

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 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: 5 - Assemblymember Tim Hale, Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers arrived at 6:08 p.m.), Assemblymember Dee McKee (arrived at 6:16 p.m.), Assemblymember Mokie Tew, and Assemblymember Jesse Sumner

Telephonic: 2 - Assemblymember Robert Yundt, and 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 Assemblymember Hale.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following persons spoke in favor of the Port MacKenzie Business Development Strategic Action Plan: Ron Johnson, Rick Davidge, and Marc VanDongen.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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Discussion Regarding Port MacKenzie.

Therese Dolan, Port Operations Manager; Terry Dolan, Public Works Director; and Eric Phillips, Community Development Director provided update on Port MacKenzie.

Jeff Monroe and David Arnold from The International Association of Maritime and Port Executives spoke to the Port Mackenzie Business Development Strategic Action Plan.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Mr. Brown spoke to the need to commit to a plan for Port MacKenzie. Informed the Assembly the contracts for a lease agreement will be available in February. Spoke to the resolution coming forward to sell the conveyor that is located at the port.

Assemblymember Bernier thanked the speakers for the information.

Assemblymember Yundt thanked the speakers for the presentation and information.

Mr. Rob Brown, Port Commissioner, spoke in support of developing Port Mackenzie.

Mr. Ron Tracy, Port Commissioner, spoke in support of developing Port MacKenzie.

Ms. Helga Larson, Port Commissioner, spoke in support of developing Port MacKenzie.

Assemblymember Tew spoke to the need to hire someone to run and advertise Port MacKenzie.

Assemblymember Hale agreed with the comment on contacting European companies to come in for forest harvest.

Assemblymember Nowers thanked the speakers for their presentation and information. Spoke to the need to know who our customers are before development begins.

Assemblymember Sumner spoke to hiring a business developer to negotiate a joint partnership with the Port of Anchorage.

Mr. Kevin McCabe, State Representative, House District 8, spoke to the need to utilize Port MacKenzie.

Mayor DeVries thanked the speakers for the presentation and information.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

January 11, 2022, Assembly Special Meeting Minutes

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EDNA DEVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 02/01/22