

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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ASSEMBLY AGENDA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2024

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

IN WRITING:

* You can submit written comments to leg.com@matsugov.us

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* Dial 1-855-225-2326

* You will hear "Joining conference" when you are admitted to the meeting.

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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."

* When it is your turn to testify you will hear "Your line has been unmuted."

* State your name for the record, spell your last name, and provide your testimony.

OBSERVE: observe the meeting via the live stream video at:

* <https://matanuska.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

VI. 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 Committee On School Issues**
- 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

- [24-106](#)
1. Abbreviated Plat: 07/24/24, 07/31/24
 2. Chase Community Council: 4/10/24
 3. Greater Talkeetna RSA Board of Supervisors: 7/11/24
 4. Local Emergency Planning Committee: 4/17/24
 5. Planning Commission: 6/17/24
 6. Susitna Community Council: 6/6/24
 7. Willow Area Community Organization: 5/1/24

Attachments: [08/20/24 - Citizen and Other Correspondence](#)

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

[IM 24-135](#) Informing The Assembly Of The Completed Planning Assistance For States Technical Report For Talkeetna Erosion Assessment December 2023, By The United States Army Corp Of Engineers.

Attachments: [IM 24-135](#)

[IM 24-148](#) Informing The Assembly Of The Manager Entering Into An All-Cash Purchase Agreement With A Lessee To Purchase By Application The Fee Simple Estate Of Borough-Owned Lands.

Attachments: [IM 24-148](#)

[IM 24-155](#) Informing The Assembly Of The Submittal Of 29 Notice Of Interest Forms For The Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants Programs.

Attachments: [IM 24-155](#)

[IM 24-156](#) Informing The Assembly Of The Managers Signature On And Submittal Of The Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant Application Requesting \$268,962.30 To Cover 50 Percent Of The Wages And Benefits For Emergency Operations Center Staff.

Attachments: [IM 24-156](#)

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.)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)

[OR 24-075](#) An Ordinance Approving A Supplemental Appropriation Of \$35,000 From Point MacKenzie Special Service Area Fund 292, To The Point MacKenzie Special Service Area Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget, Fund 292, To Adequately Fund The Annual Road Maintenance Of Roads Within The Service Area.

Attachments: [OR 24-075](#)
[IM 24-136](#)

[OR 24-076](#) An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation In The Amount Of \$100,000 From The Greater Palmer Consolidated Fire Service Area Fund Balance To Purchase Fire Hose And Related Equipment.
RS 24-070: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For A Project To Buy Fire Hose And Related Equipment For The Great Palmer Consolidated Fire Service Area.

Attachments: [OR 24-076](#)
[RS 24-070](#)
[IM 24-137](#)

[OR 24-078](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$75,000 Of Road Service Area Surplus Sale Revenue To A Project Account To Purchase An Asphalt Recycler.
RS 24-072: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Purchase Of A Trailer Mounted Master Mixer Asphalt Recycler.

Attachments: [OR 24-078](#)
[RS 24-072](#)
[IM 24-139](#)

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 24-075](#) A Resolution Removing Mr. Garland Morrison From The Big Lake Road Service Area No. 21 Board Of Supervisors.

Sponsors: DeVries and Gamble

Attachments: [RS 24-075](#)
[IM 24-142](#)

[RS 24-084](#) A Resolution Supporting The West Susitna Access Road Project With An Eastern Terminus In The Point MacKenzie Area.

Sponsors: Gamble

Attachments: [RS 24-084](#)
[IM 24-161](#)

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

[AM 24-087](#) Authorization To Purchase Fiscal Year 2025 Computer Replacements From Government Computer Sales Under The National Association Of State Procurement Officials Agreement In The Amount Of \$225,249.

Attachments: [AM 24-087](#)

[AM 24-088](#) Award Of Bid No. 25-016B To Dirtworks, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$199,160 To Install A New Well Pump And Well Line At Station 3-3.

Attachments: [AM 24-088](#)

[AM 24-089](#) Award Of Bid No. 25-004B To Neeser Construction, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$3,565,694 To Construct A New Pathway And Roadway Improvements On Edgerton Parks Road And Mountain Trails Drive.

Attachments: [AM 24-089](#)

[AM 24-090](#) Award Of Proposal No. 25-033C To Fugro USA Land, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$175,400 To Provide Pavement Assessment And Analysis Services.

Attachments: [AM 24-090](#)

[AM 24-091](#) Award Of Bid No. 25-005B To AAA Valley Gravel LLC. In the Contract Amount \$4,219,893.33 To Construct Point MacKenzie Road MP 0-7 Rehabilitation Phase 1.

Attachments: [AM 24-091](#)

[AM 24-093](#) Authorizing The Purchase Of Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) From Northern Gravel And Trucking In The Amount Of \$244,125.

Attachments: [AM 24-093](#)

[AM 24-094](#) Authorizing The Purchase Of A Rosenbauer Pumper/Tender For Butte Fire Service Area In The Amount Of \$940,750.

Attachments: [AM 24-094](#)

[AM 24-095](#) Authorizing The Purchase Of A Custom Hazmat Truck Body From TriVan Truck Body In The Amount Of \$186,912.72 For Emergency Services.

Attachments: [AM 24-095](#)

[AM 24-096](#) Approval To Enter Into An Agreement With Cell Tower Solutions For A Cell Tower Valuation Project In The Amount Of \$285,697.50.

Attachments: [AM 24-096](#)

[AM 24-098](#) Approval Of Contract Extension For Contract No. 23-063P With Dowl, LLC To Extend The Final Completion Date To October 31, 2024, For The Historical Preservation Plan Update, Phase II.

Attachments: [AM 24-098](#)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[OR 24-066](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB Title 24, Animal Care And Regulation.

Attachments: [IM 24-124](#)

[08/06/24 - Gamble Two Possible Amendments](#)

[08/20/24 - Yundt and Gamble Possible Amendment](#)

[OR 24-066](#)

[OR 24-070](#) An Ordinance Relating To 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 A Debt Of The Borough, Authorizing The Issuance Of Areawide General Obligation Bonds Of The Borough In An Amount Not To Exceed The Sum Of \$33,320,000 To Finance The Cost, In Whole Or In Part, Of Such Public Roads, Facilities, And Lands, And Submitting The Proposition To The Voters At The November 5, 2024, Regular Borough Election.

Sponsors: Fonov

Attachments: [OR 24-070](#)

[IM 24-130](#)

[08/06/24 - Gamble Two Possible Amendments](#)

IX. VETO

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 09/03/204 Assembly Chambers)

[OR 24-079](#) An Ordinance Creating Homestead Drive Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 667, Approving The Improvement Plan For The District, Authorizing The Manager To Proceed With The Improvement, And Assessing Equally Among The Properties Within The District The Costs Of The Improvement.

Attachments: [OR 24-079](#)
[IM 24-145](#)

[OR 24-080](#) An Ordinance Approving The Sale Of Borough-Owned Property Identified As Lot 15 Rustic Wilderness Division 2 To The Adjacent Property Owners, Kelly And Pamela Hill.

Attachments: [OR 24-080](#)
[IM 24-150](#)

[OR 24-081](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$20,700 In Anticipated Project Income During Fiscal Year 2025 For The Rail Extension Project From Port MacKenzie To The Mainline.
RS 24-079: A Resolution Establishing The Scope Of Work And Budget For Anticipated Project Income During Fiscal Year 2025 For The Rail Extension Project From Port MacKenzie To The Mainline.

Attachments: [OR 24-081](#)
[RS 24-079](#)
[IM 24-152](#)

[OR 24-082](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating 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 And Medical Countermeasures.
RS 24-080: 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 And Medical Countermeasures.

Attachments: [OR 24-082](#)
[RS 24-080](#)
[IM 24-153](#)

[OR 24-083](#) An Ordinance Extending The Effective Date Of The Waterbody Setback Advisory Board To March 18, 2025.

Attachments: [OR 24-083](#)
[IM 24-154](#)

[OR 24-084](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating Additional National Opioid Settlement Funding Totaling \$215,644.52 From The Manufacturers And Traders Trust Company For Opioid Settlement Relief.

RS 24-081: A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work And Budget For Opioid Settlement Relief.

Attachments: [OR 24-084](#)

[RS 24-081](#)

[IM 24-157](#)

[OR 24-085](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$316,302 From The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services For The Human Services Community Matching Grant Program.

RS 24-082: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Human Services Community Matching Grant Program.

Attachments: [OR 24-085](#)

[RS 24-082](#)

[IM 24-158](#)

[OR 24-087](#) An Ordinance Creating A New Regular Full Time Position Of Healthcare Concierge As A Non-Bargaining Unit Position Within The Borough Manager's Office.

Sponsors: Yundt

Attachments: [OR 24-087](#)

[IM 24-160](#)

[OR 24-088](#) An Ordinance Extending The Time Limit Of Expiring Match Funds For The Alaska State Department Of Natural Resources, Historic Preservation Fund Program Grant, Being Used To Complete The Borough's Historic Preservation Plan Update, To February 2025.

Attachments: [OR 24-088](#)

[IM 24-151](#)

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

[24-107](#) Mayoral Request for Confirmation

Attachments: [08/20/24 - Vacancy Report](#)

C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to Amend Something Previously Adopted

[OR 24-072](#) An Ordinance Authorizing The Borough To Issue Areawide General Obligation Bonds In The Aggregate Principal Amount Of Not To Exceed \$58,146,600, To Finance The Acquisition, Design, Construction, Major Renovation And Renewal Of Educational And Related Capital Improvement Projects In The Borough, And To Submit The Question Of The Issuance Of Such Bonds To The Qualified Voters Of The Borough At The November 5, 2024, Borough Regular Election.

Sponsors: Yundt

Attachments: [OR 24-072](#)
[IM 24-132](#)
[08/06/24 - Nowers Possible Amendment](#)
[08/20/24 - Fonov and Nowers Possible Amendment](#)

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

XI. RECONSIDERATION

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Disabled Persons Needing Reasonable Accommodation In Order To Participate At An Assembly Meeting Should Contact The Borough ADA Coordinator At (907) 861-8432 At Least One Week In Advance Of The Meeting.