



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

July 14, 2020, Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes

(24 pages)

VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 08/04/20

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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BOROUGH MAYOR

Vern Halter

BOROUGH CLERK

Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC

BOROUGH MANAGER

George Hays, Acting

BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Nicholas Spiropoulos



BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

Tim Hale, District 1
Stephanie Nowers, 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, JULY 14, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, July 14, 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

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

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Luke Fulp, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations for the Matanuska-Susitna School District.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

- A. Regular Assembly Meeting: 05/19/20
 - B. Special Assembly Meeting: 05/26/20
 - C. Special Assembly Meeting: 05/28/20
 - D. Special Assembly Meeting: 06/02/20
 - E. Regular Assembly Meeting: 06/02/20
 - F. Special Assembly Meeting: 06/05/20
 - G. Special Assembly Meeting: 06/16/20
- Mayor Halter queried if there were any changes to the minutes.

The minutes were approved as presented.

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. Reports From Cities

There were no comments provided.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

Mr. Luke Fulp, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services for the Matanuska-Susitna School District, spoke to school reopening and how they will move forward with the next school year.

3. State of Alaska

Mr. Todd Smoldon, Director of the Mat-Su Valley office of Governor Mike Dunleavy, gave report on COVID numbers around the state.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee On School Issues

There were no comments provided.

2. Assembly Public Relations

There was no comments provided.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

Mr. John Harris, State Lobbyist for the Mat-Su Borough, gave a legislative report.

2. Strategic Planning Issues

1. Hatcher Alpine Experience Presentation re Skeetawk Ski Area at Hatcher Pass

Ms. Louisa Branchflower, Board First Chair, spoke to the Skeetawk Ski Area at Hatcher Pass, HAX board members, the history, and community importance.

Mr. Max Schillinger spoke to the Skeetawk Ski Areas one year plan and future expansion plans.

Mr. Rob Wells spoke to the importance of the lease agreement in Ordinance Serial No. 20-062.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos reported on the activities of his office.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie reported on the upcoming meeting schedule.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

[20-101](#)

1. Animal Care and Regulation Board: Final Order
2. Board of Adjustment And Appeals: 01/27/20, Final Decision
3. Board of Ethics: 06/12/20
4. Butte FSA Board of Supervisors: 02/13/20
5. Chase Community Council: 02/13/20
6. Enhanced 911 Advisory Board: 02/11/20
7. Greater Talkeetna RSA Board of Supervisors: 01/29/20
8. Greater Willow RSA Board of Supervisors: 01/14/20
9. Local Road Service Area Advisory: 02/20/20, Resolution No. 20-01
10. Meadow Lakes Community Council: 01/08/20, 02/12/20, 03/11/20, 04/08/20, 04/28/20
11. North Lakes Community Council: 02/27/20, Resolution No. 20-01
12. Office of Administrative Hearings: Final Order
13. Planning Commission: 05/18/20, Resolution No. 20-08, 20-09, 20-13, 20-16, 20-17
14. Platting Board: 02/20/20, 03/05/20
15. Port Commission: 02/24/20
16. Susitna Community Council: 03/05/20
17. Tanaina Community Council: 06/09/20, 06/23/20
18. Transportation Advisory Board: 01/24/20
19. Trapper Creek Community Council: 04/16/20, 05/21/20
20. West Lakes Board of Supervisors: 03/09/20

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

[IM 20-133](#)

To Inform The Assembly Of A \$10,000 Payment To The Butte Community Council For Cleanup Of The “Compound”.

[IM 20-134](#)

Informing The Assembly Of An Amendment For The 2012 Flood Disaster Grant To Be Presented To The Borough Manager For Signature.

[IM 20-135](#)

Informing The Assembly Of An Agreement For The Community Assistance Program That Will Be Presented To The Borough Manager For Signature.

[IM 20-138](#)

Informing The Assembly Of An Agreements For The Community Assistance Program That Will Be Presented To The Borough Manager For Signature.

[IM 20-141](#)

Reporting The Findings And Recommendations Of The Road Maintenance Contract Qualification Panel.

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 person's to be heard.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)

[OR 20-046](#)

An Ordinance Repealing The Manager Plan Of Government And Submitting The Proposal To The Qualified Voters At The November 3, 2020, Regular Borough Election.

Sponsors: Sumner and Leonard

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke opposed of Ordinance Serial No. 20-046: Ms. Patty Fisher, Mr. Robert Hall, Ms. Beth Fread, and Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

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

Assemblymember Leonard moved to cancel the August 18, 2020, public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 20-046. The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

No: 1 - Assemblymember McKee

Assemblymember Sumner moved to continue the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 20-046 until January 5, 2020. The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,
Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield,
Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

No: 1 - Assemblymember McKee

[OR 20-061](#) An Ordinance Proposing A Reclassification Of The Matanuska-Susitna Borough From A Second Class Borough To A First Class Borough And Submitting The Proposal To The Qualified Voters At The November 3, 2020 Regular Borough Election.

Sponsors: Halter and Leonard

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke opposed of Ordinance Serial No. 20-061:
Ms. Esther Huddleston, Ms. Patty Fisher, Ms. Beth Fread, and Mr.
Eugene Carl Haberman.

The following person spoke to alternatives to police powers rather than
a first class Borough: Mr. Robert Hall.

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

**Assemblymember Mayfield moved to continue the public
hearing of Ordinance Serial No. 20-061 to August 18, 2020.**

**Assemblymember Sumner moved a primary amendment to
strike August 18, 2020, and insert January 5, 2020. The motion
passed with the following vote:**

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

[OR 20-062](#)

An Ordinance Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into A Less Than Fair Market Value Lease Of Borough-Owned Real Property With Hatcher Alpine Xperience, LLC. For The Skeetawk Ski Area At Hatcher Pass In The Government Peak Recreation Area, Northern Sub-Unit.

Sponsors: Sumner and Hale

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Tracy McDaniel, Asset Manager, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 20-062:
Mr. Jason Ortiz.

The following person spoke to concerns with transparency: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

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

Assemblymember Hale moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 20-062. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

[OR 20-064](#)

An Ordinance Approving The Sale Of Replatted Borough-Owned Lots In Windsong Subdivision For Offering Through Borough Land Sales In Accordance With Title 23 And Adopted Land And Resource Management Policy And Procedures; And Classification Of Said Lots As Residential.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Nancy Cameron, Land Management Agent, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

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

Assemblymember Hale moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 20-064. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

[OR 20-066](#)

An Ordinance Appropriating \$100,000 From Talkeetna Flood Control Service Area No. 7 Fund Balance, Fund 290 To Fund 490, For The Talkeetna Revetment Repair Project, Project 75004.

RS: 20-065: A Resolution Establishing The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Talkeetna Revetment Repair Project, Project No. 75004.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mr. Terry Dolan, Public Works Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

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

Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 20-066 and Resolution Serial No. 20-065. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

OR 20-068

An Ordinance Reappropriating \$440,681 From Public Works Road Improvements Projects And City Allocation, Fund 430, Project No. 35467 And \$207,700 From Bridge & Railroad Crossing Major Maintenance And Repair, Fund 410, Project No. 35000, To Shirley Towne Bridge Reconstruction, Fund 430, Project No. 35469.

RS 20-068: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Shirley Towne Bridge Reconstruction, Project No. 35469.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mr. Jude Bilafer, Capital Projects Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 20-068 and Resolution Serial No. 20-068.

Assemblymember Boeve moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 20-068 and Resolution Serial No. 20-068 as follows:

In the title and Section 2 of the Ordinance Serial No. 20-068:

- **By striking “\$207,700” from Bridge & Railroad Crossing Major Maintenance and Repair and insert “\$107,700” in its place;**
- **Inserting the words “100,000” from the Greater Willow Road Service Area Capital Project Fund, Fund 410, Project No. 30042;**

In the budget of Resolution Serial No. 20-068:

- **By striking “\$207,700” from fiscal year 2021 Bridge & Rail Road Crossing Major Maintenance and Repair and inserting “\$107,700” in its place; and**
- **Inserting the words “100,000” from the Greater Willow Road Service Area Capital Project Fund, Fund 410, Project No. 30042**

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

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

Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to IM 20-137, Ordinance Serial No. 20-068, and Resolution Serial No. 20-068 as follows:

Strike the following any place it appears “from Public Works Road Improvements Projects and City Allocation, Fund 430, Project No. 35467” and insert from "2018 November Cook Inlet Earthquake – Borough Infrastructure, Fund 445, Project No. 55027". The primary motion passed by the following vote:

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

The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

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

The meeting recessed at 7:53 p.m. and reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

OR 20-069

An Ordinance To Appropriate \$23,732,472 In CARES Act Money For Capital And Operating Expenditures To Fund 475, Project No. 47532.
RS 20-069: A Resolution Establishing The Scope Of Work And Budget For Capital And Operating Expenditures Utilizing CARES Act Money.
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in support of funds being provided to the Alaska State Fair: Mr. Jason Ortiz, Mr. Bill Allen, Mr. Jon-Mare Peterson, Mr. Kevin Fochs, Ms. Izzabella Pratt, Ms. Kayleena Roberts, and Mr. Canyon Roberts.

The following persons spoke in support of providing funds to the Iditarod: Mr. Chas St. George, Chief Operations Officer Iditarod Trail Committee, Mr. Robert Urbach, CEO Iditarod Trail Committee; Mr. Martin Buser; and Mr. Linwood Fiedler.

The following person spoke to continued support of the Mat-Su Convention & Visitors Borough: Ms. Bonnie Quill.

The following persons spoke in support of providing funds to the Alpine Historical Society: Ms. Fran Seager-Boss and Ms. Cindy Gilder.

The following persons spoke in support of providing funds to the Big Lake Lions Club: Mr. Bill Heller, Mr. Robert Hall, Mr. Joshua Foss, Mr. Kevin Reicler, and Ms. Lynn McCabe.

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

The following person spoke in support of providing funds to the Musk Ox Farm, Big Lake Lions Club, and Alpine Historical Society: Mr. Ryan Miller.

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

Assemblymember Mayfield moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 20-069 and Resolution Serial No. 20-069.

Assemblymember Mayfield moved to amendment IM No. 20-139 on page 4 of the list of projects to add a number 37 for

\$40,000 to Big Lake Lions Club and the following language to the justifications.

The Big Lake Lions Club provides a recreational and meeting location for the community of Big Lake. Due to COVID-19, the recreation center has been closed yet is still incurring expenses. This direct grant will give up the \$40,000 in aid upon documentation of losses due to the COVID-19 related closure. Money can be used to help support the overall operations of the recreational facility.

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Mayor Halter declared a conflict of interest on the amendment regarding the Iditarod, as he has done business with the proposed grant recipient.

RULING: Deputy Mayor Mayfield ruled that the Mayor had a conflict of interest.

Mayor Halter exited the meeting.

Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to IM No. 20-139 on page 4 of the list of projects to add a number 38 to the list for \$297,000 to the Iditarod and the following language to the justifications.

The Iditarod is an iconic Alaskan institution steeped in history and tradition. While the administrative offices are located just inside the city limits of Wasilla, the activities of the race are wholly located outside the cities and the main component of the activities in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is the re-start in Willow. Due to COVID-19, the Iditarod has been shut down and unable to have banquets, social activities, fundraiser gatherings, and has suffered a steep and detrimental decline in visitors. Without assistance, the Iditarod may never recover from the economic impacts from COVID-19 related closures and travel restrictions. This direct grant will give of up to \$297,000 in aid upon documentation of losses due to the COVID-19 related closures and drop-off in visitors. Money can be used to help support overall operations of the Iditarod.

The primary motion passed by the following vote:

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

Mayor Halter re-entered the meeting.

Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to IM No. 20-139 on page 4 of the list of projects to add a number 39 to the list for \$450,000 to the Alaska State Fair and the following language to the justifications.

The Alaska State Fair is an iconic Alaskan institution steeped in history and tradition. While the administrative offices are located inside the city limits of Palmer, the activities of the fair support businesses throughout the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. Due to COVID-19, the Alaska State Fair has been cancelled for the first time since World War II. The annual budget for the State Fair is over \$8 million and the deficit right now for the State Fair is \$1.3 million. Without assistance, the State Fair may never recover from the economic impacts from COVID-19 related closures. The loss of the State Fair would be devastating to the over 400 vendors who participate. Over 2/3 of the vendors are small businesses in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough outside of the cities who depend on participation at the annual fair. This direct grant will give of up to \$450,000 in aid upon documentation of losses due to COVID-19 related closures. Money can be used to help support overall operations of the Alaska State Fair.

Assemblymember Hale moved to strike "\$450,000" and insert "\$600,000" with \$150,000 decrease to wages and benefits from the First Responders Ambulance and Rescue Wages/Benefits. The secondary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 1 - Assemblymember Hale

No: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Boeve

No: 1 - Assemblymember Sumner

Assemblymember Hale moved a primary amendment to IM No. 20-139 on page 4 of the list to add a number 40 to the list for \$65,000 to the Musk Ox Farm and the following language to the justifications.

The Musk Ox Farm is an unique Alaskan institution created to sustain the wild musk ox, provide education and a cottage-based textile industry. It is located outside the City of Palmer. Due to COVID-19, the Farm has been shut down and unable to provide educational tours and sell products. The decline in visitors has been detrimental. Without assistance, the Musk Ox Farm may never recover from the economic impacts from COVID-19 related closures and travel restrictions. This direct grant will give up to \$65,000 in aid upon documentation of losses due to the COVID-19 related closures and drop-off in visitors. Money can be used to help support overall operations of the Musk Ox Farm. The primary motion passed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 5 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Sumner
- No:** 2 - Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember Boeve

Assemblymember Hale moved a primary amendment to IM No. 20-139 on page 4 of the list to add a number 41 to the list for \$10,000 to the Alpine Historical Society and the following language to the justification.

The Alpine Historical Society Park and Museum provides a look back into the history of the Sutton and Chickaloon Areas. Due to COVID-19, the Alpine Historical Society Park and Museum has been shut down and has suffered a steep and detrimental decline in visitors. Without assistance, the Alpine Historical Society may never recover from the economic impacts from COVID-19 related closures and travel restrictions. This direct grant will give of up to \$10,000 in aid upon documentation of losses due to the COVID-19 related closures and drop-off in visitors. Money can be used to help support overall operations of the Alpine Historical Society. The primary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Sumner

No: 4 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, and Assemblymember Boeve

Assemblymember Mayfield moved to extend the meeting until 11:00 p.m. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Assemblymember Hale moved a primary amendment to IM No. 20-139 on page 8, number, 35 Impact Aid Grant to residents to add "or more" after "\$100" and to add at the following wording at the end of the paragraph:

The exact payout will depend on how many people apply during an application period. The total amount granted to each applicant will be determined by taking \$11million (minus administration expenses) divided by the number of people who are eligible and apply. Administration will report to the Assembly the exact amounts when they are determined. The primary motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Hale, and Assemblymember Sumner

No: 5 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Boeve

Assemblymember Hale moved a primary amendment to IM No. 20-139 by striking number 32, First Responder Ambulance and Rescue Wages/Benefits, from Information Memorandum Serial No. 20-139. The primary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 1 - Assemblymember Hale

No: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

The main motion passed by the follow vote:

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

The Assembly recessed at 10:15 p.m. and reconvened at 10:22 p.m.

OR 20-070

An Ordinance To Appropriate \$14,000,000 In CARES Act Money For Economic Impact Grants And \$300,000 For The Chambers Of Commerce In The Borough, For A Total Appropriation Of \$14,300,000, To Fund 475, Project No. 47532.

RS 20-070: A Resolution Establishing The Scope Of Work And Budget For Economic Impact And Chambers Of Commerce Grants Utilizing CARES Act Money.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director and Jack Horner, Web Architect, provided a staff reports.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 20-070:
Ms. Ailis Vann.

The following person spoke opposed to Ordinance Serial No. 20-070:
Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

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

Assemblymember Nowers moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 20-070 and Resolution Serial No. 20-070.

Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment to IM No. 20-0707, on the third page, second paragraph under analysis, by adding the following sentence after the first sentence: Each entity will be entitled to receive \$500 for each of their members/clients served outside of the cities with a total maximum amount of \$50,000 per entity. The primary motion passed by the following vote:

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

Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment throughout the legislation by striking "\$14,300,000" and inserting "\$13,300,000" in its place. The primary motion passed by the following vote:

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

The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

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

1. MSB-CARES Grants Assembly Presentation

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)

The following person spoke in opposition of spending the CARES Act funds and to COVID-19 issues in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Assemblymember Mayfield moved to extend the meeting until 11:20 a.m. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

1. RESOLUTIONS

[RS 20-071](#) A Resolution Approving A Loan From The Service Area Revolving Loan Fund, Fund 600, In The Amount Of \$300,000, To The Talkeetna Flood Control Project, Project No. 75004, To Make The Funds Available And Allow For Design, Construction And Related Activities That Will Protect River Banks From Erosion.

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

[AM 20-034](#) Award Of Bid No. 20-121B To Crowley Fuels, Inc. In The Estimated Annual Contract Amount Of \$300,000 To Furnish And Deliver Heating Oil And Fuels To Borough Facilities.

[AM 20-050](#) Accepting Finalization Of The Land Acquisition For Future Relocation Of Palmer Ambulance Station 3-9 As Approved Under Ordinance Serial No. 20-008 (MSB007552).

[AM 20-052](#) Approval To Amended Contract No. 19-077B To Dirtworks, Inc. To Extend The Project Completion Date To June 30, 2021, For Lake Louise Boat Launch Project No. 15019, Fund 440.

[AM 20-054](#) Authorization To Approve Utility Relocate Cost Of \$213,597.56 To Matanuska Telephone Association For Alix Drive, Project No. 30040.

[AM 20-055](#) Authorization To Approve Utility Relocate Cost Of \$175,661.71 To Matanuska Telephone Association For Phillips Drive, Dean Drive, Melton Drive, Project No. 30047.

[AM 20-057](#) Award Of Bid No. 20-112B To Northern Asphalt Construction, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$347,672 For Road Damage Earthquake Repairs.

[AM 20-062](#) Authorizing The Borough Manager To Enter Into A Material Sale Contract With Quality Asphalt And Paving, Inc. For The Central Landfill Interim Materials District As Described In Ordinance Serial No. 2016-090. (MSB007584).

[AM 20-063](#) Approval Of Contract Amendment For State Lobbyist Services To Extend The Contract To June 30, 2022, In An Amount Not To Exceed \$80,400.00 Per Year To Harris Consulting.

[AM 20-064](#) Approval Of Contract 21-023P To Burns And McDonnell Engineering Co., Inc., In The Amount Of \$164,500 For The Central Landfill Gas Collection System For Construction Management Services.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Mayfield moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the clerk. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

[AM 20-051](#) Award Of Proposal No. 20-117P To HDL Engineering Consultants LLC, Lounsbury & Associates Inc., And Stantec Consulting Services Inc. In The Contract Amount Not To Exceed \$500,000 Per Year Per Firm For Engineering Services Term Contract For Public Works. Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt AM No. 20-051.

Assemblymember McKee moved to strike "\$500,000" and inserting "\$250,000" in its place. The primary motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Sumner

No: 5 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Boeve

The main motion passed by the following vote:

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

[AM 20-065](#)

Award Of Bid No. 21-001B To Northstar Excavation and Asphalt, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$1,911,229 For Landfill Gas Collection & Control System Construction.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Sumner declared a conflict of interest due to having done business with the contractor.

RULING: Mayor Halter ruled that Assemblymember Sumner had a conflict of interest and would be recused from voting.

Assemblymember Sumner exited the meeting.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

**Assemblymember Mayfield moved to adopt AM No. 20-065.
The motion passed by the following vote:**

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,
Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard,
Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Boeve

Recused: 1 - Assemblymember Sumner

Assemblymember Sumner re-entered the meeting.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no unfinished business presented.

IX. VETO

There were no vetoes presented.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 08/04/20 Assembly Chambers)

[OR 20-067](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating 2018 Cook Inlet Earthquake Disaster Relief Monies In The Amount Of \$2,430.71 From The Federal Emergency Management Agency And \$810.24 From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management, To Fund 445, Project No. 55026.

RS 20-067: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For A Portion Of The 2018 Cook Inlet Earthquake Disaster Relief Monies, Project No. 55026.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Mayfield moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk to set the public hearing for August 4, 2020. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

There were no Mayoral nominations or appointments.

C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

1. RECRUITMENT OF A NEW BOROUGH MANAGER

There was no recruitment update.

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

Ms. McKechnie thanked the Assembly for making a decision on the areawide question, as now the Clerks Office will know how many precincts will be open for the Regular election.

Assemblymember Boeve thanked the Assembly for the support in passing Ordinance Serial No. 20-068.

Assemblymember Hale thanked the body for good and efficient meeting.

Assemblymember Leonard spoke to the good use of the CARES Act Funds.

Assemblymember Mayfield thanked Assemblymember Nowers for the work done on Ordinance Serial No. 20-070.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There were no executive session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 p.m.