

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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BOROUGH MAYOR

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John Moosey

BOROUGH ATTORNEY

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BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

Jim Sykes, District 1

Matthew Beck, District 2

George McKee, District 3

Ted Leonard, District 4

Dan Mayfield, 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, APRIL 2, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Matthew Beck.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Assemblymember Jim Sykes, Assemblymember Matthew Beck, Assemblymember George McKee, Assemblymember Ted Leonard, Assemblymember Dan Mayfield, Assemblymember Jesse Sumner, and Assemblymember Tam Boeve

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Beck queried if there were any changes to the agenda.

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Deputy Mayor Beck.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

[19-045](#)

A. Special Meeting Minutes: 03/19/19

B. Regular Meeting Minutes: 03/19/19

The minutes were approved as presented without objection.

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.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee On School Issues

There was no report provided.

2. Assembly Public Relations

There was no report provided.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

2. Strategic Planning Issues

Mr. Moosey reported on numerous conversations that have been held with state legislators regarding concerns with Governor Dunleavy's proposed budget. Advised that the school bond debt reimbursement moratorium could be extended for five years. Advised that there has been continued discussion on the Alberta to Alaska project (A2A). Noted that there is progress being made with that project. Advised that the Animal Care shelter is temporarily suspending accepting owner surrender pets. Summarized some budgetary changes that are being made. Advised that staff is doing their best to reduce impacts to residents but that some services will take longer as a result.

3. Donlin Gold Presentation

Mr. Dan, PE, Permit and Environmental Manager, provided an update on the Donlin Gold project.

[19-058](#)

Donlin Gold Presentation

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

There was no report provided.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie spoke to upcoming meeting schedule. Noted that it included annual evaluation dates for the Manager, the Attorney, and the Clerk. Queried if the Assembly would like to schedule those meetings.

Deputy Mayor Beck queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

Assemblymember Mayfield moved to continue to use the annual evaluation survey questions but for them to be optional. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Boeve

No: 3 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, and Assemblymember Sumner

[Clerk's note: The Clerk clarified that Assemblymember Mayfield wanted the Mayor and Assembly to receive a paper copy of the questions to be used during evaluations.]

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

[19-037](#)

1. Board of Adjustment and Appeals: 10/25/18, BOAA 19-01 Final Order
2. Joint West Lakes and Central Mat-Su FSA Board of Supervisors: 02/11/19
3. Meadow Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: 10/16/18, 11/14/18
4. Planning Commission: 02/04/19
5. Talkeetna Community Council: 02/04/19
6. Willow Area Community Organization: 12/05/18, 01/02/19, 02/06/19

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

[IM 19-062](#)

Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 18-090B To Western Construction & Equipment, LLC. For Lake Louise Boat Launch And Parking Improvements In The Final Contract Amount Of \$16,818.65.

The informational memorandum was 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 19-041](#)

An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$64,200 From The Enhanced 911 Fund Balance, Fund 202, To Project No. 45283, Fund 480, To Allow The City Of Wasilla To Obtain Reimbursement From Enhanced 911 Surcharge Funding For E-911 Equipment, Software, And Professional Services For Smart911.

RS 19-028: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Project No. 45283, Fund 480, To Allow The City Of Wasilla To Obtain Reimbursement From The Enhanced 911 Surcharge Funding For E-911 Equipment, Software, And Professional Services For Smart911.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Deputy Mayor Beck opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Sykes moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 19-041 and Resolution Serial No. 19-028. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 19-043](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A Donation In The Amount Of \$2,500 From The Equestrian Homeowners Association To Fund 430, Project No. 35299, For The Folsom Drive To Bogard Road Connecting Pathway Project.

RS 19-033: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Folsom Drive To Bogard Road Connecting Pathway, Project No. 35299, Fund 430.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Deputy Mayor Beck 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. 19-043 and Resolution Serial No. 19-033. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 19-044](#)

An Ordinance Approving An Acceptance And Appropriation Of \$9,601 Of Revenues From Public Donations To The Fiscal Year 2019 Animal Care And Regulation Division Operating Budget, 200.100.606 To Purchase Equipment And Supplies For Animal Care.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Deputy Mayor Beck opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Sykes moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 19-044. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

OR 19-045

An Ordinance Amending MSB 2.12.070(B), To Reflect A November Election Date; And Amendments To Title 25, Elections, To Change The Provisions Of When The Assembly Adopts Ballot Propositions For A More Timely Mailing Of The Election Brochure And To Delete The Provisions For Mayoral Runoff Elections.

Sponsors: Sumner

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Deputy Mayor Beck opened the public hearing.

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

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

Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 19-045. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)

The following person spoke in support of Emergency Services and to the need for a wastewater and septage facility: Ms. Helen Munoz.

The following person spoke in support of hemp for health care: Ms. Sara Williams.

The following person spoke in support of dust control for better air quality in subdivisions without paved roads: Mr. Jim Stocker.

The following person spoke in support of full funding for the School District: Mr. Michael Backus, Teeland Middle School Teacher.

The following person spoke to the need for emergency fill stations at the Palmer and Wasilla Pools: Mr. Tom Roberson.

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

The following person spoke in support of approval of a land sale for a parcel in the Matanuska townsite: Mr. Kenny Medders.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

[AM 19-016](#) Approve Utility Relocate Cost To GCI for Shaw's Tri Lake In The Amount Of \$124,127.95 For Echo Avenue, Golf Street, Sierra Street, Shaw's Drive, and Delta Court, Project No. 30047.

[AM 19-017](#) Award Of Bid No. 19-067B To Yukon Equipment, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$182,972 For The Purchase Of Solid Waste Hauling Containers.

[AM 19-018](#) Award Of Bid 19-074C To Yukon Equipment, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$118,608 For The Purchase Of 120 Cubic Yard Walking Floor Transfer Trailer.

[AM 19-019](#) Acceptance Of Late Filed And Retroactive Senior Citizen And Disabled Veteran Exemption Applications.

[AM 19-020](#) Approval Of Change Order No. 1 To Contract No. 18-088P With Diversified Construction, Inc For The Big Lake (Iron Dog) Trail Bridges Design Build To Extend The Completion Time To February 28, 2020.

[AM 19-021](#) Approval Of A Contract Amendment 1 To Contract 19-020P With PDC Engineers In The Contract Amount Of \$335,169 For Big Lake Transfer Station Upgrades - Design To Amend The Scope Of Services To Include The Design Of A Salted Sand Storage Building And Other Recommended Upgrades At The Big Lake Transfer Station.

Ms. McKechnie read the consent agenda into the record.

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

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[RS 19-035](#) A Resolution Recognizing and Honoring The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

Sponsors: McKee

Assemblymember Sykes moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 19-035.

Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 19-035, by striking the second whereas clause in its entirety and inserting the following in its place: "Whereas, the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race involves human and canine athletes making their way across 1,049 miles of Alaska's challenging wilderness and weather, and serves as a tribute to Alaska's history and importance of sled dogs; and"

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Boeve

No: 2 - Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Sumner

The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, 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 04/16/19, Assembly Chambers)

There were no introductions for public hearing on April 16, 2019.

B. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 05/02/19, Willow Community Center)

[OR 19-033](#) An Ordinance Authorizing The Borough Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With M Stitt Barns And Restorations To Restore The Willow Log Cabin, Fund 435, Project No. 10182, And To Extend The Completion Date Of Project No. 10182, And To Approve A Reappropriation Of \$65,500 From The Fiscal Year 2019 Community Development Department, Land Management Operating_Budget 203.170.141 To Fund 435, Project No. 10182.

RS 19-034: A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Willow Log Cabin Rehabilitation Project, Fund 435, Project No. 10182.

Sponsors: Boeve

Assemblymember Sykes moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and to set the public hearing for May 2, 2019. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

C. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Agriculture Advisory Board
Margaret Adsit
Board of Adjustment and Appeals
Glen Price, resignation
Borough Area Schools Site Selection Committee
Pat Chesbro
Emergency Medical Services Board
Justin Ortolano, moving from alternate position to primary position
Cheri Day, resignation
Rachel Cote, moving from alternate position to primary position
Deborah Spaulding, resignation
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Kara Cahill
Police Powers Task Force
Ted Leonard, resignation
Dan Mayfield
Trapper Creek RSA No. 30
Ilona Kinder

[19-040](#) Vacancy Report

Sponsors: Halter

Assemblymember Sykes moved to confirm the resignations and appointments requested by the Mayor. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

D. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

There was no other new business.

E. 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

Assemblymember Leonard advised the body that he does support the Police Powers Task Force, but resigned as he is unable to attend meetings during the day.

Assemblymember McKee spoke to the Emergency Medical Services positions that were added through legislation at the last meeting.

Assemblymember Sykes thanked the body for meeting. Stated that he is sorry that Assemblymember Leonard is unable to participate in the Police Powers Task Force. Noted that at the first meeting, the Task Force voted unanimously to extend the time to make a recommendation to the Assembly. Advised that legislation will be coming forward to address that change.

Assemblymember Boeve thanked Ms. Patty Sullivan for her 13 years of service with the Borough.

Assemblymember Mayfield spoke to concerns with Governor Dunleavy's budget.

Deputy Mayor Beck thanked the Assembly and staff for the meeting.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session held.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.