.

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved to call the question (stop debate).

VOTE: The motion passed with Assemblymember Colligan opposed.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

**VII. SPECIAL ORDERS**

- A. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (Three minutes per person.)

*(There were no persons to be heard.)*

- B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three minutes per person.)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-128:** An Ordinance Establishing A Tax On Certain Natural Resources Whenever The Natural Resource Is Severed And Removed From Property Within The Boundaries Of Road Service Areas Within The Borough And Providing For Penalties For Failure To Pay Taxes Due By Adopting MSB 3.55, Road Service Area Natural Resource Severance Tax. *(Sponsored By Assemblymember Mayfield)*
  - a. IM No. 16-191

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Assemblymember Colligan declared a conflict of interest on Ordinance Serial No. 16-128 due to his involvement with the mapping, surveying, and other work for the industry.

**RULING:** Deputy Mayor Beck ruled there was a conflict of interest and Assemblymember Colligan would be recused from voting on Ordinance Serial No. 16-128.

Deputy Mayor Beck opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 16-128: Mr. Wes Vandermartin, Mr. Ryan Zins, Mr. Del Sandvik, Mr. Ben Mohr, Mr. Scott Johnson, Mr. Lance Wilson, Mr. Ben Conroy, Mr. Mark Contini, Ms. Debra Shooter, Mr. Tom Henkle, and Mr. Shawn Casey.

The following person spoke to concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

**PENDING MOTION:** Assemblymember Mayfield moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 16-128.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 16-128 (page 14) as follows:

- by inserting a new section MSB 3.55.105, Exemption, to read: “Taxes levied and collected by this ordinance shall be exempt from the Tax Levy Limitation under MSB 3.04.075”; and
- amending the Informational Memorandum by adding the printed copy of the amendment to the IM so the legislative history was clear.

**VOTE:** The primary amendment passed without objection.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 16-128 (page 16), as follows:

- amending Section 3, Effective Date, by striking April 1, 2017, and inserting in its place May 1, 2017; and
- amending the Informational Memorandum by adding the printed copy of the amendment to the IM so the legislative history was clear.

**VOTE:** The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 16-128 (page 4), as follows:

- amending the definition of “Remove” under MSB 3.55.110 Definitions, by inserting at the end of line (a), “not under contiguous ownership from that of the original site”; and
- amending the Informational Memorandum by adding the printed copy of the amendment to the IM so the legislative history was clear.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Mayfield and Sykes in favor.

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 16-128 as follows:

- by striking “Road Service Area” from the title of the ordinance and the title of MSB Chapter 3.55;
- by striking the verbiage under 3.55.005 Applicability in its entirety and inserting in its place, “This ordinance applies to all areas within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.”;
- amending 3.55.010(A) by striking the words, “the service areas to which this ordinance applies” and inserting in its place “the Matanuska-Susitna Borough”; and
- amending 3.55.100, Collection and Use of Revenue, by striking “related to transportation projects. Revenues collected under this chapter may only be used within the service area form which they are collected. Revenues collected under this chapter shall only be used to pay for service area functions.”; and
- amending the Informational Memorandum by adding the printed copy of the amendment to the IM so the legislative history was clear.

MOTION: Assemblymember McKee moved to call the question (stop debate).

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Assemblymembers McKee and Mayfield opposed.

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved to amend Ordinance Serial No. 16-128, MSB 3.55.101(C), the tax rate on page 4, by striking \$0.25/yd and inserting in its place \$0.40/yd.

MOTION: Assemblymember Doty moved to call the question (stop debate).

VOTE: The motion failed with Assemblymembers Sykes and Kowalke in favor.

MOTION: Assemblymember Doty moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 16-128 to a time certain of May 16, 2016.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

*(The meeting recessed at 8:05 p.m. and reconvened at 8:10 p.m.)*

*(Assemblymember Sykes was not in the meeting at this time. )*

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 17-014:** An Ordinance Approving A Reappropriation Of \$25,000 From The Alpine Road Service Area No. 31 Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget, Fund 285, To Fund 410, Project No. 30051, For Alpine Road Service Area No. 31 Capital Projects.
  - a. IM No. 17-024

Deputy Mayor Beck opened the public hearing.

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

The following person(s) spoke to

MOTION: Assemblymember Kowalke moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-014.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

Clerk's Note: Assemblymember Sykes was not present during the vote.

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 17-015:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.04.131 Relating To The Fixed Asset Capitalization Policy.
  - a. IM No. 17-025

Deputy Mayor Beck opened the public hearing.

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

The following person(s) spoke to

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-015.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

Clerk's Note: Assemblymember Sykes was not present during the vote.

*(Assemblymember Sykes reentered the meeting at this time.)*

4. **Ordinance Serial No. 17-016:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 5.25.145, To Annex Property In The Carney Road Area Into The West Lakes Fire Service Area No. 136.
- a. **Resolution Serial No. 17-011:** A Resolution Finding The Annexation Of Properties In The Carney Road Area Into The West Lakes Fire Service Area No. 136 Serves The Public Interest Without The Placement Of The Question On The Ballot. *(Sponsored By Assemblymember Doty)*
- (1) IM No. 17-026

Deputy Mayor Beck opened the public hearing.

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

The following person(s) spoke to

MOTION: Assemblymember Doty moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-016 and Resolution Serial No. 17-011.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

4. **Ordinance Serial No. 17-018:** An Ordinance Authorizing The Borough To Issue Areawide General Obligation Bonds, In One Or More Series, To Finance The Construction, Acquisition, Improvement, And Equipping Of Parks And Recreational Capital Facilities, And Related Capital Improvements In The Borough; Fixing Certain Details Of Such Bonds; And Authorizing Their Sale.
- a. IM No. 17-029

Deputy Mayor Beck opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke to concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-018.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

4. **Ordinance Serial No. 17-019:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 15.24.030(B)(5), Updating The City Of Houston Comprehensive Plan.
- a. IM No. 17-030

Deputy Mayor Beck opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 17-019: Ms. Van Le.

The following person spoke to concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kowalke moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-019.

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved to amend Ordinance Serial No. 17-019, by inserting a new Section 4, to read: “City of Houston Community Impact Assessment. The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly recognizes that a preferred route for the Port to Parks road corridor is included in the Comprehensive Plan Update and Community Impact Assessment. However, the Borough Assembly is not endorsing or selection a route and further declares that Borough staff will not seek to advance any route until the Assembly has selected a route”.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed without objection.

4. **Ordinance Serial No. 17-020:** An Ordinance Authorizing The Borough Manager To Sign All Documents Necessary To Dispose Of The Borough-Owned Excess Land Acquired For The Port Mackenzie Rail Extension Project, Described As Tract 22A, Alaska State Land Survey No. 80-111, Recorded As Plat No. 82-80, Palmer Recording District, Third Judicial District, State Of Alaska, To Be Placed In An Upcoming Land Sale With A Minimum Bid Amount Of \$650,000.
  - a. IM No. 17-028

Deputy Mayor Beck opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke to concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-020.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

#### C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following persona spoke to issues in the Fuller Lake Road and Sourdough Road areas: Ms. Shirley Schonenbach, Ms. Cathy Bishop, Ms. Terri Anderson, Mr. Rich Schwab, Mr. Rick LeValley, and Ms. Jewell Garr.

*(Deputy Mayor Beck exited the meeting and Assemblymember Sykes assumed as Presiding Officer at 8:45 p.m.)*

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 17-021, with the inclusion of additional high use trails: Mr. Bill Mohrwinkel, Ms. Carrie Klein, Ms. Sabrina Shaw, and Mr. Dave Musgrave.

The following persons spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 17-021: Mr. Jonathan Zeppa, Mr. Albert Spencer, Mr. Doug McKinnis, and Wynn McKinnis.

The following person spoke to concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

a. **Resolution Serial No. 17-015:** A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work And Budget For Project Nos. 47038 And 47520, And Extending The Time Of Completion For Project Nos. 45198, 47006, 47007, 47021, 47038, And 47520; For The Purpose Of Utilizing Unexpended Project Funding As Originally Approved And For The Purchase Of A New Multifunction Scanner For Plats And For Regional Transportation Studies.  
(1) IM No. 17-035

b. **Resolution Serial No. 17-016:** A Resolution Amending The Budget For The Remote Assessment Survey, Project No. 45137, The Treasury Management Software, Project No. 45189, And The Debt Management/Bond Pricing Software, Project No. 45213, And Approve The Scope Of Work And Budget For Financial Tax Assessment And Collection Software And Training, Project No. 47506, Fund 480 (Non-Lapsing/Non-Capital Projects).  
(1) IM No. 17-036

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

- a. **AM 17-013:** Approve Utility Relocation Costs To GCI In The Amount Of \$186,265 For Summer 2015 Road Maintenance And Repair Capital Projects – Waldron Cove, Finger Cove And Finger Lake, Project No. 30045.
- b. **AM 17-014:** Award of Bid No. 17-062B To Axys, LLC In The Contract Amount Of \$129,950 For Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District Warehouse Heating, Ventilation, And Air Conditioning Upgrades.
- c. **AM 17-016:** Acceptance Of Late Filed And Retroactive Senior Citizen And Disabled Veteran Exemption Applications.

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the Clerk.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*(There was no unfinished business.)*

**IX. VETO**

*(There were no vetoes presented.)*

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. INTRODUCTIONS (For public hearing – 03/07/17 Assembly Chambers)**

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 17-013:** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$169,009.50 From Fund 520, To Fund 450, Project No. 70012, To Fund Repairs To The Port Mackenzie Barge Dock.
  - a. **Resolution Serial No. 17-009:** A Resolution Approving The Appropriation Of \$450,000 From The Areawide Capital Reserve And \$400,000 From The Land Management Permanent Fund, For A Total Of \$850,000 To Fund 450, Project No. 70012, As A Loan To Fund 520, To Fund Repairs To The Port Mackenzie Barge Dock.
- (2) IM No. 17-022
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 17-021:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 24.05.010, Definitions; Amending MSB 24.05.020(A), Jurisdiction; Adopting MSB 24.05.105, Trapping Prohibitions And Restrictions; Amending MSB 24.40.050, Fines For Infractions; Adopting MSB 24.05.055, Forfeiture Of Traps; Amending MSB 2.85.020(D) And Adopting MSB 2.85.020(E); Closures And Restrictions; Adopting MSB 2.85.030, Definitions; Amending Chapter Title 19.12 From Operation Of Motorized Vehicles To School Property; Adopting MSB 19.12.015, Trapping Prohibited; Adopting MSB 19.12.030, Definitions; Amending MSB 1.45.100(C), Fines For Infractions; And Adopting MSB 1.45.105, Forfeiture Of Traps In Order To Prohibit Trapping On Borough Owned Public School Property And To Restrict Trapping On The Borough Owned Portion Of Crevasse Moraine Trail System. *(Sponsored By Assemblymember Mayfield)*
  - a. IM No. 17-034

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Colligan moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearings for March 7, 2017.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection.

**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 presented.)*

## **XI. RECONSIDERATION**

- A. **AM No. 17-010:** Award Of Bid No. 17-057B, To Wolverine Supply, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$1,353,000 To Remove And Replace Windows At Palmer, Houston, And Wasilla Middle Schools And Wasilla High School. *(Reconsideration Filed by Assemblymember McKee On February 8, 2017)*

MOTION: Assemblymember McKee moved to reconsider AM No. 17-010.

VOTE: The motion passed with Assemblymembers Kowalke and Mayfield opposed.

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved to call the question (stop debate).

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed with Assemblymember McKee opposed.

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

Mr. Spiropoulos noted if the Assembly had questions, concerns, or changes to the severance tax ordinance, to speak with him in advance of the meeting regarding those.

Ms. McKechnie noted the issue with the monitors in the Assembly Chambers wouldn't be addressed until March, due to the unavailability of the contractor.

Assemblymember Doty:

- appreciated the risk management report by Mr. Starr;
- opined that the Borough could work with the Butte area regarding air quality education;
- recommended a letter from the Manager be provided to the School District to pass along to families regarding the air quality in the Butte area;
- spoke to the terminology issues of "part-time" versus "volunteers" and asked for more clarification and consistency when using such terms; and
- thanked Assemblymember McKee for bringing forth his concerns regarding AM No. 17-010.

Assemblymember McKee:

- spoke to concerns regarding the purpose of urban trapping; and
- voiced concerns regarding budgetary spending.

Assemblymember Kowalke:

- noted he would be revisiting the Port of Astoria in order to generate more ideas for Port MacKenzie;
- reported on a mining project that would soon take place in Hatcher Pass;
- noted Willow community meetings would be scheduled to provide additional information on the mining project;

- voiced his intention to testify at the upcoming Board of Fisheries meetings to address concerns that affected the Borough; and
- addressed disparaging remarks against department directors and voiced his trust in the directors.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- thanked everyone for the thoughtful discussion and careful listening during the meeting;
- noted the document that was prepared in advance of the Board of Fisheries meetings and encouraged testimony on behalf of the Borough; and
- invited a motion to continue the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 16-128 to the regular meeting of May 16, 2017.

MOTION: Assemblymember McKee moved to continue the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 16-128 to the regular meeting of May 16, 2017.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

Clerk's Note: Assemblymember Colligan was recused from voting on the motion to continue the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 16-128, due to a conflict of interest declared earlier in the meeting.

Assemblymember Mayfield:

- voiced concerns for the Butte community regarding the air quality issue in the Butte area and compared it to past water quality issues in the Big Lake area;
- encouraged educating the Butte community on the issues and consequences of the air quality issue and process.

### **XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**


*(There was no executive session held.)*

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

  
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VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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