

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, AUGUST 1, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, August 1, 2017, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Matthew Beck.

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

Assemblymember Kowalke moved to amend the agenda to take up Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-093, 17-094, and 17-095, as the first public hearing. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Kowalke

No: 2 - Assemblymember Sykes, and Assemblymember Doty

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as amended by the following vote:

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

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alaska State Senator David Wilson.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

[17-043](#)

- A. Special Meeting Minutes: 05/16/17
- B. Regular Meeting Minutes: 05/16/17
- C. Special Meeting Minutes: 06/06/17
- D. Regular Meeting Minutes: 06/06/17
- E. Special Meeting Minutes: 06/20/17
- F. Regular Meeting Minutes: 06/20/17

The minutes were approved as presented.

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. Reports From Cities

Wasilla City Mayor Bert Cottle spoke in opposition to the proposed sales tax ordinance.

Mr. Nathan Wallace Palmer City Manager, spoke in opposition to the proposed sales tax ordinance.

Houston City Mayor Virgie Thompson spoke in opposition to the proposed sales tax ordinance.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

Superintendent Monica Goyette spoke in support of the sales tax ordinance.

Ms. Donna Dearman, School Board President, spoke in support of the sales tax ordinance.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee On School Issues

There was no report provided.

2. Assembly Public Relations

There were no reports provided.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

2. Strategic Planning Issues

Mr. Moosey introduced Ms. Jessica Smith, who is the new Chief of Planning Services.

Ms. Jessica Smith, introduced Brianne Blackburn, who is the new Environmental Planner II.

Ms. Brianne Blackburn provided an overview of her duties at the Borough.

Mr. Moosey requested to schedule a joint meeting with the State Legislative Delegation and to cancel the August 15, 2017, 4 p.m. meeting.

Deputy Mayor Beck queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

3. Legislative Session Update

Mr. John Harris, State Lobbyist, provided a legislative session update.

4. Risk Management Update

Mr. Darren Starr provided an insurance risk management update.

Mr. Moosey spoke to meeting with the Pew Trust regarding their efforts to secure funding for maintenance of Denali National Park and Preserve. Related that the Borough had received an award of excellence in financial reporting, from the Alaska Government Finance Officers Association. Congratulated Cheyenne Heindel and her team for winning the award.

Assemblymember Doty read a memorandum from the Fishhook Community Council regarding a possible moratorium on future detached 4-plex construction, until technical and procedural concerns are addressed within Title 43. Requested that the Manager expedite the request for that information so it can be back before the Assembly by September 19, 2017.

Deputy Mayor Beck queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

There were no comments provided.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie related that the Clerk's Office has hired a new Administrative Assistant, who will be starting on August 14, 2017.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

17-047

1. Caswell FSA Board of Supervisors: 04/12/17
 2. Central Mat-Su FSA Board of Supervisors: 04/10/17
 3. Enhanced 911 Advisory Board: 04/11/17
 4. Greater Butte RSA Board of Supervisors: 05/16/17
 5. Greater Talkeetna RSA Board of Supervisors: 05/11/17
 6. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: 05/18/17
 7. Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board: 04/24/17, Resolution Nos. 17-04 and 17-05
 8. Planning Commission: 06/05/17, 06/19/17, Resolution Nos. 17-21, 17-22, 17-24, 17-25, 17-26, and 17-27
 9. Platting Board: 05/18/17, 06/01/17
 10. Port Commission: 05/15/17, Resolution No. 17-04
 11. Transportation Advisory Board: 05/24/17
 12. West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 05/08/17, 06/12/17
 13. Butte Community Council: 04/13/16, 05/11/16, 06/08/16, 07/13/16, 10/12/16, 12/14/16
 14. Meadow Lakes Community Council: 05/10/17, 06/14/17
 15. South Knik River Community Council: 04/20/17, 05/18/17
 16. Susitna Community Council: 06/01/17
 17. Talkeetna Community Council: 05/01/17, 06/05/17
 18. Trapper Creek Community Council: 05/18/17
 19. Willow Area Community Organization: 06/05/17
- The citizen and other correspondence were presented and no comments were noted.

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

17-131

Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract Nos. 14-067P And 17-067C To Collins Construction, Inc. For Construction Manager/General Contractor For Joe Redington, Senior, Junior/Senior High School For The Final Contract Amount Of \$50,716,047.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

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.)

1. Mr. Asbury C. "Butch" Moore IV - MSB Policy and Procedures on Tax Assessment

Mr. Moore did not provide testimony.

The meeting recessed at 6:59 p.m. and reconvened at 7:06 p.m.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)

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 legislation into the record.

Deputy Mayor Beck queried if there was any objection to have a staff report prior to the public hearing.

There was no objection noted.

Ms. Heindel provided a staff report.

Deputy Mayor Beck opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in opposition to the proposed sales tax:

Mr. Robert Hall, Ms. Amy Henry, Mr. Joe Schlanger, Ms. Brooke Hepinstall, Mr. Mike Stoltz, Mr. Mike Kelly, Mr. Nick Brockett, Ms. Virgie Thompson, Mr. Ralph Winterrowd, Mr. Greg Anderson, Mr. Todd Smolden, Mr. Tom Idleman, Mr. William McAllister, Ms. Robin Carvalho, Mr. Jim Turner, Ms. Michele Shapiro, Mr. Mike Alexander,

Mr. Tim Cornelius, Mr. Brian Endle, Mr. Mike Pearson, Mr. John Robertson, Ms. Dawn Daily, Mr. Steve St. Clair, Ms. Abigail St. Clair, Mr. Erick Cordero, Ms. Beth Fread, Ms. Carol Carman, Mr. Joe Carman, Mr. Brad Empey, Mr. Ryan McKee, Mr. Justin Slater, Mr. Steve Renner, Mr. Jerry Glenn, Mr. Bob Cruft, Mr. Jeremy Price, Mr. Bruce Walden, and Mr. Colton Lucas.

The following persons spoke in support of the proposed sales tax: Mr. Michael Farr, Mr. Eric Wade, Mr. Tim Walters, Ms. Susan Steele, Mr. Bill Johnson, and Ms. Karen Salibury.

The following person spoke to concerns: Ms. Helen Munoz.

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

The meeting recessed at 9:15 p.m. and reconvened at 9:23 p.m.

Assemblymember Sykes moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-093, 17-094, and 17-095.

Assemblymember Sykes moved to amend Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-093, 17-094, and 17-095, by substitute ordinances and to amend IM No. 17-129, by inserting the supplemental information. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Assemblymember Doty moved to suspend the rules to extend the meeting past 10 p.m. and not to exceed 11 p.m.

The motion passed without objection.

Assemblymember Colligan moved to postpone Ordinance Serial Nos. 17-0939(SUB), 17-094 (SUB), and 17-095(SUB), indefinitely.

Assemblymember Sykes suggested postponement to a time certain, instead.

The motion to postpone indefinitely passed by the following vote:

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

No: 1 - Assemblymember Sykes

Deputy Mayor Beck moved to direct the Manager to form a special committee as recommended by Assemblymember Doty to bring back new sales tax legislation, to include members of the business community, the city Managers, and the School District, to report back to the Assembly by November 7, 2017.

The motion passed by the following vote:

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

[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

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Deputy Mayor Beck opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Kowalke moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-090 and Resolution Serial No. 17-052. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

[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

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Deputy Mayor Beck opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Mayfield moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-091. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

[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

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Deputy Mayor Beck opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Kowalke moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-089.

Assemblymember Kowalke moved to amend IM 17-124, page 2, section 4, by striking section 4 in its entirety and inserting "Current mill rate: The Fiscal Year 2018 mill rate for the improvement district is 16.56 mills consisting of 10.332 mills (areawide) plus .548 mills (non-areawide) plus 2.20 mills (FSA# 136) plus 3.48 mills (RSA#27).

Taxable Property Values: Real Property: \$823,000, Personal Property: 0, Total: \$823,000.

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

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)

The following person spoke to concerns that staff denied his request to have the Planning Commission review complaints: Mr. Mike Stoltz.

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 17-099: Ms. Patti Fisher.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

[RS 17-027](#) A Resolution To Approve The Amended Budgets For The Skwentna Solid Waste Services, Landfill Closure Plan, Project No. 25030, The Landfill Development, Business Assessment And Roadmap, Project No. 25002, And Amend The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Landfill Improvements, Fencing Project No. 25046.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[RS 17-062](#) A Resolution Supporting The Transfer Of Approximately 538 Acres Of State-Owned Tidelands To The Matanuska-Susitna Borough, And Supporting The Associated Order And Plan Amendment.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

[AM 17-070](#) Approval Of Change Order No. 4 To Western Construction & Equipment LLC. In The Amount Of \$29,165 To Add Additional Quantities And Work As Part Of The 2017 Roads Paving Project.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[AM 17-071](#) Vacate The Right-Of-Way Of North Chickaloon Avenue, Created By Plat No. 10-308, Charles C. Brix Subdivision, Located In Section 34, Township 18 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[AM 17-075](#) Acceptance Of Late Filed And Retroactive Senior Citizen And Disabled Veteran Exemption Applications.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[AM 17-076](#) Approve Utility Relocation Costs To Matanuska Telephone Association In The Amount Of \$126,599.95 For Alma Drive, Project No. 30047.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[AM 17-077](#) Approval Of Contract Amendment To Contract No. 17-124B With Neeser Construction, Inc. In The Amount Of \$25,000 For Trunk Road Extension South Phase II And Approval Of Change Order Authority.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[AM 17-078](#) Award Of Bid No. 18-002B To Dirtworks, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$160,283.25 For Jim Creek Recreation Vehicle Campground.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[AM 17-079](#) Award Of Bid No. 18-013B To Western Construction And Equipment, LLC In The Contract Amount Of \$302,845 For Tambert Drive And Terrell Drive Improvements.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[AM 17-080](#) Award Of Bid No. 18-011B To Valley General Construction, LLC In The Contract Amount Of \$164,435.50 For Verboncoeur Drive And Lagoon Drive Upgrades.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Assemblymember Sykes moved to approve the Consent Agenda as read into the record by the Clerk. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

[AM 17-073](#) Award Of Proposal No. 17-121P To HDL Engineering Consultants, Lounsbury And Associates, And Stantec Consulting Services In An Amount Not To Exceed \$500,000 Each Per Year Per Firm For Engineering and Survey Services For The Contract Period Of One Year With The Option Of Renewing An Additional Two Years.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

Assemblymember McKee moved to adopt AM 17-073. 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

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[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

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

PENDING AMENDMENT: Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment to MSB 4.43.030(A)(7), Composition by striking “one member at large” and to MSB 4.43.030(A)(8) by inserting "one builder or developer."

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

No: 3 - Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Colligan, and Assemblymember Mayfield

Assemblymember Sykes moved to withdraw his pending primary amendment. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 17-043, section 3, by inserting a new section (A)(4), to read: “Methods of funding transportation systems, as requested by Administration.” The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

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

Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 17-043, section 3, by inserting a new section (A)(5), to read: “The location and development of transportation systems, transportation corridors, and traffic movement.”

Assemblymember McKee moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 17-043 to a time certain of September 5, 2017. The motion passed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 4 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke
- No:** 3 - Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Colligan, and Assemblymember Mayfield

[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

Motion pending: Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 17-081.

Assemblymember McKee moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 17-081 indefinitely. The motion failed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 3 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Kowalke
- No:** 4 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Colligan, and Assemblymember Doty

Assemblymember Sykes moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 17-081 to a time certain of September 19, 2017. The motion failed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 3 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, and Assemblymember Doty
- No:** 4 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Kowalke

Assemblymember Mayfield moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 17-081 indefinitely. The motion passed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke
- No:** 1 - Assemblymember Sykes

Assemblymember Sykes moved to suspend the rules and extend the meeting to 11:15 p.m. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

No: 2 - Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Kowalke

IX. VETO

There were no vetoes presented.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 08/15/17 Assembly Chambers)

[OR 17-099](#) An Ordinance Adopting MSB 3.80, To Establish A Program Designed To Reduce The Use Of Plastic Bags By Imposing An Excise Tax For Plastic Carryout Bags On Large Retailers.

Sponsors: Doty

[OR 17-100](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$40,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services Grant Program, To Fund 425, Project No. 45284, For Supplies, Equipment, And Personnel Costs To Allow For The Implementation And Management Of Points Of Dispensing.

RS 17-056: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services Grant, Fund 425, Project No. 45284, For Supplies, Equipment, And Personnel Costs To Allow For The Implementation And Management Of Points Of Dispensing.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-101](#) An Ordinance Approving The Loan Offer From The Alaska State Department Of Environmental Conservation, Clean Water Fund, Loan No. 561071, And Authorize The Manager To Incur Debt In The Principle Amount Of \$7,000,000, Accept And Appropriate The Loan Proceeds To The Solid Waste Enterprise Fund 420, Project No. 25055, For The Management, Design And Construction Of Central Landfill, Cell 4 With Associated Infrastructure.

RS 17-057: A Resolution Adopting The Scope Of Work And Budget In The Amount Of \$7,000,000 For The Management, Design, Construction And Related Infrastructure For A New Landfill Lined Cell Known As Cell 4, Project No. 25055.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-102](#) An Ordinance Adopting The Five-Year Timber Harvest Schedule Per MSB 23.20.090.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-104](#) An Ordinance Reappropriating \$507,000 From The Mat-Su Career And Technical High School Addition Capital Project No. 40190, Fund 400, To The

Houston And Palmer Middle School Locker Replacement Capital Project No. 40195, Fund 400, And To Amend Scope Of Work To Include Palmer High School Locker Replacement.

RS 17-058: A Resolution Reappropriating \$507,000 From The Mat-Su Career And Technical High School Addition Capital Project No. 40190, Fund 400, To The Houston And Palmer Middle School Locker Replacement Capital Project No. 40195, Fund 400, And To Amend Scope Of Work To Include Palmer High School Locker Replacement.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

[OR 17-105](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$284,270 From The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services, To Fund 475, Project No. 20392, For The Human Services Community Matching Grant.

RS 17-059: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Participation In The Human Services Community Matching Grant Program.

RS 17-060: A Resolution Allocating Human Services Community Matching Grant Funds To Non-Profit Human Service Agencies Within The Community And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into Grant Agreements With The Sub-Grantee Agencies.

Sponsors: Borough Manager

B. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 09/05/17 Assembly Chambers)

[OR 17-098](#) An Ordinance Creating West Angel Drive Noncontiguous Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 597, 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

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Sykes moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearings for August 15, 2017, and September 5, 2017, respectively. The motion passed by the following vote:

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

C. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Sponsors: Halter

Emergency Medical Services Board

Alaina Anderson, resignation

Russell Johnston

Mindy Bickle, resignation

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Jonathan Zeppa

Marijuana Advisory Committee

Rebecca Rein, resignation

Platting Board

Roger Purcell, resignation

Assemblymember Sykes moved to confirm the appointments and resignations requested by the Mayor. The motion passed 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.

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos noted that the sales tax legislation was nearly verbatim of city of Wasilla's.

Ms. McKechnie requested permission to cancel the August 3, 2017, special meeting, as the sales tax ordinances were postponed indefinitely.

There was no objection noted.

Assemblymember McKee stated that at the last meeting, the Assembly

directed work to stop on Basil Lake Trail and queried why it is continuing.

Assemblymember Sykes advised that a trail is not being made but public input is being requested. Thanked everyone for participating in the meeting.

Assemblymember Kowalke thanked everyone for their patience during the long meeting. Stated that he had intended to divide the question to pull the plastic bag legislation from introduction. Stated that he would rather see them banned completely, but that the Borough has no authority to do so. Noted that the legislation moving forward, puts a tax on the bag and he is not sure if a tax is appropriate. Related that he has a meeting with Mayor Cottle tomorrow to get his opinion on plastic bags, because the cities do have the authority to ban them. Noted that he is interested in a larger discussion regarding plastic grocery bags.

Assemblymember Mayfield related that Friday is the ribbon cutting for the acquisition of the Flat lake/Mud Lake Access. Stated that he supports education and would like to be able to find a way for sustainable funding.

Assemblymember Doty thanked the body for their participation in the meeting. Related that the Zero Waste Plastic Bag Committee has a lot of information on what will or will not work regarding plastic bags. Gave a shout out to the Fishhook Community Council for their resolution. Stated that she looks forward to resolving detached 4-plex issue.

Assemblymember Colligan thanked Cheyenne Heindel and her team for a job well done. Spoke to concerns that the discussion regarding the proposed sales tax feels mean spirited and is pitting the community against each other. Noted that he is hopeful to see an engaging discussion come forward. Complimented Ms. McKechnie and her staff on a job well done over the last year.

Deputy Mayor Beck noted that he has learned a lot from Assemblymember Colligan. Opined that the meeting tonight was great overall. Further opined that there is wisdom in the statement to not divide the community over a tax issue. Spoke in support of the School District. Spoke to the need to look at ways to fund education in the long term.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 p.m.