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MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

6:00 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2020

Budget Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Thursday, April 23, 2020, 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 Tim Hale, Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember George McKee, Assemblymember Ted Leonard, Assemblymember Dan Mayfield, Assemblymember Jesse Sumner, and Assemblymember Tam Boeve

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mayor Halter.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY (3 Minutes Per Person)

Prior to audience participation and the public hearing, the Assembly engaged in discussion regarding the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.

The following person spoke in support of funding for the Mat-Su Convention and Visitor's Bureau and to concerns with the lack of tourism as it relates to Covid-19: Mr. Mark Austin, Musk Ox Farm Executive Director; Mr. Mark last name indiscernible ; Mr. Sassan Mossanen; Mr. Steve Brown; Valley Community Recycling Systems Executive Director; Mr. Mark Fleenor, Sheep Mountain Lodge Owner; and Mr. Israel Mahay, Mahay's Jet Board Adventures Owner.

The following person spoke to concerns with all telephonic participation being lumped together and to concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

The meeting recessed at 7:02 p.m. and reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

Ms. McKechnie spoke to the numerous ways that the public can participate in the budget process and how it has been advertised.

A. Budget Public Hearing

OR 20-020 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, 2020 And Ending June 30, 2021; And Setting The Surcharge Rate For The Wireline And Wireless Enhanced 911 Systems For The Period Of July 1, 2020 Through June 30, 2021.

Assemblymember Mayfield moved to continue the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 20-020 to Tuesday, April 28, 2020, at 6 p.m. in Assembly Chambers. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

VI. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Assemblymember Nowers thanked the people who called in to testify telephonically. Noted that this is a preliminary discussion of the budget and that she would like the public to know that we are working to determine how to get through this. Requested if the public has any ideas, that the body would like to hear them.

Mayor Halter stated that he is hopeful that the legislature and Governor Dunleavy will figure out a way to fully fund school bond debt reimbursement. Opined that they need to do whatever it takes to figure that out.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

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VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 05/19/20

