

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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BOROUGH MAYOR
Vern Halter

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BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
Jim Sykes, District 1
Matthew Beck, District 2
George McKee, District 3
Steve Colligan, 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, MAY 16, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, May 16, 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: 6 - Assemblymember Jim Sykes, Assemblymember Matthew Beck, Assemblymember George McKee, Assemblymember Dan Mayfield, Assemblymember Barbara J. Doty (arrived at 6:08 p.m.), and Assemblymember Randall Kowalke

Telephonic: 1 - Assemblymember Steve Colligan

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Moosey requested that Action Memorandum No. 17-050, be pulled from the agenda and no action be taken.

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

Mayor Halter inquired if there was any objection to taking up the public hearings on Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-068, 17-069, 17-070, 17-071, 17-072, and the accompanying resolutions together.

There was no objection noted.

Assemblymember Beck moved to take up the Mayoral Veto immediately before Special Orders on the agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck,
Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan,
Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and
Assemblymember Kowalke**

The agenda was approved as amended.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Virgie Thompson, Houston City Mayor.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

- 17-033** A. Joint Assembly/Planning Commission and Special Meeting Minutes: 03/28/17
 B. Regular Meeting Minutes: 04/18/17, 05/02/17
 C. Special Meeting Minutes: 04/24/17, 04/25/17, 04/27/17, 05/03/17
 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

Mr. Nathan Wallace, Palmer City Manager, reported on the activities of the city and spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 17-025.

Ms. Virgie Thompson, Houston City Mayor, reported on the activities of the city. She spoke in support of amending Ordinance Serial No. 17-025 to apply non-area-wide.

Mr. Bert Cottle, Wasilla City Mayor, reported on the activities of the city. He provided an update on the 911 dispatch program. He spoke in support of amending Ordinance Serial No. 17-025 to apply non-area-wide.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

Ms. Amy Spargo, School District Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, thanked the Assembly Members who were able to attend high school graduation ceremonies. She addressed the School District's balanced budget and spoke in opposition of the Mayoral veto of the additional School District funding. She noted appreciation for the support from the Borough.

3. Matanuska-Susitna Library Board

A. 17-035 Library Board Presentation

Ms. Janel Ganon, President of the Library Board thanked the Borough for its support of the Board and provided a presentation regarding the libraries.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee On School Issues

There was no report provided.

2. Assembly Public Relations

Mayor Halter noted that a Mayors' meeting would be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

2. Strategic Planning Issues

3. E-911 Dispatch Update

Mr. Eric Wyatt, Information Technology Director, gave an update on the E-911 Dispatch.

Mr. Moosey spoke to efforts against cyber attacks at the Borough.

Mr. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director, and Mr. Jude Bilafer, Capital Projects Director, gave an update on the Trail and

Recreation bond projects.

Mr. Hugh Leslie, Recreation and Library Manager, provided a presentation on the new e-commerce project regarding Borough trails.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

There was no report provided.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

- 17-034**
1. Caswell FSA Board of Supervisors: 01/09/17
 2. Caswell Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: 01/04/17
 3. Joint Central Mat-Su and West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 03/13/17
 4. Local Emergency Planning Committee: 02/15/17
 5. Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board: 03/20/17, Resolution No. 17-03
 6. Planning Commission: 03/20/17, 04/03/17, 04/17/17, Resolution Nos. 17-16 and 17-17
 7. Chase Community Council: 10/19/16, 01/25/17
 8. North Lakes Community Council: 02/23/17
 9. Point MacKenzie Community Council: 03/02/17
 10. Sutton Community Council: 03/29/17
 11. Trapper Creek Community Council: 03/16/17
 12. Willow Area Community Organization: 03/06/17

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

- IM 17-072** Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 15-098B To Southcentral Construction Inc. In The Final Contract Amount Of \$2,488,525.50 For The Central Landfill Cell 2A Closure 2015 Project.

The informational memorandum was presented and no comments were noted.

IX. VETO

**A. Motion To Override Any Possible Mayoral Veto On Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Items
(Ordinance Serial No. 17-017)**

OR 17-017 An Ordinance Appropriating Monies From The Central Treasury For The Borough Operating Funds, Enterprise Funds, Education Operating Fund And Capital Funds, Establishing The Rate Of Levy For All Borough Functions For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2017 And Ending June 30, 2018 And Setting The Surcharge Rate For The Wireline And Wireless Enhanced 911 Systems For The Period Of July 1, 2017 Through June 30, 2018.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Assemblymember Mayfield moved to override the Mayoral Veto providing for \$1,598,798 of additional funding for the School District (Amendment No. 3). The motion failed by the following vote (5 votes required):

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

No: 3 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, and Assemblymember Kowalke

VII. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (MSB 2.12.081; Three Minutes Per Person.)

(The meeting recessed at 7:13 p.m. and reconvened at 7:23 p.m.)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)

OR 17-025 An Ordinance Establishing A Tax On Certain Natural Resources Whenever The Natural Resource Is Severed And Removed From Property Within The Boundaries Of Road Service Areas Within The Borough And Providing For Penalties For Failure To Pay Taxes Due By Adopting MSB 3.55, Road Service Area Natural Resource Severance Tax. (Previously Ordinance Serial No. 16-128)

Sponsors: Borough Manager

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Colligan declared a conflict of interest due to his involvement in the gravel industry.

RULING: Mayor Halter ruled there was a conflict of interest and Assemblymember Colligan was recused from voting.

Assemblymember Colligan exited the meeting at this time.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Beck declared a conflict of interest due to his personal involvement with one of the gravel contractors.

RULING: Mayor Halter ruled there was a conflict of interest and Assemblymember Beck was recused from voting.

Assemblymember Beck exited the meeting at this time.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke to concerns and needed amendments to Ordinance Serial No. 17-025: Mr. Larry DeVilbiss.

The following persons spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 17-025: Mr. Lance Wilson, Mr. Brian Endle, Mr. Scott Lapine, Mr. Gary Foster, Ms. Tiana Thomas, Mr. Joshua Thomas, Ms. Theresa Armistad; Mr. Gene Newman, Mr. Jade Laughlin, Ms. Beth Fread, Mr. Wes Vandermarten, Mr. Ryan Zinns, Mr. Daniel Shooter, Mr. Tracy Moffit, Mr. Roger Bliss, Mr. John Scheffner.

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Doty declared a conflict of interest due to her personal involvement with the industry.

RULING: Mayor Halter ruled there was a conflict of interest and Assemblymember Doty was recused from voting.

Assemblymember Doty exited the meeting at this time.

Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment by striking MSB 3.55.105, Exemption, in its entirety. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Mayfield and Assemblymember Kowalke

No: 2 - Assemblymember Sykes and Assemblymember McKee

Recused: 3 - Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Colligan, and Assemblymember Doty

Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment by inserting at the beginning of the paragraph under MSB

3.55.105, Exemption, "One half of the total" to read "One half of the total taxes levied and collected by this ordinance shall be exempt from the Tax Levy Limitation under MSB 3.04.075". The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Sykes and Assemblymember Mayfield

No: 2 - Assemblymember McKee and Assemblymember Kowalke

Recused: 3 - Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Colligan, and Assemblymember Doty

PENDING MOTION - Assemblymember Mayfield moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-025 (previously Ordinance Serial No. 16-128). The main motion failed by the following vote:

No: 4 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Kowalke

Recused: 3 - Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Colligan, and Assemblymember Doty

(The meeting recessed at 8:36 and reconvened at 8:42 p.m.)

Assemblymembers Beck and Doty reentered the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Note: Assemblymember Colligan did not reenter the meeting telephonically.

OR 17-032 An Ordinance Approving Classification Of Borough-Owned Lands For Inclusion In The 2017 Competitive Sealed Bid Land Sale And Future Over-The-Counter Land Sales (MSB007249).

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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. 17-032. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

OR 17-041 An Ordinance Amending MSB 4.27, Borough Area School Site Selection Committee; And MSB 19.08.020(D), Location Of School Buildings, To Make The Board Function More Efficiently And To

Further The Goals Of The Assembly.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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. 17-041.

Assemblymember Beck moved a primary amendment to MSB 4.27.020, Membership, by striking “one Assembly Member” and inserting "two Assembly Members” in its place. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

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

The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

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

OR 17-042 An Ordinance Amending MSB 4.58, Health And Social Services Board, To Make The Board Function More Efficiently And To Further The Goals Of The Assembly.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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. 17-042. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

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

OR 17-043 An Ordinance Amending MSB 4.43, Transportation Advisory Board, To Make The Board Function More Efficiently And To Further The Goals Of The Assembly.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke to the recommendations of the Transportation

Advisory Board regarding Ordinance Serial No. 17-043: Mr. David Lundin, Transportation Advisory Board Chairperson.

The following person spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 17-043: Ms. Beth Fread.

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. 17-043.

Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment to MSB 4.43.030(A)(7), Composition by striking “one member at large” and to MSB 4.43.030(A)(8) by inserting "one builder or developer".

Assemblymember Beck moved to postpone to a time certain of June 20, 2017. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

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

OR 17-057 An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$134,000 From Meadow Lakes Road Service Area No. 27 Fund Balance, Fund 281, To Fund 410, Project No. 30047, For Meadow Lakes Road Service Area No. 27 Capital Projects.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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 Kowalke moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-057. The motion passed without objection by the following

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

OR 17-059 An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$115,000 From Gold Trail Road Service Area No. 28 Fund Balance, Fund 282, To Fund 410, Project No. 30048, For Gold Trail Road Service Area No. 28 Capital Projects.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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 Doty moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-059. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

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

OR 17-062 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating September 2012 Southcentral Flood Disaster Relief Monies In The Amount Of \$1,778,688 From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management And The Federal Emergency Management Agency To Fund 445, Project No. 55017.
RS 17-033: A Resolution Amending The Budget For The September 2012 Southcentral Flood Disaster Relief Monies, Project No. 55017.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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. 17-062 and Resolution Serial No. 17-033. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

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

OR 17-065 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating Additional Funds For Revision No. 2 In The Amount Of \$300,000 From The United States Fish And Wildlife Service To Fund 410, Project No. 30114, For Up To 24 Culvert Replacements As Part Of The Fish Passage Improvements Project, Project No. 30114.
RS 17-035: A Resolution Amending The Budget For Revision No. 2 In The Amount Of \$300,000 For Replacement Of Up To 24 Culverts For Fish Passage Improvement, Project No. 30114.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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. 17-065 and Resolution Serial No. 17-035. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

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

OR 17-067 An Ordinance Reappropriating \$171,513 From The Capital Projects Department Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget Fund 100, To Fund 435, Borough Facilities Capital Projects, For The Fireweed Building Improvements, Project No. 10178.

RS 17-036: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Fireweed Building Improvements, Project No. 10178.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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. 17-067 and Resolution Serial No. 17-036. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

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

OR 17-068 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A \$7,500 Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Requesting A Reappropriation Of \$833.33 From The Butte Fire Service Area Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget Fund 251, To Project No. 20144, Fund 405, For Fire Hose, Foam, And Shipping.

RS 17-037: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Matching Funds For Butte Fire Service Area, Project No. 20144, Fund 405.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Clerk's Note: Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-068 through 17-072 and accompanying resolutions were taken up together.

OR 17-069 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A \$7,015 Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Requesting A Reappropriation Of \$779.44 From The Caswell Fire Service Area Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget Fund 248, To Project No. 20150, Fund 405, For Fire Hose And Shipping.

RS 17-038: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Matching Funds For Caswell Fire Service Area, Project No. 20150, Fund 405.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Clerk's Note: Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-068 through 17-072 and the accompanying resolutions were taken up together.

OR 17-070 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A \$7,015 Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Requesting A Reappropriation Of \$779.44 From The Willow Fire Service Area Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget Fund 258, To Project No. 20146, Fund 405, For Fire Hose And Shipping.

RS 17-039: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Matching Funds For Willow Fire Service Area, Project No. 20146, Fund 405.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Clerk's Note: Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-068 through 17-072 and the accompanying resolutions were taken up together.

OR 17-071 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A \$7,347.36 Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Requesting A Reappropriation Of \$816.37 From The Sutton Fire Service Area Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget Fund 253, To Project No. 20255, Fund 405, For Radios And Pagers.

RS 17-040: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Matching Funds For Sutton Fire Service Area, Project No. 20255, Fund 405.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Clerk's Note: Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-068 through 17-072 and the accompanying resolutions were taken up together.

OR 17-072 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A \$7,484.80 Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Requesting A Reappropriation Of \$831.64 From The West Lakes Fire Service Area Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget Fund 249, To

Project No. 20151, Fund 405, For Fire Equipment And Clothing.

RS 17-041: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Matching Funds For West Lakes Fire Service Area, Project No. 20151, Fund 405.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Clerk's Note: Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-068 through 17-072 and the accompanying resolutions were taken up together.

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 Nos. 17-068, 17-069, 17-070, 17-071, 17-072 and the accompanying Resolution Serial Nos. 17-037, 17-038, 17-039, 17-040, and 17-041. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

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

OR 17-074 An Ordinance Authorizing The Borough To Enact A Sales Tax Not To Exceed 3 Percent Of Sales, Services, And Rentals Within Service Area No. 36, Talkeetna Sewer And Water Service Area And Submitting The Question To The Qualified Service Area Voters At The October 3, 2017, Regular Borough Election.

OR 17-075: An Ordinance Adopting MSB 3.70, Service Area Sales Tax; To Adopt A 3 Percent Sales Tax Within Service Area No. 36, Talkeetna Sewer And Water Service Area.

Sponsors: Kowalke

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-074 and 17-075, with an amendment exempting sales and gaming: Mr. John Bender and Mr. Colbie Combs.

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 Nos. 17-074 and 17-075.

Assemblymember Kowalke moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 17-075, by striking MSB 3.70.035, Maximum Tax Per Transaction, in its entirety and amending MSB 3.70.100(B)(2) by striking the words "up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000)". The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

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

Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to 3.70.050(A)(10) to read "Dues, fees, or gaming proceeds to nonprofit clubs, labor unions or fraternal organizations". The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 1 - Assemblymember Mayfield

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

The main motion passed as amended without objection by the following vote:

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

OR 17-076 An Ordinance Amending MSB 4.10, Aviation Advisory Board, To Make The Board Function More Efficiently And To Further The Goals Of The Assembly.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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. 17-076. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

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

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)

The following person spoke to concerns with the Borough and School District budgets: Ms. Beth Fread.

The following person thanked the Assembly for the discussions and debate held on the meeting items: Mr. Shey Segart.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

RS 17-043 A Resolution To Correct An Error In The Previously Approved Amended Budgets To Transfer Funds From Dogwood Avenue/Felton Street Extension, Project No. 35401, Fund 430, Roads And Bridges Capital Projects, To Collector Road Access To Machetanz Elementary School, Project No. 35402, Fund 430, In The Amount Of \$9,297.83

Sponsors: Borough Manager

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

AM 17-036 Award Of Bid No. 17-100B To Shamrock Septic, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$160,000 Annually For Leachate Hauling And Disposal.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

AM 17-044 Authorization Of Payment To Braun Northwest, Inc. In The Amount Of \$297,232 For Remount And Refurbishing Of Two Ambulances.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

AM 17-046 Approval To Extend The Time Limit For Completion Of Project No. 30114, Fish Passage Improvements.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

AM 17-047 Award Of Bid No. 17-074B To Denali Occupational Health In The Contract Amount Not To Exceed \$148,250 To Provide Fire Department Employee Medical Examinations.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

AM 17-048 Approval Of A Contract Amendment For Proposal No. 09-068A To Hatenburg Dilley & Linnell, In The Amount Of \$23,949 For The Parks Highway Connections Engineering Services For The Museum Drive Extension.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

~~**AM 17-050** Award of Bid No. 17-109B To Ahtna Construction And Primary Products Corporation In The Contract Amount Of \$2,044,040.61 For The Trunk Road Extension South Phase II.~~

Clerk's Note: Action Memorandum No. 17-050 was pulled from the agenda under Approval of the Agenda.

AM 17-051 Approve Utility Relocation Costs To Matanuska Electric Association In The Amount Of \$105,000 For Waldron Cove, Finger Cove, And Finger Lake, Project No. 30045.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Assemblymember Beck moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the Clerk. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

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

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 06/06/17 - Assembly Chambers)

OR 17-058 An Ordinance Approving The Fair Market Value Sale Of Borough-Owned Land To The Alaska State Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities For Purpose Of Public Right-Of-Way Needed For The Parks Highway Milepost 48.8 To 52.3 Reconstruction Project No. 54373/OA40129 (MSB007239).

Sponsors: Borough Manager

OR 17-060 An Ordinance Approving The Acquisition Of Government Lot 16 (MSB Tax #17N04W27C020) In The Amount Of \$71,300, Which Is The Borough Assessed Value, To Be Retained In Perpetuity For Public Use And Right-Of-Way Connectivity, And Approving A Supplemental Appropriation For The Cost Of Acquisition From The Land Management Permanent Fund, Fund 203, To The Fiscal Year 2017 Land Management Operating Budget (MSB007257).

Sponsors: Borough Manager

OR 17-063 An Ordinance Providing For The Sale Of Certain Boroughwide Real Property Acquired Through Tax Foreclosure For Delinquent Real Property Tax Years 2004 And Prior, 2006 And Prior, 2009 And Prior, And 2011 And Prior, And Not Needed For Public Purpose.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

OR 17-064 An Ordinance To Approve Retaining For Public Purpose Lots 13 And 14, Block 2, Triple Crown Estates And The South One-Half Of The South One-Half Of The South One-Half Of The Northeast One-Quarter, Section 11, Township 19 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian, Palmer Recording District, Third Judicial District, Identified As Borough Tax Parcels 52041B02L013, 52041B02L014, And 219N04W11A006, Which Were Acquired Through Tax Foreclosure (MSB007262 And MSB007263).

Sponsors: Borough Manager

OR 17-073 An Ordinance Extending The Time Limit For Completion Of Borough Capital Projects.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Beck moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearings for June 6, 2017. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

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

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

17-036 Vacancy Report

Sponsors: Halter

Emergency Medical Services Board:
Christopher Loscar

Assemblymember Beck moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, 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.

XI. RECONSIDERATION

There were no reconsiderations.

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Otto Feather, Emergency Services Director, updated the Assembly on an extraction rescue event that was occurring.

Assemblymember Doty expressed appreciation for the great work by the Emergency Services staff. She encouraged public outreach regarding safety issues. She spoke to generating ideas regarding how to diversify the tax base and determining a timeline to present those to the Assembly and allow for public debate.

Assemblymember Beck congratulated Mr. David Lundin on his promotion to his new position with the Fire Services.

Assemblymember Sykes thanked everyone for a good meeting. He spoke to the need to diversify the tax base. He commented on the senior tax exemption for property taxes. He spoke to the Borough and School District budgets. He noted appreciation for the budget discussion and ideas that were shared.

Assemblymember Kowalke thanked the Assembly for passing Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-074 and 17-075. He spoke to the current issues of the Talkeetna Sewer and Water Service Area.

Assemblymember Mayfield expressed disappointment on the School District funding veto. He spoke to the need to diversify the tax base.

Mayor Halter spoke to his veto on the School District funding. He encouraged all Assembly Members to make an effort to attend all of the Budget Public Hearings for the fiscal year 2019 budget process. He spoke to upcoming meetings between the Borough, School District, and the city Mayors to determine strategies for future budget planning.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

May 16, 2017, Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes (19 pages)

VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 08/01/17