

# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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## ASSEMBLY AGENDA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

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

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- \* You can submit written comments to [leg.com@matsugov.us](mailto:leg.com@matsugov.us)

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- \* When the Mayor announces audience participation or a public hearing you would like to speak to, press \*3; you will hear "Your hand has been raised."
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### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

### **II. ROLL CALL**

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

#### IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

##### A. Mayoral Proclamation in Recognition of Education and Sharing Day

[26-042](#) Mayoral Proclamation

**Attachments:** [02/17/26 - Mayoral Proclamation](#)

#### VI. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

- [26-039](#)
- A. Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes: 01/06/26
  - B. Assembly Special Meeting Minutes: 01/20/26
  - C. Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes: 01/20/26
  - D. Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes: 02/03/26

**Attachments:** [01/06/2026 - SIGNED - Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes](#)  
[01/20/26 - SIGNED - Assembly Special Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)  
[01/20/26 - SIGNED - Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)  
[02/03/26 - SIGNED - Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

#### VII. 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

- [26-040](#)
1. Caswell Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: Resolution No. 26-01
  2. Central Mat-Su FSA/West Lakes FSA Joint Board of Supervisors: 10/13/25
  3. Chase Community Council: 07/14/25
  4. Greater Palmer Consolidated FSA Board of Supervisors: 01/21/26
  5. Meadow Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: 12/04/25, Resolution No. 26-01
  6. Point MacKenzie Community Council: 05/09/24, 09/12/24
  7. South Lakes Community Council: 01/05/26
  8. Talkeetna Community Council: 01/05/26

**Attachments:** [02/17/26 - Citizen and Other Correspondence](#)

## G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

[IM 26-038](#) Informing The Assembly Of The Managers' Signature On A Grant Application For Submission To The Mat-Su Health Foundation.

**Attachments:** [IM 26-038](#)

## VIII. 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 25-127](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.67, Tall Structures Including Telecommunication Facilities, Wind Energy Conversion Systems, And Other Tall Structures; To Reduce The Minimum Setback Requirements For New Telecommunications Towers.

**Sponsors:** Fonov

**Attachments:** [OR 25-127](#)  
[IM 25-244](#)

[OR 26-013](#) An Ordinance Extending The Time Of Completion Of The Expiring Beetle Kill Fire Reduction Initiative Grant Match Funds Through September 30, 2027.

**Attachments:** [OR 26-013](#)  
[IM 26-018](#)

[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](#)

[OR 26-018](#) An Ordinance To Issue Areawide General Obligation Bonds In An Amount Not To Exceed \$80,013,700, In One Or More Series To Finance The (A) The Acquisition, Design, Construction, Major Renovation And Renewal Of Educational And Related Capital Improvement Projects In The Matanuska-Susitna Borough, (B) The Construction, Additions, Improvements, Betterments, Repair, Reconstruction, Or Acquisition Of Public Roads And Pathways And Facilities Related Thereto In The Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Together With All Necessary Equipment And Transportation Facilities Including Improving School Access, And The Acquisition Of Lands Or Rights In Lands In Connection Therewith, And (C) The Refunding Of Certain Outstanding General Obligation Bonds Of The Matanuska-Susitna Borough; Fixing Certain Details Of Such Bonds; And Authorizing Their Sale.

**Attachments:** [OR 26-018](#)  
[IM 26-025](#)  
[Preliminary Official Statement](#)

[OR 26-019](#) An Ordinance Repealing MSB 1.10.265, Animal Control In Its Entirety; And Adopting MSB 1.10.141, Animal Control, To Establish Areawide Authority For Animal Control Services Within The Borough, To Include The Cities Of Palmer, Wasilla, And Houston.

**Attachments:** [OR 26-019](#)  
[IM 26-026](#)

[OR 26-020](#) An Ordinance Establishing An Exemption To Weight Restrictions On Borough Roads.  
RS 26-010: A Resolution Establishing A Fee For Processing Requests For An Exemption To Weight Restrictions On Borough Roads.

**Sponsors:** McKee and Fonov

**Attachments:** [OR 26-020](#)  
[RS 26-010](#)  
[IM 26-027](#)  
[03/03/26 - Gamble Reconsideration of OR 26-020](#)

[RS 26-009](#) A Resolution Supporting A Payment In Lieu Of Taxes For The Pipeline Infrastructure Of The Alaska Natural Gas (AKLNG) Project.

**Attachments:** [RS 26-009](#)  
[IM 26-023](#)  
[02/17/26 - Sumner Possible Amendment](#)  
[02/17/26 - Bernier Possible Amendment](#)

**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 26-014](#) A Resolution Amending The Title And Scope Of Work For A Project To Construct A North-Eastern Borough Communications Tower.

**Attachments:** [RS 26-014](#)  
[IM 26-036](#)

## 2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

[AM 26-012](#) Award Of Bid No. 26-099B To Big Dipper Construction, Inc. For The Contract Amount Of \$1,956,942 To Construct Station 6-2 Training Complex Improvements For Confined Space & Structural Simulation.

**Attachments:** [AM 26-012](#)

[AM 26-013](#) Approval Of Contract Extension For Orion Construction, Inc., Contract No. 25-050B, For Solid Waste Facility Entrance Improvements; And Extending The Contract Completion Date From March 31, 2026, To June 30, 2026.

**Attachments:** [AM 26-013](#)

[AM 26-014](#) Approval Of Contract Extension For Wolf Architecture, Inc., Contract No. 24-071P, For Gateway Visitor Center Professional Services; And Extending The Contract Completion Date From March 31, 2026, To June 30, 2026.

**Attachments:** [AM 26-014](#)

[AM 26-015](#) Award Of Proposal No. 26-093P To Nvision Architecture, Inc. For The Contract Amount Of \$115,380 To Design The Iditarod Elementary School Cladding Repair.

**Attachments:** [AM 26-015](#)

## IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[OR 25-102](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 43.20, Subdivision Development Standards To Allow Lots To Be Reduced To 30,000 Square Feet Within Single-Family Residential Land Use Districts.

**Sponsors:** Sumner

**Attachments:** [OR 25-102](#)

[IM 25-194](#)

## X. VETO

## XI. NEW BUSINESS

### A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 03/03/26 Assembly Chambers)

[OR 26-022](#) An Ordinance Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into A Memorandum Of Agreement With The Talkeetna Community Council, Inc. For The Talkeetna Library Pathway Project And Accepting And Appropriating A Grant For Project Implementation.  
RS 26-013: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Talkeetna Library Pathway Project.

**Attachments:** [OR 26-022](#)  
[RS 26-013](#)  
[IM 26-033](#)

[OR 26-024](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.15.225 Board Of Equalization; Hearing, Related To Limiting The Board's Authority To Raise Assessments And Making Findings.

**Sponsors:** Sumner, Bowles and Gamble

**Attachments:** [OR 26-024](#)  
[IM 26-035](#)

[OR 26-025](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$258,328.07 From The United States Geological Survey And \$265,852.19 From The Natural Resources Conservation Service; And Extending The Date Of Completion For Match Funding Through June 30, 2029, For The Collection Of LiDAR Elevation Data.  
RS 26-015: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Collection Of LiDAR Elevation Data.

**Attachments:** [OR 26-025](#)  
[RS 26-015](#)  
[IM 26-037](#)

[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 75 Percent, And Remove The Provisions That Only Returned Ballots Are Considered In Tabulation.

**Sponsors:** Nowers and Bowles

**Attachments:** [OR 26-027](#)  
[IM 26-039](#)

## **B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

## 1. VACANCY REPORT

[26-041](#) Mayoral Requests for Confirmation

**Attachments:** [02/17/26 - Vacancy Report](#)

## C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

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

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

**Sponsors:** Sumner

**Attachments:** [OR 26-021](#)

[IM 26-030](#)

## XII. RECONSIDERATION

## XIII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

## XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

## XV. ADJOURNMENT

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