



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

December 1, 2020, Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes  
(21 pages)



ATTEST:

  
VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

  
for LONNIE R. McKEECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 12/15/20

# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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Vern Halter

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BOROUGH ASSEMBLY  
Tim Hale, District 1  
Stephanie Nowers, District 2  
George McKee, District 3  
Robert Yundt, District 4  
Mokie Tew, District 5  
Jesse Sumner, District 6  
Tam Boeve, District 7

## MEETING MINUTES

### ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, 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**

**Present:** 5 - Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember George McKee, Assemblymember Mokie Tew, Assemblymember Jesse Sumner, and Assemblymember Tam Boeve

**Telephonic:** 2 - Assemblymember Tim Hale and Assemblymember Robert Yundt

#### **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

#### **IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Bert Cottle, a member of the audience.

#### **V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS**

There were no minutes presented.

#### **VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **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.

**4. Mat-Su Convention and Visitors Bureau**

Ms. Bonnie Quill, Mat-Su Convention and Visitor's Bureau Executive Director, reported on the activities of the Bureau.

**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**

Mr. Ken Barkley, Emergency Services Director, introduced the new Greater Palmer Fire Service Area Chief, Mr. Chad Cameron.

Chief Cameron spoke to his history of service in emergency services.

Ms. Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, Mr. Jeff Walden, Public Works Project Manager, Ms. Amy Mestas, Structural Engineer, and Mr. George Hays, Interim Borough Manager, provided a comprehensive update on the status of Houston Middle School.

**D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

There was no report provided.

**E. CLERK COMMENTS**

Ms. Henry advised that there was no Clerk's report and that the 2021 Assembly meeting schedule would be on the December 15, 2020, regular meeting agenda.

## **F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

- 20-164**
1. Agriculture Advisory Board: 12/11/19
  2. Board of Adjustment and Appeals: 09/09/20, BOAA 20-03 Final Decision
  3. Butte FSA Board of Supervisors: 09/03/20
  4. Caswell Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: 08/05/20
  5. Central Mat-Su FSA Board of Supervisors: 10/12/20
  6. Fairview RSA Board of Supervisors: 08/13/20
  7. Historical Preservation Commission: 07/23/20, 09/10/20, Resolution No. 20-04
  8. Knik RSA Board of Supervisors: Resolution 20-01
  9. Platting Board: 09/17/20
  10. Susitna Community Council: 10/01/20
  11. Sutton Community Council: 09/20/20
  12. Tanaina Community Council: 10/27/20
  13. West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 10/12/20

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

## **G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS**

**IM 20-211** Informing The Assembly Of The Intent Of Administration To Update The Land Management Division Policy And Procedures Manual To Allow Private Property Owners To Clear Trees On Adjacent Borough Land To Reduce Fire Danger And Remove Hazard Trees.

**IM 20-235** Informing The Assembly Of The Intent Of Administration To Hire A Seasonal Crew Of Sawyers To Cut Down Hazard Trees On Borough-Owned Land.

**IM 20-238** Informing The Assembly Of A Utility Reimbursable Services Agreement With The Alaska Railroad Corporation For The Abby Boulevard Railroad Crossing Major Repair And Upgrade Project To Be Presented To The Borough Manager For Signature.

The informational memorandums were presented and no comments were noted.

## **VII. SPECIAL ORDERS**

### **A. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (MSB 2.12.081; Three Minutes Per Person.)**

There were no persons to be heard.

### **B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)**

**OR 20-094** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$100,000 From The Mat-Su Health Foundation To Fund 480, Project No. 20396, Community Transit, For The Borough's Centralized Mobility Management Software Project.  
RS 20-101: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget And Authorizing The Borough Manager To Enter Into A Grant Agreement For The Borough's Centralized Mobility Management Software Project.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Tew declared a conflict of interest as his daughter's company would be involved in the program.

RULING: Mayor Halter ruled that Assemblymember Tew had a conflict of interest and would be recused from voting.

Assemblymember Tew exited the meeting.

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Kim Sollien, Planning Services Manager, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

**Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 20-094 and Resolution Serial No. 20-101. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

**Recused:** 1 - Assemblymember Tew  
Assemblymember Tew re-entered the meeting.

**OR 20-095** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating Additional Disaster Relief Funds For The 2018 Cook Inlet Earthquake, Borough-Wide Emergency Protective Measures.  
RS 20-102: A Resolution Approving The Amended Budget For Additional Disaster Relief Funds From The 2018 Cook Inlet Earthquake Disaster, Borough-Wide Emergency Protective Measures.

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

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

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

**Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 20-095 and Resolution Serial No. 20-102. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

**OR 20-096** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating Fiscal Year 2021 Community Assistance Program Funds In The Amount Of \$299,991 To Fund 475, Project No. 47033.

RS 20-104: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Fiscal Year 2021 Community Assistance Program, Project No. Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

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

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

The following person spoke in support of the legislation: Mr. Bill Kendig.

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

**Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 20-096 and Resolution Serial No. 20-102. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

**OR 20-100** An Ordinance Amending MSB 4.70.040(A) Meetings; Organization, To Change The Frequency Of Scheduled Wastewater And Septage Advisory Board Meetings From Monthly To Quarterly.

**Sponsors:** Halter

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter spoke to the reasons he requested the legislation.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke to concerns with reducing meetings of the Wastewater and Septage Board: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman, Ms. Beth Fread, and Mr. Mike Coons.

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

**Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 20-100. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

**No:** 1 - Assemblymember Hale

**OR 20-101** An Ordinance Reappropriating \$25,000 From Project No. 25020-2402; And \$40,542.05 From Project No. 25035-2407, To Project No. 25001, Fund 420, To Allow For The Purchase Of A Waste Container Roll-Off Trailer Pup.

RS 20-106: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

Mr. Terry Dolan, Public Works Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

**Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 20-101 and Resolution Serial No. 20-106. The motion passed by the following vote:**



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

**OR 20-102** An Ordinance Of The Assembly Amending MSB 24.15.080, Euthanasia, In Order To Bring Borough Code Into Alignment With State Law. Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Ann Jorgensen, Animal Care Manager, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in opposition to the legislation: Dr. Cherise Nell, DVM; Dr. Mike Straub, DVM, and Dr. Joanne Stephens, DVM.

**Assemblymember Nowers moved to continue the public hearing to December 15, 2020. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

**OR 20-103** An Ordinance Appropriating \$591,290 From The Areawide Fund Balance Fund 100.272.000, To Fund 410, Project No. 35000, For Bridge And Railroad Crossing Major Maintenance And Repair; And The Dust Control Program (50 Percent Road Service Area Construction and 50 Percent Dust Control).

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

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

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

**Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 20-103. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

**OR 20-104** An Ordinance Reappropriating \$1,000,000 From The Land Management Permanent Fund 203.262.400; Reappropriating \$165,000 From Jonesville Public Use Area Grant Match Fund 480, Project No. 47031; And Accepting And Appropriating \$70,600 Of Program Income To Fund 435, Project No. 10022, Mat-Su Convention And Visitors Center Bureau Gateway Center Project.

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Heindel, Finance Director and Mr. George Hays, Interim Borough Manager, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke to concerns that funding was being pulled from the Jonesville Public Use Area: Ms. Beth Fread, Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman, Mr. Mike Coons, and Ms. Carol Carmen.

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

**Assemblymember McKee moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 20-104.**

**Assemblymember McKee moved to reopen the public hearing and to continue it to December 15, 2020. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

**OR 20-105** An Ordinance Repealing MSB 2.45 Capital Projects Department; And Amending MSB 2.44 Public Works Department.

**Sponsors:** Halter, Leonard and Sumner

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

Mr. George Hays, Acting Borough Manager, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

The following person spoke in support of the legislation: Ms. Carol Carmen.

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 20-105. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

**OR 20-106** An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.15.030, Required Exemptions, Changing The Requirement Of Qualified Disabled Veterans To File A Disability Status Report Annually.

**Sponsors:** Nowers

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

Mr. Brad Pickett, Borough Assessor, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in support of the legislation: Mr. Seth Shacklett and Ms. Carol Carmen.

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

**Assemblymember Nowers moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 20-106. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

**OR 20-107** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$56,500 From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management Grant Program To Fund 425, Project No. 45158, For Training And Equipment.

RS 20-111: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management Grant Project No. 45158, Fund 425, For Training And Equipment.

The meeting recessed at 8:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:24 p.m.

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

Mr. Ken Barkely, Emergency Services Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

**Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 20-107 and Resolution Serial No. 20-111. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

**OR 20-108** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A \$19,000 Grant From The Mat-Su Trails And Parks Foundation Association For The Design Of The Extension Of The East Nelson Road Pedestrian/Bike Path, Phase II Project, Fund 430, Project No. 35468.

RS 20-112: A Resolution Approving The Amended Budget For The Extension Of The East Nelson Road Pedestrian/Bike Path Phase II Project, Fund 430, Project No. 35468.

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

Mr. Brad Sworts, Acting Capital Projects Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

**Assemblymember McKee moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 20-108 and Resolution Serial No. 20-112. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

**OR 20-109** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating Donations In The Amount Of \$10,000 To Fund 435, Project No. 10186, For The New Willow Library Project.

RS 20-113: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The New Willow Library Project, Fund 435, Project No. 10186.

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

Mr. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

**Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 20-109 and Resolution Serial No. 20-113. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

**OR 20-110** An Ordinance Reappropriating \$250,000 From The Alaska Liquid Natural Gas Project Reserve Fund 100.260.460 To Fund 480, Project No. 47533, For The 2024 Arctic Winter Games.  
RS 20-114: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Kim Sollien, Planning Services Manager, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons opined that it is fiscally irresponsible for the Borough to host the Arctic Winter Games: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman, Mr. David Long, Ms. Beth Fread, and Ms. Carol Carmen.

The following persons spoke in support of the Borough hosting the Arctic Winter Games: Mr. Bill Kendig, Mr. Rob Wells, and Mr. John Rhodda.

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

**Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 20-110 and Resolution Serial No. 20-114. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

**No:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**OR 20-111** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$7,225 Of Revenues From Fiscal Year 2021 General Fixed Asset Sales Into Project No. 10151, Fund 435; Amending The Scope Of Work From Fiscal Year 2019 Project No. 10176-1906, Fund 435, Sidewalk Repair; Reappropriating \$146,065.80 From Project No. 45168, Fund 480, Into Project No. 10151, Fund 435, For An Animal Care Facility Kennel Restoration And Remodel Project To Ensure Animal Care Best Practices And Improve Safety For Staff And Volunteers.

RS 20-115: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Amending The Budget For Project No. 10151, Fund 435, For A Facility Kennel Restoration And Remodel Project To Ensure Animal Care Best Practices And Improve Safety For Employees And Volunteers.

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Ann Jorgensen, Animal Care Manager, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in opposition to the legislation: Dr. Mika Straub, DVM.

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

**Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 20-111 and Resolution Serial No. 20-115. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, and Assemblymember Sumner

**No:** 1 - Assemblymember Boeve

**OR 20-112** An Ordinance Accepting and Appropriating Additional Funds Of \$375,792 From The Alaska State Department Of Military And Veterans Affairs For Emergency Federal Highway Administration Road Repairs Caused By The 2018 Cook Inlet Earthquake Disaster, Project No. 55027.  
RS 20-117: A Resolution Approving The Amended Scope Of Work And Budget For Emergency Road Repairs Caused By The 2018 Cook Inlet Earthquake Project No. 55027  
Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

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

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

**Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 20-112 and Resolution Serial No. 20-117. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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



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

The following persons spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 20-025 regarding shooting ranges: Mr. David Long, Mr. Bert Houghtaling, Mr. Tom Beer, Mr. Neil Moss, Ms. Amber Sanchez, Mr. Mike Coons, Mr. Seth Schacklett, Mr. Verne Rupright, Mr. Brian Endle, Mr. L.D. Howard, Mr. Nick Brockett, Ms. Carol Carmen, Mr. Earl Lackey, Mr. Michael Teggs, and Mr. William Price.

The following person spoke to concerns for funding for the Arctic Winter Games and in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 20-025: Ms. Beth Fread.

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 20-025 regarding shooting ranges: Mr. Mark Troutman, Ms. Mia Kirk, Mr. Rob Wells, and Mr. Dave Musgrave.

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

**Assemblymember Boeve moved to suspend the rules and to extend the meeting past 10 p.m. and not to exceed 11 p.m. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

### **D. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **1. RESOLUTIONS**

**RS 20-118** A Resolution Establishing Dates Certain For Payment, Delinquency, Protest, And Appeal Of 2021 Regular Assessment And Tax Rolls, Business Inventory Filing, And For The Commencement Of Hearings Before The Board Of Equalization.

**RS 20-119** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Abby Boulevard Railroad Crossing Major Repair And Upgrade Project, Project No. 30037.

## 2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

**AM 20-120** Approval Of Period Of Performance Extension To Contract No. 19-005P For The Management Of Mitigation Acquisition Program To Extend The Completion Date To July 31, 2021.

**AM 20-134** Acceptance Of Late Filed And Retroactive Senior Citizen And Disabled Veteran Exemption Applications.

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

**Assemblymember Boeve moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the Clerk. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

## VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

## IX. VETO

There were no vetoes presented.

## X. NEW BUSINESS

### A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 12/15/20, Assembly Chambers)

There were no introductions for public hearing; however, Ordinance Serial Nos. 20-102 and 20-104 had their public hearings continued to that date.

### B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

#### 1. VACANCY REPORT

**20-165** Mayoral Requests for Confirmation  
Local Emergency Planning Committee  
Scott Bell  
Port Commission  
Ronald Tracy

**Assemblymember Boeve moved to confirm the appointments requested by the Mayor with terms to begin January 1, 2021. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

### **C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

There was no other new business.

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

There were no referrals.

## **XI. RECONSIDERATION**

**OR 20-025** An Ordinance Adopting MSB 17.68, Outdoor Shooting Facilities, In Order To Establish Standards For Commercial, Educational, And Nonprofit Outdoor Shooting Facilities.

Ms. Henry read the legislation into the record.

**Assemblymember McKee moved for reconsideration of Ordinance Serial No. 20-025. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

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

Mayor Halter vetoed reconsideration of Ordinance Serial No. 20-025.

**Assemblymember McKee moved to override the Mayoral veto of Ordinance Serial No. 20-025. The motion failed (requires 5 votes) by the following vote:**

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

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

**AM 20-123** Approval Of Change Order Three To Contract No. 20-001P With Bezek, Durst, Seiser, Inc. In The Amount Of \$558,848 To Change The Scope Of Work To Allow Design, Repair, And Reconstruction Of The Houston Middle School Gymnasium Wing Project No. 55026.

**Assemblymember McKee moved to reconsider AM No. 20-123. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Tew, and Assemblymember Sumner

**No:** 4 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,  
Assemblymember Yundt, and Assemblymember Boeve

**AM 20-125** Authorizing The Acting Borough Manager To Apply For A Grant And Loan Through The United State Department of Agriculture Rural Development Program, For The Proposed Septage Treatment Facility Fund 420, Project No. 25054.

Reconsideration was not moved for AM No. 20-125.

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

Mr. Spiropoulos advised to let him know if any members have questions about the euthanasia legislation.

Mr. Hays stated that he has enjoyed being Interim Borough Manager. Thanked Mr. Krafft and his staff for their support during that time.

Ms. Henry thanked the body for their patience with her while she performed double duties.

Assemblymember Sumner spoke to confusion about veto powers.

Mr. Spiropoulos advised that per Borough code, the Mayor may veto any ordinance, resolution, motion, or other action of the Assembly.

Assemblymember Hale welcomed Assemblymembers Yundt and Tew. Noted that trapping season is in full swing. Related that a friend of his was out hunting with his dog and that the dog got caught in a conibear trap. Stated that anyone who spends time on trails or in the woods with their pets should learn to open them.

Assemblymember Yundt thanked the body for the meeting. Spoke to being passionate about keeping kids active. Stated that he fully supports the Borough hosting the arctic winter games.

Assemblymember Nowers welcomed Assemblymembers Yundt and Tew. Thanked Ms. Henry for covering the meeting. Spoke to her concerns about the shooting range legislation. Noted that it is a delicate subject and it is difficult to find a perfect balance. Stated that she does not want to impede new ranges, but that she would like to protect neighbors with concerns about shooting ranges so near their homes. Stated that her hope is that everyone can work together to put the pressure on the Alaska State Department of Natural Resources to develop more gun ranges. Spoke to her appreciation of the Assembly being passionate advocates for issues that affect the community.

Assemblymember McKee advised that he was not being duplicitous by voting yes on legislation in order to file for reconsideration. Stated that he would like to see safe shooting ranges in the Borough. Wondered if existing ranges should not be grandfathered in, in case they are not operating properly. Opined that the Borough's shooting range legislation is overdone. Related that Fairbanks has a shooting ordinance, but that it is less restrictive. Opined that way too much money is spent on building schools. Spoke to cost overruns that push the expense to build schools way over the

top.

Assemblymember Boeve spoke in support of the shooting range legislation. Thanked Ms. Henry for covering the meeting.

Mayor Halter stated that he would prefer that if members disagree with legislation that is adopted, that they work with staff on possible amendments. Stated that it frustrates him that members may vote a certain way on legislation solely so that they can file for reconsideration. Congratulated Ms. Delena Johnson on being re-elected.

### **XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session conducted.

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.