

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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ASSEMBLY AGENDA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 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. MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission**

[26-070](#) MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission

Attachments: [04/12/26 - After Actions Report](#)

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committees**
- 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

26-068

1. Glacier View Community Council: 02/26/26
2. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: 02/19/26
3. North Lakes Community Council: 09/25/25, 10/30/25, 11/20/25, 12/18/25, 01/15/26, 01/29/25, 02/15/26, 02/26/26, 03/15/26
4. Planning Commission: 03/16/26
5. South Colony RSA Board of Supervisors: 01/14/26
6. Talkeetna Sewer & Water Board: 02/04/26, 03/04/26, Resolution No. 26-01
7. Transportation Advisory Board: 02/13/26

Attachments: [04/21/26 - Citizens and Other Correspondence](#)

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

[IM 26-077](#) Informing The Assembly Of The Manager's Signature On A Grant Application For Submission To The Rasmuson Foundation For The Matanuska River Park And Campground.

Attachments: [IM 26-077](#)

[IM 26-078](#) Informing The Assembly Of The Manager's Signature On A Memorandum Of Agreement Regarding The Talkeetna Village Airstrip Revetment Reconstruction.

Attachments: [IM 26-078](#)

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 26-037](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$28,792.55 From The Alaska State Division Of Forestry, Volunteer Fire Capacity Grant Program; And Appropriating \$2,879.25 In Matching Funds For Firefighter And Firefighting Equipment, Supplies, And Communications Equipment.

RS 26-023: A Resolution Approving The Scopes Of Work And Budgets For The Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Capacity Grants And Matching Funds For The Fire Service Areas Of Willow-Caswell, Talkeetna, And Sutton.

Attachments: [OR 26-037](#)

[RS 26-023](#)

[IM 26-059](#)

[OR 26-038](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating Disaster Relief Funds From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management In The Amount Of \$823,135.48 For The January 2022 Mat-Su Windstorm Disaster.

RS 26-024: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Disaster Relief Funds For The January 2022 Mat-Su Windstorm Disaster Project No. 55030.

Attachments: [OR 26-038](#)

[RS 26-024](#)

[IM 26-060](#)

[OR 26-040](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$175,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Military And Veteran's Affairs, Emergency Management Performance Grant; And Requesting A Reappropriation Of \$175,000 From The Emergency Management Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget For Emergency Management Wages And Benefits.

RS 26-026: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For A Grant In The Amount Of \$175,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Military And Veteran's Affairs, Emergency Management Performance Grant, For Emergency Management Wages And Benefits.

Attachments: [OR 26-040](#)

[RS 26-026](#)

[IM 26-062](#)

[OR 26-042](#) An Ordinance Extending The Date Of Completion On The Palmer High School Elevator Replacement Project Through June 30, 2028.
RS 26-029: A Resolution Amending The Budgets Of The Palmer High School Elevator Replacement, Finger Lake Elementary School Boiler Replacement, And Snowshoe Elementary School Boiler Replacement Projects; And Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District Deferred Maintenance - Fiscal Year 2026 Project.

Attachments: [OR 26-042](#)
[RS 26-029](#)
[IM 26-028](#)

[OR 26-043](#) An Ordinance To Accept And Appropriate 2026 Series B Taxable General Obligation Transportation System Bonds Proceeds Including Issuance Costs And Additional Premium To Debt Service.

Attachments: [OR 26-043](#)
[IM 26-070](#)

[OR 26-044](#) An Ordinance Appropriating The 2026 Series A General Obligation School Refunding Proceeds For Issuance Costs.

Attachments: [OR 26-044](#)
[IM 26-071](#)

[OR 26-045](#) An Ordinance Changing The Exemption To Weight Restrictions On Borough Roads For Essential Purposes Only.

Sponsors: Sumner and Bowles

Attachments: [OR 26-045](#)
[IM 26-073](#)
[04/21/26 - Sumner Reconsideration of Public Hearing Date](#)
[04/21/26 - Transportation Advisory Board Resolution No. 26-03](#)

[OR 26-046](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.28 To Increase The Property Owner Ballot Threshold For Contiguous Local Improvement Districts From 54 Percent To 67 Percent.

Sponsors: Bowles and Sumner

Attachments: [OR 26-046](#)
[IM 26-074](#)

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 26-031](#) A Resolution Establishing The Minimum Level Of Funding For The Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District From Local Sources For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2027.

Attachments: [RS 26-031](#)
[IM 26-072](#)

[RS 26-033](#) A Resolution Directing The Manager To Acquire Land On Wolf Lake From The Alaska State Department Of Natural Resources To Develop And Manage A Park For Public Purposes.

Sponsors: Fonov

Attachments: [RS 26-033](#)
[IM 26-079](#)

[RS 26-036](#) A Resolution Directing The Manager To Determine The Costs And Requirements Associated With Subdividing The Tanaina Elementary School Property Into Multiple Lots For The Purpose Of A Land Sale To The YMCA Of Alaska And The Tanaina Community Council For A Public Purpose.

Sponsors: Fonov

Attachments: [RS 26-036](#)
[IM 26-056](#)

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

[AM 26-033](#) Award Of Contract No. 26-143C To McKenna Brothers Paving, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$1,232,145.33 For Big Lake Road Service Area Annual Road Maintenance.

Attachments: [AM 26-033](#)

[AM 26-040](#) Approval Of Additional Utility Relocation Cost Of \$75,850 To Matanuska Electric Association, Inc. For The Crimsonview Drive, South Vermillon Drive, South Thalo Drive, And South Ochre Drive Reconstruction Project In South Colony Road Service Area No. 16; And Extend The Completion Date To August 31, 2026.

Attachments: [AM 26-040](#)

[AM 26-041](#) Approval To Vacate The 50-Foot-Wide Section Line Easement, On The Western Boundary Of Block 6, Lot 6, Geor Dol Estates, Plat No. 77-179 (Tax ID No. 1343B06L006), Located Within The Northwest ¼, Section 15, Township 16 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian.

Attachments: [AM 26-041](#)

[AM 26-042](#) Award Of Bid No. 26-125B To Tutka, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$1,897,024.41 To Construct Phase 1 Fern Street Upgrades And Pathways.

Attachments: [AM 26-042](#)

[AM 26-043](#) Award Of Proposal No. 26-138P To Lounsbury And Associates In The Contract Amount Of \$175,220 To Provide Construction Management Services For Phase 1 Fern Street Upgrades And Pathway Improvements.

Attachments: [AM 26-043](#)

[AM 26-044](#) Approval of Election Officials For The November 3, 2026, Regular Borough Election.

Attachments: [AM 26-044](#)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. VETO

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 05/05/26 Assembly Chambers)

[OR 26-047](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$250,000 From The Mat-Su Trails And Parks Foundation For The Government Peak Recreation Area Traverse Trail And Skeetawk Summer Trails Survey Project And Authorizing The Manager To Execute The Grant Agreement.

RS 26-032: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget Of The Government Peak Recreation Area Traverse Trail And Skeetawk Summer Trails Survey Project.

Attachments: [OR 26-047](#)

[RS 26-032](#)

[IM 26-075](#)

[OR 26-049](#) An Ordinance Reappropriating \$125,000 From The Planning Department's Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget, To Fund The Port MacKenzie Master Plan Update.

RS 26-035: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Port MacKenzie Master Plan Update.

Attachments: [OR 26-049](#)

[RS 26-035](#)

[IM 26-080](#)

B. INTRODUCTION (For Public Hearing 04/23/26, At The Willow Community Center; 04/28/26 At The Menard Sports Complex; And 04/30/26, In Assembly Chambers)

[OR 26-026](#) An Ordinance Appropriating Monies From The Central Treasury For The Borough Operating Funds, Enterprise Funds, Education Operating Fund And Capital Funds, Establishing The Rate Of Levy For All Borough Functions For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026, And Ending June 30, 2027; And Setting The Surcharge Rate For The Wireline And Wireless Enhanced 911 Systems For The Period Of July 1, 2026, Through June 30, 2027.

Attachments: [OR 26-026](#)

C. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

[26-069](#) Mayoral Requests for Confirmation

Attachments: [04/21/26 - Vacancy Report](#)

D. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

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

XI. RECONSIDERATION

A. MOTION TO RECONSIDER PUBLIC HEARING DATE

[OR 26-045](#) An Ordinance Changing The Exemption To Weight Restrictions On Borough Roads For Essential Purposes Only.

Sponsors: Sumner and Bowles

Attachments: [OR 26-045](#)

[IM 26-073](#)

[04/21/26 - Sumner Reconsideration of Public Hearing Date](#)

[04/21/26 - Transportation Advisory Board Resolution No. 26-03](#)

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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