

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018, 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 5 - Assemblymember Jim Sykes, Assemblymember Matthew Beck, Assemblymember George McKee, Assemblymember Ted Leonard, and Assemblymember Dan Mayfield

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Virgie Thompson, city of Palmer.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following persons spoke in support of the Hermon Road Upgrade and Extension (Parks Highway to Palmer-Wasilla Highway): Mr. Archie Giddings, Public Works Director and Mayor Bert Cottle, city of Wasilla.

The following person spoke in support of the Seldon Road Extension Phase II (Windy Bottom/Beverly Lakes Road to Pittman Road): Ms Patti Fisher

Doty arrived at 6:05 p.m.

The following person spoke in support of the project nominations for road bond consideration and specifically Cheri Lake Drive/Karen Drive/King Arthur Drive Corridor Improvements: Mayor Virgie Thompson, city of Houston

The following person encouraged the Assembly to look at all funding matches for the road bond, to find opportunities for cities and road service area boards to be involved with funding the road bond projects, urged the Assembly to consider all the road service area mill rates which vary considerably, and to continue to look for long-term funding opportunities that were not road bond projects: Ms. Cindy Bettini,

Mayor Halter thanked Assemblymembers Beck and Mayfield for filling in for him during the trip to China.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Possible Propositions for the Upcoming Election

[18-082](#)

Manager's Memo re 2018 Proposed Projects for Road Bond Consideration

Assemblymember Doty moved to accept the Tier 1 Projects List as is for a total of \$54.85 million. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Assemblymember Mayfield moved to nominate Echo Lake Drive from Gondor Road to Big Lake Road for \$3 million (Map #210) to the Tier II Projects. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Mayfield, Doty, and Kowalke

No: 3 - Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Leonard

Assemblymember Sykes moved to nominate Smith Road Extension Rebuild and Pave for \$2.4 million (Map #208) to the Tier II Projects. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Sykes, and Assemblymember Mayfield

No: 5 - Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Doty, and Kowalke

Assemblymember Kowalke moved to nominate Woodpecker Ave Upgrade (Map #201) for \$500,000 to the Tier II Projects. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Sykes, and Kowalke

No: 5 - Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Doty

Assemblymember Kowalke moved to nominate Oil Well Road Upgrade (Petersville Road to Mile 6.2) for \$2 million (Map # 202) to the Tier II Projects. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Doty, and Kowalke

No: 2 - Assemblymember Sykes, and Assemblymember Beck

Assemblymember Kowalke moved to nominate Yoder Road Upgrade for \$350,000 (Map #207) to the Tier II Projects. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Assemblymember Kowalke moved to nominate Caswell Lakes Road, Bendapole Road, Hidden Hills Road Upgrade for \$2 million (Map #214) to the Tier II Projects. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Assemblymember Mayfield

Assemblymember Mayfield moved to nominate Point MacKenzie Road Upgrade (Point MacKenzie Road to Burma Road) at \$10.8 million (Map #213) to the Tier II Projects. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Mayfield, Doty, and Kowalke

No: 3 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, and Assemblymember Leonard
Assemblymember Doty exited the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

The meeting recessed at 7:14 p.m. and reconvened at 7:19 p.m.

The Assembly scheduled a special meeting on July 17, 2018, to introduce legislation regarding ballot propositions, with the public hearings to be held on July 31, 2018.

Assemblymember Doty moved to close nominations for the Tier II Projects at this time. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

[18-081](#) Proposed MSB Police Powers

Assemblymember Sykes presented information on placing an advisory question on the ballot at the October 2, 2018, regular Borough election, regarding the issue of Borough police powers.

B. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing On 06/19/18)

[OR 18-071](#) An Ordinance Submitting An Advisory Question To The Voters Outside The Cities On The Issue Of Police Powers.

Sponsors: Sykes

Assemblymember Sykes moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the clerk and set the public hearing for June 19, 2018. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

No: 3 - Assemblymember McKee, Doty, and Kowalke

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Mr. Spiropoulos spoke to efforts regarding junk and trash laws and noted injunction cases had been filed related to these issues. He spoke to the transfer of funds and agreement with the city of Wasilla related to the Veteran's Wall. He reported on the conclusion of the Willow Cabin litigation. He noted that he would not be in attendance at the July 31, 2018, special meeting.

Assemblymember Doty thanked the Assembly for the discussion. She shared concerns of a constituent regarding regulating outdoor shooting ranges.

Assemblymember Leonard thanked staff for the road bond package.

Assemblymember Leonard moved to conduct a community survey regarding adoption of Borough police powers. 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 McKee spoke in support of finding a resolution for the crime issue through crime prevention and awareness.

Assemblymember Sykes thanked the Assembly its support on Ordinance Serial No. 18-071.

Assemblymember Kowalke spoke to the Title 1 program at the schools. He voiced concerns on behalf of District 7 residents regarding the potential increased taxes related to the police powers and road bond package if passed by the voters.

Assemblymember Mayfield thanked the Assembly for the discussion. He voiced concerns regarding the cost of the road bond package and encouraged cost sharing with the road service areas.

Assemblymember Beck noted he would be unavailable for the public meetings re crime issues and he would be calling in at the June 19, regular meeting.

Mayor Halter noted support for the upcoming public meetings regarding crime issues. He spoke to the upcoming legislation regarding the road bond package. He encouraged staff to look into applying for the Build America

program for road projects. He spoke to the need for additional Alaska State Trooper personnel and stations for the Borough.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.