

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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ASSEMBLY AGENDA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

[26-065](#) A. Joint Assembly/Planning Commission Meeting Minutes: 03/10/26

Attachments: [04/07/26 - Minutes for Packet](#)

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS (MSB 2.12.082; Seven minutes per person)

- 1. Reports From Cities**
- 2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District**
- 3. State of Alaska**
- 4. Mat-Su Convention and Visitor's Bureau**

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

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

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

E. CLERK COMMENTS

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

[26-056](#)

1. Big Lake Community Council: 02/10/26
2. Butte Community Council: 02/11/26
3. Knik RSA Board of Supervisors: 03/03/26
4. Library Board: 12/09/25, 02/10/26
5. MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission: 10/09/25, 11/13/25, 01/08/26, 01/29/26
6. Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board: 02/23/26
7. Planning Commission: 03/02/26
8. Platting Board: 02/04/26, 02/05/26, 02/18/26, 03/05/26
9. South Knik River Community Council: 02/19/26
10. Tanaina Community Council: 02/23/26
11. Trapper Creek Community Council: 02/19/26
12. West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 01/12/26

Attachments: [04/07/26 - Citizen and Other Correspondence](#)

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

[IM 26-063](#) Reporting The Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 25-108B With CGC Services, LLC. For A Final Contract Amount Of \$293,372.71 For The Palmer High School Boiler Upgrades.

Attachments: [IM 26-063](#)

[IM 26-064](#) Informing The Assembly Of The Submittal Of A Funding Request To The Denali Commission In the Amount Of \$200,000 To Support A Port Mackenzie Master Plan Update.

Attachments: [IM 26-064](#)

VII. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (You can speak under one of the audience participations on the agenda, but not both; Three Minutes Per Person.)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)

[OR 26-033](#) An Ordinance Extending The Time Limit For Completion Of Expiring Project Funds Through June 30, 2027.

Attachments: [OR 26-033](#)
[IM 26-053](#)

[OR 26-034](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$281,250 From The State Of Alaska, Department Of Commerce, Community, And Economic Development, Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Program, For The Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Project.

RS 26-022: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For A Grant In The Amount Of \$281,250 For The Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Project And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With The Alaska State Department Of Commerce, Community, And Economic Development.

Attachments: [OR 26-034](#)
[RS 26-022](#)
[IM 26-055](#)

[OR 26-035](#) An Ordinance Increasing The Compensation Of The Members Of The Board Of Equalization.

Attachments: [OR 26-035](#)
[IM 26-057](#)

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (You can speak under one of the audience participations on the agenda, but not both; Three Minutes Per Person.)

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

[RS 26-027](#) A Resolution Requesting The State Of Alaska To Review DMV Processes And Consider Modifications To Facilitate Refugees' Ability To Renew Driver's Licenses.

Sponsors: Fonov

Attachments: [RS 26-027](#)
[IM 26-066](#)

[RS 26-028](#) A Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 277 And Urging The Protection Of Parental Rights, Charter School Funding, And Correspondence Education.

Sponsors: Bowles

Attachments: [RS 26-028](#)
[IM 26-067](#)

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

[AM 26-032](#) Award Of Bid No. 26-129B To Ficklin Construction, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$1,186,406 For Meadow Lakes Road Service Area Annual Road Maintenance - Rebid.

Attachments: [AM 26-032](#)

[AM 26-034](#) Award Of Bid No. 26-121B To Northern Gravel In The Contract Amount Of \$300,000 To Remove The Conveyor System At Port Mackenzie.

Attachments: [AM 26-034](#)

[AM 26-035](#) Award Of Proposal No. 26-087P To ECI In The Contract Amount Of \$718,484 To Design The Willow Emergency Services Building.

Attachments: [AM 26-035](#)

[AM 26-036](#) Authorization To Renew The Borough's Cartegraph Asset Management Software With Opengov, Inc. Under A Three-Year Agreement Covering July 1, 2026, Through June 30, 2029; The Total Cost Of The Agreement Is \$261,246.41, With Annual Payments Subject To Appropriation.

Attachments: [AM 26-036](#)

[AM 26-037](#) Authorization To Renew Projectmates Software With Systemates, Inc. Under A Three-Year Agreement Covering July 1, 2026, Through June 30, 2029; The Total Cost Of The Agreement Is \$415,657.13, With Annual Payments Subject To Appropriation.

Attachments: [AM 26-037](#)

[AM 26-038](#) Authorization To Renew The Borough's Opentext Content Manager Software With Information First Under A Three-Year Agreement Covering July 1, 2026, Through June 30, 2029; The Total Cost Of The Agreement Is \$292,165.75, With Annual Payments Subject To Appropriation.

Attachments: [AM 26-038](#)

[AM 26-039](#) Award Of Bid No. 26-123B To Meier Excavation, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$496,093 To Construct A New Fish Passage Culvert At An Existing Culvert Crossing On Homebuilt Circle At Neklason Lake.

Attachments: [AM 26-039](#)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[OR 26-027](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.28 To Increase The Property Owner Ballot Threshold For Contiguous Local Improvement Districts From 54 Percent To 67 Percent, And Remove The Provisions That Only Returned Ballots Are Considered In Tabulation.

Sponsors: Nowers and Bowles

Attachments: [OR 26-027](#)
[IM 26-039](#)
[03/17/26 - Reconsideration Passed](#)

IX. VETO

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 04/21/26, Assembly Chambers)

[OR 26-037](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$28,792.55 From The Alaska State Division Of Forestry, Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant Program; And Appropriating \$2,879.25 In Matching Funds For Firefighter And Firefighting Equipment, Supplies, And Communications Equipment.
RS 26-023: A Resolution Approving The Scopes Of Work And Budgets For The Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Capacity Grants And Matching Funds For The Fire Service Areas Of Willow-Caswell, Talkeetna, And Sutton.

Attachments: [OR 26-037](#)
[RS 26-023](#)
[IM 26-059](#)

[OR 26-038](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating Disaster Relief Funds From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management In The Amount Of \$823,135.48 For The January 2022 Mat-Su Windstorm Disaster.
RS 26-024: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Disaster Relief Funds For The January 2022 Mat-Su Windstorm Disaster Project No. 55030.

Attachments: [OR 26-038](#)
[RS 26-024](#)
[IM 26-060](#)

[OR 26-040](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$175,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Military And Veteran's Affairs, Emergency Management Performance Grant; And Requesting A Reappropriation Of \$175,000 From The Emergency Management Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget For Emergency Management Wages And Benefits.

RS 26-026: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For A Grant In The Amount Of \$175,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Military And Veteran's Affairs, Emergency Management Performance Grant, For Emergency Management Wages And Benefits.

Attachments: [OR 26-040](#)
[RS 26-026](#)
[IM 26-062](#)

[OR 26-042](#) An Ordinance Extending The Date Of Completion On The Palmer High School Elevator Replacement Project Through June 30, 2028.
RS 26-029: A Resolution Amending The Budgets Of The Palmer High School Elevator Replacement, Finger Lake Elementary School Boiler Replacement, And Snowshoe Elementary School Boiler Replacement Projects; And Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District Deferred Maintenance - Fiscal Year 2026 Project.

Attachments: [OR 26-042](#)
[RS 26-029](#)
[IM 26-028](#)

[OR 26-043](#) An Ordinance To Accept And Appropriate 2026 Series B Taxable General Obligation Transportation System Bonds Proceeds Including Issuance Costs And Additional Premium To Debt Service.

Attachments: [OR 26-043](#)
[IM 26-070](#)

[OR 26-044](#) An Ordinance Appropriating The 2026 Series A General Obligation School Refunding Proceeds For Issuance Costs.

Attachments: [OR 26-044](#)
[IM 26-071](#)

[OR 26-045](#) An Ordinance Changing The Exemption To Weight Restrictions On Borough Roads For Essential Purposes Only.

Sponsors: Sumner and Bowles

Attachments: [OR 26-045](#)
[IM 26-073](#)

[OR 26-046](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.28 To Increase The Property Owner Ballot Threshold For Contiguous Local Improvement Districts From 54 Percent To 67 Percent.

Sponsors: Bowles and Sumner

Attachments: [OR 26-046](#)
[IM 26-074](#)

B. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 05/19/26, Assembly Chambers)

[OR 26-041](#) An Ordinance Creating Republican Way Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 672, 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.

Attachments: [OR 26-041](#)
[IM 26-065](#)

C. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

[26-058](#) Mayoral Requests for Confirmation

Attachments: [04/07/26 - Vacancy Report](#)

D. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

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

XI. RECONSIDERATION

A. MOTION TO RECONSIDER PUBLIC HEARING DATE

[OR 26-036](#) An Ordinance Changing The Exemption To Weight Restrictions On Borough Roads For Emergencies Only.

Sponsors: Nowers and McKee

Attachments: [OR 26-036](#)

[IM 26-058](#)

[04/07/26 - Nowers Reconsideration of Public Hearing Date](#)

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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