

# 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

Michael Brown

## BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Nicholas Spiropoulos



## BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

Tim Hale, District 1  
Stephanie Nowers, District 2  
George McKee, District 3  
Robert Yundt, District 4  
Mokie Tew, District 5  
Jesse Sumner, District 6  
Tam Boeve, District 7

## MEETING MINUTES

### ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 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 Tim Hale, Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember George McKee, Assemblymember Ted Leonard, Assemblymember Dan Mayfield, Assemblymember Jesse Sumner, and Assemblymember Tam Boeve

## III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Halter introduced newly Elected Assemblymember Robert Yundt and Mr. Mike Brown who is the newly hired Borough Manager.

## IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. John Harris, State Lobbyist for the Borough.

Mayor Halter presented framed Borough seals to Assemblymembers Leonard and Mayfield in recognition of their service to the Borough.

## **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. State of Alaska**

There was no report provided.

### **B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

There was no report provided.

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

There were no reports provided.

### **C. MANAGER COMMENTS**

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

#### **2. Strategic Planning Issues**

#### **3. CARES Act Funds Update**

Ms. Heindel provided an update on the CARES Act funds that have been allocated to-date.

#### **D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

Mr. Spiropoulos related that there had been no new updated guidance from the United States Treasury regarding COVID funds. Noted that it had been on the news recently that there is a new Acting Attorney General for the State of Alaska. Stated that there has been statements made that a municipality does not have to have health powers to issue a mask mandate. Advised that the State has said they would support municipalities that do so. Related that the Mat-Su Borough is a second-class borough that does not have health powers and that means that it would not necessarily be legal for the Borough to do something like that. Advised that he has been contacted by numerous municipalities who would like to send a joint request for the Attorney General to issue a formal legal opinion not just make a statement of support at a press conference. Noted that if there is no objection that he will sign that letter of request.

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

#### **E. CLERK COMMENTS**

Ms. McKechnie spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule.

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

[20-159](#)

1. Big Lake RSA Board of Supervisors: 03/12/20, Resolution No. 20-01
  2. Chase Community Council: 07/15/20
  3. Greater Talkeetna RSA Board of Supervisors: 08/13/20
  4. Knik-Fairview Community Council: 08/19/20
  5. Louise/Susitna/Tyone Community Association: 07/18/20 (x2)
  6. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: 08/20/20
  7. Meadow Lakes Community Council: 09/09/20, 10/14/20
  8. Meadow Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: 02/06/20, 06/26/20
  9. MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission: 09/17/20, Resolution No. 20-04
  10. North Lakes Community Council: 05/28/20
  11. Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board: 08/24/20
  12. Planning Commission: 09/21/20, Resolution Nos. 20-035, 20-036
  13. Platting Board: 08/06/20, 08/20/20, 09/03/20
  14. Port Commission: 09/21/20
  15. South Colony RSA Board of Supervisors: Resolution No. 20-01
  16. Sutton Community Council: 04/29/20, 05/27/20, 06/24/20, 07/29/20, 08/26/20
  17. Tanaina Community Council: 09/22/20
  18. Talkeetna Sewer and Water Advisory Board: 02/05/20, 03/04/20, 07/01/20
  19. Trapper Creek Community Council: 09/17/20
  20. West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 08/10/20, 09/14/20
- The citizen and other correspondence were presented.

**G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS**

[IM 20-187](#)

Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 19-079B To Tutka, LLC. For Caswell Lakes Road At Caswell Creek Fish Passage Improvements.

[IM 20-198](#)

Informing The Assembly That An Amendment For The 2018 State Homeland Security Program Grant Will Be Presented To The Acting Borough Manager For Signature.

[IM 20-200](#)

Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 20-098B To Northern Asphalt Construction Inc. For Canter Circle.

[IM 20-201](#)

Informing The Assembly Of A Memorandum Of Agreement With The Willow Area Community Organization For The Community Assistance Program To Be Presented To The Acting Borough Manager For Signature.

- [IM 20-205](#) Informing The Assembly Of The Acting Borough Manager Issuing A Port Mackenzie Development Permit To Colaska, Inc. For The Installation Of A Temporary Silo And Truck Scale On Borough-Owned Lands Located Within Borough Tax Parcel ID Nos. 7170000T001 And 5909000T001-A (MSB007573).
- [IM 20-206](#) Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 20-088B To K&H Civil Constructors LLC. For Carillon Drive Improvements.
- [IM 20-207](#) Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Contract No. 20-089B To Western Construction & Equipment LLC. For Mark Drive Project.
- [IM 20-208](#) Informing The Assembly Of Administrative Changes To The Community Assistance Program Effective January 1, 2021.
- [IM 20-210](#) Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 20-112B To Northern Asphalt Construction Inc. For Earthquake Repairs PW 50, 68, 76 Project.
- [IM 20-212](#) Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 20-040B To Western Construction & Equipment, LLC. For Carmel Road Paving.
- [IM 20-213](#) Informing The Assembly Of The Intent To Convey Real Property With A Fair Market Value Less Than \$25,000 For The Purpose Of Limiting Borough Liability Across, Over, And Under A Private Access Easement Granted By The Borough In Accordance With MSB 23.10.110 (MSB007482).
- [IM 20-216](#) Informing The Assembly Of The Borough's Intent To Enter Into A Temporary Land Use Permit For A Five-Year Term With The University Of Alaska For An Existing Seismic Recording System Located On Borough-Owned Land, Known As Lot 3A, Glacier View School Site, Plat No. 76-102, Palmer Recording District, Seward Meridian, Alaska (MSB007591).
- [IM 20-223](#) Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 21-049B To Western Construction And Equipment, LLC. For Sutton Traffic Calming.
- [IM 20-224](#) Reporting Of Conclusion Of Contract For Bid No. 20-104B To Valley General Construction, LLC. For South Midway Streets Improvements. The informational memorandums were presented and no comments were noted.

## **VII. SPECIAL ORDERS**

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

There were no persons to be heard.

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

OR 20-025

An Ordinance Adopting MSB 17.68, Outdoor Shooting Facilities, In Order To Establish Standards For Commercial, Educational, And Nonprofit Outdoor Shooting Facilities.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mr. Alex Strawn, Planning and Land Use Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 20-025: Ms. Donna Anthony, Mr. Earl Lackey, Mr. Brian Endle, Mr. Mike Coons, Mr. Neal Moss, Mr. Robert Yundt, Mr. Verne Rupright, Mr. L.D. Howard, Mr. Jim Tester, Ms. Esther Huddleston, and Ms. Rachel Farmer.

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 20-025: Mr. Dave Musgrave, Mr. Warren Keogh, Ms. Mia Kirk, Mr. Franz Smayou, Mr. Norm Stout, Ms. Patricia Fisher, Ms. Eileen Probasco, Mr. Jerry Hupp, Mr. Mark Troutman, Mr. Rob Wells, and Ms. Lynn Fuller.

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

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. 20-025.**

**Assemblymember Hale moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 20-025, MSB 17.68.040(A)(2)(e), page 5 of the ordinance, by striking "(2)-(3)" and inserting "(3)-(4)" in it's place, to read: "certification by a professional civil engineer or other qualified professional registered in the state of Alaska under AS 08.48 that the facility is designed to meet the requirements of 17.68.050(A)(3)-(4)."**

**The primary amendment passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

**Assemblymember Hale moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 20-025, MSB 17.68.050(a)(3), page 7 of the ordinance by striking the words "backstops are a minimum of twenty feet in height and area constructed behind all targets" and the words "shall be" and by inserting the word "are" after the work "backstops" to read: "The proposed backstops are . . ." The primary amendment passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

**Assemblymember Hale moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 20-025, as outlined in the amendment packet labeled Assemblymember Hale amendments, to make the legislation apply to commercial outdoor shooting ranges only. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

**No:** 1 - Assemblymember Hale

**Assemblymember McKee moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 20-025 to a time certain of April 21, 2021. The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 3 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, and Assemblymember Sumner

**No:** 4 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Boeve

**Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 20-025, MSB 17.68.060(b) by striking the word "or" and inserting the words "the nearest structure" in its place.**

**Assemblymember Mayfield moved a secondary amendment by striking the word "structure" and inserting the word "building" in its place. The secondary amendment passed by the following vote:**



**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

**The primary amendment passed as amended by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Sumner

**No:** 2 - Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember Boeve

**The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Boeve

**No:** 2 - Assemblymember Leonard, and Assemblymember Sumner

[OR 20-088](#)

An Ordinance Annexing Five Properties Located On South Back Home Drive Into The Greater Butte Road Service Area No. 26, Without The Placement Of The Question On The Ballot And Finding That It Serves The Public Interest.

RS 20-088: A Resolution Finding The Annexation Of Five Properties Located On South Back Home Drive Into The Greater Butte Road Service Area No. 26 Serves The Public Interest.

The meeting recessed at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mr. Terry Dolan, Public Works Director, provided a staff report

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 20-088: Mr. John Nystrom.

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. 20-088 and Resolution Serial No. 20-088. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 20-091](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$189,076 From The United States Fish And Wildlife Service To Fund 410, Project No. 30114, For The Replacement Of Up To Two Culverts As Part Of The Fish Passage Improvement 2025 Project, Project No. 30114

RS 20-094: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Replacement Of Up To Two Culverts For Fish Passage Improvements 2025 Project, Project No. 30114.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mr. Terry Dolan, Public Works Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

**Assemblymember Mayfield moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 20-091 and Resolution Serial No. 20-094. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 20-092](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$417,889.19 In Grant Funds From The Alaska State Department Of Commerce, Community, And Economic Development, Division Of Community And Regional Affairs, Through The Willow Library Association, To Fund 435, Project No. 10186, The New Willow Library And Community Center Upgrades.

RS 20-097: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The New Willow Library And Community Center Upgrades Project, Fund 435, Project No. 10186.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mr. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

**Assemblymember Boeve moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 20-092 and Resolution Serial No. 20-097. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 20-093](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$2,400,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities.  
RS 20-098: A Resolution Approving The Amended Budgets, Amended Scope Of Work, Transfer Of Funds In The Amount Of \$191,181.25 From Collector Road Access To Machetanz Elementary (Also Known As Trunk Road Extension South), Fund 430; Roads And Bridges Capital Projects, Project No. 35402, To Felton Street Extension Project, Fund 430; Roads And Bridges Capital Projects, Project No. 35401; And Authorize The Manager To Enter Into A Transfer Of Responsibilities Agreement With The Alaska State Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities To Complete The Felton Street Extension Project, Project No. 35401.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mr. Brad Sworts, Acting Capital Projects Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

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

**Assemblymember Nowers moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 20-093 and Resolution Serial No. 20-098. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

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

The following persons spoke in opposition to a mask mandate for the Borough: Ms. Cynthia Nardini and Mr. Mike Coons.

The following person spoke to concerns with the public process and in support of a mask mandate: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

**D. CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. RESOLUTIONS**

- [RS 20-100](#) A Resolution Authorizing The Filing Of Applications With The Federal Transit Administration, An Operating Administration Of The United States Department Of Transportation, For Federal Transportation Assistance Authorized By 49 U.S.C Chapter 53, And For Any Title 23 United States Code And Other Federal Statutes Administered By The Federal Transit Administration.
- [RS 20-103](#) A Joint Resolution Of The Matanuska-Susitna Borough And The Municipality Of Anchorage In Favor Of The State Of Alaska Fully Funding School Bond Debt Reimbursement.
- [RS 20-105](#) A Resolution Approving State Legislative Priorities For Fiscal Year 2022.
- [RS 20-107](#) A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work For Project No. 10174 Fund 425, To Further Support Roof Repairs At Station 3-9.
- [RS 20-109](#) A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Matanuska Riverfront Trail Project Fund 440, Project No. 15043.

## **2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS**

- [AM 20-114](#) Award Of Bid No. 21-078B To Bauer Construction, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$119,534 For Social Barriers At The Dorothy Swanda Jones Building.
- [AM 20-115](#) Approval Of Change Order No. Two To Northern Asphalt Construction, Inc. To Extend The Completion Time To November 15, 2021, For Birch Lake Drive, Simms Road, And Spruce Court Improvements.
- [AM 20-116](#) Award Of Proposal No. 20-107P To Michael Baker International In The Contract Amount Of \$323,303 For The Design Of Point Mackenzie Rail Extension Bridge Repairs Required Due To 2018 Cook Inlet Earthquake Damage.
- [AM 20-119](#) Award Of Bid No. 21-066B To Consolidated Contracting & Engineering, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$429,444 For Solid Waste Division Fire Suppression Upgrades - Rebid.
- [AM 20-121](#) Authorizing The Acting Borough Manager To Sign The Enhanced 911 Surcharge Priorities Agreement For Fiscal Year 2021.

- [AM 20-122](#) Approval Of A Contract Amendment To Contract No. 21-052B With OT Enterprises LLC. Extending The Completion Date To June 30, 2021, For Sunshine Creek Circle Road Camping/Parking Improvements.
- [AM 20-125](#) Authorizing The Acting Borough Manager To Apply For A Grant And Loan Through The United State Department of Agriculture Rural Development Program, For The Proposed Septage Treatment Facility Fund 420, Project No. 25054.
- [AM 20-128](#) Award Of Contract 21-102C To Life-Assist In The Contract Amount Of \$105,650 To Purchase Automatic Transport Ventilators And Related Accessories For Patients.
- [AM 20-129](#) Award Of Contract 21-103Q To Seawestern, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$100,607.10 To Purchase Powered Air Purifying Respirators And Related Accessories For First Responders.
- [AM 20-130](#) Requesting Approval To Extend Contract No. 19-113B With Orion Construction To July 15, 2021, For The Talkeetna Wastewater Treatment Plan Upgrades Phase I Project.
- [AM 20-131](#) Award Of Bid No. 21-106C To World Wide Technology, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$201,237.84 For Cisco Enterprise Agreement.

Ms. McKechnie read the consent agenda into the record.

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

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[RS 20-108](#)

A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work For Capital And Operating Expenditures Utilizing Cares Act Money.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

**Assemblymember Nowers moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 20-088.**

**Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment to accompanying IM No. 20-220, by inserting No. 79, United Way, \$30,000 - United Way has partnered with local Mat-Su Borough daycare and childcare providers to purchase meal and snack items in bulk for young children November through December 30, 2020, in order to distribute pre-assembled sack meals to children experiencing food insecurity due to the effects of Covid-19 and this number may increase over the holidays. The childcare providers confirm that this need is directly related to the pandemic as more parents struggle financially with unemployment, reduced hours, and/or increased expenses due to the crisis.**

**The primary amendment passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

**The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[RS 20-110](#)

A Resolution Supporting Submittal Of A Bid To Host The 2024 Arctic Winter Games In The Matanuska-Susitna Borough.  
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Kim Sollien, Planning Services Manager, and Mr. John Rhodda, Vice President of the International Arctic Winter Games Committee, provided a staff report.

**Assemblymember Nowers moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 20-110.**

**Assemblymember Leonard moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 20-110, by striking the existing now, therefore, be it resolved clause in its entirety and inserting the following language in its place: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that any bid to host the Arctic Winter Games must be approved by the Assembly prior to submittal of the bid."**

**The primary amendment passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, and Assemblymember Boeve

**No:** 1 - Assemblymember Sumner

**The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

**No:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

[AM 20-117](#)

Award Of Bid No. 21-073B To New Horizons Telecom, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$199,891 For The Design Build Of A Telecommunication Tower For Station 8-2 In Big Lake.  
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mr. Ken Barkley, Department of Emergency Services Director, provided a staff report.

**Assemblymember Hale moved to adopt AM no. 20-117. The motion passed by the following vote:**



**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[AM 20-123](#) Approval Of Change Order Three To Contract No. 20-001P With Bezek, Durst, Seiser, Inc. In The Amount Of \$558,848 To Change The Scope Of Work To Allow Design, Repair, And Reconstruction Of The Houston Middle School Gymnasium Wing Project No. 55026.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

**Assemblymember McKee moved to adopt AM 20-123. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[AM 20-126](#) Award Of Bid No. 21-090B To CYS Enterprises, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$848,055 For Houston Middle School Demolition.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

**Assemblymember McKee moved to adopt AM 20-126. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[AM 20-127](#)

Award Of Bid No. 21-092B To Scarsella Brothers, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$541,551.50 For Michelle Drive Improvements.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Hale declared a conflict of interest as he works for Scarsella Brothers, Inc.

RULING: Mayor Halter ruled that Assemblymember Hale had a conflict of interest and would be recused.

[Clerk's Note: Assemblymember Hale was appearing telephonically but did not participate in discussion or in voting.]

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

**Assemblymember Mayfield moved to adopt AM 20-127.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **IX. VETO**

[RS 20-096](#)

A Resolution Approving Fiscal Year 2022 Borough Priorities And Project Funding.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor Halter queried if there was a motion to override the Mayoral Veto.

There was no motion made, the veto stands.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 12/01/20, Assembly Chambers)**

[OR 20-094](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$100,000 From The Mat-Su Health Foundation To Fund 480, Project No. 20396, Community Transit, For The Borough's Centralized Mobility Management Software Project.

RS 20-101: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget And Authorizing The Borough Manager To Enter Into A Grant Agreement For The Borough's Centralized Mobility Management Software Project.

[OR 20-095](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating Additional Disaster Relief Funds For The 2018 Cook Inlet Earthquake, Borough-Wide Emergency Protective Measures.

RS 20-102: A Resolution Approving The Amended Budget For Additional Disaster Relief Funds From The 2018 Cook Inlet Earthquake Disaster, Borough-Wide Emergency Protective Measures.

[OR 20-096](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating Fiscal Year 2021 Community Assistance Program Funds In The Amount Of \$299,991 To Fund 475, Project No. 47033.

RS 20-104: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Fiscal Year 2021 Community Assistance Program, Project No. 47033.

[OR 20-100](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 4.70.040(A) Meetings; Organization, To Change The Frequency Of Scheduled Wastewater And Septage Advisory Board Meetings From Monthly To Quarterly.

**Sponsors:** Halter

[OR 20-101](#) An Ordinance Reappropriating \$25,000 From Project No. 25020-2402; And \$40,542.05 From Project No. 25035-2407, To Project No. 25001, Fund 420, To Allow For The Purchase Of A Waste Container Roll-Off Trailer Pup.

RS 20-106: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Purchase Of A Waste Container Roll-Off Trailer Pup.

[OR 20-102](#) An Ordinance Of The Assembly Amending MSB 24.15.080, Euthanasia, In Order To Bring Borough Code Into Alignment With State Law.

[OR 20-103](#) An Ordinance Appropriating \$591,290 From The Areawide Fund Balance Fund 100.272.000, To Fund 410, Project No. 35000, For Bridge And Railroad Crossing Major Maintenance And Repair; And The Dust Control Program (50 Percent Road Service Area Construction and 50 Percent Dust Control).

[OR 20-104](#) An Ordinance Reappropriating \$1,000,000 From The Land Management Permanent Fund 203.262.400; Reappropriating \$165,000 From Jonesville Public Use Area Grant Match Fund 480, Project No. 47031; And Accepting And Appropriating \$70,600 Of Program Income To Fund 435, Project No. 10022, Mat-Su Convention And Visitors Center Bureau Gateway Center Project.

[OR 20-105](#) An Ordinance Repealing MSB 2.45 Capital Projects Department; And Amending MSB 2.44 Public Works Department.

**Sponsors:** Halter, Leonard and Sumner

[OR 20-106](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.15.030, Required Exemptions, Changing The Requirement Of Qualified Disabled Veterans To File A Disability Status Report Annually.

**Sponsors:** Nowers

[OR 20-107](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$56,500 From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management Grant Program To Fund 425, Project No. 45158, For Training And Equipment.

RS 20-111: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management Grant Project No. 45158, Fund 425, For Training And Equipment.

[OR 20-108](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A \$19,000 Grant From The Mat-Su Trails And Parks Foundation Association For The Design Of The Extension Of The East Nelson Road Pedestrian/Bike Path, Phase II Project, Fund 430, Project No. 35468.

RS 20-112: A Resolution Approving The Amended Budget For The Extension Of The East Nelson Road Pedestrian/Bike Path Phase II Project, Fund 430, Project No. 35468.

[OR 20-109](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating Donations In The Amount Of \$10,000 To Fund 435, Project No. 10186, For The New Willow Library Project.

RS 20-113: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The New Willow Library Project, Fund 435, Project No. 10186.

[OR 20-110](#) An Ordinance Reappropriating \$250,000 From The Alaska Liquid Natural Gas Project Reserve Fund 100.260.460 To Fund 480, Project No. 47533, For The 2024 Arctic Winter Games.

RS 20-114: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The 2024 Arctic Winter Games Project.

[OR 20-111](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$7,225 Of Revenues From Fiscal Year 2021 General Fixed Asset Sales Into Project No. 10151, Fund 435; Amending The Scope Of Work From Fiscal Year 2019 Project No. 10176-1906, Fund 435, Sidewalk Repair; Reappropriating \$146,065.80 From Project No. 45168, Fund 480, Into Project No. 10151, Fund 435, For An Animal Care Facility Kennel Restoration And Remodel Project To Ensure Animal Care Best Practices And Improve Safety For Staff And Volunteers.

RS 20-115: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Amending The Budget For Project No. 10151, Fund 435, For A Facility Kennel Restoration And Remodel Project To Ensure Animal Care Best Practices And Improve Safety For Employees And Volunteers.

[OR 20-112](#)

An Ordinance Accepting and Appropriating Additional Funds Of \$375,792 From The Alaska State Department Of Military And Veterans Affairs For Emergency Federal Highway Administration Road Repairs Caused By The 2018 Cook Inlet Earthquake Disaster, Project No. 55027.

RS 20-117: A Resolution Approving The Amended Scope Of Work And Budget For Emergency Road Repairs Caused By The 2018 Cook Inlet Earthquake, Project No. 55027.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

**Assemblymember Mayfield moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and to set the public hearings for December 1, 2020. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

**B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

## 1. Vacancy Report

### Agriculture Advisory Board

Mark Stahl

Cody Beus

Resignation of Jenny VanderWeele

Steven Sawyer

### Board of Adjustment and Appeals

Claudia Roberts

### Enhanced 911 Advisory Board

Jacob Butcher

### Health & Social Services Board

Kathryn Swartz

Amy Gorn

Leslie Berberich

### Historical Preservation Commission

Andrew Schweisthal

Jake Anders

### Library Board

Georgia Knazovich, Resigning At-Large Seat to move to  
Wasilla Seat

### Local Emergency Planning Committee

Jesse Christensen

William Morrow

Kara Cahill

### MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission

Andrew Couch

Tamara Boeve

### Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board

Chris Wilson

### Transportation Advisory Board

LaQuita Chmielowski

### Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board

Gina Jorgensen

Michael Campfield

### Butte Fire Service Area

Gregory Nilsson

### Caswell Fire Service Area

Randale Sparks

### Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area

David Eller

Lucas Szipszky  
Resignation of Dan Tucker  
Greater Palmer Consolidated Fire Service Area  
Barry Mothershead  
West Lakes Fire Service Area  
Randall Newcomb  
Cindy Michaelson  
Alpine Road Service Area  
Ronald Forsyth  
Big Lake Road Service Area  
William Haller  
Caswell Lakes Road Service Area  
Donna McBride  
Gold Trail Road Service Area  
Colin Fay  
Greater Butte Road Service Area  
Michael Shields  
Greater Talkeenta Road Service Area  
William Fitzgerald  
Greater Willow Road Service Area  
William Dale  
Midway Road Service Area  
Daniel Tucker  
South Colony Road Service Area  
Rhonda Stark  
Talkeetna Sewer and Water Service Area  
Andrew Haag  
James Kellard

**Assemblymember Mayfield moved to approve the resignations and appointments as requested by the Mayor with terms to begin as indicated on the vacancy report. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[20-161](#) Mayoral Requests for Confirmation

**Sponsors:** Halter

## C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Recruitment of a New Borough Manager

no report.

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

## XI. RECONSIDERATION

### MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos noted that this is Assemblymember Leonard's last meeting. Thanked him for his service. Stated that he appreciates his insight and math skills. Wished him safe travels in his commute. Responded to the audience participation testimony opposing a mask mandate, that the Borough can only require that masks be worn in buildings that are owned by the Borough and not on a Borough-Wide basis.

Mr. Hays congratulated Mr. Mike Brown for being selected as Borough Manager. Stated that he is looking forward to working with him again. Advised that the School Funding Committee and the Tax Cap Committee will need a new Assembly member appointed to them. Advised that he will bring up that subject again after the newly elected members are seated.

Assemblymember Sumner volunteered to fill those positions.

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

Ms. McKechnie noted that it is always hard to say goodbye to someone you have worked with for a long period of time. Thanked Assemblymembers Leonard and Mayfield for their support of her office.

Assemblymember McKee spoke in support of the use of portables for schools.

**Assemblymember Mayfield moved to suspend the rules and to extend the meeting past 10 p.m. and not to exceed 10:15 p.m. The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Leonard, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve



Assemblymember Sumner stated that it was a pleasure to work with Assemblymembers Leonard and Mayfield. Congratulated Mr. Brown on being selected as the new Borough Manager. Stated that he looks forward to working with him.

Assemblymember Leonard thanked Mayor Halter for his leadership during a very interesting three years. Noted the earthquake, fires, floods, cyber-attack, and now the pandemic. Opined that his leadership has been amazing. Commented that it has been a privilege to work with the Assembly. Thanked Assemblymember Mayfield for his service over two terms. Thanked the Clerk and the Attorney for their hard work and noted that he has not worked with anyone more talented than them. Congratulated Mr. Brown on his new position. Stated that the Directors are very talented and he hopes that Mr. Brown recognizes that. Noted that Ms. Heindel is the most talented chief financial officer he has ever worked with. Spoke to his appreciation of everyone and thanked them for their hard work.

Assemblymember Boeve noted that she has enjoyed working with Assemblymember Leonard. Noted that as a newly elected official when the earthquake hit, that she was very overwhelmed. Related that Assemblymember Leonard's consideration and thoughtfulness made a big impact on her during that time.

Assemblymember Nowers stated that she wishes well to all outgoing Assembly Members. Advised that people have asked me what it is like being on the Assembly. Related that she tells them that even though there are many different viewpoints, that everyone is interested in solving problems. Thanked Assemblymembers Leonard and Mayfield for their service.

Assemblymember Mayfield noted that he has worked with many members over his two terms. Thanked Mayor Halter for having been a mentor to him. Stated that he has learned something from all the Assembly Members that he has worked with. Noted that it is largely a collaborative effort working on the Assembly. Noted some of his accomplishments during his services. Opined that all in all the Assembly has done a lot of good work on behalf of their constituents. Welcomed Mr. Brown and stated that he is looking forward to seeing where his leadership takes the Borough.

Assemblymember Hale thanked Assemblymembers Leonard and Mayfield for their service. Stated that it has been an honor and privilege to work with them.

Mayor Halter spoke to the quality of the character of Assemblymembers

Leonard and Mayfield. Noted that he will miss them quite a bit. Stated that they are at the top of those I have worked with. Stated that their commitments to their districts are wonderful. Stated that he has always enjoyed the different personalities on the Assembly. Noted that having different viewpoints is a good thing and that he is looking forward to working with the new Assembly Members. Spoke in appreciation of the staff reports. Thanked Mr. Krafft for stepping up as Acting Deputy Borough Manager. Thanked Mr. Hays for keeping the Borough on a steady course while he was Acting Borough Manager. Related that their hard work has not gone unnoticed. Related that he wrote letters to the Port Commission and the Wastewater Septage Advisory Board requesting that they take their meetings to quarterly instead of monthly. Requested that if there are any complaints to direct them to him. Thanked the Clerk's Office for their hard work on the election. Welcomed Mr. Brown to his new position.

### **XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session conducted.

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.