

# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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Vern Halter

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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 17, 2021

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, August 17, 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:** 5 - Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember George McKee, Assemblymember Mokie Tew, Assemblymember Jesse Sumner, and Assemblymember Tam Boeve

**Telephonic:** 2 - Assemblymember Tim Hale and Assemblymember Robert Yundt

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

Mr. Mike Brown, Borough Manager, requested to pull Ordinance Serial No. 21-087 and accompanying Resolution Serial No. 21-087 from introduction.

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

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

The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

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

The pledge of allegiance was led by Ms. Barbara Gerard, a member of the audience.

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

There were no minutes presented.

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

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

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

Mayor Virgie Thompson, city of Houston, reported on the activities of the city and spoke to Ordinance Serial No. 21-077.

Mayor Edna DeVries, city of Palmer, reported on the activities of the city and spoke to Ordinance Serial No. 21-077.

Mayor Glenda Ledford, city of Wasilla, reported on the activities of the city and spoke to Ordinance Serial No. 21-077.

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

Dr. Randy Traini, School District Superintendent, reported on the activities of the School District and spoke to Ordinance Serial No. 21-079.

###### **3. State of Alaska**

There was no report provided.

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

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

There was no report provided

###### **2. Assembly Public Relations**

There was no report provided.

##### **C. MANAGER COMMENTS**

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

## **2. Strategic Planning Issues**

Mr. Brown spoke to the hard work of volunteers at animal shelter. Noted that the number of volunteers was greatly impacted in 2020 due to COVID-19 and that staff is working to rebuild the volunteer base. Related that there are approximately 60 to 70 monthly volunteers. Stated that on August 22, shelter staff will be hosting a volunteer appreciation event. Spoke to state grants that are available for pavement rehabilitation in the population corridor.

Ms. Amy Spago, Arctic Winter Games Host Society President, spoke to how the host society will function.

### **D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

There was no report provided.

### **E. CLERK COMMENTS**

Ms. McKechnie spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule and pertinent election dates.

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

- 21-169**
1. Borough Area Schools Site Selection Committee: 04/14/21, Resolution Nos. 21-01, 21-02, 21-03
  2. Big Lake Community Council: 05/11/21, 06/08/21
  3. Planning Commission: 07/19/21, Resolution Nos. 21-15, 21-16
  4. West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 06/14/21
  5. Willow Area Community Organization: 04/07/21, 05/05/21, 07/07/21

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

### **G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS**

**IM 21-171** Informing The Assembly Of A Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Alaska State Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities And The Matanuska-Susitna Borough That Will Be Presented To The Borough Manager For Signature For The Community Transportation Program Funding For Maintenance And Operations Of Hermon Road Upgrade And Extension Project.

**IM 21-172** Informing The Assembly Of A Grant Amendment From The Alaska Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management That Will Be Presented To The Borough Manager For Signature.

**IM 21-173** Informing The Assembly Of A Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Alaska State Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities And The Borough That Will Be Presented To The Manager For Signature For The Transfer Of Local Roads To The Borough In Connection With The Alaska State Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities Installation, Operations And Maintenance Of Lighting As Part Of The Glenn Highway Milepost 34-42 Project.

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.)**

There were no persons to be heard.

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

**OR 21-077** An Ordinance Adopting MSB 1.10.170 And MSB 3.35, 1.5 Percent Areawide Sales Tax For Transportation Systems Projects, Implementing A 1.5 Percent Sales Tax Within The Entire Matanuska-Susitna Borough Beginning On July 1, 2022, For A Period Of Five Years, Or Until \$73,685,000 Is Collected, Whichever Is Earlier, And Then Expire; And Submitting The Proposition To The Voters At The November 2, 2021, Regular Borough Election.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

[Clerk's Note: This public hearing was also on Ordinance Serial No. 21-076, however, due to the question being divided it was impossible to link them together in Granicus, as the ordinances were taken up separately.]

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in support of funding for West Lakes Boulevard being included in the bond package: Mr. Dan Mayfield, Mr. Bill Harriett, Mr. Butch Moore, Mr. Craig Hedinger, Ms. Tammy Menett, Mr. Peter McKinnon; Mayor Glenda Ledford, city of Wasilla;

The following persons spoke in opposition to a sales tax: Mayor Virgie Hartley, city of Houston; Mr. Nick Brockett, Mr. Brian Endle, Ms. Debra Neal, Ms. Jackie Gilpin,

The following person spoke in support of the road bond package including the Caswell area: Mr. D.J. McBride, Road Service Area No. 15 Chairperson.

The following person spoke in support of sidewalks being included in road bond package and in opposition to a sales tax: Mr. Mark Bailey.

The following persons spoke in support of Point MacKenzie Road being included in the road bond package: Mr. Douglas Lowry, Ms. Billie Gonzales, Ms. Betty Harriman, Mr. James Mills, Mr. Gary Foster, Mr. Herman Rumfelt, Ms. Peg Watkinson, Mr. Kevin Reider,

The following person spoke to possible federal funding for infrastructure: Mr. Bert Cottle.

The following person spoke in opposition to a sales tax and to concerns with the quality of roads in the Big Lake area: Mr. Mike Coons.

The following person spoke to concerns with the plans for Soapstone

Road not being what the previous study had suggested: Ms. Barbara Gerard, Road Service Area No. 23 Chairperson.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Nowers moved to divide the question to take up Ordinance Serial Nos. 21-076 and 21-077, separately.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

**MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-076.**

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**FIRST SEGMENT: Assemblymember Yundt moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 21-077, indefinitely. 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.

**MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-076.**

**Assemblymember Tew moved a primary amendment to West Lakes Boulevard by striking "\$2,500,000" and inserting "\$4,500,000" throughout the legislation. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

**Assemblymember McKee moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 21-076, indefinitely. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**No:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

**Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 21-076 and IM 21-155, by striking "Inner-Outer Springer Loop Pathway - \$1,000,000" and to revise dollar amounts throughout the legislation. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

**Assemblymember Hale moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 21-076, by striking "Boyd Road to Norman Avenue - \$3,000,000." The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

**Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 21-076 and IM No. 21-155, by striking "Point McKenzie road reconstruction MP 0 to 7 - \$10,000,000" and to revise the dollar amounts throughout the legislation. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Assemblymember Nowers and Assemblymember McKee

**No:** 5 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

**Assemblymember Tew moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 21-076 Point MacKenzie Road reconstruction MP 0 to 7" by striking "\$10,000,000" and inserting "\$8,000,000" in its place throughout the legislation. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

**Assemblymember Sumner moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 21-076, Point MacKenize Road reconstruction MP 0 to 7, by striking "\$8,00,000" and inserting "2,000,000" in its place throughout the legislation. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Assemblymember Nowers and Assemblymember McKee

**No:** 5 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

**Assemblymember Boeve moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 21-076, Cheri Lake Drive/Karen Avenue/King Arthur Drive, by striking "\$8,050,000" and inserting "\$3,500,000" throughout the legislation. 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

**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 21-079** 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

The meeting recessed at 7:53 p.m. and reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

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

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 21-079: Ms. Barbara Gerard, Ms. Donna Adams, Mr. Mark Bailey; Mr. Joshua Rocky, Butte Elementary Principal; Ms. Alana Harris; and Ms. Sarah Welton, School Board Member.

The following person spoke to concerns with how much property tax goes to the School District and to the testing level of students: Mr. Mike Coons.

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

**Assemblymember McKee moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-079. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Assemblymember McKee and Assemblymember Tew

**No:** 5 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

**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).

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Tracey McDaniel, Real Property Analyst, provided a staff report.

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 Tew moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-080. 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 21-081** 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 Solutions 911 Media Server System.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mr. Ken Barkley, Emergency Services Director, provided staff report.

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 Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-081 and Resolution Serial No. 21-081. 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 21-082** 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 Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Cheyenne Heindel, Finance 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 discussion moved to the Assembly.

**Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-082 and Resolution Serial No. 21-082. 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 21-083** 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.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Cheyenne Heindel, Finance 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 discussion moved to the Assembly.

**Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-083 and Resolution Serial No. 21-083. 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 21-084** 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.

Ms. Cheyenne Heindel, Finance 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 discussion moved to the Assembly.

**Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-084. 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. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)

The following persons spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 21-087 regarding Burma Road Historic Iditarod Trail Underpass: Ms. Donna Fusco, Mr. Russ Fusco, Ms. Kelly Bitson,

The following person spoke in opposition to reconsideration of Ordinance Serial No. 21-068: Mr. D.J. McBride.

The following person spoke in opposition to a sales tax: Mr. Mike Coons.

The following person spoke in support of campaign ethics: Ms. Jackie Ivy Goforth

The following person spoke to concerns with the amended bond package: Mr. Richard Kluber.

### D. CONSENT AGENDA

#### 1. RESOLUTIONS

**RS 21-086** A Resolution Directing Staff To Assist The Glacier View Community In Updating The 2008 Glacier View Comprehensive Plan And 2006 Sheep Mountain Subdistrict Comprehensive Plan; And To Review And Update The Glacier View Special Land Use District.

#### 2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

**AM 21-080** Requesting Approval To Extend Period Of Performance Under HDL Engineering Consultants LLC. Contract No. 21-087P To December 31, 2021, For The Talkeetna Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades - Phase 1 Project.

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

## VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

## IX. VETO

There were no vetoes presented.

## X. NEW BUSINESS

### A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 09/07/21, Assembly Chambers)

**OR 21-087** An Ordinance Reappropriating The Remaining Funds From Completed Projects To The Burma Road Historic Iditarod Trail Underpass Project.  
RS 21-087: A Resolution Amending The Budget Of The Burma Road/Historic Iditarod Trail Underpass Project.  
[Clerk's Note: Ordinance Serial No. 21-087 was pulled from the agenda at approval of the agenda and no action was taken.]

**OR 21-088** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$7,590,192 In Disaster Supplement Funds From The United States Economic Development Administration, For The Installation Of Pile Sleeves On The Deep Draft Dock And A Roll On-Roll Off Cargo Ramp At Port Mackenzie.  
RS 21-088: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The United States Economic Development Administration, Disaster

**OR 21-089** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$301,625 From The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services, For The Provision Of Critically Needed Essential Health And Social Services.  
RS 21-089: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Human Services Community Matching Grant Program.  
RS 21-090: A Resolution Allocating Funding To Nonprofit Subgrantees For The Provision Of Critically Needed Essential Health And Social Services.

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 September 7, 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

**21-171**      Mayoral Requests for Confirmation  
Commission on Salaries and Emoluments  
Marcie Obremski  
Matthew Beck  
Planning Commission  
Richard Allen  
North Colony RSA No. 23  
Austin Grimes

**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

**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.

**Assemblymember Tew moved to reconsider Ordinance Serial No. 21-068. The motion passed by the following vote:**

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

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

**Assemblymember Tew moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 21-068, by reinserting parcel no. 21-15, 26N04W31D003, Talkeetna: Talkeetna Spur Road MP 12, 4.82 acres, general purpose, \$28,900." The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, and Assemblymember Tew

**No:** 3 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

**Assemblymember Sumner moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 21-068, by striking "Parcel No. 21-23, 22N04W11D001, Caswell: Highway MP 93 west of Caswell Lakes Subdivision 40.04 acres, general purpose, \$43,200." The 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

**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



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

Assemblymember McKee spoke to concerns with campaign promises that are not kept.

Assemblymember Sumner spoke to ways campaign promises have been fulfilled. Summarized some ideas for funding the School District.

Assemblymember Nowers noted that she was pleased with the discussion during the meeting. Spoke to fatal accidents that have occurred on the Parks Highway recently. Noted the need to ensure safe infrastructure and development in the Borough. Stated that she is happy about Ms. Amy Spago chairing the Arctic Winter Games Host Society. Noted that the Alaska State Fair begins soon and that she is hoping for good weather.

Assemblymember Hale spoke to the importance of infrastructure and the need to maintain and improve it. Thanked the body for the meeting.

Assemblymember Boeve expressed her condolences to the families who lost loved ones in Parks Highway accidents. Thanked first responders for their hard work responding to those accidents.

Mayor Halter stated that he is happy with the proposed road bond package. Stated that he is not surprised that the sales tax legislation failed. Noted that he is confident that the road bond package will be approved by the voters. Spoke to ways that school district funding can be adjusted through the budget process. Related that the Burma Road crossing issue has been litigated all the way to the Supreme Court. Summarized the history of that area and that crossing. Expressed his confidence that staff will have it monumented and surveyed and any issues will be corrected. Stated that safety of those using that trail is the most important thing. Spoke to concerns that someone will be badly injured or killed if the underpass is not addressed.

## **XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session.

## **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

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Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

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VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 09/07/21

