

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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ASSEMBLY AGENDA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026

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

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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**
- 4. Mat-Su Valley Planning for Transportation Presentation**

[26-025](#) MVPT Presentation

Attachments: [02/03/26 - Power Point Presentation](#)
[02/03/26 - Project Nomination Process](#)

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committees**
- 2. Assembly Public Relations**

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

- 1. State/Federal Legislation**
- 2. Strategic Planning Issues**

[26-038](#) YMCA Land Sale Report

Attachments: [02/03/26 - YMCA Land Sale Report](#)

- 3. AK LNG Tax Framework**

[26-035](#) AKLNG Handouts

Attachments: [02/03/26 - AKLNG Map](#)

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

E. CLERK COMMENTS

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

[26-031](#)

1. Agriculture Advisory Board: 12/17/25
2. Big Lake Community Council: 11/11/2025
3. Butte Community Council: 10/08/25
4. Chickaloon Community Council: 08/13/25, 09/10/25, 09/18/25
5. Knik RSA Board of Supervisors: 01/06/26
6. Local RSA Advisory Board: 11/20/25
7. Planning Commission: 01/05/26, Resolution No. 25-28
8. Platting Board: 12/18/25
9. South Colony RSA Board of Supervisors: 07/09/25, 10/08/25, Resolution 26-001
10. Susitna Community Council: 11/06/25
11. Talkeetna Sewer & Water Board: 12/03/25
12. West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 12/08/25

Attachments: [02/03/26 - Citizen and Other Correspondence](#)

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

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 25-123](#)

An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.59, Lake Management Plan Implementation, To Update Definitions Related To Motorized And Personal Watercraft.

Attachments: [OR 25-123](#)
[IM 25-237](#)

[OR 25-126](#)

An Ordinance Amending MSB 8.55, Special Events, To Repeal The Surety Bond Requirement Standards.

Sponsors: Fonov

Attachments: [OR 25-126](#)
[IM 25-243](#)

[OR 25-128](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 15.24 Assembly; Zoning Functions To Update The Process Of Initiating And Amending Lake Management Plans.
RS 25-113: A Resolution Establishing A Fee For Processing Requests For Lake Management Plans Under MSB 15.24 Assembly; Zoning Functions.

Sponsors: Sumner

Attachments: [OR 25-128](#)
[RS 25-113](#)
[IM 25-247](#)

[OR 26-001](#) An Ordinance Adopting MSB 15.24.030(H) The Matanuska-Susitna Borough 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

Attachments: [OR 26-001](#)
[IM 26-002](#)

[OR 26-006](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$23,804 In Insurance Proceeds Related To A Non-Fault Motor Vehicle Accident Involving Municipal Property.

Attachments: [OR 26-006](#)
[IM 26-006](#)

[OR 26-008](#) An Ordinance Discontinuing The Library Citizens' Advisory Committee Prior To The Sunset Date Of June 30, 2027.

Sponsors: Bowles

Attachments: [OR 26-008](#)
[IM 26-011](#)

[OR 26-009](#) An Ordinance Approving The Sale Of Borough-Owned Land Located In The Big Lake Area To The Adjacent Property Owner, Alaska District Church Of The Nazarene, In The Amount Of \$35,000.

Sponsors: Gamble

Attachments: [OR 26-009](#)
[IM 26-012](#)

[OR 26-010](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating January 2022 Mat-Su Windstorms Disaster Relief Funds In The Amount Of \$227,355.69 From The Federal Emergency Management Agency; And \$75,785.23 From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management.
RS 26-005: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For MSB School District Facilities As A Result Of The January 2022 Mat-Su Windstorms Disaster, Project No. 55030.

Attachments: [OR 26-010](#)
[RS 26-005](#)
[IM 26-015](#)

[OR 26-011](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A Grant In The Amount Of \$1,462,926 From The Federal Transit Administration For The Transit Operations In The Borough.
RS 26-006: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Transit Operations In The Borough.

Attachments: [OR 26-011](#)
[RS 26-006](#)
[IM 26-016](#)

[OR 26-012](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant In The Amount Of \$22,935.48 For Fire Extinguisher Training Systems Purchase.
RS 26-007: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Fire Extinguisher Training Systems Purchase.

Attachments: [OR 26-012](#)
[RS 26-007](#)
[IM 26-017](#)

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 26-008](#) A Resolution Supporting A Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Application For The Burma Road Corridor Project And Requesting Its Nomination For The Alaska Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Attachments: [RS 26-008](#)
[IM 26-021](#)

[RS 26-011](#) A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Butte Elementary School Septic Replacement Project.

Attachments: [RS 26-011](#)
[IM 26-028](#)

[RS 26-012](#) A Resolution Amending The Borough's 2026 State Legislative Priorities.

Attachments: [RS 26-012](#)
[IM 26-029](#)

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

[AM 26-006](#) Award Of Bid No. 26-110C To General Fire Apparatus In The Contract Amount Of \$556,607 For The Purchase Of A Rosenbauer Rescue Apparatus For The Central Mat-Su Fire Department.

Attachments: [AM 26-006](#)

[AM 26-007](#) Approval Of Utility Relocation Costs Of \$132,065 To Enstar Natural Gas For The Herkimer Drive And Spring Drive Road Improvement Project In Road Service Area No. 27; And Set The Completion Date To December 15, 2026.

Attachments: [AM 26-007](#)

[AM 26-008](#) Approval Of Change Order No. 6 For Contract No. 23-002P(C) With DOWL, LLC. For The Edgerton Parks Road And North Mountain Trails Drive Upgrade And Pathway Project To Retroactively Extend The Completion Date To July 31, 2026.

Attachments: [AM 26-008](#)

[AM 26-009](#) Award Of Proposal No. 26-090P To AMC Engineers In The Contract Amount Of \$103,800 For Stations 7-1 And 8-1 Apparatus Fill Tank Design.

Attachments: [AM 26-009](#)

[AM 26-010](#) Award Of Proposal No. 25-150P To HDL Engineering Consultants, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$1,050,160 To Provide Professional Land Acquisition Services For The Tex-Al Road Construction Project.

Attachments: [AM 26-010](#)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. VETO

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 02/17/26, Assembly Chambers)

[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 26-017](#) An Ordinance Adopting MSB 2.80.020, Library Materials.

Sponsors: Bowles

Attachments: [OR 26-017](#)

[IM 26-024](#)

[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](#)

[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](#)

[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](#)

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

[26-032](#) Mayoral Requests for Confirmation

Attachments: [02/03/26 - Vacancy Report](#)

C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

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

XI. RECONSIDERATION

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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