

# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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Stephanie Nowers, District 2  
George McKee, District 3  
Robert Yundt, District 4  
Mokie Tew, District 5  
Jesse Sumner, District 6  
Tam Boeve, District 7

## MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS  
350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

10:00 AM

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2021

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### Departmental Budget Presentations

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, April 8, 2021, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Mayor Vern Halter.

#### II. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers (arrived at 10:10 a.m.), Assemblymember George McKee, Assemblymember Robert Yundt, Assemblymember Mokie Tew, Assemblymember Jesse Sumner, and Assemblymember Tam Boeve

**Excused:** 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 Mr. Mike Brown, Borough Manager.

## **V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

The following person spoke to concerns that there is no hard copy of the proposed budget available for the public, to concerns with the lack of mask wearing, and demanded the Assembly eliminate the Borough's port budget and support the Anchorage port.

## **VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **A. DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Mike Brown, Borough Manager, spoke to the summary of budget changes to proposed mill rates and accomplishments over the last year.

Mr. George Hays, Deputy Borough Manager, presented the Animal Care and Regulation Budget.

Mr. Ken Barkley, Emergency Services Director, presented the department's budget.

Ms. Therese Dolan, Port Operations Manager, presented the Port Budget.

Mr. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director, presented the departmental budget.

The meeting recessed at 12:08 p.m. and reconvened at 12:44 p.m.

Mr. Eric Wyatt, Information Technology Director, presented the departmental budget.

Mr. Terry Dolan, Public Works Director, presented the departmental budget.

Mr. Alex Strawn, Planning and Land Use Director, presented the departmental budget

Ms. Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, presented the departmental budget.

## **VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT**

Assemblymember Nowers thanked the Manager and staff for the budget presentations. Wished everyone a happy spring.

Mayor Halter thanked the directors for the budget presentations. Spoke to his appreciation of the Manager's budget and opined that it does not need a lot of change and can be adopted as is. Thanked Ms. Heindel for her assistance with budget questions. Stated that he is pleased to see the mill rate going down. Opined that this is the best budget presentation the Assembly has had in years. Stated that it was a delightful meeting. Advised that the Assembly should work closely with Ms. McKechnie if they have any amendments to the budget.

**Assemblymember McKee moved to forgive the \$200 late fee for the tax payment of Ms. Amy Henry, as presented to the Assembly at the April 6, 2021, regular Assembly meeting. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**No:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

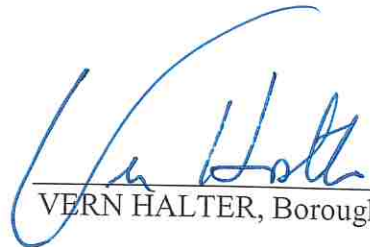


Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

April 8, 2021, Assembly Special Meeting Minutes

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VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 05/04/21