

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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BOROUGH MAYOR

Edna DeVries

BOROUGH CLERK

Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC

BOROUGH MANAGER

Michael Brown

BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Nicholas Spiropoulos



BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

Tim Hale, District 1
Stephanie Nowers, District 2
Dee McKee, District 3
Robert Yundt, District 4
Bill Gamble, District 5
Dmitri Fonov, District 6
Ron Bernier, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Dee McKee, Assemblymember Robert Yundt, Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov, and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

Excused: 1 - Assemblymember Bill Gamble

Telephonic: 1 - Assemblymember Tim Hale

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Assemblymember Bernier.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

[24-101](#)

A. Special Meeting Minutes: 05/21/24

B. Regular Meeting Minutes: 05/21/24

C. Special Meeting Minutes: 06/04/24

D. Regular Meeting Minutes: 06/04/24

E. Special Meeting Minutes: 06/18/24

F. Regular Meeting Minutes: 06/18/24

G. Regular Meeting Minutes: 07/16/24

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

Dr. Randy Traini, School District Superintendent, reported on enrollment at the start of the school year.

3. State of Alaska

Mr. Todd Smoldon, Executive Director of Governor Dunleavy's Mat-Su Office, reported on the status of the Governor's budget.

4. Mat-Su Convention and Visitor's Bureau

Casey Ressler, Mat-Su Convention and Visitor's Bureau Executive Director, reported on that activities of the Bureau

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee On School Issues

Assemblymembers Yundt and Nowers reported on the most recent meeting.

Mr. Brown reported on the status of the construction of the new Mat-Su Central School. Spoke to the Assembly possibly touring the school.

2. Assembly Public Relations

Assemblymember Hale thanked the Borough, Chugach State Park, and the Alaska State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for their participation in a joint effort to clean up a squatter camp at Mile 7 of the Old Glen Highway. Noted that the community had been asking for this for a while.

Assemblymember Nowers spoke to staff's efforts to cleaning up a property on the Glen Highway.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

2. Strategic Planning Issues

Mr. Brown reported on the following:

- * the status of the Jonesville Public Use Agreement;
- * health care cost update;
- * impacts to the budget from the education and transportation bonds;
- * impacts to the budget from assuming responsibility for managing the Big Lake Lion's Recreation Center; and
- * the alignment change of the West Susitna Access road.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos spoke to the attempts that have been made to have the IRS tax liens waived that have been levied against the compound property in the Butte.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule and pertinent election dates.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

[24-105](#)

1. Abbreviated Plat: 07/03/24, 07/17/24
 2. Big Lake Community Council: 04/23/24, 05/28/24, 06/11/24
 3. Butte FSA Board of Supervisors: 01/11/24, 04/11/24
 4. Greater Talkeetna RSA Board of Supervisors: 05/09/24
 5. Knik-Fairview Community Council: 08/02/23, 09/20/23, 10/18/23, 11/01/23, 11/15/23, 01/17/24, 02/07/24, 02/21/24, 03/20/24, 04/17/24, 05/01/24, 05/15/24, 06/19/24
 6. MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission: 05/09/24, 06/06/24
 7. Planning Commission: Resolution No. 24-08
 8. Platting Board: 06/06/24, 07/03/24
 9. South Colony RSA Board of Supervisors: 04/10/24
 10. Tanaina Community Council: 05/28/24
 11. Waterbody Setback Advisory Board: 06/25/24, 07/09/24
 12. West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 06/10/24
- The citizen and other correspondence were presented, and no comments were noted.

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

[IM 24-144](#)

Informing The Assembly Of The Manager Entering Into A Memorandum Of Agreement With The Alaska State Department Of Natural Resources Division Of Mining, Land, And Water For Due Diligence And A Feasibility Study To Determine A Suitable Location For The Development Of A Public Shooting Range In The Jonesville Public Use Area.

[IM 24-146](#)

Informing The Assembly Of The Manager's Signature On The Letter Of Agreement Between The Borough And The School District For The Federal Emergency Management Agency Grant Funded Seismically Activated Natural Gas Shut Off Valves Project.

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 24-053](#) An Ordinance Repealing MSB 17.48, Mobile Home Park Ordinance, In Its Entirety.

Sponsors: Yundt

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Alex Strawn, Planning and Land Use Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 24-053: Rod Hansen, North Lakes Community Council; Patricia Fisher, D.J. McBride, Mark Mastellar, Camden Yehle, Meadow lakes Community Council; and Cindy Bettine.

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

Assemblymember Yundt moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 24-053.

Assemblymember Yundt moved a primary amendment to IM No. 24-097, after the first sentence that reads "This ordinance is at the request of Assemblymember Yundt" by striking all other language and inserting "The intent of this ordinance is to make developing a mobile home park more difficult" in its place.

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Bernier moved a primary amendment to IM No. 24-097, last sentence, by striking the word "difficult" and inserting "impossible" in its place.

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Fonov called for the question (to stop debate).

The motion failed (required five votes) by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 2 - Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember McKee
Assemblymember Nowers moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 24-053, indefinitely.

Assemblymember Fonov called for the question (to stop debate).

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 1 - Assemblymember Nowers

The motion to postpone indefinitely failed (tie vote) by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember McKee

No: 3 - Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The Mayor broke the tie by exercising her right to vote, by voting in the negative.

The motion to postpone failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember McKee

No: 4 - Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Fonov, Assemblymember Bernier, and Mayor DeVries

The main motion passed as amended, the Mayor broke the tie by exercising her right to vote, by voting in the affirmative. The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Fonov, Assemblymember Bernier, and Mayor DeVries

No: 3 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember McKee

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

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Christopher Loscar, Animal Care and Regulation Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in support of spay and neuter clinics being mandatory: Zane LNU

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 24-066.

Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 24-066, MSB 24.20.090, Low Cost Rabies Vaccination and Spay/Neuter Clinics For Dogs and Cats, by striking "may" and inserting "shall" in its place to read: "the Animal Care Director shall conduct low cost clinics for dogs and cats where spaying/neutering services and rabies vaccinations are made available at cost, plus ten percent. Such clinics should be held at such times and places as to encourage the widest participation from all areas of the borough."

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 2 - Assemblymember Yundt, and Assemblymember Fonov
Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 24-066, MSB 24.30.035(A), by striking the last sentence that reads: "There shall be no fees collected for a hearing on recommended Level 5 classifications."

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 24-066, MSB 24.30.015, striking the word “compensation” in the title and in the body of the section and inserting the word “reimbursement” in its place to read: "24.30.015 Reimbursement. Board members shall be reimbursed for mileage incurred in connection with meetings of the board or meetings attended by direction of the board in the same manner as borough employees are reimbursed for mileage expenses, upon presentation of supporting documentation satisfactory to the Borough Clerk."

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier
Assemblymember Yundt moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 24-066 to August 20, 2024.

The motion to postpone passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier
(The meeting recessed at 8:05 p.m. and reconvened at 8:18 p.m.)

[OR 24-067](#)

An Ordinance Establishing MSB 5.25.150 And Placing On The Ballot Of The November 5, 2024, Regular Election, The Unification Of The Willow Fire Service Area And The Caswell Fire Service Area.

RS 24-068: A Resolution Finding The Inclusion Of Properties In And Around The Willow And Caswell Fire Service Areas Into A Single, Unified Fire Service Area, Serves The Public Interest Without Circulation Of A Petition Among The Residents In Said Areas, As Allowed By MSB 5.10.015, Initiation By The Assembly.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ken Barkley, Emergency Services Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 24-067 and Resolution Serial No. 24-068.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

[OR 24-068](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$292,892.89 In Property Insurance Proceeds Related To The 2022 Windstorm Disaster.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No 24-068.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

[OR 24-069](#)

An Ordinance Amending MSB 2.12, By Adding An Additional Audience Participation To The Agenda And Striking Persons To Be Heard.

Sponsors: Fonov

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record and provided the staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Fonov moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 24-069.

Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment to insert the following language: "The first audience participation is limited to items that are not up for public hearing."

Assemblymember Hale moved a secondary amendment, by changing the proposed primary amendment to read: "The public can speak to public hearings under audience participation, but shall not speak under both audience participations."

The secondary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Hale, and Assemblymember Nowers

No: 4 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The primary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 1 - Assemblymember Nowers

No: 5 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The main motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

[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

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Tom Adams, Public Works Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in support of the including the Skeetawk bus road access to the bond package: Paul Reid, Brad Ohms, and Cindy Bettine.

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

Assemblymember Fonov moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 24-070.

Assemblymember Hale moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 24-070 and IM 24-130, as follows:

*** by increasing the total amount of the bond package by \$500,000 for a total of \$33,820,000 throughout the ordinance and the IM.**

*** by inserting the "Construct Skeetawk Bus Access Road" to the IM, and the list of projects in Sections 3 and 5 of the ordinance, as the 5th project on the list.**

*** by amending the IM to read as follows: "The first five projects listed above are new. These five new projects (Engstrom North Extension to Tex Al, Johnson's Road Upgrade, Settlers Bay Drive Pavement Preservation, and Lakeview Road Pavement Preservation, and Construct Skeetawk Bus Access Road) will be placed on the November 5, 2024, ballot to be approved by voters for 100 percent bonding by the Borough at a cost of \$13,520,000."**

***by adding "Construct Skeetawk Bus Access Road" as the fifth project on the list on the document prepared by the Public Works department with the same information and diagram as all the other projects with the description and purpose reading as follows: "Description: Construct Skeetawk Bus Access Road to allow for bus accessibility to improve access. Purpose: Expand offerings for recreation to include education and youth competition programs, increased operating hours, improved availability, and decongesting the weekend traffic."**

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier
Assemblymember Yundt moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 24-070 to August 20, 2024.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

[OR 24-071](#)

An Ordinance Approving To Offer Borough-Owned Lot 3, Block 1, Merri Belle Lake Subdivision Property In A Competitive Land Sale With The Minimum Bid Amount Based On Fair Market Value Determination By A Broker's Opinion Of Value.
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Jillian Morrissey, Community Development Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 24-071.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

[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

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mike Brown, Borough Manager, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in support of the bond package: Jonathan Zeppa, Kathleen Yerbich, Brent Ahearn, Kathleen Benoit, Suzanne McCauley, Gabrielle Vail, Ashley West, Anthony Alfonso, Sharla Dobson, Austin Grimes, Terry Poscurak, Kara Kusche, Mike Kaylor, Jack Libby, Jackie Goforth, Naomi Brittany, Verna Kyle, and Nathan Dodd.

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

Assemblymember Yundt moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 24-072.

Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 24-072 and IM 24-132 as follows:

*** to increase the total amount of the bond package by \$15,330,600 for a total amount of \$73,477,200 throughout the Ordinance and IM; and**

*** to insert a WHEREAS clause after the first clause to read: "WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly recognizes the important need to maintain in good repair our existing school facilities"; and**

*** to insert 2 additional WHEREAS clauses just prior to the final two clauses to read: "WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District has also supported placing needed capital repair projects on the bond proposition before the voters via Matanuska-Susitna Borough School Board Resolution 24-004; and**

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly recognizes the backlog of capital repair at existing schools and the need to offer safe, accessible and functional learning environments for students"; and

4) to add the following projects to the IM, and the list of projects in Sections 3 and 5 of the Ordinance:

1. Big Lake Elementary Energy Upgrades: Window Replacements - \$400,000 - \$0.22

2. Butte Elementary Energy Upgrades: Window Replacements - \$350,000 - \$0.19

3. Colony Middle Roof Replacement - \$3,600,000 - \$1.98

4. Cottonwood Creek Elementary Emergency Generator Replacement - \$410,000 - \$0.23

5. Cottonwood Creek Elementary Boiler Replacement - \$300,000 - \$0.16

6. District wide - 4 Schools Turf Maintenance: Palmer High, Colony High, Wasilla High, and Houston High - \$2,800,000 - \$1.54

7. District wide - 7 Schools Bleacher Replacements: Palmer High, Palmer Junior Middle, Colony High, Wasilla High, and Wasilla Middle (if funding is available, Colony Middle and Houston Middle) - \$2,500,000 - \$1.37

8. Finger Lake Elementary Emergency Generator Replacement - \$410,000 - \$0.23

9. Finger Lake Elementary Boiler Replacement - \$450,000 - \$0.25

10. Palmer Jr. Middle Emergency Generator Replacement - \$565,600 - \$0.31

11. Snowshoe Elementary Boiler Replacement - \$400,000 - \$0.22

12. Sutton Elementary HVAC Control Upgrades - \$450,000 -

\$0.25

13. Talkeetna Elementary Boiler Replacement - \$400,000 - \$0.22

14. Tanaina Elementary Emergency Generator Replacement - \$410,000 - \$0.23

15. Wasilla Middle Boiler Replacement - \$325,000 - \$0.18

16. Wasilla Middle Roof Replacement - \$1,560,000 - \$0.86
Assemblymember Bernier moved to suspend the rules to extend the meeting past 10 p.m. and not to exceed 10:30 p.m.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The primary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Hale, and Assemblymember Nowers

No: 4 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The main motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)

The following person spoke to concerns with the leadership of the American Library Association: Jackie Goforth.

The following person requested a fire hydrant at Mile 37 of the Glen Highway for emergency fill stations for fire trucks: Tom Robertson.

The following person spoke to concerns with a long used historical trail in Willow that has been blocked by a private citizen: Kenneth Carter.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

- [RS 24-067](#) A Resolution Reactivating The South Lakes Community Council.
- [RS 24-073](#) A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Wasilla Pool Drainage Repair And Backwash Pit.
- [RS 24-074](#) A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work And Project Title For Palmer High School Boiler Replacement , To Susitna Valley Jr/Sr High School Boiler Replacement.
- [RS 24-076](#) A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work For The Wasilla High School Boiler Replacement To Remove And Replace Or Repair With Like Boiler Replacements.

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

- [AM 24-082](#) Award Of Bid No. 25-008B To Western Construction & Equipment, LLC. In The Amount Of \$695,618 For Tait Drive Resurfacing.
- [AM 24-083](#) Approval Of Change Order No. 4 To Contract No. 24-031B With Scarsella Bros, Inc. To Add \$298,138 For Mass Grading For The Central Landfill Grading Project.
- [AM 24-084](#) Approval Of Change Order No. 6 To Contract No. 24-006B With Western Marine Construction To Add \$238,670 To Repair Additional Splice Welds On The North End Of The Deep Draft Dock For The Construction Of Port MacKenzie Improvements Project.
- [AM 24-085](#) Award Of Bid No. 24-157B To Orion Construction, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$867,256.99 To Construct Interior Improvements To The Animal Care Facility.
- [AM 24-086](#) Authorizing The Borough To Provide The Big Lake Lion's Recreation Center \$20,000 From The Assembly Reserve To Assist With Operating Costs.

Sponsors:

Gamble

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the Clerk.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,
Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt,
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

IX. VETO

There were no vetoes presented.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 08/20/24, Assembly Chambers)

[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.

[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.

[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.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and to set the public hearings for August 20, 2024.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,
Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt,
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

[24-102](#)

Mayoral Requests for Confirmation

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Andrew Gorn

Wendy Kolberg

Michael Gavarrete, resignation

Assemblymember Bernier moved to confirm the appointments and resignations requested by the Mayor.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

There was no other new business.

D. 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 Bernier thanked the public for attending the meeting. Said a prayer.

Assemblymember Nowers thanked those that attended the meeting. Spoke to her passion about the public process. Stated that she recognizes that we all have different challenges. Spoke to a missing hiker in Hatcher Pass who has since been found. Noted that she would be bringing forward legislation that specifically bans mobile homes.

Mr. Brown noted that the Alaska State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities is engaging directly with schools about construction issues and concerns and how to communicate effectively with parents.

Assemblymember Yundt told everyone to drive safe on their way home.

Assemblymember Fonov thanked the body for the productive meeting.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.