

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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BOROUGH MAYOR
Edna DeVries

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BOROUGH MANAGER
Michael Brown

BOROUGH ATTORNEY
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BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
Tim Hale, District 1
Stephanie Nowers, District 2
Dee McKee, District 3
Robert Yundt, District 4
Mokie Tew, 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, JUNE 6, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 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

Assemblymember Tim Hale, Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers (arrived at 6:04 p.m.), Assemblymember Dee McKee,
Present: 6 - Assemblymember Robert Yundt, Assemblymember Mokie Tew, and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

Telephonic: 1 - Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney.

V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Mayoral Proclamation in Recognition of Juneteenth

Mayor DeVries read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Aundra Jackson.

VI. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

23-067

A. Regular Assembly Meeting: 04/18/23

B. Special Assembly Meeting: 04/25/23

C. Special Assembly Meeting: 04/27/23

The minutes were approved as presented without objection.

VII. 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.

3. State of Alaska

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

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee On School Issues

Assemblymembers Yundt, McKee, and Nowers reported on the most recent meeting.

2. Assembly Public Relations

There were no reports provided.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

2. Strategic Planning Issues

3. Alaska State Division of Forestry and Timber Management Discussion

Helge Eng, Alaska State Division of Forestry Director; and Steve Connelly, Forester with the Alaska State Division of Forestry; reported on the State's timber sales and hazardous fuels mitigation plans.

Emerson Kruger, Natural Resource Manager for Matanuska-Susitna Borough, reported on the Borough's timber harvest program.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

There were no comments provided.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie reported on the upcoming meetings and pertinent election dates. Queried if the Assembly would like to schedule a meeting to discuss community clean up. Suggested August 8, 2023, at 6 p.m.

Mayor DeVries queried if there was any objection to scheduling that meeting.

There was no objection noted.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

23-070

1. Abbreviated Plat: 05/17/23
2. Butte Community Council: 04/12/23
3. Caswell Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: Resolution Nos. 01-23, 02-23
4. Central Mat-Su FSA Board of Supervisors: 03/13/23
5. Chickaloon Community Council: 02/08/23
6. Gateway Community Council: Resolution No. 230315-1
7. MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission: Resolution No. 23-03
8. Planning Commission: 05/01/23, Resolution No. 23-13
9. Platting Board: 04/20/23, 05/04/23
10. Susitna Community Council: 04/06/23
11. West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 04/10/23

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

IM 23-113 Reporting Conclusion of Contract No. 22-125B with Dirtworks Inc. For a Total Contract Amount of \$252,377.65 For the Lombardo Drive Project.

IM 23-114 Reporting Conclusion Of Contract No. 23-047B with Carlos Tree Services Inc. For a Total Contract Amount Of \$353,247.50 For The Central Landfill Clearing Project.

IM 23-125 Reporting Conclusion Of Contract No. 22-007P With K&H Civil Constructors, LLC. For A Total Contract Amount Of \$747,500 For The Historic Iditarod Trail Underpass At Burma Road Project.

IM 23-126 Reporting Conclusion Of Contract No. 20-107P With Michael Baker International, Inc. For A Total Contract Amount Of \$311,053.14 For The Point Mackenzie Rail Extension Bridge Repairs Project.
The informational memorandums were presented and no comments were noted.

VIII. 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 23-008 An Ordinance Amending MSB 15.24.031, Initiating And Amending Lake Management Plans.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Kelsey Anderson, Planner III, 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 Yundt moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 23-008.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

OR 23-036 An Ordinance Extending The Date Of Completion To June 30, 2024, For The Outside Lighting Upgrade Project.

RS 23-045: A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work For The Remaining Outside Lighting Upgrade Funds, To Be Used For The Dorothy Swanda Jones Borough Building Flooring Repair And Replacement Project.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Tom Adams, Public Works 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 Yundt moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 23-036 and Resolution Serial No. 23-045.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

OR 23-039 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$150,000 From The United States Bureau Of Land Management For The Fuels Reduction Program 2022 Saw Crew Project.

RS 23-049: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into A Grant Agreement For The Fuels Reduction Program 2022 Saw Crew Project.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Eric Phillips, 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 Yundt moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 23-039 and Resolution Serial No. 23-049.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

OR 23-040 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$17,999.74 From The Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program And Appropriating \$1,799.97 In Matching Funds For Firefighter And Firefighting Equipment, Communications Equipment, And Clothing.

RS 23-050: A Resolution Approving The Scopes Of Work And Budgets For The Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants And Matching Funds For The Fire Service Areas Of Butte, Sutton, And Talkeetna.

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 Hale moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 23-040 and Resolution Serial No. 23-050.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

OR 23-045 An Ordinance Approving A Reappropriation Of \$36,000 From The Fiscal Year 2023 Areawide Fleet Maintenance Operating Budget, To Purchase A Chassis And Cab.

RS 23-059: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Purchase Of A Chassis And Cab For The Fleet Maintenance
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ken Barkely, 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 Yundt moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 23-045 and Resolution Serial No. 23-059.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

OR 23-046 An Ordinance Amending MSB 5.25.145, Annexing Parcels On Susitna Parkway Into The West Lakes Fire Service Area No. 136.

RS 23-060: A Resolution Finding The Annexation Of A Property Located On Susitna Parkway Into The West Lakes Fire Service Area. No. 136 Serves The Public Interest.

Sponsors: Tew

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 Tew moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 23-046 and Resolution Serial No. 23-060.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

OR 23-047 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$20,000 From The American Library Association For Accessibility Improvements To The Big Lake Library.
RS 23-061: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into An Agreement For Accessibility Improvements To The Big Lake Library.

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 Tew moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 23-047 and Resolution Serial No. 23-061.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)

(The meeting recessed at 7:35 p.m. and reconvened at 7:45 p.m.)

The following persons spoke to concerns with their farm land lease being terminated early and without warning: Dillon Berger, Savannah Shelton, Stephanie Gaiser, Sushana Shelton, and David Goodrich.

The following persons spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 23-033 (gravel ordinance): David Palmer, Meraca Gregory, D.J. McBride, Rod Hanson, Irina Morozova, Michael Baumgartner, Larry LaGrone, Joy Bruns, Dale Bruns, Carolyn Keil, John Harris, Mark Masteller, Will Turnage, Jonna Naylor, Tamara Smith, Patti Fisher, Charissa Hooyman, Steve Edwards, Bev Pattinson, and Camden Yehle.

The following persons spoke in opposition to the Long Lake timber sale and suggested that the land be conserved: Greg Jones.

The following person spoke to a large increase in rents at the Palmer Senior Center apartment complexes: Christine Jones.

The following persons spoke to concerns with increased costs of 75 percent for a local improvement district for paving that was approved last year but was never constructed: Brandon King and Scott Sand.

The following person requested that the Assembly include drag shows under adult entertainment and provided her reasons: Amy Henry.

The following persons spoke in opposition to the Long Lake timber sale: Katelyn Lonn, Duane Nixon, Barbara Laucius, Bill Longbrake, Leslie Piaskowski, Everett Piaskowski, Deano Alvord, Suzette Longacre, Glen Knickerbocker, Mike Frahm, Justin Jones,

The following persons spoke in opposition to Resolution Serial No. 23-063 as discriminatory: Mary Robinson and Jeannie Troshynski,

The following persons spoke to concerns with pornographic books in Borough libraries: Jackie Goforth and Karen Lewis.

The following person spoke to concerns with a problem house located in the Meadow Lakes area: Corrine Hickey.

The following person spoke to concerns with some members of the Assembly and conflicts of interest as it relates to the gravel ordinance: Diane Lada.

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 23-033 (gravel ordinance): Maxwell Sumner.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

10:28 recess and reconvene at 10:35 before consent agenda.

1. RESOLUTIONS

RS 23-055 A Resolution Waiving The Fee For A Conditional Use Permit Within Denali State Park Special Land Use District.

Sponsors: Bernier

RS 23-067 A Resolution Amending The Composition Of The Joint Assembly/School Board Committee.

RS 23-068 A Resolution Authorizing The Borough Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Mass Excavation, Inc. For The Alsop Interim Materials District, Material Sale.

RS 23-069 A Resolution Providing A One-Time Waiver Of Landfill Fees For Up To Twenty-Five Dumpsters For The Matanuska-Susitna Townsite Clean-Up.

Sponsors: Nowers

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

AM 23-047 Authorizing The Borough Manager To Enter Into Contract Addendum No. 4 With The City Of Palmer In The Contract Amount Of \$636,638.50 For The Contract Period Of July 1, 2019, To June 30, 2024, For Fire Protection Services For Fiscal Year 2024.

AM 23-048 Authorization To Renew The Basic Banking Services Contract With Keybank National Association In The Contract Amount Not To Exceed \$500,000.

AM 23-049 Award Of Bid No. 23-090B To Ficklin Construction, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$1,249,789.92 To Install New Pathway Accessibility Improvements At Five Borough School District Locations.

- AM 23-050** Award Of Bid Number 23-092B To Mass Excavation, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$1,064,034.08 To Provide Road Improvements To Valley View Drive, Spinnaker Drive, Admiralty Circle, And Neptune Circle In Wasilla.
- AM 23-051** Approve The Cost For Utility Relocation Services With Matanuska Telephone Association In The Contract Amount Of \$121,352.31 For The Cheri Lake Drive, Karen Avenue, And King Arthur Drive Project.
- AM 23-052** Approval Of Change Order No. Two, To Contract No. 21-160P With Kinney Engineering, LLC. For The Point Mackenzie Road Reconstruction Mile Post 0-7 Project.
- AM 23-053** Award Of Proposal No. 23-068P To Altman, Rogers, And Co. In The Contract Amount Of \$1,714,350 To Provide Auditing Services For Borough Administration And The School District.
- AM 23-054** Award Of Bid No. 23-104B To Northern Asphalt Construction Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$429,980 For Lucille Street Rehabilitation.
- AM 23-055** Award Of Bid No. 23-106B To Prostripe, LLC. In the Contract Amount Of \$323,185 For 2023 Road Striping.
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.
Assemblymember Yundt moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the Clerk.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

- RS 23-063** A Resolution Urging The State Of Alaska To Stop The Practice Of Using Taxpayer Funds For Transgender Surgeries, Cross Sex Hormones, And Puberty Blockers.

Sponsors: Bernier

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Hale moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 23-063.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Assemblymember Hale

AM 23-040 Approval Of Change Order No. One For Contract No. 22-045C With Survbase LLC. In The Amount Of \$596,000 For Ongoing Geomatics In Support Of The Port Mackenzie Rail Extension Project.
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember McKee moved to adopt AM 23-040.

Assemblymember Yundt moved a primary amendment to AM 23-040 by inserting the following language: "Change order no. 1 will also extend the agreement period through June 30, 2025."

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Assemblymember McKee

Assemblymember Yundt moved to suspend the rules to extend the meeting not to exceed Midnight.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Assemblymember McKee

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OR 23-033 An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.30, Conditional Use Permit For Earth Material Extraction Activities, By Creating A Registration Process For Earth Material Extraction Of 2,001 To 10,000 Cubic Yards Annually.

Sponsors: Tew

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries noted that at the last Assembly meeting, Assemblymember Fonov spoke to a possible conflict and that she failed to make a ruling on the record. Stated that she was officially ruling that he had no conflict and would not be recused from voting.

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Tew moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 23-033.

Assemblymember Tew moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 23-033, MSB 17.30.030(A)(1), by inserting the word "annual" after the word "an" to read: " (1) Small gravel registration - an annual registration filed with the Planning Department that does not require public notification shall be approved by the director upon finding that the requirements of MSB 17.30.039 have been met."

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Assemblymember Nowers

Assemblymember Hale moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 23-033, MSB 17.30.039, by inserting a new (C) to read as follows: " (C) Small gravel registration may not be filed more than one time on any one parcel."

Assemblymember Yundt moved a secondary amendment by striking "One" and inserting "three" in its place.

The secondary amendment passed by the following vote:

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

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

The primary amendment was adopted by the following vote:

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

No: 2 - Assemblymember McKee and Assemblymember Tew
Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 23-033, MSB 17.30.039(F)(2), by striking the words "and screening of gravel" to read: "Only extraction products is allowed, further processing such as crushing or asphalt plants are prohibited."

The primary amendment failed by the following vote:

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

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

Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 23-033, by adding MSB 17.30.039(C)(1) to read as follows: " (1) additional registrations may be granted by the Director upon finding that sufficient material remains to conduct further operations in accordance with requirements of MSB 17.30.039(F)(8)."

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

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

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

Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 23-033 by striking MSB 17.30.039(D) in its entirety.

The primary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Tew and Assemblymember Fonov

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

Assemblymember Yundt moved to suspend the rules to extend the meeting to 12:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

No: 2 - Assemblymember Nowers and Assemblymember McKee

The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

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

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

X. VETO

OR 23-033 An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.30, Conditional Use Permit For Earth Material Extraction Activities, By Creating A Registration Process For Earth Material Extraction Of 2,001 To 10,000 Cubic Yards Annually.

Sponsors: Tew

Mayor DeVries issued a veto on Ordinance Serial No. 23-033.

Assemblymember Nowers moved to override the mayoral veto of Ordinance Serial No. 23-033.

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

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Tew and Assemblymember Fonov

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

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 06/20/23, Assembly Chambers)

- OR 23-042** An Ordinance Exempting Remote Areas Of The Borough From The Requirements Of MSB. 8.55, Special Events.
Sponsors: Bernier
- OR 23-043** An Ordinance Approving The Sale Of Certain Borough-Owned Real Property Acquired Through Tax Foreclosure For Delinquent Real Property Tax Years 2017, 2016, And Prior, And Not Needed For Public Purpose.
- OR 23-050** An Ordinance Allowing The Manager To Waive Fees, Costs, And Liabilities Between Borough Departments And Functions And Fees Pertaining To Employee Health And Wellness.
- OR 23-051** An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$300,000 From The West Lakes Fire Service Area Fund Balance To The Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area Fund Balance For The Purchase Of A Ladder Truck.
- OR 23-052** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$41,282.45 Of Revenues From Fiscal Year 2023 Public Donations To The Animal Care And Regulation Operating Budget For Animal Care Facility Projects And Shelter Needs.
- OR 23-053** An Ordinance Approving The Retention Of The Parcel Located At 6025 South Bodenburg Loop Palmer, Alaska, For A Public Purpose.
Sponsors: Hale
- OR 23-054** An Ordinance Extending The Date Of Completion For The Stormwater Management Plan Project Account To June 30, 2024.
- OR 23-055** An Ordinance Extending The Time Of Completion On The Areawide Budget Appropriation Transportation Infrastructure Program 2021 Projects.
- OR 23-056** An Ordinance Approving A Reappropriation Of Funds From The Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget, To The Road Service Area Capital Projects.

OR 23-057 An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.28 To Increase The Property Owner Ballot Threshold For Contiguous Local Improvement Districts From 50 Percent To 67 Percent.

Sponsors: Nowers

OR 23-059 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating COVID-19 Disaster Relief Funds Of \$6,535.66 From The Federal Emergency Management Agency.
RS 23-064: A Resolution Approving The Amended Budget For COVID-19 Disaster Relief Funds.

OR 23-060 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A Healthy And Equitable Communities Formula Grant In The Amount Of \$1,364,075 From The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services.
RS 23-065: A Resolution Approving The Scopes Of Work And Budgets For The Government Peak Recreation Area Parking Lot Project, The Palmer Family Park Project, And The First Responder Preparedness Project; And Authorizing The Manager To Sign The Memorandums Of Agreement.

Assemblymember Yundt moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and to set the public hearings for June 20, 2023.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

23-072

Mayoral Requests for Confirmation

Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

Mokie Tew, resignation

Rob Yundt

Dee McKee

MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission

Rob Yundt, resignation

Mokie Tew

West Lakes FSA No. 136

Jedediah D. Cox

Jeremy Hongslo

Assemblymember Yundt moved to confirm the resignations and confirmations requested by the Mayor.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to Rescind - Assemblymember McKee

RS 23-041 A Resolution Authorizing The Borough Manager To Solicit Bids For The Long Lake Road Salvage Timber Harvest.

Assemblymember Yundt moved to postpone the motion to rescind Resolution Serial No. 23-041, to June 20, 2023.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

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

There were no referrals.

XII. RECONSIDERATION

There were no reconsiderations.

XIII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember Bernier stated that he would like to look at the possibility of putting the Long Lake timber sale area into conservatorship. Said a prayer.

Assemblymember Nowers thanked the public for attending the meeting.

Assemblymember Yundt stated that he will be working with staff on the LID concern that was raised. Noted that he will also be working on the early terminated property lease in Point MacKenzie concern.

Assemblymember Tew expressed his support to the issues raised by Assemblymember Yundt and stated he would like to work on them also.

Assemblymember Hale thanked the body for the meeting.

Assemblymember Fonov thanked the body for the meeting and spoke in support of Assemblymembers Yundt and Tew figuring out what the Point MacKenzie property lease issue is about.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 a.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

June 6, 2023, Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes

(19 pages)

EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 06/20/23