

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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ASSEMBLY AGENDA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026

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

IN WRITING:

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- * Dial 1-855-225-2326
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- * When it is your turn to testify you will hear "Your line has been unmuted."
- * State your name for the record, spell your last name, and provide your testimony.

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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**

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

26-043

1. Agriculture Advisory Board: 01/21/26
2. Big Lake Community Council: 01/13/26
3. Big Lake RSA Board of Supervisors: 06/09/25, 12/08/25
4. Board of Adjustment and Appeals: 04/30/25, Final Decisions 24-01 and 25-01
5. Butte Community Council: 01/14/26
6. Butte FSA Board of Supervisors: 12/11/25
7. Central Mat-Su Board of Supervisors: 01/12/26
8. Enhanced 911 Advisory Board: 12/09/25
9. Greater Talkeetna RSA Board of Supervisors: 01/08/26
10. North Lakes Community Council: Resolution Nos. 24-002, 25-001, 25-002, 25-003, 26-001, 26-002
11. Platting Board: 01/15/26
12. Transportation Advisory Board: 10/24/25

Attachments: [03/03/26 - Citizens and Correspondence](#)

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

[IM 26-032](#) Informing The Assembly Of The Managers Signature On Five Grant Applications For Submission To The Alaska State Library For The Alaska Public Library Assistance Grants For The Big Lake, Sutton, Talkeetna, Trapper Creek, and Willow Libraries.

Attachments: [IM 26-032](#)

[IM 26-040](#) Reporting Conclusion Of Contract No. 24-088B with Granite Construction Company For a Total Contract Amount Of \$4,268,545.40 For The Hidden Hills And Caswell Lakes Road Improvements Project.

Attachments: [IM 26-040](#)

[IM 26-042](#) Reporting The Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 23-118B With F-E Contracting, Inc. For A Final Contract Amount Of \$23,915,805.90 To Construct The Mat-Su Central School Project.

Attachments: [IM 26-042](#)

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 26-022](#) An Ordinance Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into A Memorandum Of Agreement With The Talkeetna Community Council, Inc. For The Talkeetna Library Pathway Project And Accepting And Appropriating A Grant For Project Implementation.
RS 26-013: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Talkeetna Library Pathway Project.

Attachments: [OR 26-022](#)

[RS 26-013](#)

[IM 26-033](#)

[OR 26-024](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.15.225 Board Of Equalization; Hearing, Related To Limiting The Board's Authority To Raise Assessments And Making Findings.

Sponsors: Sumner, Bowles and Gamble

Attachments: [OR 26-024](#)

[IM 26-035](#)

[OR 26-025](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$258,328.07 From The United States Geological Survey And \$265,852.19 From The Natural Resources Conservation Service; And Extending The Date Of Completion For Match Funding Through June 30, 2029, For The Collection Of LiDAR Elevation Data.
RS 26-015: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Collection Of LiDAR Elevation Data.

Attachments: [OR 26-025](#)

[RS 26-015](#)

[IM 26-037](#)

[OR 26-027](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.28 To Increase The Property Owner Ballot Threshold For Contiguous Local Improvement Districts From 54 Percent To 75 Percent, And Remove The Provisions That Only Returned Ballots Are Considered In Tabulation.

Sponsors: Nowers and Bowles

Attachments: [OR 26-027](#)

[IM 26-039](#)

[03/03/26 - Bowles MOVED Amendment](#)

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 26-016](#) A Resolution Approving The Amended Budgets For Birch Creek Tributary At Mastodon Road Fish Passage Project And Neklason Lake At Homebuilt Circle Fish Passage Project.

Attachments: [RS 26-016](#)
[IM 26-046](#)

[RS 26-017](#) A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work And Budget To Reallocate Funds From 2025 Jolly Creek Drainage And Cherrywood Drive, To The 2025 South Horseshoe Lake Road Repairs And Upgrade Project In Big Lake Road Service Area.

Attachments: [RS 26-017](#)
[IM 26-047](#)

[RS 26-018](#) A Resolution Waiving The Fee For A Conditional Use Permit For An Alcoholic Beverage Dispensary.

Sponsors: Gamble

Attachments: [RS 26-018](#)
[IM 26-049](#)

[RS 26-019](#) A Resolution Supporting A Joint Marketing Effort Between The Borough And Terra Energy Center Corporation For The Promotion And Development Of Designated Borough Lands To Solicit Expressions Of Interest From Large Power Consumers For Data Center, Energy Infrastructure, Advanced Manufacturing, And Industrial Development Opportunities.

Sponsors: Bernier and Fonov

Attachments: [RS 26-019](#)
[IM 26-050](#)

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

[AM 26-016](#) Award Of Bid No. 26-098B To Nodak Electric & Construction Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$148,061 To Design And Build A Roof Structure At Port MacKenzie.

Attachments: [AM 26-016](#)

[AM 26-017](#) Award Of Bid No. 26-081P To New Horizons Telecom, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$555,941.21 To Design And Build A New Telecommunication Tower In Eureka.

Attachments: [AM 26-017](#)

[AM 26-018](#) Award Of Bid No. 26-117B To Swickard Auto Group In The Amount Of \$114,534 To Purchase Two Emergency Services 4x4 Sport Utility Vehicles.

Attachments: [AM 26-018](#)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. VETO

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 03/17/26, Assembly Chambers)

[OR 25-047](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 2.08.060 And MSB 2.12.060, Compensation For The Mayor And Assembly.

Sponsors: Fonov

Attachments: [OR 25-047](#)
[IM 25-083](#)

[OR 26-023](#) An Ordinance Approving The Sale Of Certain Borough-Owned Real Property Acquired Through Tax Foreclosure For Delinquent Real Property Tax Years 2019, 2018, And Prior; And Not Needed For A Public Purpose.

Attachments: [OR 26-023](#)
[IM 26-034](#)

[OR 26-029](#) An Ordinance Approving The Purchase Of A One-Acre Parcel Adjacent To The New Gateway Visitor Center In The Amount Of \$172,000 And Classifying The Property As Reserved Use Lands.

Attachments: [OR 26-029](#)
[IM 26-043](#)

[OR 26-032](#) An Ordinance Adopting MSB 1.10.170 And MSB 3.35, 6.5 Percent Areawide Sales Tax, Repealing Areawide Property Tax, And Submitting The Proposition To The Voters At The November 3, 2026, Regular Borough Election.

Sponsors: Bowles

Attachments: [OR 26-032](#)
[IM 26-048](#)
[03/03/26 - Sales Tax Projections](#)
[03/03/26 - Sales Tax Proposal Flyer](#)

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

[26-044](#) Mayoral Requests for Confirmation

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

C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

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

[OR 26-028](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.80, Nonconforming Structures, To Repeal The Notification Process And Fee Section.

Sponsors: Sumner

Attachments: [OR 26-028](#)
[IM 26-041](#)

[OR 26-030](#) An Ordinance Repealing MSB 8.25, Water Pollution Control; And MSB 17.55.020(E), Under Setbacks For Shorelands, In Their Entirety.

Sponsors: Sumner

Attachments: [OR 26-030](#)
[IM 26-044](#)

XI. RECONSIDERATION

[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](#)
[03/03/26 - Gamble Reconsideration of OR 26-020](#)
[03/03/26 - Nowers NOT MOVED Amendment](#)

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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