

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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BOROUGH MAYOR

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BOROUGH MANAGER

John Moosey

BOROUGH ATTORNEY

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BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

Jim Sykes, District 1

Matthew Beck, District 2

George McKee, District 3

Steve Colligan, District 4

Dan Mayfield, District 5

Barbara J. Doty, District 6

Randall Kowalke, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, 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 Jim Sykes, Assemblymember Matthew Beck, Assemblymember George McKee, Assemblymember Steve Colligan, Assemblymember Dan Mayfield, Assemblymember Barbara J. Doty, and Assemblymember Randall Kowalke

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Assemblymember Kowalke requested Action Memorandum No. 17-063 be pulled from the consent agenda.

Assemblymember Sykes requested Action Memorandum No. 17-064 be pulled from the consent agenda.

Mr. Moosey requested that Ordinance Serial No. 17-043 be pulled from agenda to be brought back at the August 1, 2017, regular meeting.

Mayor Halter asked if there was any objection to pull Ordinance Serial No. 17-043 from the agenda. There was no objection noted.

The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Monica Goyete, School District Superintendent.

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

Mr. Bert Cottle, Wasilla City Mayor, spoke to activities of the city and gave an update on the E-911 Dispatch project.

Mr. Nate Wallace, Palmer City Manager, reported on activities of the city and spoke to the City/Borough fire service contract.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

Ms. Monica Goyete, School District Superintendent, thanked Mayor Halter for bringing forth Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-093, 17-094, and 17-095. She also spoke to graduation projections.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee On School Issues

There was no report provided.

2. Assembly Public Relations

Assemblymember Sykes spoke to the public's interest on Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-093, 17-094, and 17-095.

Mayor Halter announced the groundbreaking of the Mat-Su Regional Health Foundation project and commended the agency for what it had done for the Valley and its residents. He announced the ribbon cutting for the Joe Reddington Sr. High School on June 23, 2017.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

2. Strategic Planning Issues

3. E-911 Dispatch Update

Mr. Bert Cottle, Wasilla City Mayor, reported on the status of the E-911 Dispatch Project. (Under Reports from Cities)

4. Aviation Advisory Board Report on Big Lake Airport Master Plan

Mr. David Palmer, Airport Advisory Board Chairperson, reported on the Board's review of the Big Lake Masterplan and spoke to the Board's recommendations to the Assembly.

Mayor Halter and Mr. Moosey spoke to the relationship between Wells Fargo and the Borough and the present association with the Iditarod.

Mr. Moosey reported that the Borough and the School District would be reviewing insurance services as well as banking services in order to get the best services for the best price.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos spoke to the relationship between Wells Fargo and the Borough. He spoke to the Request for Proposal process for banking services. He spoke to the Supreme Court case regarding the Governor's veto on the Permanent Fund Dividend. He reported he had received notice on the court case regarding the Willow Historical Wildlife Association.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

[17-041](#)

1. Agriculture Advisory Board: Resolution 17-04
2. Aviation Advisory Board: 03/30/17
3. Board Of Adjustment And Appeals: 02/14/17
4. Fairview RSA Board Of Supervisors: 02/21/17, Resolution 17-01
5. MSB Fish And Wildlife Commission: 04/20/17
6. Planning Commission: 05/01/17, 05/15/17, Resolution No. 17-019, 17-023
7. Platting Board: 04/20/17, 04/27/17, 05/04/17, 05/11/17, Resolution No. 17-059
8. Transportation Advisory Board: 02/22/17
9. Wastewater And Septage Advisory Board: 02/09/17
10. Knik-Fairview Community Council: 01/18/17
11. South Knik River Community Council: 02/16/17, 03/16/17
12. Susitna Community Council: 05/04/17
13. Trapper Creek Community Council: 04/20/17

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

There were no informational memomrandums presented.

VII. SPECIAL ORDERS

(Requires 11 Days Advance Notice And Must Otherwise Be In Compliance With The Necessary Code Requirements. If No Advance Notice Is Given, Persons Wishing To Speak May Do So Under The Audience Participation Section Of The Agenda.)

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)

[OR 17-029](#)

An Ordinance Adopting MSB Chapter 8.07, Land Application Of Biosolids, Prohibiting The Land Application Of Biosolids Within The Borough.

Sponsors: Sykes

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 17-029: Ms. Amy Petit, Ms. Patty Saunders, Ms. Jinny VanderWeel, Mr. John McNeil, Mr. John Olson, and Mr. Dick Zobel.

The following person spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 17-029: Mr. Clifton Regal.

The following person spoke to striking the cities of Wasilla, Houston, and Palmer from Ordinance Serial No. 17-029: Mr. Nate Wallace, Palmer City Manager.

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

Assemblymember Sykes moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-029.

Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment to MSB 8.07.010, by inserting a new subsection B to read: "B. Disposal of Biosolids on municipal-owned land as part of a municipal treatment works is exempt from the provisions of this chapter". The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

No: 2 - Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Mayfield
Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 17-029, amending MSB 8.07.040, by striking the word "one" and inserting in its place the word "three", to read: "Operations which have a validly issued state permit to apply biosolids on agricultural fields under 18 AAC 60.500 are allowed to continue for three years from the date of adoption of this ordinance". The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

No: 1 - Assemblymember McKee

Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 17-029, amending MSB 8.07.010 Intent, by adding a new sentence at the end of subsection A, to read, "Application of biosolids is an incompatible land use with almost all adjoining land uses because of the smells, dust, and other immediate undesirable effects." The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

No: 1 - Assemblymember McKee

Excused: 1 - Mayor Halter

[OR 17-035](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB Chapter 17.29, Flood Damage Prevention To Correct Administrative Errors And Include A Two-Foot Freeboard Requirement For Structures In The Special Flood Hazard Area.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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 Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-035.

Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment by changing the effective date to July 31, 2017. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

The main motion passed as amended without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

[OR 17-066](#) An Ordinance Approving The Fair Market Value Sale Of Borough-Owned Land To The Alaska State Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities For The Purpose Of Public Right-Of-Way Acquisition Needed For The Glenn Highway Mile Post 34 To Mile Post 42 Reconstruction, Project No. OA15024/Z58104 (MSB007171).

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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 Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-066. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

[OR 17-077](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$25,000 From The Louise Susitna Tyone Community Association, And Appropriating \$115,000 From The Land Management Permanent Fund, Fund 203, To The Lake Louise Boat Launch And Day Use Area Project No. 15019, Fund 440, To Repair And Upgrade The Lake Louise Boat Launch And Day Use Area (MSB007274).

RS 17-044: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Lake Louise Boat Launch And Day Use Area Project No. 15019, Fund 440, For Repair And Upgrade To The Boat Launch And Day Use Area.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 17-077 and Resolution Serial No. 17-044: Mr. Joe Stan.

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

Assemblymember Sykes moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-077 and Resolution Serial No. 17-044. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

No: 1 - Assemblymember McKee

[OR 17-078](#)

An Ordinance Approving Transfer And Relocation Of Real Property Known As The Fairview Territorial School Building To The City Of Wasilla For Purpose Of Historic Display And Public Use In Perpetuity (MSB007271).

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 17-078: Mr. Bert Cottle, Wasilla City Mayor.

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

Assemblymember Colligan moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-078. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

[OR 17-079](#) An Ordinance Reappropriating \$70,000 From The Capital Projects Department's Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget, Fund 100, To Fund 430, Roads And Bridges Capital Projects, For Installing Traffic Counting Equipment On Two Segments Of West Seldon Road, Project Nos. 35406 And 35411.

RS 17-046: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Installing Traffic Counting Equipment On Two Segments Of West Seldon Road, Project Nos. 35406 And 35411.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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 Doty moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-079 and Resolution Serial No. 17-046. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

[OR 17-080](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Approving An Appropriation Of \$12,682 From The Insurance Proceeds Account, Fund 100, And Approving A Reappropriation Of \$41,000 From The Emergency Services Administration Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget To Project No. 45257-1803 To Allow For The Replacement Of An Emergency Services Administration Vehicle That Was Destroyed In A Collision.

RS 17-047: A Resolution Amending The Budget For Project No. 45257, To Purchase A Replacement Emergency Services Administration Vehicle That Was Destroyed In A Collision.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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 Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-080 and Resolution Serial No. 17-047. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

[OR 17-081](#) An Ordinance Authorizing The Borough Manager To Enter Into A Lease Of Borough-Owned Real Property To Construct, Install, Maintain, Repair, Operate, And Manage A Broadcast Tower Site (MSB007173).

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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 Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-081.

Assemblymember Beck moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 17-081 to a time certain of August 1, 2017. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

[OR 17-082](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$4,946.47 Of Revenues From Public Donations To The Fiscal Year 2017 Animal Care And Regulation Division Operating Budget, To Purchase Equipment And Supplies For Animal Care.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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 Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-082. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

[OR 17-083](#)

An Ordinance Reappropriating \$125,370 From The Planning Department's Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget, Fund 100, To Fund 480, For Project No. 45177, Transportation Corridor Right-Of-Way Acquisition; Project No. 47052, Public Outreach, Education, And Incentives; And Project No. 47050, Information Technology Strategic Plan Support.

RS 17-048: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Project No. 45177, Transportation Corridor Right-Of-Way Acquisition; Project No. 47052, Public Outreach, Education, And Incentives; And Project No. 47050, Information Technology Strategic Plan Support.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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 Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-083 and Resolution Serial No. 17-048. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Doty

No: 1 - Assemblymember Kowalke

[OR 17-085](#) An Ordinance Reappropriating \$149,000 From The Fiscal Year 2017 Information And Technology Department Operating Budget, Fund 100, To Fund 480, For Information Technology Strategic Plan Support Project Fund.

RS 17-050: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Information Technology Strategic Plan Support Project Fund.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Colligan declared a conflict of interest due to his direct involvement with the parties involved.

RULING: Mayor Halter ruled there was a conflict and Assemblymember Colligan was recused from voting.

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 Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-085 and Resolution Serial No. 17-050. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Doty

No: 2 - Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Kowalke

Recused: 1 - Assemblymember Colligan

[OR 17-086](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 2.45, Capital Projects Department; MSB 3.08, Purchasing Procedures; And MSB 2.20, Manager; To Place The Borough's Purchasing Functions As A Direct Reporting Division To The Borough Manager's Office.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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 Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-086. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

[OR 17-087](#)

An Ordinance To Reappropriate \$255,000 From Fund 520, Port Enterprise Fund, And \$348,000 From The M/V Susitna, Fund 530, For A Total Of \$603,000 To Fund 450, Project No. 70012; And Appropriate \$997,000 From The Areawide Fund, 100.000.000.367.400, Into The Fiscal Year 2017 Budget To Fund Project No. 70012 For Repairs To The Port Mackenzie Barge Dock.

RS 17-051: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget Of \$1,600,000 For The Port Mackenzie Barge Dock Repair Project No. 70012.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 17-087 and Resolution Serial No. 17-051: Ms. Helen Munoz.

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

Assemblymember Mayfield moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-087 and Resolution Serial No. 17-051. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

No: 1 - Assemblymember McKee

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)

The meeting recessed at 7:45 p.m. and reconvened at 7:53 p.m.

The following persons spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-073, 17-074, and 17-073: Mr. Joe Schlanger and Mr. Nick Brock.

The following person spoke to code compliance and the existence of homeless camps in her neighborhood: Ms. Molly Benson.

The following person thanked the Assembly for the discussion that ensued on the Palmer/Borough fire service agreement and advocated for a five-year term: Mr. David Lundin.

The following person spoke to safety concerns in her neighborhood and encouraged efficiency audits for all areas of the Borough: Ms. Amy Henry.

The following person spoke to addressing the issues causing homelessness: Ms. Patricia Vaborzoni.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

[RS 17-054](#) A Resolution Approving The Amended Scope Of Work For Project No. 47500, Purchase Of Self Contained Bullet Cabinet Heater With Light Tower, To Include The Purchase Of A Rolling Air Hydraulic Jack System And Accessories.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[RS 17-092](#) A Resolution Supporting Selected Alternatives For The Big Lake Airport Master Plan.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

[AM 17-059](#) Award Of Bid No. 17-119B To Northern Asphalt Construction, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$140,801.75 For The Meadow Lakes Community Center Road And Parking Lot Paving.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[AM 17-060](#) Authorization To Renew An Enterprise License Agreement With Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. (ESRI) In The Amount Of \$153,500 For Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Software To Cover July 1, 2017, Through June 30, 2020.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[AM 17-061](#) Vacate The 83-Foot Wide North-South Section Line Easement Within Tax Parcel 16N02W01B006 And Tract A, Tidewater Stream, Plat No. 2013-105, In Sections 1 And 2, Township 16 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian, To Alleviate A Structural Encroachment.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[AM 17-062](#) Acceptance Of Late Filed And Retroactive Senior Citizen And Disabled Veteran Exemption Applications.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[AM 17-065](#) Award Of Bid No. 17-126B, Schedule B, To Alaska Waste In The Amount Of \$119,183.90 For Solid Waste Transportation.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[AM 17-066](#) Award Of Bid No. 17-128B To Northstar Excavation & Asphalt, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$1,361,955.48 For Summer 2017 Road Paving.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[AM 17-067](#) Award Of Bid No. 17-125B 2017 To Pacific Asphalt In The Contract Amount Of \$130,350 For 2017 Road Striping.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[AM 17-068](#) Award Of Bid No. 17-122B To Commercial Contractors, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$121,300 For Flooring Replacement At Meadow Lakes Elementary School.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Clerk's Note: Assemblymember Sykes requested Action Memorandum No. 17-069 be pulled from the consent agenda.

Assemblymember Beck moved to approve the Consent Agenda as read into the record by the Clerk. The motion carried without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

[AM 17-063](#) Authorization To Purchase Information Technology Consulting Services From Gartner In The Amount Of \$107,700 To Support The Information Technology Strategic Plan Goals, Including The Smart Community Strategic Goal And Improving Information Network Security.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Assemblymember Sykes moved to approve Action Memorandum No. 17-063. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Doty

No: 2 - Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Kowalke

[AM 17-064](#) Award Of Bid No. 17-126B, Schedule A, To Tew's Inc. In The Amount Of \$295,700 For Solid Waste Transportation.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Assemblymember Sykes moved to approve Action Memorandum No. 17-064. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

[AM 17-069](#) Authorizing The Borough Manager To Enter Into An Agreement For Fire Protection Services With The City Of Palmer For The Contract Period Of July 1, 2017, To June 30, 2018 In The Amount Of \$368,622.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Assemblymember Beck moved to approve Action Memorandum No. 17-069.

Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment by inserting "and Rescue Service Agreement" after all references of "fire protection services" throughout the agreement. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

The main motion passed as amended without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[OR 17-040](#) An Ordinance Adopting An Update To The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Recreational Trails Plan Component Of The Borough's Comprehensive Plan That Adds, Amends, And Removes Trails And Trail Systems, MSB 15.24.030(B)(16).

Sponsors: Borough Manager

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-040.

Assemblymember Kowalke moved to amend Ordinance Serial No. 17-040 and the Recreational Trails Plan by striking "Brasil Springs Trail No. 90". The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

The main motion passed as amended without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

[OR 17-043](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 4.43, Transportation Advisory Board, To Make The Board Function More Efficiently And To Further The Goals Of The Assembly.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-043.

Assemblymember Beck moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 17-043 to a time certain of August 1, 2017. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

IX. VETO

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing August 1, 2017, Assembly Chambers)

[OR 17-089](#) An Ordinance Creating West Backus Drive Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 596, Approving The Improvement Plan For The District, Authorizing The Manager To Proceed With The Improvement, And Assessing Equally Among The Properties Within The District The Costs Of The Improvement.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-090](#) An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$85,000 From The Caswell Fire Service Area Fund Balance, Fund 248, To Fund 405, Project No. 45238, To Purchase A Pumper Vehicle And Related Equipment For Caswell Fire Service Area.
RS 17-052: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Project No. 45238, To Allow For The Purchase Of A Pumper Vehicle And Related Equipment For Caswell Fire Service Area.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-091](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$776,600 In Anticipated Fiscal Year 2018 Project Income For The Rail Extension From Port Mackenzie To The Mainline, Project No. 75001.
RS 17-053: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget, For Anticipated Fiscal Year 2018 Project Income On The Rail Extension From Port Mackenzie To The Mainline Project.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-093](#) An Ordinance Adopting MSB 3.35, Areawide Sales Tax To Support Education, Levying A 3 Percent Tax On Sales, Services And Rentals Within The Matanuska-Susitna Borough.
OR 17-094: An Ordinance Authorizing The Borough To Enact MSB 1.10.170, 3 Percent Areawide Sales Tax To Support Education, To Grant The Borough The Power To Levy A 3 Percent Tax On Sales, Services, And Rentals Within The Matanuska-Susitna Borough, And Submitting The Question To The Qualified Voters At The October 3, 2017, Regular Borough Election.
OR 17-095: An Ordinance Repealing MSB 3.04.045 And Enacting MSB 3.04.046 To Establish A Limit On Local Contribution To School Funding From Sources Other Than Sales Tax.

Sponsors: Halter

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

**Assemblymember Beck moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the clerk and set the public hearings .
The motion passed without objection by the following vote:**

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck,
Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan,
Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and
Assemblymember Kowalke

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

[17-042](#)

Sponsors: Borough Manager
Platting Board
Stan Gillespie, resignation

South Colony RSA No. 16
Philip Cobb

**Assemblymember Beck moved to confirm the resignations
and appointments requested by the Mayor. The motion
passed without objection by the following vote:**

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck,
Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan,
Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and
Assemblymember Kowalke

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 presented.

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember Sykes thanked the public for providing testimony on the meeting items. He thanked the Assembly for the precautionary move regarding biosolids and thanked the cities and others who commented on Ordinance Serial No. 17-029.

Assemblymember Beck thanked the public for its participation and thanked Borough staff for their hard work. He encouraged the Manager to initiate a process for naming the bike trail along the Bogard extension between the Palmer and Colony high schools after a well-known member of the community, Ms. Patty Kuinn.

Assemblymember McKee commented on the information provided by the Human Resource Department regarding health care for Borough employees.

Mayor Halter spoke to Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-073, 17-074, and 17-075 and clarified the reasons for the sales tax ordinance.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (For Matters, Which The Immediate Public Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Borough; And Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Kept Confidential; And To Discuss Matters Involving Consideration Of Borough Records That By Law Are Not Subject To Public Disclosure; And Discussion Of Matters Subject To The Attorney/Client Privilege. In Particular, To Discuss Union Contract Negotiations.)

A. Union Contract Negotiations

The Assembly entered executive session at 8:45 p.m.

Assemblymember Beck moved to enter into executive session for matters, which the immediate public knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough; and matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be kept confidential; and to discuss matters involving consideration of Borough records that by law are not subject to public disclosure; and discussion of matters subject to the attorney/client privilege. In particular, to discuss union contract negotiations. Those present during the executive session were the Mayor, members of the Assembly, the Manager, the Attorney, the Clerk, Mr. George Hays, Deputy Manager, Ms. Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, Ms. Ali Little, Human Resource Generalist, and Ms. Sonya Conant, Human Resource Director. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

A. Union Contract Negotiations

The Assembly exited executive session at 9:12 p.m.

Assemblymember Beck moved exit executive session. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.