

# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

350 East Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska 99645 - 907-861-8683

## BOROUGH MAYOR

Vern Halter

## BOROUGH CLERK

Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC

## BOROUGH MANAGER

John Moosey

## BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Nicholas Spiropoulos



## BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

Jim Sykes, District 1

Matthew Beck, District 2

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 REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, 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 Jesse Sumner, and Assemblymember Tam Boeve

### **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Mr. Moosey requested to pull AM No. 19-098 from the agenda and to take no action.

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection to pulling Ordinance Serial Nos. 19-092 and 19-093 from the agenda and to take no action.

There was no objection noted.

Mayor Halter queried if there were any other changes.

The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

### **IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Ken Barkley, Department of Emergency Services Director.

### **V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS**

There were no minutes of preceding meetings.

### **VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

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

##### **1. Reports From Cities**

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

##### **2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District**

Dr. Monica Goyette, Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District Superintendent, reported on the activities of the School District.

#### **B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee On School Issues**

There were no reports provided.

## **2. Assembly Public Relations**

There were no reports provided.

## **C. MANAGER COMMENTS**

### **1. State/Federal Legislation**

Mr. Moosey spoke to the emergency declaration that was issued for the fires within the Borough. Noted that there was a quorum of the Assembly at the meeting in Willow regarding the fires. Advised that the meeting was to receive information only and that the Assembly did not conduct any Borough business.

Mr. John Harris, State Lobbyist for the Borough, reported on the activities of the State Legislature and Governor Dunleavy.

Mr. Moosey reported on earthquake insurance funds that have been received to-date and the status of the Wasilla Pool repair. Spoke to the importance of creating and maintaining a defensible space around your home in order to be firewise. Noted the beetle kill spruce disposal program continues to be successful.

Mayor Halter noted that the State will be instituting a complete burn ban shortly.

### **2. Strategic Planning Issues**

### **3. Governor Dunleavy's Office Update**

Mr. Todd Smolden, Director of Governor Dunleavy's Mat-Su Office, reported on the status of the Governor's budget.

## **D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

Mr. Spiropoulos stated that he was glad to be back. Noted that his staff did a great job covering things in his absence.

## **E. CLERK COMMENTS**

Ms. McKechnie spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule. Noted that there was a request to reschedule the joint Borough and Municipality of Anchorage meeting that is scheduled for August 29.

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

## **F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

[19-109](#)

1. Greater Butte RSA Board Of Supervisors: 05/28/19
2. Planning Commission: 07/15/19, Resolution No. 19-21
3. Platting Board: 06/06/19, 06/20/19
4. Fishhook Community Council: 08/06/19 Resolution
5. Louise/Susitna/ Tyone Community Association: 05/25/19

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

## **G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS**

[IM 19-144](#)

Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 18-101B To Western Construction & Equipment LLC. For Lower Mesa Drive, Audie Street, And Lea Street Improvements.

[IM 19-145](#)

Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 18-139B To Western Construction & Equipment LLC. For Foothills Boulevard Improvements.

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.)**

There were no persons to be heard.

### **B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person)**

[OR 19-092](#)

An Ordinance Adopting MSB 3.35, Two Percent Areawide Sales Tax For Property Tax Relief, To Adopt A Two Percent Sales Tax Within The Entire Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

OR 19-093: An Ordinance Authorizing The Borough To Enact MSB 1.10.170, Two Percent Areawide Sales Tax For Property Tax Relief, To Grant The Borough The Power To Enact A Tax Not To Exceed Two Percent On Sales, Services, And Rentals Within The Entire Matanuska-Susitna Borough; And Submitting The Question To The Qualified Areawide Voters At The November 5, 2019, Regular Borough Election.

**Sponsors:** Sykes

[Clerk's Note: Ordinance Serial Nos. 19-092 and 19-093 were removed from the agenda at approval of the agenda.]

[OR 19-058](#)

An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.29, Flood Damage Prevention, To Adopt The Most Recent Flood Insurance Study And Flood Insurance Rate Map.

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. 19-058. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 19-090](#)

An Ordinance Limiting The Terms Of Office Of The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Members And Mayor To A Maximum Of One Full Term And Submitting The Issues To The Qualified Voters At The November 5, 2019, Regular Borough Election.

**Sponsors:** Sumner

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 19-090: Ms. Patty Fisher, Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman, Ms. Beth Fread, and Father Randy Hillman.

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

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 19-090. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**No:** 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 19-094](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A \$10,000 Grant From The Mat-Su Trails And Parks Foundation For The Wasilla Creek Headwaters Trail Project, Phase I, To Fund 440, Project No. 15043.

RS 19-068: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into A Grant Agreement With The Mat-Su Trails And Parks Foundation For The Wasilla Creek Headwaters Trail Project, Phase I.

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. 19-094 and Resolution Serial No. 19-068. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 19-095](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A \$5,000 Donation From Mr. Ryan Schlueter, Fund 430, Project No. 35468; And Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For An Extension Of The East Nelson Road Pedestrian/Bike Path, Phase II Project.

RS 19-069: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For An Extension Of The East Nelson Road Pedestrian/Bike Path, Phase II Project.

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 McKee moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 19-095 and Resolution Serial No. 19-069. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 19-098](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$529,100 In Anticipated Project Income During Fiscal Year 2020 For The Rail Extension Project From Port MacKenzie To The Mainline, Project No. 75001.  
RS 19-070: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Anticipated Project Income During Fiscal Year 2020 For The Rail Extension Project From Port MacKenzie To The Mainline.  
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke to concerns with the lack of transparency of where the projected funds would be spent: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman and Mr. Kevin McCabe.

**Assemblymember Mayfield moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 19-098 and Resolution Serial No. 19-070. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 19-099](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 2.52.410, Discipline And Discharge; And MSB 2.52.690, Discipline And Discharge Of Executive And Exempt Employees, To Require Legal Review Where An Employee Is Being Dismissed From Employment.

**Sponsors:** Leonard

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 Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 19-099. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 19-100](#)

An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.36.020, Renewal And Duration; And MSB 3.36.040, Fee, To Increase The Time Period Of Renewal For Business Licenses From Every Two Years To Every Four Years.

**Sponsors:** Sumner

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 19-100: Father Randy Hillman and Mr. Bob Krafft.

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

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 19-100.**

**Assemblymember Mayfield moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 19-100 indefinitely. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Boeve

**No:** 2 - Assemblymember Leonard, and Assemblymember Sumner



### **C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)**

The following person spoke in support of commercial hemp in Alaska:  
Ms. Sara Williams.

The following person spoke to the need to be fiscally responsible: Mr.  
Nick Brokin and Mr. Tate Zimmerman.

The following person spoke in support of the Willow Library Project:  
Ms. Melinda Dale.

The following person spoke to the need for legislation to go to boards  
and commissions: Ms. Beth Fread.

The following person spoke to concerns with unfunded liabilities:  
Father Randy Hillman.

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

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 19-103:  
Mr. Tim Hale.

The following person suggested a timer display on the podium: Mr.  
Lloyd Thurman.

The meeting recessed at 7:26 p.m. and reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

### **D. CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **1. RESOLUTIONS**

#### **2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS**

[AM 19-087](#) Approval Of A Contract Amendment To Contract No. 19-077B With  
Dirtworks, Inc, To Extend The Project Completion Time To August  
9, 2020, For Lake Louise Boat Launch Project No. 15019, Fund  
440.

[AM 19-088](#) Award Of Bid 20-021B To Pruhs Construction, LLC. In The  
Contract Amount Of \$647,450 For The Purchase Of Winter Sand  
And Chips.

[AM 19-092](#) Approval Of Contract Amendment To Contract No. 19-108P With R & M Consultants To Add \$41,480 For Yoder Dike Repair Construction Management Services, Project No. 55017, Fund 445.

[AM 19-097](#) The Request Is To Vacate Existing Right-Of-Ways And Utility Easements Within Government Lots 12 & 22 And Rainbow Shores No 2, Providing Replacement Rights-Of-Way And Utility Easements To Serve The Newly Proposed Lots And Tracts.  
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

**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 Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[AM 19-098](#) Recommendation To Allocate Ten Percent Of Wages And Benefits Of The Operations And Maintenance Division Manager Position To The Public Works Maintenance Division.  
[Clerk's Note: AM No. 19-098 was pulled from the agenda at approval of the agenda.]

[AM 19-093](#) Award Of Proposal No. 20-004P To Resource Data, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$120,000 For Information Technology Business Analyst Consulting Services For Govern .

[AM 19-094](#) Award Of Proposal No. 20-011P To Resource Data, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$120,000 For Information Technology Database System Administrator Consulting Services For Govern.

[AM 19-095](#) Award Of Proposal No. 20-012P To Alaska IT Group In The Contract Amount Of \$160,000 For Information Technology Developer Consulting Services For Govern.

[AM 19-096](#) Award Of Proposal No. 20-013P To Alaska IT Group In The Contract Amount Of \$120,000 For Information Technology Project Manager Consulting Services For Govern.  
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

**Assemblymember McKee moved to adopt AM Nos. 19-093, 19-094, 19-095, and 19-096. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[AM 19-089](#) Award Of Bid 20-002B To CYS Enterprises, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$127,350 For The Removal Of Structures In The Matanuska River Erosion Hazard Area.  
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt AM No. 19-089.  
The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

#### **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

[RS 19-073](#) A Resolution In Support Of Census 2020.  
**MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 19-073.**

**Assemblymember Sumner moved a primary amendment Resolution Serial No. 19-073, by striking the first two whereas clauses on page two of the resolution. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

**The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[AM 19-071](#) Approval Of Contract Amendment To Contract No. 17-085P With HDR Alaska, Inc. To Extend The Project Completion Time To December 31, 2019, For Construction Management Of The Leachate And Septage Facility.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

**MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt AM No. 19-071.**

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to postpone AM No. 19-071 to September 3, 2019. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

## **IX. VETO**

There were no vetoes presented.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing September 3, 2019, Assembly Chambers)**

[OR 19-101A](#) An Ordinance Appropriating Up To \$2,000,000 From The Land Management Permanent Fund, Fund 203, For The Willow Library Project, Fund 435, Project No. 10186.  
RS 19-071: A Resolution Amending The Budget For The Willow Library Project, Fund 435, Project No. 10186.

**Sponsors:** Boeve and Halter

[OR 19-102](#) An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$70,000 From The Greater Palmer Consolidated Fire Service Area Fund Balance, Fund 259, To Project Nos. 45215 And 45155, Fund 405, To Allow The Greater Palmer Consolidated Fire Service Area To Purchase Communications And Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) Equipment, Personal Protective Equipment, And Provide Funding For A Fuel Oil Tank Project For Station 3-2.  
RS 19-075: A Resolution Approving The Scopes Of Work And Budgets For Project Nos. 45215 And 45155, Fund 405, To Allow The Greater Palmer Consolidated Fire Service Area To Purchase Communications And GPS Equipment, Personal Protective Equipment, And Provide Funding For A Fuel Oil Tank Project For Station 3-2.

[OR 19-103](#) An Ordinance Adding MSB 3.08.450, Apprenticeship Utilization, Relating To The Performance Of Borough Construction Projects In Excess Of \$1,000,000; Adding Definitions To MSB 3.08.010; And Providing For A Waiver Process.

**Sponsors:** Sumner and Sykes

[OR 19-104](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$40,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services Grant Program To Fund 425, Project No. 45284, For Supplies, Equipment, Training, Exercises, And Personnel Costs To Allow For The Implementation And Management Of Points Of Dispensing And Medical Countermeasures.  
RS 19-076: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services Grant, Project No. 45284, Fund 425, For Supplies, Equipment, Training, Exercises, And Personnel Costs To Allow For The Implementation And Management Of Points Of Dispensing And Medical Countermeasures.

[OR 19-105](#) An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$500,000 From The Talkeetna Sewer And Water Fund Balance, Fund 293, To Project No. 25053 For Talkeetna Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project.  
RS 19-077: A Resolution Establishing The Scope Of Work And Budget For \$500,000 Appropriated From Fund 293 For The Talkeetna Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade Project, Project No. 25053.  
**Assemblymember Beck moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and to set the public hearings for September 3, 2019. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

## **B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

### **1. VACANCY REPORT**

There were no confirmations or resignations requested by the Mayor.

[19-110](#) Vacancy Report

## **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**

[OR 19-089](#) An Ordinance Establishing An Areawide Tax Credit Or Rebate In The Event The State Of Alaska Provides School Debt Reimbursement In An Amount Over \$9,200,000.

**Sponsors:** Leonard and Sumner

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter queried if there was a motion to override the mayoral veto.

There was no motion to override the mayoral veto, the veto stands and reconsideration is moot.

## **XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Mr. Moosey encouraged residents to be firewise and be prepared to evacuate if they are in the danger zones. Thanked Department of Emergency Services for all their hard work during the fire crisis. Noted all the outside help from other fire fighters and fire agencies. Commented on how well they all work together. Stated if you see a fireman, thank them.

Ms. McKechnie stated that there are four of the seven Assembly members that use the iLegislate app to electronically view their packet. Noted that because of that, the body cannot use the full functionality of the program. Noted that the Borough uses five modules from Granicus at an annual approximate amount of \$26,000.

Assemblymember Sykes stated that he is hopeful that the weather cooperates and the fire fighters are able to get the fires under control soon. Spoke to the importance of creating a defensible space around homes. Thanked all the fire fighters for their dedication and hard work.

Assemblymember Boeve noted that the Caswell Fire is a tragedy. Spoke to a residents who have lost everything, including their homes and that are now displaced. Noted her efforts of trying to get information out to residents as quickly as possible. Thanked the fire fighters responding to fires all over the State. Noted that she knows several of them personally and many have not slept in days. Related that there are some who have lost their homes while they were out fighting fires. Thanked her constituents for their patience during this trying time.

Assemblymember Mayfield thanked the fire fighters who are responding to fires and noted that they are true heroes as they are on the front line waging the battle without any complaints. Related that he is praying for those who have lost their homes. Wished the body a good evening.

Assemblymember Sumner noted that the Borough has experienced a lot of trying events over the last year. Stated that residents can stay safe by adhering to the burn bans that are in place. Opined that the continued public hearing for Ordinance Serial Nos. 19-092 and 19-093 should still have been held even if no action was going to be taken.

Assemblymember Leonard noted that his thoughts and prayers are with all those impacted by the fire and the first responders who are on the front lines. Thanked all volunteers that are assisting in supporting firefighting efforts. Thanked the city of Wasilla for opening up the Menard Center as a shelter. Noted his admiration for Assemblymember Boeve for her dedication to her constituents.

Assemblymember Beck expressed his heartfelt thanks to Assemblymember Boeve, the support volunteers, and the firefighters who are all working so hard in one way or the other.

Mayor Halter noted that this is a trying time for the Borough. Noted that he still remembers the trauma from the Sockeye Fire. Advised that Camp Caswell is completely gone. Spoke in appreciation of the fire fighters who are working so hard. Spoke to all the fires that have broken out and the quick responses to some of the local smaller fires. Noted that Mother Nature can be ruthless. Stated that in all his years, he has never seen the drought conditions that Alaska is currently experiencing. Spoke to the numerous ponds and swamps in his area that have been there for years, that are completely dried up. Cautioned the public to be extremely cautious and to adhere to the burn ban. Noted that during the Sockeye Fire, that it was the only fire during it's time, so there were a lot of resources. Noted that at this time, the whole State is on fire and resources are spread out. Related that there has been talk that the Sockeye Fire burn area may be beneficial to keep the McKinley fire from spreading in that direction. Spoke to his pride in watching first responders work. Thanked the Red Cross for their support of those displaced by the fire. Thanked Borough staff for all their contributions in keeping the public informed on fire statuses.

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (For Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Kept Confidential; And To Discuss Matters Involving Consideration Of Borough Records That By Law Are Not Subject To Public Disclosure; And Discussion Of Matters Subject To The Attorney/Client Privilege.)**



## **1. Discussion Of Lawsuit Regarding Behrens vs. Matanuska-Susitna Borough**

**Assemblymember Beck moved to enter into executive session for matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be kept confidential; and to discuss matters involving consideration of borough records that by law are not subject to public disclosure; and discussion of matters subject to the attorney/client privilege. In particular, to discuss the Behrens versus the Matanuska Susitna Borough law suit. Those present in the executive session will be the Mayor, the members of the Assembly, the Manager, the Attorney, and the Clerk. The motion passed without objection and the Assembly entered into executive session at 8:12 p.m.**

**Assemblymember Beck moved to exit executive session.**

**The motion passed without objection and the Assembly exited executive session at 8:33 p.m.**

## **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

August 20, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes

(17 pages)

VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 09/03/19