

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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BOROUGH MAYOR
Vern Halter

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BOROUGH MANAGER
John Moosey

BOROUGH ATTORNEY
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BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
Jim Sykes, District 1
Matthew Beck, District 2
George McKee, District 3
Ted Leonard, District 4
Dan Mayfield, District 5
Barbara J. Doty, District 6
Randall Kowalke, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 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 Barbara J. Doty, and Assemblymember Randall Kowalke

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Moosey requested that Ordinance Serial No. 17-149, be pulled from introductions and no action be taken.

There was no objection noted.

Assemblymember Kowalke moved to postponed Ordinance Serial No. 17-099, to a time certain of January 16, 2018.

There was no objection noted.

The agenda was approved as amended by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Friends of the Willow Library.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

17-073 A. Regular Meeting Minutes: 11/07/17, 11/21/17

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Mayor Halter queried if there were any changes to the minutes.

The minutes were approved as presented by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS (MSB 2.12.082; Seven minutes per person)

1. Reports From Cities

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

City of Houston Mayor Virgie Thompson reported on the activities of the city.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

There was no report provided.

3. Transportation Advisory Board

The Transportation Advisory Board did not appear and provide testimony.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee On School Issues

There was no report provided.

2. Assembly Public Relations

There were no reports provided.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

2. Strategic Planning Issues

Assemblymember Kowalke thanked Ms. Elizabeth Ripley for attending the meeting to speak to the funding that has been received.

Ms. Julie Mitchell, Willow Librarian, spoke in support of the new Willow Community Center design, which has been awarded a grant through the Mat Su-Health Foundation.

Mr. Bill Mayer, Vice Chair of Willow Library Association, spoke in support of the new Willow Community Center design.

Assemblymember Doty thanked Ms. Ripley for the Mat-Su Health Foundation supporting the new Willow Community Center and the new ski area at Hatcher Pass.

Ms. Louise Branchflower of Hatcher Pass Xperience, reported on the status of the Hatcher Pass Alpine Ski Area.

Ms. Elizabeth Ripley reported on Mat-Su Health Foundation providing funding for the projects.

Mr. Moosey reported on the insurance settlement for Port Mac dock repairs. Noted that in 2016, \$98 million was spent in the Borough by tourists. Stated that it is nice to have ski area to increase tourist spending. Requested to present findings of the Sales Tax Task Force at the joint Assembly/School Board meeting on December 12, 2017.

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

There was no report provided.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule. Noted that the Assembly had requested a meeting with the State Delegation and

suggested January 2, 2018, at 10 a.m at the Legislative Information Office.

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

Ms. McKechnie noted that the Transportation Advisory Board wanted to relay a message to the Assembly that they were hoping to make recommendations regarding the Alaska State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Community Transportation Grant program, but did not have all the information required to accomplish that.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

- 17-071**
1. Aviation Advisory Board: 10/19/17
 2. Emergency Medical Services Board: 02/01/17
 3. Enhanced 911 Advisory Board: 10/10/17
 4. Local Emergency Planning Committee: 08/16/17
 5. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: Resolution No. 17-02
 6. MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission: 09/21/17, 09/29/17, 10/12/17, 10/20/17
 7. Planning Commission: Resolution Nos. 17-46, 17-47, 17-48, 17-57
 8. Platting Board: 10/05/17
 9. Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board: 08/10/17
 10. Meadow Lakes Community Council: 10/11/17, Resolution Nos. 17-01, 17-02, 17-03
 11. South Knik River Community Council: 08/17/17, 09/21/17
 12. Susitna Community Council: 10/05/17
 13. Talkeetna Community Council: 10/02/17, 10/11/17

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

- IM 17-204** Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 14-121B To Scarsella Bros Inc. For Bogard Road Extension East, Phase I Construction, For The Final Contract Amount Of \$19,436,851.43.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

- IM 17-205** Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract No. 15-108B To Collins Construction, Inc. Iditarod Elementary School New Construction, For

The Final Contract Amount Of \$18,099,116.50.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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.)

(Requires 11 Days Advance Notice And Must Otherwise Be In Compliance With The Necessary Code Requirements. If No Advance Notice Is Given, Persons Wishing To Speak May Do So Under The Audience Participation Section Of The Agenda.)

There were no persons to be heard.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)

The meeting recessed at 6:33 p.m. and reconvened at 6:37 p.m.

OR 17-114 An Ordinance Adopting The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Long Range Transportation Plan And Amending MSB 15.24.030(B)(12), Comprehensive Plan And Purposes.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke to concerns with the Long Range Transportation Plan: Ms. Beth Fread, Mr. Joseph Hawkins, and Mr. Joel Stefanski.

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. 17-114.

Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment to the Long Range Transportation Plan, Transportation Governance, Road Service Areas, by inserting the following paragraph on page 44 to read: "The Borough Staff should coordinate with the road service area (RSA) boards to establish criteria, to prioritize road improvement needs within their area. As capital improvement costs may exceed an RSA's financial capacity to maintain an acceptable road condition or provide an adequate level of service, based on the uses of a particular road segment,

having consistent and defensible criteria would be beneficial. Coordination between the staff and RSA's on roadway recommendations enhances stakeholder backing and ensures a list of recommended projects that adequately addresses major roadway needs throughout the Borough. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment to the Long Range Transportation Plan, Table 2. Roadway Recommendations 2016-2035, by inserting a new project to read: "No. 32 – Wolverine Road from Wolverine Creek Canyon to approximately Mile Post 10 where maintenance ends. Purpose: Asset management and safety. Estimated Cost: 10 million. Potential funding source: state of Alaska." The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

OR 17-147 An Ordinance Approving The Less Than Fair Market Value Sale Of Borough-Owned Real Property Identified As The Little Su Camp Ground And Day Use Area To The City Of Houston (MSB007293).

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 17-147:
Mr. Ron Jones and Mayor Bert Cottle.

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

Assemblymember Kowalke moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-147.

Assemblymember Kowalke moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 17-147, to strike the words "public purpose" and to insert the words "recreation purpose" throughout the ordinance.

Assemblymember Sykes moved a secondary amendment to insert the word "public" before the word "recreation" to read: "public recreation purpose." The secondary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

The primary amendment passed as amended by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

Assemblymember McKee moved a primary amendment to strike the sale price of "\$0" and inserting "\$1" in its place. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

No: 2 - Assemblymember Leonard and Assemblymember Mayfield

The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

No: 1 - Assemblymember Mayfield

OR 17-148 An Ordinance Adopting The Corridor Access Management Plan For Seldon Road Extension Church Road To Pittman Road And Amending MSB 15.24.030, Comprehensive Plan And Purposes.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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 Leonard moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-148. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

OR 17-150 An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.15.200, Board Of Equalization; Appeal.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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. 17-150. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)

The following persons spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 17-099: Mr. Joel Stefanski and Ms. Beth Fread.

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 17-099: Ms. Susie Hays.

The following person spoke to concerns with crime in the Borough: Mr. Joe Schlanger.

The following person spoke to concerns with the new pool designs: Mr. Joseph Hawkins.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

RS 17-083 A Resolution Approving The Amended Scope Of Work For Project No. 30092, Purchase Of Asphalt Processor/Reclaimer And Dual Drum Roller Compactor With Trailer And Two Ton Trailer, To Include The Purchase Of The Crack Sealer And Accessories For The Crack Sealer, Project No. 30092.6617.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

AM 17-109 Vacate The 50-Foot Wide Section Line Easements Lying Within Lots 5, 6, And 7, United States Survey 4591; Located On The Northeast Shore Of Susitna Lake Within Sections 13, 14, And 24, Township 8 North, Range 8 West, Copper River Meridian.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

AM 17-110 Vacate The 50-Foot Wide Section Line Easements Lying Within Lots 19, 20, And 25, United States Survey 4590; Located On The West Shore Of Susitna Lake Within Section 22 And 27, Township 8 North, Range 8 West, Copper River Meridian.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

AM 17-112 Destruction Of Ballots From The October 3, 2017, Regular Borough Election.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

AM 17-113 Award Of Bid 18-053B To Mid State Truck And Trailer In The Contract Amount Of \$124,438 To Refurbish 2-120 Cubic Yard Walking Floor Refuse Trailers.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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 Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

AM 17-111 Approval Of The Road Service Area Maintenance And Improvements List - Summer 2018.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Assemblymember Mayfield moved to adopt AM No. 17-111.

Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to AM No. 17-111, by inserting "Muskrat Street (.20), Musk Ox Street (.20), Martin Street (.24), Fox Avenue (.14) and Mink Street (.20). Description of Work: 17-121P, Term Consultant Design. Total Estimated Cost: \$75,000. RSA Funded: Yes, \$75,000." The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OR 17-099 An Ordinance Adopting MSB 3.80, To Establish A Program Designed To Reduce The Use Of Plastic Bags By Imposing An Excise Tax For Plastic Carryout Bags On Large Retailers.

Sponsors: Doty

This ordinance was postponed at the approval of the agenda, to January 6, 2018.

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Doty moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-099.

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

17-072 PENDING MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes Moved To Direct The Manager To Facilitate A Panel And Have Community Meetings Regarding Crime.

Sponsors: Sykes

Assemblymember Mayfield moved to postpone the pending motion to a time certain of December 19, 2017. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

No: 1 - Assemblymember McKee

IX. VETO

There were no vetoes presented.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 12/19/17 Assembly Chambers)

OR 17-149 An Ordinance Allowing Appointment Of A Non-Service Area Resident To The Board Of Supervisors For Service Area No. 23, North Colony Road Service Area.

Sponsors: Sykes

OR 17-151 An Ordinance Amending MSB 5.25.145, To Annex 266 Properties Located On And Around The Susitna Parkway Area Into The West Lakes Fire Service Area No. 136.

RS 17-082: A Resolution Finding The Annexation Of Properties Located On And Around Susitna Parkway Into The West Lakes Fire Service Area No. 136 Serves The Public Interest Without The Placement Of The Question On The Ballot.

Sponsors: Mayfield

OR 17-152 An Ordinance Requesting Reappropriations Of \$8,200 From The Butte Fire Service Area Capital Projects Budget, Fund 405, Project No. 45067-6606, To Project No. 45067-6604, To Expand The Gear Storage Project; And \$4,200 From Project No. 45067-6605, To Project No. 45142-6606, To Purchase Communications Equipment For The Compressed Air Foam System Truck.

RS 17-084: A Resolution Amending The Budgets For Project Nos. 45067 And 45142, And Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Project No. 45067-6604, To Allow For The Purchase Of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Storage Equipment And Project No. 45142-6606, To Purchase Compressed Air Foam System Truck Communications Equipment.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

OR 17-153 An Ordinance To Reappropriate \$1,732,505 From The Valley Pathways School Capital Project No. 40188, Fund 400, To The Palmer High School Renovation Capital Project No. 40181, Fund 400.
RS 17-085: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Palmer High School Renovation, Capital Project No. 40181.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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 December 19, 2017. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

17-074

Sponsors: Borough Manager

MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission
Jim Sykes

All Terms beginning January 1, 2018
Agriculture Advisory Board

James Skinner

Aviation Advisory Board

Michael Pannone

Norman Chance

Board of Ethics

Tayva Taylor

Emergency Medical Services Bord

Russell Johnston

Health and Social Services Board

Ashley Peltier

Jennifer Burkmire

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Ronald DesJardin

MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission

Terry Nininger

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board

John Harris, Jr.
Planning Commission
Sassan Mossanen
Platting Board
George Thompson
Transportation Advisory Board
Daniel Elliot
Central Mat-Su FSA No. 130
David Eller
Talkeetna FAS No. 24
Lawrence Dearman
Willow FSA No. 35
Ronald Forsyth
Big Lake RSA No. 21
William Haller
Caswell Lakes RSA No. 15
Donna McBride
Fairview RSA No. 14
John Harris, Jr.
Greater Butte RSA No. 26
Michael Shields
Midway RSA No. 9
Daniel Tucker
South Colony RSA No. 16
Rhonda Stark

Assemblymember Sykes moved to divide the question to take up his appointment to the MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission, separately. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

Assemblymember Sykes declared a conflict of interest due to his appointment to the Borough's Fish and Wildlife Commission.

Mayor Halter ruled that Assemblymember Sykes did have a conflict and would be recused from voting on his appointment.

Assemblymember Sykes exited the meeting.

First Segment. Assemblymember Beck moved to confirm the appointment of Jim Sykes to the MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

Recused: 1 - Assemblymember Sykes
Assemblymember Sykes re-entered the meeting.

Second Segment. Assemblymember Beck moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

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 presented.

XI. RECONSIDERATION

There were no reconsiderations presented.

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos advised that no laws have changed since the 2005 Blue Ribbon Task Force on Crime was provided. Requested that if members have any questions to please let him know.

Ms. McKechnie stated that she will email the joint Assembly/School Board meeting agenda for December 12, 2017, to the body.

Mr. Moosey wished everyone Merry Christmas.

Assemblymember McKee spoke to a recent tour he took of the My House program for homeless kids in the Borough. Noted the positive impact in reducing teen homelessness the program has.

Assemblymember Sykes thanked the body for the meeting. Spoke in support of having community meetings regarding crime and spoke to concerns with crime in the Borough.

Assemblymember Kowalke acknowledged Debbie Leemer, who is staff support for Representative Eastman. Spoke in support of the Little Su

Campground being turned over to the city of Houston. Spoke in support of the new Willow Community Center.

Assemblymember Mayfield stated opposition to giving away land without being compensated for it. Noted that he believes that the city of Houston deserves to receive it, but that it is the principal of the issue as land is a Borough asset. Spoke to the possibility of looking at other alternatives to either break even or be paid a small amount for land. Congratulated the city of Houston in receiving the campground.

Assemblymember Doty congratulated the Borough's GIS Division for the new maps they compiled and put online. Spoke in support of the new ski area in Hatcher Pass. Congratulated the Willow community on the new building. Spoke to the possibility of assisting community councils in setting up neighborhood watch programs. Opined that there is no need to launch a new task force. Spoke to the need for a method for feedback from the community on crime concerns. Stated that Mr. Hugh Leslie, Recreational Services Manager, did a great job compiling various pool needs for the community. Opined that eventually, there will be a need for another pool further north.

Assemblymember Leonard thanked Mr. Moosey and Mr. Leslie for their hard work on designing the new pools. Noted that the public is happy that their needs were listened to and changes were made at their request. Stated that he is pleased that the project has stayed on budget. Commented that the Borough needs a true public safety strategy, but that he is not sure how that will be done. Spoke to the need to push on the state of Alaska for public safety needs.

Assemblymember Beck stated that tonight's meeting gave him a lot of hope. Noted that there is a lot of good leadership at the dais and that members are working hard on behalf of constituents. Spoke in support of the new ski area at Hatcher Pass.

Mayor Halter thanked the Mat-Su Health Foundation for the grants awarded for the ski project and the Willow Community Center. Spoke to changes he is looking at regarding school funding. Stated that he is also looking at changes to the tax cap and that a draft will be coming forward. Noted that those sections of Borough code are antiquated and need to be updated. Thanked Mr. Hugh Leslie for going the extra mile in working with the public regarding pool design and noted that the public is happy with the outcome. Opined that addressing crime is a tough issue. Noted the lack of Alaska State Trooper presence in the Trapper Creek and Talkeetna area. Stated that more troopers are also needed in the Meadow Lakes area as well as in the Knik-Fairview area. Commented that public safety should be a

number one priority for the State.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session conducted.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

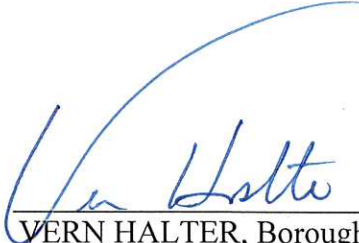
The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.




Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

December 5, 2017, Regular Meeting Minutes (16 pages)


VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 12/19/17