

# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

350 East Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska 99645 - 907-861-8683

## BOROUGH MAYOR

Vern Halter

## BOROUGH CLERK

Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC

## BOROUGH MANAGER

John Moosey

## BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Nicholas Spiropoulos



## BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

Jim Sykes, District 1

Matthew Beck, District 2

George McKee, District 3

Ted Leonard, 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, MAY 1, 2018

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, 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:** 6 - Assemblymember Jim Sykes, Assemblymember Matthew Beck, Assemblymember George McKee, Assemblymember Ted Leonard, Assemblymember Dan Mayfield, and Assemblymember Randall Kowalke

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember Barbara J. Doty

## III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

## IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Michael Fernandez, 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**

There were no reports provided.

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

There was no report provided.

#### **3. Wastewater And Septage Advisory Board Update**

Mr. Mike Campfield, Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board Chair, provided an update on the activities of the Board.

### **B. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**

#### **1. Mayoral Proclamation In Recognition Of the Accomplishments Of Alaska Job Corp Students And Staff**

[18-057](#)

Mayoral Proclamation In Recognition Of The Accomplishments Of Alaska Job Corp Students And Staff

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

Mayor Halter read the proclamation into the record and presented it to Ms. Carin Meyer.

#### **2. Mayoral Proclamation In Recognition Of Culvert Maintenance Day**

[18-058](#)

Mayoral Proclamation In Recognition Of Culvert Maintenance Day

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

Mayor Halter read the proclamation into the record and spoke to the importance of improving fish passage in the Borough.

### **C. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

There was no report provided.

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

Assemblymember Beck reported on the second annual Ride Your Tractor to Work Day.

### **D. MANAGER COMMENTS**

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

## **2. Strategic Planning Issues**

Ms. Rosetta Alcantra, Alaska Gasline Development Corporation, provided an update regarding the Alaska Liquid Gasline Development Project.

Mr. George Hays provided an update regarding ambulance billing backlog status.

## **3. Bond Proposition Discussion**

Mr. Moosey requested direction on possible Borough ballot issues for the October election.

The Assembly scheduled a special meeting on June 12, 2018, at 6 p.m. to discuss possible bond propositions.

## **E. ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

Mr. Spiropoulos advised that he will be out of the office July 22 through August 3.

## **F. CLERK COMMENTS**

Ms. McKechnie spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule.

## **G. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

18-059

1. Agriculture Advisory Board: 01/17/18
2. Greater Butte RSA Board of Supervisors: 01/11/18
3. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: Resolution No. 18-01
4. MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission: 02/15/18, 03/15/18
5. Planning Commission: 04/02/18, Resolution Nos. 18-09, 18-10, 18-11
6. Platting Board: 03/01/18
7. Joint West Lakes and Central Mat-Su FSA Board of Supervisors: 03/12/18
8. Meadow Lakes Community Council: 03/14/18, Resolution Nos. 18-01, 18-02
9. Point MacKenzie Community Council: 02/08/18
10. Susitna Community Council: 03/01/18
11. Talkeetna Community Council: 10/02/17, 10/11/17, 03/05/18
12. Willow Area Community Organization: 01/03/18, 02/07/18

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

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

The meeting recessed at 7:05 p.m. and reconvened at 7:12 p.m.

**H. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS**

There were no informational memorandums presented.

**VII. SPECIAL ORDERS**

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

(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.)

There were no persons to be heard.

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

[OR 18-009](#)

An Ordinance Creating The Portion Of Dawn Lake Drive No. 2 Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 603, 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.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

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 Mayfield moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 18-009. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Kowalke

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember Doty

[OR 18-010](#)

An Ordinance Authorizing The Extension Of The Emergency Services Commercial Tower Lease As Negotiated Under The Existing Terms Of The Lease (MSB007258).

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

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. 18-010. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Kowalke

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember Doty

[OR 18-022](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$4,078 From The Alaska State Department Of Natural Resources, Division Of Parks And Outdoor Recreation, Office Of History And Archaeology, To Fund 480, Project No. 20394, For The Certified Local Government Training And Travel Grant: NAPC Forum 2018.

RS 18-015: A Resolution Establishing The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Certified Local Government Training And Travel Grant: NAPC Forum 2018.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

**Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 18-022. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Kowalke

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember Doty

[OR 18-023](#)

An Ordinance Reappropriating \$25,000 From The Fiscal Year 2018 Assessment Division Operating Budget, Fund 100, To Fund 480, Project No. 47523, For The Assessments Mobile Application Project.

RS 18-017: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Assessment Mobile Application Project.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

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. 18-023 and Resolution Serial No. 18-017. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Kowalke

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember Doty

OR 18-024

An Ordinance Approving A Supplemental Appropriation Of \$14,318.82 Of Revenues, From Public Donations To The Fiscal Year 2018 Animal Care And Regulation Division Operating Budget And Reappropriating \$14,318.82 From The Fiscal Year 2018 Animal Care And Regulation Division Operating Budget, Fund 200, To Fund 435, Project No. 10176, For Cat Kennel Enhancements.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

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. 18-024. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck,  
Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard,  
Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Kowalke

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember Doty

[OR 18-025](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$3,368,100 From The Alaska State Department Of Military And Veterans' Affairs, Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management, To Fund 445, Project No. 20395, For The Matanuska River Erosion Mitigation - Butte, 10 Homes Acquisition And Demolition Project - Phase I.

RS 18-019: A Resolution Establishing The Scope Of Work And Budget And Authorizing The Borough Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With The Alaska State Department Of Military And Veterans' Affairs, Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management For The Matanuska River Erosion Mitigation - Butte, 10 Homes Acquisition And Demolition Project - Phase I.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke to concerns that the grant money would be taking funds away from veteran's: Mr. Michael Fernandez.

Mayor Halter closed the public hearing.

**Assemblymember Sykes moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 18-025 and Resolution Serial No. 18-019. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Kowalke

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember Doty



[OR 18-026](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$1,095,250 From The Alaska State Department Of Military And Veterans' Affairs, Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management, To Fund 445, Project No. 20395, For The Matanuska River Erosion Mitigation - Sutton, 5 Homes Acquisition And Demolition Project.

RS 18-020: A Resolution Establishing The Scope Of Work And Budget And Authorizing The Borough Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With The Alaska State Department Of Military And Veterans' Affairs, Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management For The Matanuska River Erosion Mitigation - Sutton, 5 Homes Acquisition And Demolition Project.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

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 Sykes moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 18-026 and Resolution Serial No. 18-020. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Kowalke

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember Doty

### **C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)**

The following person spoke to the need to restore the American spirit:  
Mr. Huhnie Lee.

The following person spoke in opposition to the Borough entering into a memorandum of understanding with the State regarding air quality: Mr. Brian Endle.

The following persons spoke to how the Williwaw subdivision worked together for a successful community cleanup and in support of Resolution Serial No. 18-025: Ms. Tara Sutton.

The following persons spoke in support of Resolution Serial No. 18-025: Ms. Kayla Coker.

The following person spoke in support of Resolution Serial No. 18-025 and to the need for street lights being installed in the williwaw subdivision: Mr. Noah Saechow.

The following persons spoke to concerns with crime in the Williwaw subdivision and in support of Resolution Serial No. 18-025: Ms. Maryann Saechow and Ms. Jolleen Coleman.

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

The following person spoke in support of Resolution Serial No. 18-025 and stated that it would be futile to adopt police powers due to Senate Bill 91: Mr. Michael Fernandez.

The following persons spoke to concerns with crime and trash in the Butte: Ms. Kenney Sexton.

The following person spoke in support of Resolution Serial No. 18-025 and to concerns with crime in the Williwaw subdivision: Ms. Shawn Osbourne.

The following persons spoke in support of a possible road bond proposition: Mr. Tom Soujka and Mr. Richard Nelson.

The following person spoke to concerns with Code Compliance being unable to address concerns of junk and trash in the Butte: Mr. Mike Simi.

## D. CONSENT AGENDA

### 1. RESOLUTIONS

[RS 18-025](#) A Resolution Providing A One-Time Waiver Of Landfill Fees For Up To Three Dumps For The Williwaw Subdivision As Part Of Their Community Cleanup.

**Sponsors:** Leonard

### 2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

[AM 18-029](#) Eliminate The 15-Foot Wide Utility Easement Within Lot 1A, Block 3, Settler's Bay Unit No. 1 Addition No. 1, Plat No. 2000-74, Located In Section 27, Township 17 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian.

[AM 18-030](#) Approval Of Change Order For Contract No. 18-064P To F-E Contracting, Inc. In The Amount Of \$618,557.17 For Construction Manager/General Contractor Services For Station 6-2 Construction.

[AM 18-032](#) Award Of Proposal No. 18-103P To Swissphone, LLC. For The Contract Amount Of \$264,861.60, For A Paging System For Borough Fire/Rescue/EMS Emergency Responders.

[AM 18-033](#) Award Of Bid No. 18-105B To Taylor Fire Protection Services, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$149,100 For Dry Sprinkler Fire Suppression System Replacement Rebid At The Dorothy Swanda Jones Building.

[AM 18-034](#) Award Of Bid 18-121B To McKenna Brothers Paving In The Contract Amount Of \$302,353.16 For Summer 2018 Big Lake Area Recycle Asphalt Material.

[AM 18-035](#) Award Of Bid No. 18-118B To Triple V Contracting In The Contract Amount Of \$270,200 For The Fireweed Building Restroom Remodel.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

**Assemblymember Beck moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the Clerk. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Kowalke

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember Doty

[AM 18-031](#) Award Of Bid No. 18-114B To E & E Construction, Inc. For The Contract Amount Of \$197,011, for Window Replacement at Snowshoe Elementary, Cottonwood Creek Elementary, and Pioneer Peak Elementary Schools.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

**Assemblymember McKee moved to adopt AM 18-031. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Kowalke

**No:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember Doty

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **IX. VETO**

There were no vetoes presented.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 05/15/18 Assembly Chambers)**

[OR 18-029](#) An Ordinance Providing For The Limited Delegation Of Parks And Recreation Powers To The City Of Houston For Certain Recreational Facilities In The Little Susitna River Campground And Day Use Area Located Within The City Boundaries; Adopting MSB 1.10.126, Delegation Of Limited Parks And Recreational Powers To The City Of Houston; And MSB 1.10.127 Relinquishment Of Parks And Recreational Powers By The City Of Houston (MSB007373).

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

[OR 18-031](#) An Ordinance Appropriating \$362,320.00 From The 2004 Series "A" General Obligation Bond Interest Account No. 400, Project No. 65002-5300-5304, To Susitna Valley Jr/Sr High School Siding Replacement Account 400, Project No. 40167.  
RS 18-024: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget To Utilize The 2004 Series "A" General Obligation Bond Interest Monies For The Additional Funds To Fully Fund The Susitna Valley Jr/Sr High School Siding Replacement, Project No. 40167.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

[OR 18-033](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$40,000 From The Mat Su Trails And Parks Foundation To Fund 440, Project No. 15019, For The Construction Needed To Repair And Upgrade The Lake Louise Boat Launch And Parking Lot.  
RS 18-026: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Lake Louise Boat Launch And Parking Lot.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

[OR 18-034](#) An Ordinance Reappropriating \$70,781 From The Capital Projects Department Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget, Fund 100, To Fund 435, Borough Facilities Capital Projects, For The Fireweed Building Improvements, Project No. 10178.  
RS 18-028: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Fireweed Building Improvements, Project No. 10178.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

[OR 18-035](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$30,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Environmental Conservation, Division Of Water; And Reappropriating \$20,000 From The Fiscal Year 2016 Areawide Grant Match Appropriation To Fund 480, Project No. 47514, For The Purpose Of Conducting A Stormwater Analysis On Wasilla Creek.  
RS 18-029: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget, Extending The Time Limit To Complete The Project, And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into A Grant Agreement With The Alaska State Department Of Environmental Conservation, Division Of Water, For The Purpose Of Conducting A Stormwater Analysis On Wasilla Creek.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

[OR 18-036](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$25,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Natural Resources, Division Of Parks And Outdoor Recreation, Office Of History And Archaeology, To Fund 440, Project No. 20203 For The Rebarchek Colony Farm Certified Local Government Grant.

RS: 18-030: A Resolution Establishing The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Rebarchek Colony Farm Certified Local Government Grant.

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

**Assemblymember Beck moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and to set the public hearings for May 15, 2018.**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Kowalke

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember Doty

## **B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

### **1. VACANCY REPORT**

Emergency Medical Services Board

Rhonda Phillips

Katrina Knowlton

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Cole Justice, removal

Heather Ridge, removal

**Assemblymember Beck moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments and removals. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Kowalke

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember Doty

[18-060](#) 05/01/18 - Vacancy Report

**Sponsors:** Borough Manager

## **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 Leonard thanked the Assembly for approving Resolution Serial No. 18-025 for the Williwaw Community. Commented that he looks forward to working with them to continue to improve their neighborhood.

Assemblymember Sykes thanked the public for providing testimony. Noted that there are a lot of positive things happening for the Williwaw community. Noted that the Butte community has contacted Code Compliance regarding junk and trash issues. Opined that there is a lot of work to do in the Butte. Spoke to different ways the Borough could acquire police powers. Stated that he intends to invite the Sand Point Police Chief to come speak to the Assembly on how their community manages police powers. Thanked the body for good meeting.

Assemblymember Kowalke stated that he is extremely interested in the law enforcement issue, but stated that he has concerns with not having all the information he would like regarding the cost to tax payers. Noted that residents might have a hard time accepting that there will be a cost to them if the Borough acquires police powers. Noted that there are a lot of areas in the Borough that are similarly plagued by crime.

Assemblymember Mayfield related that since last year, the most prevalent discussion in District 5 is the criminal justice system and what to do about crime. Stated that his constituents do not support funding police as they feel the State has abandoned them. Noted that he supports the Borough acquiring police powers, but that he is not optimistic that the voters will approve that. Commented that criminal laws are weak and the constituents feel it will only take money out of their pocket books rather than make a positive impact on crime.

Assemblymember Beck acknowledged military service members and thanked them for their service. Specialist Gabriel David Conde, an airborne infantryman who was deployed from Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, lost his life in service. Stated that the Williwaw residents that testified this evening represent the best in our community. Stated that he is proud to call them neighbor, as they are taking action and making a difference. Noted that his oldest daughter is at her last day of high school and that he is very proud of her. Stated that he is thankful for the support she received from the School District during her education.

Mayor Halter spoke to the possibility of putting an advisory vote for police powers on the October ballot. Noted that funding police powers on an areawide basis intrudes upon the cities powers and nonareawide funding causes financing issues.



### **XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session held.

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.