



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

December 4, 2018, Emergency Meeting Minutes

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VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 01/15/19

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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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 SPECIAL MEETING

2:00 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018

Emergency Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

The emergency meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Mayor Vern Halter.

II. ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Assemblymember Jim Sykes, Assemblymember George McKee, Assemblymember Dan Mayfield, Assemblymember Jesse Sumner, and Assemblymember Tam Boeve

Excused 1 - Assemblymember Matthew Beck

Telephonic 1 - Assemblymember Ted Leonard

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Mr. Spiropoulos advised that there are requirements for emergency legislation in Alaska Statutes that they have to be taken up individually.

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection.

The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The following person led the pledge of allegiance: Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

OR 18-112 An Emergency Ordinance Reappropriating \$5,817,599.49 From School Bond Interest Income, Project Fund 65002-5300; And \$2,302,157.00 From School Site Acquisition Reserve Fund 100 262.960, To Earthquake 2018 Schools Emergency Response Fund, Project 55026; \$6,095,473.00 From The Reserve Match For Paving And Calcium Chloride Fund 100 262.990 To Earthquake 2018 Borough Facilities And Infrastructure Emergency Response Fund Project No. 55027.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

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

Assemblymember Mayfield moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 18-112.

Assemblymember Sumner moved a primary amendment to Reserve Match for Paving and Calcium Chloride Fund, by striking "\$6,095,473" and inserting "\$2,000,000" in its place throughout the legislation.

Assemblymember Mayfield moved a secondary amendment by striking "\$2,000,000" and inserting "\$3,000,000" in its place. The secondary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Sumner

No: 2 - Assemblymember Leonard and Assemblymember Boeve
The primary amendment passed as amended by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

No: 2 - Assemblymember Sykes and Assemblymember Leonard
The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

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

RS 18-079 An Emergency Resolution Of The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Declaring That The Local Disaster Emergency Issued On November 30, 2018 Will Remain In Effect Until January 15, 2019.

Assemblymember Mayfield moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 18-07. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

RS 18-080 An Emergency Resolution Providing A Waiver Of Individual Landfill Fees.

Sponsors: Mayfield

Assemblymember Mayfield moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 18-080.

Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 18-080, Further be it resolved clause, by striking "December 8, 2018" and inserting "December 9, 2018" in its place. The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Boeve

No: 1 - Assemblymember Sumner

The main motion failed (required 6 affirmative votes to pass) by the following vote:

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

No: 2 - Assemblymember McKee and Assemblymember Sumner

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Mr. Moosey advised that the Borough's earthquake insurance inspectors here to help the Borough with the process. Stated that they will be focused solely on Borough issues. Spoke to history of the Borough's earthquake insurance acquisition. Noted that some Borough buildings are closed until they can be inspected and deemed safe.

Assemblymember McKee queried if there was any damage to the Port.

Mr. Moosey related that divers went down on Tuesday afternoon and performed an inspection. Advised that the wall held and is in good shape. Stated that some of the lighting has sustained damage. Continued that the conveyor belt has an issue that is of concern and that it is being inspected today.

Assemblymember Sykes spoke in support of the action taken by the body. Related that he received the Borough's capital credits check from Matanuska Electric Association (MEA) at the Wasilla Chamber of Commerce meeting. Noted that the Borough is the second largest customer for MEA.

Assemblymember Boeve thanked emergency responders for their hard work during the earthquake. Noted that many left their own homes in shambles to respond to emergencies.

Assemblymember Mayfield thanked emergency personnel for their service. Opined that the body let down their constituents by voting against allowing citizens to use the dump free during this crisis.

Assemblymember Leonard thanked staff and first responders for their responses during the earthquake.

Assemblymember Sumner thanked emergency responders for their service. Acknowledged that he voted against waiving dump fees. Spoke to concerns with the huge expenses that the Borough could be facing as a result of the earthquake.

Mayor Halter summarized the legislation that was adopted this evening. Spoke to his appreciation of staff and emergency responders. Stated that he is happy to hear there is equipment at Vine Road as it is a safety issue.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.