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MEETING MINUTES

MENARD SPORTS COMPLEX
1001 SOUTH CLAPP STREET, WASILLA

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

6:00 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2023

Budget Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at the the Menard Sports Complex, 1001 Clapp Road, Wasilla, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Assemblymember Tim Hale, Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Dee McKee, Assemblymember Robert Yundt, Assemblymember Mokie Tew, and Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov

Excused: 1 - Assemblymember Ron Bernier

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Jessica Viera, Wasilla Chamber of Commerce Executive Director.

V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Mayoral Proclamation In Recognition Of National Therapy Animal Day

Mayor DeVries read the proclamation into the record recognizing National Therapy Animal Day and presented it to Michael Hilliard.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following person spoke in opposition of the Long Lake timber harvest and in support of rescinding the resolution: Barbara Kelly.

VII. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. PUBLIC HEARING

[OR 23-023](#) An Ordinance Appropriating Monies From The Central Treasury For The Borough Operating Funds, Enterprise Funds, Education Operating Fund And Capital Funds, Establishing The Rate Of Levy For All Borough Functions For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023, And Ending June 30, 2024; And Setting The Surcharge Rate For The Wireline And Wireless Enhanced 911 Systems For The Period Of July 1, 2023, Through June 30, 2024.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries reopened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in support of funding for improvements for the Alcantra Disc Golf course: Tate Noit and Thomas Wolf.

The following person spoke in support of funding for the Mat-Su Convention and Visitors Bureau: Wes Hoskins, Mat-Su Convention and Visitor's Bureau Board Member.

Assemblymember Yundt moved to continue the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 23-023 to Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 6 p.m.

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

VIII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Assemblymember Fonov stated that he is looking forward to the budget process. Opined that public hearings should include a question and answer period for speakers. Spoke in support of increasing outdoor activities for families.

Assemblymember Yundt thanked the public that attended and provided testimony.

Assemblymember Hale stated that he loves disc golf and plays quite often. Spoke to where funds could be located in the budget if Assemblymember Fonov wanted to fund the disc golf course improvements.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.