

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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ASSEMBLY AGENDA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ASSEMBLY MEETING IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND IN PERSON:

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

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**

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

[26-084](#)

1. Agriculture Advisory Board: 02/18/26, 03/18/26, Resolution 26-01
2. Butte Community Council: 04/08/26
3. Butte FSA Board of Supervisors: 02/12/26
4. Chickaloon Community Council: 10/08/25, 11/12/25, 02/11/26
5. Greater Talkeetna RSA Board of Supervisors: 02/12/26
6. Library Board: 04/14/26
7. MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission: 02/26/26, 03/12/26, 03/26/26, 04/09/26
8. Meadow Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: 04/15/26
9. Planning Commission: 05/04/26, Resolution Nos. 26-05, 26-07, 26-08
10. Platting Board: 04/02/26, 04/16/26
11. South Lakes Community Council: 05/04/26
12. Talkeetna Community Council: 02/02/26
13. Talkeetna Sewer and Water Board: 04/01/26
14. Water and Wastewater Advisory Board: 03/04/26, Resolution 26-03
15. West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 04/13/26
16. Willow Area Community Organization: 12/03/25, 01/07/26, 02/04/26, 03/04/26, 04/01/26

Attachments: [06/02/26 - Citizen and Other Correspondence](#)

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

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 26-021](#) An Ordinance Repealing A General Standard Of MSB 17.30, Conditional Use Permit For Earth Materials Extraction Activities.

Sponsors: Sumner

Attachments: [OR 26-021](#)
[IM 26-030](#)

[OR 26-054](#) An Ordinance Extending The Completion Date For The Steam Thaw Truck Project Funding To June 30, 2028.
RS 26-044: A Resolution Amending The Budget For The Thaw Truck, Cold Planer, Pickup Truck Purchase; And Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Road And Pathway Sustainment Project.

Attachments: [OR 26-054](#)
[RS 26-044](#)
[IM 26-091](#)

[OR 26-055](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$37,700 Received From The Surplus Sale Of Road Service Area Equipment For The Road And Pathway Sustainment Project.
RS 26-045: A Resolution Amending The Budget For The Road And Pathway Sustainment Project.

Attachments: [OR 26-055](#)
[RS 26-045](#)
[IM 26-093](#)

[OR 26-057](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$75,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities For West Susitna Parkway Improvements.
RS 26-046: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For West Susitna Parkway Improvements.

Attachments: [OR 26-057](#)
[RS 26-046](#)
[IM 26-095](#)

[OR 26-060](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$523.73 From The United States Fish And Wildlife Service And \$583.74 From The Alaska State Department Of Fish And Game, Passed Through The Palmer Soil And Water Conservation District For A Total Of \$1,107.47.
RS 26-047: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget; And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into An Agreement For The Caswell Creek/Caswell Lake Streambank Rehabilitation Project.

Attachments: [OR 26-060](#)
[RS 26-047](#)
[IM 26-099](#)

[OR 26-061](#) An Ordinance Increasing The Marijuana Sales Tax Levy From 5 Percent To 10 Percent; And To Submit The Question To The Qualified Areawide Voters At The November 3, 2026, Regular Borough Election.

Sponsors: Bernier

Attachments: [OR 26-061](#)
[IM 26-100](#)
[05/19/26 - Marijuana Sales Tax Rate Increase Proposal](#)

[OR 26-062](#) An Ordinance Levying A Tax Up To 10 Percent On The Sale Of Alcoholic Beverages; And To Submit The Question To The Qualified Areawide Voters At The November 3, 2026, Regular Borough Election.

Sponsors: Bernier

Attachments: [OR 26-062](#)
[IM 26-101](#)
[05/19/26 - Alcohol Sales Tax Proposal](#)

[OR 26-063](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A Grant In The Amount Of \$44,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services For A Project For The Continued Management Of Points Of Dispensing Sites That Will Be Used To Distribute Medicines Or Vaccines To Residents And Visitors In Our Area In The Event Of An Incident That Requires Large Numbers Of People To Receive Preventive Medicines And Medications.
RS 26-048: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For A Grant In The Amount Of \$44,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services, For The Continued Management Of Points Of Dispensing Sites Project.

Attachments: [OR 26-063](#)
[RS 26-048](#)
[IM 26-102](#)

[OR 26-064](#) An Ordinance Reappropriating \$10,000 From The 2023 Fiscal Year Areawide Budget Appropriation To Fish Passage Improvements For The Cottonwood Creek Pike Barrier Project.
RS 26-049: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Cottonwood Creek Pike Barrier Project.

Attachments: [OR 26-064](#)
[RS 26-049](#)
[IM 26-103](#)

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 26-053](#) A Resolution Extending The Date Of Completion Of The Brett Ice Arena Storage Building Project Through June 30, 2027.

Attachments: [RS 26-053](#)
[IM 26-097](#)

[RS 26-056](#) A Resolution Requesting The State Of Alaska Designate The Old Glenn Highway As An Official Safety Corridor And Provide Funding For The Planning, Design, And Construction Of A Multi-Phased Improvement Project On The Old Glenn Highway To Address Traffic Safety Concerns And Ensure Adequate Alternate Access To Interior Alaska.

Sponsors: Bowles

Attachments: [RS 26-056](#)
[IM 26-115](#)

[RS 26-057](#) A Resolution Supporting A Free Disposal Of Earth Materials To The Alaska Railroad Corporation For Use As An In-Kind Match For Completion Of The Port Mackenzie Rail Extension.

Attachments: [RS 26-057](#)
[IM 26-116](#)

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

[AM 26-064](#) Approval Of Contract Amendment For Contract No. 13-025P With Harris Consulting To Extend The Contract To June 30, 2028, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$80,400 Per Year Subject To Annual Appropriation For State Lobbyist Services.

Attachments: [AM 26-064](#)

[AM 26-065](#) Approval Of Additional Utility Relocation Costs In The Amount Of \$27,150 To Matanuska Electric Association, Inc. For The Jolly Creek Drainage Improvements Phase I And Phase II Project In Big Lake Road Service Area No. 21; And Approval To Extend The Completion Date To December 31, 2026.

Attachments: [AM 26-065](#)

[AM 26-067](#) Approval Of Utility Relocation Costs In The Amount Of \$130,923 To Enstar Natural Gas Company For The Jolly Creek Drainage Improvements Project In Big Lake Road Service Area No. 21.

Attachments: [AM 26-067](#)

[AM 26-068](#) Award Of Quote No. 26-155Q To PND Engineers, Inc. In The Contract Amount Not To Exceed \$123,550 To Provide Engineering Consulting Services And Construction Management For Upgrades To Lewis Loop Bridge Under Term Contract No. 26-096P.

Attachments: [AM 26-068](#)

[AM 26-069](#) Approval Of Utility Relocation Costs In The Amount Of \$125,164.07 To MTA Communications, LLC. For The West Herkimer Drive And South Spring Drive Improvements Project In Meadow Lakes Road Service Area No. 27; And Approval To Extend The Project Completion Date To December 31, 2026.

Attachments: [AM 26-069](#)

[AM 26-071](#) Approval Of Change Order No. Six For Contract No. 22-135B With Shannon And Wilson, Inc. For The Central Landfill Water Quality Services Contract To Add \$22,532 For Fiscal Year 2027.

Attachments: [AM 26-071](#)

[AM 26-072](#) Award Of Bid No. 26-149B To Battleground, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$113,300 To Provide Right Of Way Debris Removal From The 2025 Winter Windstorm.

Attachments: [AM 26-072](#)

[AM 26-073](#) Authorization To Vacate The Existing Section Line Easement From Lot 9 Enchanted Forest Subdivision, Plat No. 71-50, (Tax Id No. 6100B15L009) To Be Known As Lot 9, Block 15, Enchanted Forest Subdivision. The Property Is Located Directly North Of West King Arthur Drive, North Of North Parks Highway, And West Of Prator Lake, Located Within The SW ¼ Section 25, Township 18 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska.

Attachments: [AM 26-073](#)

[AM 26-075](#) Award Of Bid No. 26-157B To Tew's Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$1,116,525.33 For Big Lake Road Service Area Annual Road Maintenance - Rebid.

Attachments: [AM 26-075](#)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[OR 26-015](#) An Ordinance To Purchase The Adjacent Lot Next To The Big Lake Lions Recreation Center In The Amount Of \$110,000; And To Classify The Land As Reserved Use Lands For The Purpose Of A Sewer System Lot.

Attachments: [OR 26-015](#)

[IM 26-020](#)

[OR 26-016](#) An Ordinance Approving The Land Classification Of A Borough-Owned Property As Reserved Use Land For The Purpose Of A Shooting Range.

Attachments: [OR 26-016](#)

[IM 26-022](#)

[06/02/26 - Photos](#)

IX. VETO

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 06/16/26, Assembly Chambers)

[OR 26-039](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$100,000 From The Mat-Su Trails And Parks Foundation For The Upgrades To The West Butte Trailhead.

RS 26-025: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Upgrades To The West Butte Trailhead.

Attachments: [OR 26-039](#)
[RS 26-025](#)
[IM 26-061](#)

[OR 26-066](#) An Ordinance Authorizing The Borough Manager To Convey Certain Borough-Owned Excess Land From The Point Mackenzie Rail Extension Project To The State Of Alaska For Economic Development (Tracts 10A And 13A, Point Mackenzie Terminal Reserve, Plat No. 2025-179, Palmer Recording District).

Attachments: [OR 26-066](#)
[IM 26-108](#)

[OR 26-069](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$3,468 From The Alaska State Department Of Natural Resources, Office Of History And Archaeology, For The 2026 National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) Forum Travel Grant Project.

RS 26-054: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into The State Grant Agreement For The 2026 NAPC Travel Grant Project.

Attachments: [OR 26-069](#)
[RS 26-054](#)
[IM 26-112](#)

[OR 26-070](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$21,595 Of Revenues From Fiscal Year 2026 Public Donations To The Animal Care And Regulation Capital Projects Budget For Animal Care Division Facility Programs.

RS 26-055: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Animal Care Division Facility Programs That Support Animal Care And Regulation Priorities And Objectives.

Attachments: [OR 26-070](#)
[RS 26-055](#)
[IM 26-113](#)

[OR 26-071](#) An Ordinance Approving An Additional Land Classification For 16 Borough-Owned Properties Along Deshka River As Watershed Lands For The Purpose Of Fish Habitat.

Sponsors: Gamble

Attachments: [OR 26-071](#)

[IM 26-114](#)

[OR 26-072](#) An Ordinance Adopting MSB 3.15.036 \$75,000, Owner-Occupied Residential Real Property Exemption And MSB 1.10.170, 1.5 Percent Areawide Sales Tax (With Exemptions For Sales Within The Cities); And Submitting The Proposition To The Voters At The November 3, 2026, Regular Borough Election.

Sponsors: Nowers

Attachments: [OR 26-072](#)

[IM 26-117](#)

[06/02/26 - Sales Tax Projections](#)

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

[26-085](#) Mayoral Requests for Confirmation

Attachments: [06/02/26 - Vacancy Report](#)

C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

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

XI. RECONSIDERATION

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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