

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

Jim Sykes, District 1

Matthew Beck, District 2

George McKee, District 3

Ted Leonard, District 4

Dan Mayfield, 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, MAY 21, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Vern Halter.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Assemblymember Jim Sykes, Assemblymember Matthew Beck, Assemblymember George McKee, Assemblymember Ted Leonard, Assemblymember Dan Mayfield, Assemblymember Jesse Sumner, and Assemblymember Tam Boeve

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Assemblymember Mayfield moved to remove Ordinance Serial No. 19-077 from introduction and to take no action. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Boeve

No: 2 - Assemblymember Leonard, and Assemblymember Sumner

Mayor Halter noted that Ordinance Serial No. 19-071 was not introduced on May 16, 2019, therefore, there would be no public hearing on that legislation. Queried if there were any other changes to the agenda.

The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Steve Colligan, former Assembly member.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

There were no minutes of preceding meetings.

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

Dr. Monica Goyette, School District Superintendent, spoke to the impacts to the School District due to no budget being adopted by the State Legislature or the Borough Assembly. Noted the number of 2019 High School graduations that had occurred.

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. Moosey noted that he will be conducting a Beetle Kill Fire Hazard Reduction press conference on May 23, 2019, at 10 a.m. at Fire Station 6-1.

Mr. John Harris, Borough State Lobbyist, reported on the budget activities of the State Legislature.

3. Police Powers Task Force Update

Mr. George Hays provided a status report regarding the Police Powers Task Force.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos reported on the possibility of the Assembly setting the mill rate in advance of adoption of the budget and reported on the activities of the Law Department.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

[19-076](#)

1. Planning Commission: 04/01/19, 04/15/19, Resolution No. 19-13
2. Platting Board: 04/04/19
3. Wastewater And Septage Advisory Board: Resolution No. 19-01
4. South Knik River Community Council: 03/21/19
5. Susitna Community Council: 04/04/19
6. Willow Area Community Organization: 04/03/19

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

[IM 19-082](#)

Informing The Assembly Of The Receipt Of A Permit Application From The Alaska Racing League To Make Improvements To The Area Used For Drone Racing At Jim Creek Motorized Park .

[IM 19-097](#)

Contract With E-Terra, LLC. Titled "Services Agreement Proposal No. 17-011P(H)" For Geographic Information Services Consulting Term Contracts (Programmer Analyst), Dated December 1, 2016.

[IM 19-100](#) Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 17-097B To Dirtworks, Inc. For Bodenburg Creek Bridge Upgrades, For The Final Contract Amount Of \$555,972.02

[IM 19-106](#) Status Of The Govern To Open Forms Upgrade Project.
The informational memorandums were presented with discussion on Informational Memorandum Nos. 19-082 and 19-097.

VII. SPECIAL ORDERS

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)

The meeting recessed at 6:53 p.m. and reconvened at 7 p.m.

[OR 19-042](#) An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$1,285,000 From Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area Fund Balance, Fund 250, To Project No. 10187, Fund 435, As A Loan To Emergency Services Administration, Fund 100, To Purchase The Real Property And Improvements Thereon Located At 501 North Tommy Moe Drive In Wasilla; And Authorizing The Borough Manager To Acquire Said Property (MSB007456).
RS 19-031: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Department Of Emergency Services Purchase Of The Real Property And Improvements Thereon Located At 501 North Tommy Moe Drive In Wasilla (MSB007456).
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 Leonard moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 19-042 and Resolution Serial No. 19-031. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 19-051](#)

An Ordinance Approving Classification Of Borough-Owned Lands For Inclusion In The 2019 Competitive Bid Land Sale And Future Over-The-Counter Land Sales (MSB007466).

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. 19-051. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 19-060](#)

An Ordinance Extending The Time Limit For Completion Of Borough Capital Projects.

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. 19-060.

Assemblymember McKee moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 19-060 to a time certain of June 4, 2019 The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Leonard, and Assemblymember Sumner

No: 4 - Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Boeve

The main motion passed by the following vote.

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

No: 3 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, and Assemblymember Sumner

[OR 19-061](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$2,039.65 From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management Grant Program, To Fund 425, Project No. 45158, For CERT Training Mannequins.

RS 19-043: A Resolution Approving The Revised Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management Grant, Fund 425, Project No. 45158, For Animal Rescue Training, Radios, An Emergency Management Command Vehicle, And CERT Training Mannequins.

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. 19-061 and Resolution Serial No. 19-043. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 19-063](#)

An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$600,000 From The Willow Fire Service Area Fund Balance, Fund 258, To Fund 405, Project No. 45211, To Purchase A Rescue Pumper.

RS 19-046: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Fund 405, Project No. 45211, To Allow The Willow Fire Service Area To Purchase A Rescue Pumper.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 19-063:
Mr. Ron Forsythe, Willow Fire Service Area Chairman.

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

Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 19-063 and Resolution Serial No. 19-046. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 19-064](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$249,390 From The United States Geological Survey To Fund 480, Project No. 47519, For The Collection Of Lidar Elevation Data.

RS 19-047: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Collection Of Lidar Elevation Data.

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. 19-064 and Resolution Serial No. 19-047. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 19-068](#) An Ordinance Approving A Supplemental Appropriation Of \$107,034 From Garden Terrace Estates Special Revenue Fund Balance, Fund 291, To The Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget For Garden Terrace, Fund 291, And Subsequent Allocation To The City Of Wasilla As Owners Of The Garden Terrace Estates Community Water System.

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 Leonard moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 19-068. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 19-069](#) An Ordinance Reappropriating \$50,000 From Grant Match Fund 480, Project No. 99999, To The Settlers Bay Coastal Park, Fund 440, Project No. 15040, To Develop The Park (MSB007387).
RS 19-053: A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work For The Settlers Bay Coastal Park, Fund 440, Project No.15040, For Park Development.

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. 19-069 and Resolution Serial No. 19-053. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 19-071](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.04.046 Local Education Funding.
[Clerk's note: Ordinance Serial No. 19-071 was removed from the agenda at approval of the agenda. The legislation was not introduced and no action was taken.]

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)

The following person spoke to the need to install an emergency fill station in the Palmer Pool while it is being remodeled: Mr. Tom Roberson.

The following person spoke to the need to address crime in the Borough: Ms. Patricia Fisher.

The following persons spoke to concerns with a rock quarry near Wolverine Lake: Mr. Matthew Linn, Mr. John Vinduska, Mr. Will Peabody, and Mr. Ed Thompkins.

The following person spoke in support of the Willow Fire Service Area receiving a new fire truck and reported on the status of the budget activities with the State Legislature: Mr. Todd Smolden.

The following person spoke in support of IM 19-082, in support of drone education for the public, the history of how the drone notification on the Borough's webpage came to be: Mr. Steve Colligan, former Assembly member.

The following person invited the Assembly to attend the ceremony at the Veteran's Wall of Honor on Memorial Day: Mr. Stu Graham.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

[AM 19-029](#) Authorizing The Borough Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With The City Of Palmer For Fire Protection Services, For The Contract Period Of July 1, 2019, To June 30, 2024.

- [AM 19-034](#) Award Of Bid No. 19-078B To Alaska Sealcoating, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$424,440.05 For West Susitna Parkway To Seal, Strip, and Install A Center Rumble Strip.
- [AM 19-036](#) Request To Vacate An 8-Foot By 362-Foot Portion Of North Palmer Fishhook Road Along The South Boundary Of Lot 10, Block 1, C' Bell Subdivision, Plat No. 76-49 That Was Erroneously Dedicated To The Borough. Located Within The Southeast 1/4 Section 19, Township 18 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian, Lying North Of North Palmer Fishhook Road And Directly To The East Of C' Bell Circle.
- [AM 19-037](#) Award Of Bid 19-100B To Mt. McKinley Fence Company Of Mat-Su Valley, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$174,967 To Furnish And Install Fencing And Entrance Gate At The Central Landfill And Butte Transfer Station.
- [AM 19-038](#) Award of Bid No. 19-080B To Articom, LLC. In The Contract Amount of \$207,083.83 For The Design Build Of Station 3-2 Telecommunications Tower.
- [AM 19-039](#) Award Of Bid No. 19-105B To Pacific Asphalt In The Contract Amount Of \$135,000 For 2019 Road Striping.
- [AM 19-040](#) Approval Of Contract Extension To Contract No. 18-136P With Diversified Construction, Inc. To Extend The Project Completion Date To July 1, 2019, For Onsite Paving At EMS Station 11-9 In Talkeetna Once The Asphalt Plants Reopen For The Summer Season.
- [AM 19-042](#) Award Of Bid No. 19-077B To Dirtworks, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$595,595.95 For The Lake Louise Boat Launch Replacement And To Upgrade And Expand The Parking Area.
- [AM 19-043](#) Request To Eliminate A 10-Foot Utility Easement Located Along The South Side Of Lots 12, 13, And 14, Block 16, Williwaw No. 2, Plat No. 76W. Located Within The East 1/2 Section 2, Township 17 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian. Lying Directly Northwest Of East Bogard Road Between North Copper Creek Road And North Helen Lane.
- Assemblymember Beck 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 Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[AM 19-035](#) Extension Of Contract No. 04-098 With North Star Group In An Amount Not To Exceed \$75,000 For Federal Lobbyist Services.
Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt AM 19-035. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Boeve

No: 2 - Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Sumner

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

IX. VETO

A. Motion To Override Any Possible Mayoral Veto On Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Items (Ordinance Serial No. 19-019)

There were no vetoes presented.

[OR 19-019](#) An Ordinance Appropriating Monies From The Central Treasury For The Borough Operating Funds, Enterprise Funds, Education Operating Fund And Capital Funds, Establishing The Rate Of Levy For All Borough Functions For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2019 And Ending June 30, 2020; And Setting The Surcharge Rate For The Wireline And Wireless Enhanced 911 Systems For The Period Of July 1, 2019 Through June 30, 2020.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 06/04/19, Assembly Chambers)

[OR 19-029](#) An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$154,736 From The Enhanced 911 Fund Balance, Fund 202, To Project No. 45283, Fund 480, To Allow The City Of Wasilla To Obtain Reimbursement From Enhanced 911 Surcharge Funding For E-911 Equipment, Software, And Professional Services And Training.

RS 19-021: A Resolution Approving The Scopes Of Work And Budgets For Project No. 45283, Fund 480, To Allow The City Of Wasilla To Obtain Reimbursement From The Enhanced 911 Surcharge Funding For E-911 Equipment, Software, And Professional Services And Training.

[OR 19-067](#) 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; And Reappropriating Match Funding Of \$16,667, From The Areawide Grant Match Account, Fund 480, To Fund 440, Project No. 20203, For The Historic Preservation Plan, Phase 1 Certified Local Government Grant.

RS 19-051: A Resolution Establishing The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Historic Preservation Plan, Phase 1 Certified Local Government Grant.

[OR 19-070](#) An Ordinance Providing For The Sale Of Certain Boroughwide Real Property Acquired Through Tax Foreclosure For Delinquent Real Property Tax Years 2011 And Prior; 2012 And Prior; And Not Needed For Public Purpose.

[OR 19-072](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$32,610.07 From The Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program, And Appropriating \$3,623.33 In Matching Funds To Project Nos. 20144, 20150, 20145, 20151, And 20146, All Fund 405, For Firefighter Equipment, Supplies, Clothing, And Communications Equipment.

RS 19-055: A Resolution Approving The Scopes Of Work And Budgets For The Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grants And Matching Funds For The Fire Service Areas Of Butte, Fund 405, Project No. 20144; Caswell Lakes, Fund 405, Project No. 20150; Talkeenta, Fund 405, Project No. 20145; West Lakes, Fund 405, Project No. 20151; And Willow, Fund 405, Project No. 20146.

[OR 19-073](#) An Ordinance Reappropriating \$171,291 From The Planning Department Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget, Fund 100, To Fund 480, Project No. 20280, Transportation Planning - Operating Transfer - Update Of Long Range Transportation Plan and Official Streets And Highway Plan.

RS 19-056: A Resolution Approving The Amended Scope Of Work And Budget For Project No. 20280, Transportation Planning - Operating Transfer - Update Of Long Range Transportation Plan and Official Streets And Highway Plan.

[OR 19-074](#) An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$66,194 From The Enhanced 911 Fund Balance, Fund 202, To Project No. 45184, Fund 480, For Upgrades To Field Com 1 To Allow For Backup 911 Dispatch Capabilities.

RS 19-057: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Project No. 45184, Fund 480, For Upgrades To Field Com 1 To Allow For Backup 911 Dispatch Capabilities.

[OR 19-075](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$17,113 From The Mat-Su Trails And Parks Foundation; and Reappropriating \$4,419 From The 2015 Legislative Grant Match To Fund 430, Project No. 35299, For The Connecting Pathway From Folsom Drive To The Bogard Road Extension East Pathway.

RS 19-058: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Connecting Pathway Along Folsom Drive To Bogard Road East Pathway.

[OR 19-076](#) An Ordinance Reappropriating \$40,000 From The Human Resources Division's Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget, Fund 100, To Fund 480, Project No. 20316, Implementation Of A New Human Resources Information System.

RS 19-059: A Resolution Approving The Amended Scope Of Work And Budget For Project No. 20316, Implementation Of A New Human Resources Information System.

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 June 4, 2019. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 19-077](#) An Ordinance Returning The Responsibility For Major Construction Projects To The Public Works Department; And Repealing MSB 2.45, Capital Projects.

Sponsors: Sumner

[Clerk's Note: Ordinance Serial No. 19-077 was pulled from introduction at approval of the agenda and no action was taken.]

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

[19-079](#) Vacancy Report

Sponsors: Halter

Library Board

Susan Pougher, moving from At-Large to Palmer Position

Alice Williams, resignation

Trapper Creek RSA No. 30

Ryan Marsolais

Assemblymember Beck 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 Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

1. Any Possible Amendments to Mill Rates for Fiscal Year 2020 Budget

There were no mill rates to amend.

D. REFERRALS (For Referral To The Planning Commission For 90 Days Or Other Date Specified By The Assembly)

There were no referrals.

XI. RECONSIDERATION

There were no reconsiderations.

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos advised that should the Assembly like to adopt mill rates prior to budget appropriations, that it has to be done no later than Thursday to facilitate advertising.

Assemblymember Leonard queried that if he wanted to sponsor that legislation, when would it be due.

Ms. McKechnie stated that the Clerk's Office would need to have the title by Wednesday afternoon in order to advertise it.

Mr. Moosey thanked the body for the meeting. Stated that he will provide detailed information to the Assembly regarding the capital projects that are the subject of Ordinance Serial No. 19-060.

Assemblymember Sykes noted that information regarding the capital projects was include in its accompanying Informational Memorandum.

Mr. Mayor stated that he would like to have more information regarding the possible rock quarry at Wolverine Lake.

Mr. Moosey noted that surveying the possibility of that quarry was intended to see if it could generate revenue and not to destroy a neighborhood.

Assemblymember McKee stated that he is concerned about passing contracts without written project analysis attached.

Assemblymember Sykes noted that there has been a lot of activity in spring clean ups. Congratulated all the 2019 graduates.

Assemblymember Boeve noted that June 14 is the 4-year anniversary of the Sockeye Fire. Urged residents to call the burn hotline before any burning is done.

Assemblymember Mayfield noted differences in perspectives on replacement of fire equipment. Summarized his history of working with fire departments. Noted that there are remote areas that need proper equipment and that he is in support of that.

Assemblymember Sumner stated that he would like more in depth conversations about capital project completion time lines. Congratulated Assemblymember Sykes for being voted as Best Elected Official.

Assemblymember Leonard congratulated Assemblymember Sykes. Noted

that he does work hard for his constituents. Requested that members get their budget amendments in by Friday morning, so that they can be looked at over the weekend. Stated that he needs to be able to vet their impacts before he makes a decision. Stated that he does not feel right voting on amendments until he understands how they impact services and residents. Stated that he is in support of legislation that would prohibit a sitting member of the Assembly from entering into contracts with the Borough. Spoke to the need for more stringent controls over capital projects.

Ms. McKechnie advised that if there are any budget amendments, to get them to the Clerk's Office by Friday morning, as this would facilitate Ms. Heindel reviewing them and providing them to the Assembly and the public.

Assemblymember Beck spoke to the graduations that he attended last week. Noted it was inspiring to see the accomplishments the kids had made. Encouraged the Manager and the Assembly to have a broad vision as the budget process moves forward. Spoke to the need to be creative.

Mayor Halter stated that he will be attending the Memorial Day ceremony at the Veteran's Wall of Honor. Related that he will be writing a letter to State Legislators regarding the fact that because they have not kept their budget deadlines that it is impacting the Borough's ability to do so. Thanked Mr. Hays and the Police Powers Task Force for their ongoing work. Spoke in favor of amending the Fiscal Year 2020 budget with the Fiscal Year 2019 budget adopted. Noted that he is looking into making that happen.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.