

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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BOROUGH MAYOR

Vern Halter

BOROUGH CLERK

Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC

BOROUGH MANAGER

John Moosey

BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Nicholas Spiropoulos



BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

Jim Sykes, District 1

Matthew Beck, District 2

George McKee, District 3

Ted Leonard, District 4

Dan Mayfield, District 5

Jesse Sumner, District 6

Tam Boeve, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, October 30, 2018, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Vern Halter.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Assemblymember Jim Sykes, Assemblymember Matthew Beck, Assemblymember George McKee, Assemblymember Ted Leonard, Assemblymember Dan Mayfield, Assemblymember Jesse Sumner, and Assemblymember Tam Boeve

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Halter queried if there were any objections to taking up the proclamations prior to approval of the minutes.

The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Ms. Rebecca Rein, a member of the audience.

B. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

[18-130](#)

Mayoral Proclamation In Recognition Of Joe Perkins

Sponsors: Halter

Deputy Mayor Beck read the proclamation in recognition of Mr. Joe Perkins into the record.

[18-121](#)

Mayoral Proclamation In Recognition Of Portugal. The Man

Sponsors: Halter

Mayor Halter presented the Borough seal to former Assemblymember Doty in recognition of her service on the Assembly.

Former Assemblymember Doty read the proclamation in recognition of Portugal. The Man into the record.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

[18-109](#)

1. Special Meeting Minutes: 07/17/18
2. Special Meeting Minutes: 07/31/18
3. Special Meeting Minutes: 08/07/18
4. Regular Meeting Minutes: 08/07/18
5. Regular Meeting Minutes: 08/21/18
6. Regular Meeting Minutes: 09/04/18
7. Joint Assembly/School Board Meeting Minutes: 09/11/18
8. Regular Meeting Minutes: 09/18/18

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

Mayor Bert Cottle, Wasilla City Mayor, reported on the activities of the city.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

There was no report provided.

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee On School Issues

There was no report provided.

2. Assembly Public Relations

D. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

2. Strategic Planning Issues

Mr. Moosey reported that he is working to schedule the Joint Assembly/State Delegation meeting. Stated that the Borough received an award from the Greatland Trust regarding the Settler's Bay Coastal Park.

Assemblymember Sykes reported on his trip to the Surrey Biofuel Facility in Canada.

3. Willow Library Funding Report

Mr. Hugh Leslie, Recreation and Library Services Manager, provided an update regarding Willow Library Funding.

E. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos reported on his attendance at the Municipal Attorney's Conference.

F. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie reported on the upcoming meeting schedule.

G. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

18-125

1. Butte FSA Board Of Supervisors: 07/19/18, 09/13/18
2. Enhanced 911 Advisory Board: 06/12/18
3. Greater Butte RSA Board Of Supervisors: 07/12/18
4. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: 09/20/18
5. Planning Commission: 08/06/18, 09/17/18, Resolution No. 18-25
6. West Lakes FSA Board Of Supervisors: 09/10/18
7. Chase Community Council: 07/18/18
8. Chickaloon Community Council: 01/10/18, 02/14/18, 03/14/18, 04/11/18, 05/09/18, 06/13/18, 07/11/18, 08/08/18, 09/12/18
9. Point MacKenzie Community Council: 04/12/18, 06/14/18
10. Susitna Community Council: 09/06/18
11. Talkeetna Community Council: 09/04/18

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

H. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

- [IM 18-154](#) Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 18-138B To Western Construction & Equipment, LLC. For 2018 Roads Paving.
- [IM 18-155](#) Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 18-035B To Jolt Construction & Traffic Maintenance, Inc., For The West Susitna Parkway Drainage Improvements & Slope Repair Project, For A Final Contract Amount Of \$406,810.60.
- [IM 18-159](#) Informing The Assembly Of Other Counties/Boroughs Within The United States That Manage Compensatory Wetland Mitigation Within Their Boundaries.
The informational memorandums were 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 18-079](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$20,100 From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management For The Borough Local Emergency Planning Committee, Fund 480, Project No. 20259, For Fiscal Year 2019 Operations.
RS 18-052: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management Grant, Project No. 20259, Fund 480, For The Borough Local Emergency Planning Committee.
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No.18-079 and Resolution Serial No. 18-052. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

Absent: 1 - Assemblymember Leonard

[OR 18-094](#) An Ordinance Reappropriating \$500,000 From The Major Repair And Renovation Reserve Fund 100, And \$500,000 From The Capital Expenditures Reserve Fund 100, To The Emergency Response Reserve Fund 100, For The Borough's Portion Of Costs Associated With The 2018 Cyber Incident.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 18-094: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

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

Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 18-094.

Assemblymember Sykes moved to continue the public hearing for Ordinance Serial No. 18-094 to November 27, 2018. The motion failed with a tie vote. The Mayor invoked his voting privilege in the negative and the motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Sumner

No: 4 - Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Boeve, and Mayor Halter

Absent: 1 - Assemblymember Leonard

Assemblymember Beck moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 18-094 to November 6, 2018, at 6 p.m. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, and Assemblymember Mayfield

No: 3 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

Absent: 1 - Assemblymember Leonard

Assemblymember Sykes moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 18-094 to November 27, 2018. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

Absent: 1 - Assemblymember Leonard

OR 18-095

An Ordinance Reappropriating \$49,000 From The Completed Tourism Infrastructure Recreation Facility Highway Signage Project, Fund 480, Project No. 15035; To The Willow And Talkeetna Outdoor Ice Rinks Open Air Roof System Design Build Project, Project No. 15044, Fund 440.

RS 18-067: A Resolution Amending The Budget For Project No. 15035; And Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Project No. 15044 To Allow For Completion Of Scope For The Talkeetna And Willow Outdoor Ice Rinks Project.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 18-095 and Resolution Serial No. 18-067. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

No: 1 - Assemblymember McKee

Absent: 1 - Assemblymember Leonard

[OR 18-096](#)

An Ordinance Assembly Appropriating \$53,000 From The 2006 Series A General Obligation Bond Interest Account 400 Project No. 65002.5307, To Knik And Goose Bay Elementary Schools Access Fencing Account 400, Project No. 40161.

RS 18-068: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget To Utilize The 2006 Series A General Obligation Bond Interest Monies For Funding The Knik And Goose Bay Elementary Schools Access Fencing, Project No. 40161.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Mayfield moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 18-096 and Resolution Serial No. 18-068. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

Absent: 1 - Assemblymember Leonard

[OR 18-097](#)

An Ordinance Adopting The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Public Libraries Strategic Plan (2018-2022).

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 18-097. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Boeve

No: 2 - Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Sumner

Absent: 1 - Assemblymember Leonard

[OR 18-100](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$143,500 From The Alaska State Department Of Military And Veteran's Affairs, Emergency Management Performance Grant Program, And Requesting A Reappropriation Of \$143,500 From The Emergency Management Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget, To Fund 425, Project No. 45285, For Emergency Management Wages And Benefits.

RS 18-069: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Department Of Military And Veteran's Affairs, Emergency Management Performance Grant, Project No. 45285, Fund 425, For Emergency Management Wages And Benefits.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 18-100 and Resolution Serial No. 18-069. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Boeve

No: 2 - Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Sumner

Absent: 1 - Assemblymember Leonard

[OR 18-101](#)

An Ordinance Approving The Request By Agricultural Rights Heirs To Subdivide The Agricultural Rights Only Land Estate And Combine The Estate Property With The Heirs Property For Purpose Of Separating The Title Interest Of The Heirs (MSB007376).

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 18-101. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

Absent: 1 - Assemblymember Leonard

OR 18-102

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$50,882.25 From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management To Fund 425, Project No. 45158, For Mass Casualty Supplies And Equipment For Field Communications Vehicle 1.

RS 18-070: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management Grant, Project No. 45158, Fund 425, For Mass Casualty Supplies And Equipment For Field Communications Vehicle 1.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 18-102 and Resolution Serial No. 18-070. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

Absent: 1 - Assemblymember Leonard

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)

The meeting recessed at 7:24 p.m. and reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

The following person spoke to concerns with funding levels for Emergency Services: Ms. Kelly Lankford.

The following persons spoke to concerns with the program being made by the Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board and to the need for a regional wastewater and septage facility: Mr. Tom Stoelting and Ms. Arlene Stoelting.

The following persons spoke to the need for a regional wastewater and septage facility: Mr. Tom Munoz and Mr. Kelsey Trimmer.

The following person spoke to concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

[RS 18-071](#)

A Resolution Incorporating The Alaska State Department Of Transportation & Public Facilities Big Lake Pedestrian Improvements Study Recommendations Into The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Capital Improvement Program.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Beck moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the Clerk. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

There were no action memorandums.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[OR 18-080](#)

An Ordinance Eliminating The Sunset Provisions For Distribution Of Motor Vehicle Tax, And Eliminating The Sunset Provisions Of The Permanent Motor Vehicle Registration And Permanent Registration Of Noncommercial Trailers To Allow Such Registrations To Continue.

Sponsors: Sykes

Ms. McKechnie read the pending amendment into the record.

PENDING AMENDMENT: Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 18-080 that was previously adopted by striking Section Nos. 2 and 3 in their entirety and inserting the following in their place:

• Section 2. Amendment of Sunset Clause. The sunset clause found in Section 4 of Ordinance Serial No. 14-108 as it pertains to the amendment of MSB 3.24.030(B) is amended as follows:

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately and sunset on December 31, 2022.

• Section 2. Amendment of Sunset Clause. The sunset clause found in Section 4 of Ordinance Serial No. 14-107 as it pertains to the amendment of MSB 3.24.035(B) is amended as follows:

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect immediately and sunset on December 31, 2022.

• And attaching the motion summary and amendment to the Informational Memorandum.

The motion to amend something previously adopted failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, and Assemblymember Boeve

No: 4 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Sumner

IX. VETO

There were no vetoes presented.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 11/27/18, Assembly Chambers)

[OR 18-098](#) An Ordinance Adopting The 2018-2022 Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan.

[OR 18-103](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$40,000 From The United States Fish & Wildlife Service To Project 47519, Fund 480, For The Collection Of Aerial Imagery And Lidar Elevation Data.
RS 18-072: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget Of \$40,000 From The United States Fish & Wildlife Service For The Collection Of Aerial Imagery And Lidar Elevation Data.

[OR 18-104](#) An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$6,095,473 From The Reserve For Match For Paving And Calcium Chloride To Project No. 35467, Fund 430, For Paving Projects And Dust Control.
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Beck moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and to set the public hearings for November 27, 2018. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

[18-127](#) 103018 - Vacancy Report

Sponsors: Halter

Local Emergency Planning Committee
Ronald DesJardin, removal

Assemblymember Beck moved to confirm the removal as requested by the Mayor. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

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 Sykes spoke in support of joint meeting with the Municipality of Anchorage. Spoke in support of the body conducting a planning session in January.

Assemblymember Sykes moved to schedule a planning session for the third week of January 2019. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember Mayfield noted that Mr. Terry Niniger had resigned from the Borough's Fish and Wildlife Commission. Thanked him for his service and opined that Mr. Niniger had made great contributions to the Commission.

Assemblymember Leonard requested a timeline and expense report for the wastewater and septage facility.

Assemblymember Beck stated that he was pleased that Ms. Helen Munoz was present at the meeting. Related that the Palmer High School Swim Team has won every meet this year and as a result, are going to the State Swim meet. Related that their coach was also awarded Coach of the Year.

Assemblymember McKee spoke in support of having staff reports for legislation.

Mayor Halter stated that it was nice having the Sutton Scouts at the meeting. Further stated that it was nice to have Portugal. The Man in attendance and to be able to recognize them for their contributions to the community. Noted that there are several places on the agenda for the public to be able to express their opinions to the body.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.