

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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Tam Boeve, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 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 Robert Yundt, Assemblymember Mokie Tew, 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 Bill Stoltz.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following persons spoke in support of adding West Lakes Boulevard to the bond package: Mr. Bill Haller and Mr. Butch Moore.

The following person spoke in support of the Seward Meridian Parkway-Tambert Traffic Signal, all Safe Routes to Schools, and the Truck Road Connector/Katherine Drive road projects: Mr. Luke Fulp, Deputy Superintendent of Business and Operations for the Mat-Su School District.

The following person spoke in support of the Fern Street Upgrade and Pathway: Mr. Robert Walden.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. CONSENT AGENDA

RS 21-069 A Resolution Authorizing The Submittal Of A Grant Application To The Alaska State Office Of History And Archaeology For Stabilization And Rehabilitation Work On The Old Willow Community Center.

Ms. McKechnie read the consent agenda into the record.

Assemblymember Boeve 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 Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

B. INTRODUCTION (For Public Hearing on 07/20/21, Assembly Chambers)

OR 21-063 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$70,000 From The Alaska State Office Of History And Archaeology To Fund 435, Project No. 10182, Log Cabin Rehabilitation; And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into The Grant Agreement.
RS 21-068: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Stabilization And Rehabilitation Of The Old Willow Log Cabin.

Ms. Johnson read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Boeve moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and to set the public hearing for July 20, 2021.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

C. Discussion of Potential Road Bond Projects

Mr. Brown expressed congratulations to Adam Bradway, Planner II, recipient of the Emerging Planner of the Year from the American Planning Association Alaska.

The following people presented on the potential road bond projects: Mike Brown, Borough Manager; Brad Sworts, Pre-Design and Engineering Division Manager; Adam Bradway, Planner II; Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director; and Nick Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney.

Assemblymember Sumner moved to direct the manager to bring two separate pieces of legislation. One for a \$78 million dollar road bond transportation package including 49th State Street and the other for a sales tax to be introduced July 20, 2021.

AAssemblymember Sumner moved a primary amendment by removing the \$5,500,000 for the Seldon Road from the road bond projects.

Assemblymember Sumner moved to withdraw the primary amendment.

The motion to withdraw the primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, and Assemblymember Boeve

No: 2 - Assemblymember Tew and Assemblymember Sumner

The main motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Mr. Brown thanked staff for all the work they did on the proposal.

Assemblymember Nowers appreciated having the discussion ahead of time, the initiative and getting the public involved early in the process so they feel engaged.

Assemblymember Yundt gave thanks to Mayor Ledford, city of Wasilla, for being at the meeting and providing feedback. Expressed the need for being transparent and correctly show what going to do.

Assemblymember Hale spoke to a productive discussion and thanked staff.

Assemblymember Boeve expressed there are a lot of valuable projects not moving forward and it was not an easy decision.

Mayor Halter at critical point for road....problem lack of infrastructure. 45-60 million is more appropriate. How funding is most important. Need to clarify how we are funding when voters on vote on it, can have success. Like idea of sunset and keeping the total amount of projects low. Projects are worthy....particular interest in projects from 2018 that fell through the cracks.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

June 22, 2021, Assembly Special Meeting Minutes

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VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 07/20/21