

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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Edna DeVries

BOROUGH CLERK

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BOROUGH MANAGER

Michael Brown

BOROUGH ATTORNEY

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BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

Michael Bowles, District 1

Stephanie Nowers, District 2

Dee McKee, District 3

Maxwell Sumner, District 4

Bill Gamble, District 5

Dmitri Fonov, District 6

Ron Bernier, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Assemblymember Michael Bowles, Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Dee McKee, Assemblymember Maxwell Sumner, Assemblymember Bill Gamble, Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov, and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Assemblymember Bernier moved to remove Ordinance Serial No. 26-016 and come back to the August 18, 2026.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney.

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.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committees

There were no reports provided.

2. Assembly Public Relations

Assemblymember McKee spoke to a program for youth to learn about civics and the event she attended.

Assemblymember Sumner spoke to attending a Dan Sullivan campaign event last weekend and that three other Assembly members were present. No Borough business was discussed.

Assemblymember Bowles spoke to the Cleans Program and the event for Dan Sullivan last weekend. Thanked Borough staff. Noted he was also in attendance at a North Lakes Community Council meeting and other Assembly members were present.

Assemblymember Fonov spoke to attending a Dan Sullivan campaign event he last weekend three other members were present. No Borough business was discussed.

Assemblymember McKee spoke to attending a Dan Sullivan campaign event last weekend three other members were present. No Borough business was discussed.

Assemblymember Nowers noted she attended a North Lakes Community Council meeting and other Assembly members were present.

Mayor DeVries spoke to testifying on House Bill 381 and noted she will be testifying to the Senate on the LNG Project.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

2. Strategic Planning Issues

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule and important elections date.

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

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

There were no informational memorandums presented.

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.)

The following persons spoke opposed to Ordinance Serial No. 26-016: Linda Oxley, past chair representing WACO; Sandy McDonald; Darcie Morgan; Ramey Smyth; Thomas Blair; Becca Moore; Robert Morgan; Kelton Hansley; Nila Morgan; Carl Sadloske; John McDonald; Kori Morgan; Jeff Morgan; Chris Chanbos; Sarah Eveningred; Darren Rad; Joseph Morgan; Kathleen Hunt; Carol Tyler; Hannah Hansley; Kristin Smyth; and Catherine (Last name was indiscernible).

The following person spoke to a junk property next to his home: Thomas Wisthoff.

The following person spoke to junk property next to her home and to taxes: Cecelia Wisthoff.

The following persons spoke in support of local libraries: Diane Shibe, Palmer Friends of the Library member; Irene Waggoner; Nancy Bertels; Jennie Goetsch; and Rachel Christiansen, Sutton Friends of the Library member.

The following person spoke to a letter he wrote to the governor and a work release program: Tom Roberson.

The following person spoke to there being no obscene material in libraries, Assembly meetings, potential taxes, separation of church and state, and in support of rank choice voting: Mary Robinson.

The following persons spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 26-021: Robert Coffin, Sammy Taylor, Troy Anthis, Dave Musgrave, John Butcher. Witney Crombie, Karen Zajchowski, Jennifer Prironis, Carol Lawalter, Cassie Elliot, Cara Walker, Melissa (Last name was indiscernible), Lynn Fuller, and James Christie.

The following person spoke to data centers and libraries: Jeanne Troshynski, President of the Wasilla Friends of the Library.

The following person spoke to the Willow Librarian Julie Mitchell and in support of the Willow Library: Melinda Dale.

The following person spoke to the grooming of children: Linda Spohn.

The following person spoke to a book challenge for "Let's Talk About It": Jackie Goforth.

The following persons spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 26-061: Sarah Lorimer, Noel Lowe, and Tleah Eichelberger.

The following person spoke to the MSB Library Board and a censorship happening to the libraries: Kathy Kysar.

The following person spoke to new marketing campaign and participating in the City of Wasilla parade, signage, new grant: Jennifer Busch, Valley Transit CEO.

The following person spoke in opposition of OR 26-021: Tara Walker, WACO.

The following person spoke in opposition of AM 26-075: Tatia Street, Red Valley Services.

The meeting recessed at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened at 8:38 p.m.

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

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 26-021: Dave Oliver, Patty Fisher, Colleen Vague, Tishe Link, Jennifer Pironis, Sandy Belk, Jenny Troshynki, Jackie Goforth, and Eric (Last name was indiscernible).

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 26-021: Jay Laughlin, Central Gravel.

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

Assemblymember Sumner moved adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-021.

Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 26-021 by inserting "For the purposes of the subsection, "ceases" means the extraction or processing of less than 2,000 cubic yards of earth material during a calendar year," to MSB 17.30.025(F) to read as follows, "(F) Nonconforming status shall expire if material extraction or earth material process activity cease for long than five years. For the purposes of this subsection, "ceases" means the extraction or processing of less than 2,000 cubic yards of earth material during a calendar year."

The primary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 1 - Assemblymember Nowers

No: 6 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 26-021 by inserting language to repeal subsections MSB 17.30.020(C) and (D) to read as follows, "Repeal of subsections. MSB 17.30.020(C) and (D) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to suspend the rules and extend the meeting past 10 p.m. and not to exceed 11:00 p.m.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 26-061 failed by the following vote:

Yes: 1 - Assemblymember Nowers

No: 6 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Fonov called for the question (to stop debate)

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Bowles, and Assemblymember Fonov

No: 5 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Bernier

The meeting recessed at 10:03 p.m. and reconvened at 10:12 p.m.

Assemblymember Sumner moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 26-021 to insert a new Section (B) to MSB 17.30.060(B) to read as follows, "Section 3. Adoption of Section. (B) When making the determination under (A)(2), the Director or Commission shall give due consideration to the applicable comprehensive plan."

The primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 26-021 passed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 5 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Bernier
- No:** 2 - Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember Fonov

The main motion passed as amendment by the following vote:

- Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier
- No:** 1 - Assemblymember Nowers

[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.
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-054 and Resolution Serial No. 26-044.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

[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.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-055 and Resolution Serial No. 26-046.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

[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.
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-057 and Resolution Serial No. 26-046.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

[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.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-060 and Resolution Serial No. 26-047.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

[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

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in opposition into the Ordinance Serial No. 26-061: Bailey Stuart, Randy Wells, Sarah Orimer, Darcie Morgan, and Noel Lowe.

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

Assemblymember Bernier moved adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-061.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to suspend the rules and extend the meeting past 11 p.m. and not to exceed 11:59 p.m.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The main motion failed by the following vote:

No: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

[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

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 26-062: Frank Bell and Wes Artz.

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

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-062.

Assemblymember Bernier moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 26-062 by striking, "up to 10 percent," and inserting, "of 5 percent," throughout the legislation.

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 3 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember Gamble

[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.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-063 and Resolution Serial No. 26-048.

Assemblymember Sumner called for the question (to stop debate)

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The main motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 1 - Assemblymember Bowles

[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.
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Fonov moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-064 and Resolution Serial No. 26-049.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

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

The following person spoke in support of AM 26-075: Mokie Tew.

The following person spoke to inflation for small businesses and to potential taxes: Wes Artz.

The following person spoke in opposition of AM 26-075: Vicky Cutler.

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.

[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

[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.

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.

[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.

[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.

[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.

[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.

[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.

[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.

[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.
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.
Assemblymember Bernier moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the Clerk.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

[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.
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.
Assemblymember Gamble moved to adopt AM 26-075.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier
No: 4 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Gamble

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.
MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Gamble moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-015.

The main motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Fonov

No: 2 - Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Bernier

[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.
[Clerk's Note: Ordinance Serial No. 26-015 was removed from the agenda to be brought back on August 18, 2026, at approval of the agenda.]

IX. VETO

There were no vetoes.

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.

[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).

[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.

[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.

[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

[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

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearing for June 16, 2026, respectively.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

[26-085](#) Mayoral Requests for Confirmation
MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission
Michael Bowles, resignation
Platting Board
Roman Fonov
Big Lake RSA # 21
Johnathan Tyler
Chase Trail SSA # 134
Christopher Boers

Assemblymember Bernier moved to confirm the appointments and resignations requested by the Mayor.

Assemblymember Nowers moved to divide the question to take the appointment of Roman Fonov separately.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 1 - Assemblymember Nowers

No: 6 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble,
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The main motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble,
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 1 - Assemblymember Nowers

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

There were no reconsiderations.

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos thanked everyone.

Assemblymember McKee spoke to AM 26-075.

Assemblymember Bernier spoke to AM 26-075 and said a prayer.

Assemblymember Nowers opined the public is not feeling heard. Spoke to
public input, gravel, and taxes.

Assemblymember Bowles thanked District 1 and spoke to it being a good
meeting and to AM 26-075.

Assemblymember Fonov spoke to the need to reconsider AM 26-075.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 p.m.