

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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BOROUGH MAYOR
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Michael Brown

BOROUGH ATTORNEY
Nicholas Spiropoulos



BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
Tim Hale, District 1
Stephanie Nowers, District 2
George McKee, District 3
Robert Yundt, District 4
Mokie Tew, 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 3, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, August 3, 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

Assemblymember Yundt requested to pull Ordinance Serial No. 21-070 under public hearings from the agenda and postpone indefinitely.

There was no objection noted.

The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Randy Trani, Superintendent, Mat-Su School District.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

- 21-162** A. Regular Assembly Meeting: 07/20/21
Ms. McKechnie spoke to a change to the minutes to reflect the State not the Borough eliminated the severance tax under Mr. Steve Colligan's comments.

The minutes were approved as amended without objection.

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. Reports From Cities

Mayor Edna DeVries, city of Palmer, spoke opposed to the sales tax ordinance.

Mayor Virgie Thompson, city of Houston, spoke opposed to the sales tax ordinance.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

Dr. Randy Trani, Superintendent, reported on the proposed funding adjustments for the Mat-Su Borough School District.

3. State of Alaska

Mr. Todd Smoldon, Director of Governor Dunleavy's Mat-Su Office, reported on the activities of the State.

4. Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board

- 21-165** Agency Report
Mr. Chris Wilson, Vice Chair, Parks, Recreation, Trails Advisory Board; reported on the Palmer Avigation Easement.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee On School Issues

There was no report provided.

2. Assembly Public Relations

Assemblymember Nowers reported on the Mat-Su Borough School District's MAP testing and RIT scores.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

There was no report provided.

2. Strategic Planning Issues

There was no report provided.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Ms. Spiropoulos reported on litigation of right of way in District 3.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie reported on the upcoming meeting schedule.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

21-163

1. Chase Community Council: 04/14/21
2. Chickaloon Community Council: 05/12/21
3. Greater Butte RSA Board Of Supervisors: 05/25/21
4. Louise/Susitna/Tyone Community Association: 03/20/21
5. Planning Commission: 06/21/21, Resolution No. 21-19
6. Platting Board: 05/05/21, 05/19/21
7. Port Commission: 04/19/21, Resolution No. 21-02 and 21-03
8. Susitna Community Council: 06/03/21
9. Trapper Creek Community Council: 06/17/21

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

IM 21-166 Informing The Assembly On The Status Of The Jonesville Public Use Area Management Plan.

The informational memorandum was presented and no comments were noted.

VII. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (MSB 2.12.081; Three Minutes Per Person.)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)

OR 21-064 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating Additional Relief Monies Of \$271,375.20 For The September 2012 Southcentral Flood Disaster.
RS 21-070: A Resolution Amending The Budget For The September 2012 Southcentral Flood Disaster Relief Monies.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Cheyenne Heindel 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. 21-064 and Resolution No. 21-070.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

OR 21-065 An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.15.070 (B) And (E), Assessment Procedure, To Correct And Define; And Amending MSB 3.15.170, Mobile Homes, To Correct Wording.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Cheyenne Heindel provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke to concerns with how long the incorrect wording has been used: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

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

Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-065.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

OR 21-066 An Ordinance Amending MSB 25.45.040(B), Election Recount, To Instruct The Canvass Board To Review The Write-In Votes And To Count Those Write-In Votes For Those Candidates Whose Name Appears On The Ballot And For Official Write-In Candidates.

Sponsors: Boeve

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. McKechnie provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke to concerns of the general public not being able to attend the Canvass Board: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

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

Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-066.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

OR 21-067 An Ordinance Amending MSB 2.29, Office Of Administrative Hearings, To Allow The Clerk To Hire State Of Alaska Administrative Law Judges When Borough Hearing Officers Are Unavailable.
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. McKechnie provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke concerns with how long the issue of filling slots for the board has occurred: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

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

Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-067.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, and Assemblymember Boeve

No: 1 - Assemblymember Sumner

OR 21-068 An Ordinance Approving The Land Classification Of Certain Borough-Owned Lands Proposed For Inclusion In The 2021 Competitive Sealed Bid Land Sale And Future Land Sales; And Classification Of A Parcel To Be Retained For Public Recreation Purpose.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Nancy Cameron provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke to concerns with the Burma Rd crossing: Mr. Tim Krug.

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. 21-068.

Assemblymember Boeve moved to amend Ordinance Serial No. 21-068 and IM 21-137 by deleting parcel number 21-15 (Talkeetna Spur Road Milepost 12) from the land sale.

The amendment passed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 4 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Tew, and Assemblymember Boeve
- No:** 3 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, and Assemblymember Sumner

Assemblymember Boeve moved to amend Ordinance Serial No. 21-068 and IM 21-137 by deleting parcel number 21-23 (Milepost 93 Parks Highway - west of Caswell Lakes Subdivision) from the land sale.

The motion failed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 3 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember Boeve
- No:** 4 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, and Assemblymember Sumner

The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

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

OR 21-069 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$560,600 In Anticipated Project Income During Fiscal Year 2022 For The Rail Extension Project From Port MacKenzie To The Mainline.
RS 21-071: A Resolution Establishing The Scope Of Work And Budget For Anticipated Project Income During Fiscal Year 2022 For The Rail Extension Project From Port MacKenzie To The Mainline.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Cheyenne Heindel provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke opposed to funding the Rail Extension Project: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

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

Assemblymember Tew moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-069 and Resolution Serial No. 21-071.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

No: 1 - Assemblymember McKee

OR 21-070 An Ordinance Establishing A Tax On Certain Natural Resources Whenever The Natural Resource Is Severed And Removed From Property Within The Borough And Providing For Penalties For Failure To Pay Taxes Due By Adopting MSB 3.55, Natural Resource Severance Tax.

Sponsors: Yundt

Assemblymember Yundt moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 21-070 indefinitely at the approval of the agenda.

OR 21-071 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$50,000 From the Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services To Provide Financial Assistance To The Borough For COVID-19 Vaccine Support Services.
RS 21-073: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services Grant To Provide Financial Assistance To The Borough For COVID-19 Vaccine Support Services.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Cheyenne Heindel provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

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

Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-071 and Resolution Serial No. 21-073.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

OR 21-072 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A Grant In The Amount Of \$50,000 From The Alaska State Division Of Forestry To Operate Collection Sites And Dispose Of Dead Slash From Beetle Killed Trees For Mat-Su Residents.

RS 21-074: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Forestry Grant To Operate Collection Sites And Dispose Of Dead Slash From Beetle Killed Trees For Mat-Su Residents.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Cheyenne Heindel 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. 21-072 and Resolution Serial No. 21-074.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

OR 21-073 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$10,519,653.50 In American Rescue Plan Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds From The United States Treasury Department.

RS 21-075: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The American Rescue Plan Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Cheyenne Heindel provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in support of adding \$100,000 for the Willow log cabin well and septic: Ms. Bonnie Quill, Mat-Su Convention and Visitor's Bureau Executive Director.

The following persons spoke concerns of \$100,000 additonal funds for the Willow log cabin well and septic: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman, Ms. Esther Huddleston, and Ms. Diana Ramstad.

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

Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-073 and Resolution Serial No. 21-075.

Assemblymember Boeve moved to amend IM No. 21-145 by adding the following project:

7. Willow Log Cabin Well and Septic	\$100,000
The Will Log Cabin restoration is an ongoing project to refurbish the Cabin for use as a cultural preservation center, museum, and make it usable and open to the public. In addition to preserving local history and being available for meeting space, the refurbished building is intended to be a point of tourists. A well and septic system is needed for visitors, patrons, and tourists.	

The amendment passed by the following vote:

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

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

The meeting recessed at 7:57 p.m. and reconvened at 8:07 p.m.

OR 21-074 An Ordinance Extending The Appropriation Of \$1.9 Million In Match Money For A \$9.6 Million Grant From The United States Economic Development Agency From Fiscal Year 2023 Through Fiscal Year 2025.

The meeting recessed at 7:57 p.m. and reconvened at 8:07 p.m.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Therese Dolan provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke concerns with the Ordinance Serial No. 21-074: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

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

Assemblymember Tew moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-074.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

OR 21-076 An Ordinance Relating To The Construction, Additions, Improvements, Betterments, Repair, Reconstruction, Or Acquisition Of Public Roads And Facilities Related Thereto In The Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Together With All Necessary Equipment And Transportation Facilities Including Improving School Access, And The Acquisition Of Lands Or Rights In Lands In Connection Therewith, And A Debt Of The Borough, Authorizing The Issuance Of Areawide General Obligation Bonds Of The Borough In An Amount Not To Exceed The Sum Of \$73,685,000 To Finance The Cost, In Whole Or In Part, Of Such Public Roads, Facilities, And Lands; And Submitting The Proposition To The Voters At The November 2, 2021, Regular Borough Election.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Spiropoulos provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in opposition of the legislation: Mayor Virgie Thompson, city of Houston; Mr. Burt Cottle; Mayor Glenda Ledford, city of Wasilla; Ms. Dee McKee, Mr. Brian Endle, Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman, Ms. Tracy Morgan, Mr. Richard Morgan, President of CEA; and Ms. Crystal Nygard, city of Wasilla Deputy Administrator.

The following person spoke in support of the legislation: Ms. Cindy Bettine.

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial Number 21-076 and opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 21-077: Mr. Mark Badley.

The following person spoke to support of the public process: Mr. Brian Hanson.

The following person spoke in support of minimal sales tax being needed: Mr. Jay Laughlin.

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

Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 21-076 and 21-077.

Assemblymember Hale moved to continue the public hearing

until August 17.

The motion to continue the public hearing passed by the following vote:

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

OR 21-078 An Ordinance Enacting MSB 1.10.170, Codifying The Power To Restrict Motorized Equipment On Lakes And Waterways Within The Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mr. Spiropoulos provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in opposition to the legislation: Ms. Esther Huddleston, Mr. GT McTavish, Mr. Monte Right, Ms. Kim Slate, Mr. Dennis Polis, Ms. Jacqueline Polis, and Mr. Tyler Olson.

The following persons spoke in support of the legislation: Ms. Diana Ramstad and Ms. Cindy Bettine.

The following person spoke to Mat-Su Borough not having compliance offices to enforce the ordinance: Mayor Virgie Thompson, city of Houston.

The following person spoke to concerns with how long the Borough Code was not updated: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

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

Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-078.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Boeve

No: 3 - Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, and Assemblymember Sumner

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)

The following persons spoke in opposition of AM 21-077: Ms. Donna Defusco and Mr. Kelly Dickson.

The following persons spoke in support of AM 21-077: Ms. Sherri DeCoursey, Ms. Barbara Redington, Mr. John Brodigan, and Mr. Brian Hanson.

The following person spoke to concerns with the placement of the underpass in AM 21-077: Mr. Tim Krug.

The following person spoke to the need of recreation and trails reimbursement program funds: Mr.s Michelle Larose, Currie Ridge Riders member.

The following person spoke to Houston High School: Mr. Diana Ramstad.

The following person spoke to the mistake the Borough made to his conditional use permit from 1997 and requested that the fee for the new permit be waived: Mr. Steve Van Troba.

The following person spoke to concerns with Ordinance Serial No. 21-079. Ms. Diana Schibe, President Mat-Su Education association.

The following person opined that the public should not contribute to political campaigns: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

Assemblymember Boeve moved to extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

RS 21-085 A Resolution Waiving The Fee For A Conditional Use Permit Within Denali State Park Special Land Use District.

Sponsors: Hale

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

- AM 21-072** Request To Vacate A 90 Foot By 140 Foot Portion Of South Birch Bark Drive Public Use Easement, Lying Within Lot 5, Block 3, Of Hi-450 Subdivision Phase III, Plat No. 2002-134; Located Within Section 7, Township 23 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian, Lying North Of South Hi-450 Road, North Of Sheep Creek And East Of South Parks Highway.
- AM 21-073** Award Of Bid No. 22-008B To Ficklin Construction, LLC For The Annual Contract Amount Of \$118,845.05 For RSA 19 Annual Road Maintenance.
- AM 21-074** Award Of Bid No. 22-005B To Northern Asphalt Construction, Inc. For The Contract Amount Of \$532,466 For 2021 Road Paving.
- AM 21-075** Award Of Bid No. 22-018C To Hughes Fire Equipment For The Contract Amount Of \$1,532,155 For Aerial Platform Purchase For Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area.
- AM 21-076** Award Of Proposal No. 21-160P To Kinney Engineering For The Contract Amount Of \$89,669.12 For Design Point Mackenzie Road Mile Post 0-7 Rehab.
- AM 21-077** Award Of Proposal No. 22-007P To K&H Civil Constructors, LLC For The Contract Amount Of \$740,000 For Historic Iditarod Trail Underpass At Burma Road Design Build.
- AM 21-078** Award Of Bid No. 22-024C To Amkus Rescue Systems In The Contract Amount Of \$192,052.23 For Purchase of Rescue Equipment And Tools.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation 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

AM 21-079 Award Of Bid No. 22-011B To Granite Construction Company For The Contract Amount Of \$492,465 For Central Landfill Paving Improvements.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Tew moved to approve AM 21-079.

Assemblymember Tew moved to postpone AM 21-079 until August 17.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Tew

No: 4 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

The main motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

No: 1 - Assemblymember Tew

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OR 21-006 An Ordinance Adopting The Jonesville Public Use Area Management Plan; And Amending MSB 15.24.030, Comprehensive Plan And Purposes.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Hale moved to postpone indefinitely.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

No: 2 - Assemblymember Yundt, and Assemblymember Sumner

IX. VETO

There were no vetoes presented.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 08/17/21 Assembly Chambers)

OR 21-079 An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.04.046 To Provide That The Borough Manager Must Propose An Annual Budget With Education Annual Operating Funds Set At Sixty Percent Of The Proposed Areawide Real Property Tax Mill Rate.

Sponsors: Halter and McKee

OR 21-080 An Ordinance Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into A Commercial Use Permit With Colaska, Inc., For The Use Of Borough-Owned Land And Improvements Within The Point Mackenzie Port District, Located Within Section 26, Township 14 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska, For A Term That Exceeds 18 Months (MSB Title 18.02.010).

OR 21-081 An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$16,320 From The Enhanced 911 Fund Balance, To A Project To Allow The City Of Wasilla To Obtain Reimbursement From The Enhanced 911 Surcharge Funding For A Solacom Guardian Solutions 911 Media Server System.
RS 21-081: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For A Project To Allow The City Of Wasilla To Obtain Reimbursement From The Enhanced 911 Surcharge Funding For A Solacom Guardian

OR 21-082 An Ordinance To Accept And Appropriate COVID-19 Disaster Relief Funds Of \$125,176.27 From The Federal Emergency Management Agency.
RS 21-082: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For

OR 21-083 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A Grant In The Amount Of \$40,000 From The State Of Alaska, Department Of Health And Social Services, To Allow For The Implementation And Management Of Points Of Dispensing And Medical Countermeasures.
RS 21-083: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For A Grant In The Amount Of \$40,000 From The State Of Alaska, Department Of Health And Social Services, For The Implementation And Management Of Points Of Dispensing And Medical Countermeasures.

OR 21-084 An Ordinance To Accept And Appropriate Additional Disaster Relief Funds For Houston Middle School Temporary Relocation From Damages Sustained During The 2018 Cook Inlet Earthquake.

RS 21-084: A Resolution Amending The Budget For Additional Disaster Relief Funds For Houston Middle School Temporary Relocation From Ms. McKechnie 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 hearings for August 17, 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

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

21-164 Mayoral Requests for Confirmations
Knik RSA #17
Ryan Jimenez

Assemblymember Boeve moved to confirm the appointments requested by the Mayor.

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. 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

There were no reconsiderations.

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos advised the Assembly to contact him with any sales tax questions.

Mr. Brown advised the Assembly he was available for any sales tax questions also.

Assemblymember Sumner request a grant for Currie Ridge Riders and spoke to concerns with getting the sales tax approved without the support of the cities.

Assemblymember Nowers spoke concerns with the road bond sales tax and suggested a smaller package for the road bonds would be better.

Assemblymember Boeve moved to extend the meeting to 10:45 p.m.

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

Assemblymember Yundt spoke to concerns with the Mayor's of cities working against the Mat-Su Borough.

Assemblymember McKee spoke in opposition to the sales tax.

Assemblymember Tew spoke in opposition to the sales tax

Assemblymember Hale thanked the public for their input and requested that the Assembly have amendments to legislation done as soon as possible and available to the public.

Mayor Halter spoke to the road bond package and voiced the State would not help.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

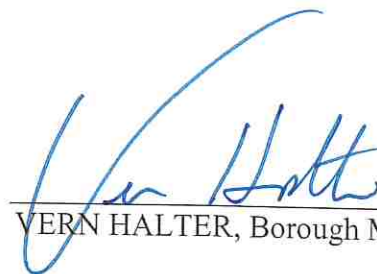


Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

August 3, 2021, Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes

(20 pages)


VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 09/07/21