

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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Ron Bernier, District 7

ASSEMBLY AGENDA

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026

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

IN WRITING:

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

[26-018](#)

A. Joint Assembly/School Board Meeting Minutes: 12/09/25

B. Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes: 12/16/25

Attachments: [01/20/25 - Minutes for Packet](#)

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**
- 3. Annual Assessor's Report**

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

E. CLERK COMMENTS

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

[26-019](#)

1. Alpine RSA Board of Supervisors: 11/13/25
2. Glacier View Community Council: 11/20/25
3. Greater Talkeetna RSA Board of Supervisors: 12/11/25
4. Historical Preservation Commission: 02/06/25, 04/24/25
5. Planning Commission: 12/15/25, Resolution No. 25-30
6. Platting Board: 11/06/25, 12/04/25
7. Point MacKenize Community Council: 04/22/24, 05/09/24, 06/14/24, 07/11/24, 08/04/24, 09/12/24, 11/14/24, 12/12/24, 02/13/25, 04/10/25, 06/12/25, 09/11/25, 10/09/25, 11/13/25
8. Talkeetna Community Council: 12/01/25
9. Trapper Creek Community Council: 10/16/25

Attachments: [01/20/25 - Citizen and Other Correspondence](#)

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

[IM 26-005](#)

Reporting Conclusion Of Contract No. 24-114B With Ahtna Construction & Primary Products Co. LLC. For A Total Contract Amount Of \$2,769,159.17 For The Lakes Boulevard Upgrade Project.

Attachments: [IM 26-005](#)

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.)

[RS 26-001](#)

A Resolution Approving An Application To Relocate A Beverage Dispensary License From An Area Outside The City Limits In The Borough To A Location Within The City of Wasilla.

Attachments: [RS 26-001](#)
[IM 26-001](#)

[OR 26-002](#) An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The Yarrow Road Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 664 And Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments And Making Refunds To Property Owners.

OR 26-003: An Ordinance Providing For The Financing Not To Exceed \$113,105 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Internal Service Funds For The Yarrow Road Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 664, And Fixing Details Of Said Financing.

Attachments: [OR 26-002](#)

[OR 26-003](#)

[IM 26-003](#)

[OR 26-004](#) An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The West Raven Circle Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 669 And Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments And Making Refunds To Property Owners.

OR 26-005: An Ordinance Providing For The Financing Not To Exceed \$11,663 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Internal Service Funds For The West Raven Circle Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 669, And Fixing Details Of Said Financing.

Attachments: [OR 26-004](#)

[OR 26-005](#)

[IM 26-004](#)

[OR 26-007](#) An Ordinance To Enter Into A Lease With Cellco Partnership D/B/A Verizon Wireless For A Communication Site Located At 5182 North Pittman Road, Wasilla; And To Classify A Portion Of The Subject Parcel As General Purpose Lands.

Attachments: [OR 26-007](#)

[IM 26-010](#)

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 26-003](#) A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work For The Material Site Development / Reclamation Project And Authorizing The Manager To Sign A Grant Amendment.

Attachments: [RS 26-003](#)
[IM 26-013](#)

[RS 26-004](#) A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Net Income Received From The Sale Of The Ferry.

Attachments: [RS 26-004](#)
[IM 26-014](#)

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

[AM 26-004](#) Acceptance Of Late Filed And Retroactive Senior Citizen And Disabled Veteran Exemption Applications For The Period Of November And December 2025.

Attachments: [AM 26-004](#)

[AM 26-005](#) Approval Of The 2026 Road Service Area Road Improvement Project List.

Attachments: [AM 26-005](#)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[OR 25-111](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.55, Setbacks And Screening Easements, To Reduce The Minimum Building Setback Requirement From Pedestrian Easements.

Sponsors: Nowers

Attachments: [OR 25-111](#)
[IM 25-210](#)

[AM 25-148](#) Award Of Bid No. 26-086B To Recon, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$191,200 To Provide Geotechnical Evaluation Of Land Identified As Likely Having High Quality Deposits Of Civil Construction Materials.

Attachments: [AM 25-148](#)

IX. VETO

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 02/03/26 Assembly Chambers)

[OR 25-123](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.59, Lake Management Plan Implementation, To Update Definitions Related To Motorized And Personal Watercraft.

Attachments: [OR 25-123](#)
[IM 25-237](#)
[Planning Commission RS 25-24](#)

[OR 25-126](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 8.55, Special Events, To Repeal The Surety Bond Requirement Standards.

Sponsors: Fonov

Attachments: [OR 25-126](#)
[IM 25-243](#)
[Planning Commission RS 25-25](#)

[OR 25-128](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 15.24 Assembly; Zoning Functions To Update The Process Of Initiating And Amending Lake Management Plans.
RS 25-113: A Resolution Establishing A Fee For Processing Requests For Lake Management Plans Under MSB 15.24 Assembly; Zoning Functions.

Sponsors: Sumner

Attachments: [OR 25-128](#)
[RS 25-113](#)
[IM 25-247](#)
[Planning Commission RS 25-27](#)

[OR 26-001](#) An Ordinance Adopting MSB 15.24.030(H) The Matanuska-Susitna Borough 2026 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

Attachments: [OR 26-001](#)
[IM 26-002](#)

[OR 26-006](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$23,804 In Insurance Proceeds Related To A Non-Fault Motor Vehicle Accident Involving Municipal Property.

Attachments: [OR 26-006](#)
[IM 26-006](#)

[OR 26-008](#) An Ordinance Discontinuing The Library Citizens' Advisory Committee Prior To The Sunset Date Of June 30, 2027.

Sponsors: Bowles

Attachments: [OR 26-008](#)
[IM 26-011](#)

[OR 26-009](#) An Ordinance Approving The Sale Of Borough-Owned Land Located In The Big Lake Area To The Adjacent Property Owner, Alaska District Church Of The Nazarene, In The Amount Of \$35,000.

Sponsors: Gamble

Attachments: [OR 26-009](#)
[IM 26-012](#)

[OR 26-010](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating January 2022 Mat-Su Windstorms Disaster Relief Funds In The Amount Of \$227,355.69 From The Federal Emergency Management Agency; And \$75,785.23 From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management.
RS 26-005: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For MSB School District Facilities As A Result Of The January 2022 Mat-Su Windstorms Disaster, Project No. 55030.

Attachments: [OR 26-010](#)
[RS 26-005](#)
[IM 26-015](#)

[OR 26-011](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A Grant In The Amount Of \$1,462,926 From The Federal Transit Administration For The Transit Operations In The Borough.
RS 26-006: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Transit Operations In The Borough.

Attachments: [OR 26-011](#)
[RS 26-006](#)
[IM 26-016](#)

[OR 26-012](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant In The Amount Of \$22,935.48 For Fire Extinguisher Training Systems Purchase.
RS 26-007: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Fire Extinguisher Training Systems Purchase.

Attachments: [OR 26-012](#)
[RS 26-007](#)
[IM 26-017](#)

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

[26-020](#) Mayoral Requests for Confirmation

Attachments: [01/20/25 - Vacancy Report](#)

C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

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

XI. RECONSIDERATION

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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