

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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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, JULY 20, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, 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 Robert Yundt, Assemblymember Mokie Tew, Assemblymember Jesse Sumner, and Assemblymember Tam Boeve

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Halter noted that there are seven local improvement district (LID's) that are up for public hearing. Queried if there was any objection to taking the two LID's that passed together and the 5 that failed together.

There was no objection noted.

The agenda passed as amended without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

[21-151](#)

A. Special Meeting Minutes: 06/15/21

B. Regular Meeting Minutes: 06/15/21

C. Special Meeting Minutes: 06/22/21

The minutes were approved as presented without objection.

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

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

1. Reports From Cities

Mayor Glenda Ledford, city of Wasilla , reported on the activities of the city.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

There was no report provided.

3. State of Alaska

Mr. Todd Smoldon, Executive Director of Governor Dunleavy's Mat-Su Office, reported on the status of the Governor's budget working group and a possible special legislative session.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee On School Issues

Assemblymember Nowers reported on the most recent activities of the committee.

2. Assembly Public Relations

There were no reports provided.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

Mr. John Harris, State Lobbyist for the Borough reported on the activities of Governor Dunleavy's Budget Task Force and the status of constitutional issues that would need to be on the ballot at the next State election.

2. Strategic Planning Issues

Mr. Brown related that the Alaska Chapter of the American Planning Association, announced the “Matanuska-Susitna Borough Hazard Mitigation Plan 2020 Update” has won the 2021 APA AK Best Public Engagement in a Planning Project award. Stated that this award recognizes the public engagement aspects of planning and its effectiveness in supporting good planning, such as creative outreach activities and involvement methods. Noted that this award was given due to the hard work of Ms. Taunnie Boothby, Ms. Pamela Graham, Mr. Adam Bradway, and Mr. Eric Goudey. Stated that Mr. Adam Bradway, Planner I, was the recipient of the Emerging Planner of the Year award by the Alaska Chapter of the American Planning Association. Expressed his congratulations to the award recipients.

3. Ecommerce Update

Mr. Eric Wyatt , Information and Technology Director, reported on what the Borough's current Ecommerce looks like and what improvements can be made.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

There was no report provided.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie reported on the upcoming meeting schedule.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

[21-154](#)

1. Big Lake RSA Board of Supervisors: 04/10/21
2. Chickaloon Community Council: 04/14/21
3. Enhanced 911 Advisory Board: 04/13/21
4. Greater Talkeenta RSA Board of Supervisors: 05/13/21, 06/10/21
5. Knik-Fairview Community Council: 05/19/21, Resolution No. 21-02, Resolution No. 21-03
6. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: 05/20/21
7. Meadow Lakes Community Council: 04/14/21, 05/12/21
8. Planning Commission: 05/17/21, 06/07/21, Resolution Nos. 21-11, 21-12, 21-13
9. Platting Board: 04/15/21
10. Susitna Community Council: 04/01/21
11. Sutton Community Council: 04/28/21
12. Tanaina Community Council: 06/08/21, 06/22/21
13. Trapper Creek Community Council: 05/20/21
14. West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 03/08/21, 04/12/21

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

[IM 21-126](#)

Informing The Assembly Of Grant Amendments From The Department Of Military And Veterans' Affairs For The 2018 Cook Inlet Earthquake That Are To Be Presented To The Borough Manager For Signature.

[IM 21-127](#)

Reporting The Conclusion Of Contract Bid No. 21-077B With JGH Plumbing & Heating, Inc. For The Wasilla Pool Shower Improvements For The Final Contract Amount Of \$488,313.03.

[IM 21-133](#)

Informing The Assembly Of The Manager Entering Into An All Cash Purchase Agreement With A Lessee To Purchase By Application The Alaska Division Of Lands, Lease Nos. 56717, 56714 And 56718, The Fee Simple Estate Of Borough-Owned Land.

[IM 21-138](#)

Informing The Assembly Of The Managers Signature On, And The Submittal Of, The Annual Grant Application To The Alaska Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management For A Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant Requesting \$341,020 In Funding.

[IM 21-142](#)

Advising The Assembly Of A Correction To Ordinance Serial No. 16-135 Due To A Transposed Number In A Parcel Description.

- [IM 21-146](#) Informing The Assembly Of A Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Alaska State Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities And The Borough That Will Be Presented To The Manager For Signature For Community Transportation Program Funding That Will Provide A Match To The Borough's 2018 Transportation System Bond Package.
- [IM 21-149](#) Informing The Assembly Of The Managers Signature On, And The Submittal Of, A Grant Application To The Alaska Sustainable Salmon Fund Requesting \$962,000 For Fish Passage Improvements.
- [IM 21-150](#) Informing The Assembly Of The Managers Signature On, And The Electronic Submittal Of, A Broadband Infrastructure Program Grant From The United States Department Of Commerce, National Telecommunications And Information Administration, In Partnership With The Matanuska Telephone Association.
- [IM 21-154](#) Informing The Assembly Of A Memorandum Of Agreement Between The Alaska State Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities And The Borough That Will Be Presented To The Manager For Signature For The Community Transportation Program Funding For Maintenance And Operations Of Hemmer Road Upgrade And Extension Project.
- [IM 21-157](#) Reporting Manager Waivers Of Formal Bidding Procedures In Accordance With MSB 3.08.320(B), June 2021.
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 21-050](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$20,980 From The Mat-Su Trails And Parks Foundation To Project No. 15040, Fund 440, To Continue Development Of The Settler's Bay Coastal Park.

RS 21-055: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Settlers Bay Coastal Park, Project No.15040, Fund 440, For Continued Park Development.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

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

Mayor Halter reopened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Tew moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-050 and Resolution Serial No. 21-055.

Assemblymember Boeve moved a primary amendment to IM No. 21-100, to replace the current grant agreement. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

Assemblymember Boeve moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 21-055 and IM No. 21-100, by replacing the current fiscal note and budget. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 21-054](#) An Ordinance Creating North Preston Avenue And West Sunflower Drive Road Paving Local Improvement District No. 614, 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.

[OR 21-055](#) An Ordinance Creating North Baron Street Road Paving Local Improvement District No. 615, 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.

[OR 21-056](#) An Ordinance Creating West Phalarope And West Cormorant Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 616, 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.

[OR 21-057](#) An Ordinance Creating Moose Park Subdivision Road Paving Local Improvement District No. 620, 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.

[OR 21-061](#)

An Ordinance Creating Asbury Court & Shangrila Lane Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 632, 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.

Ms. Marcia vonEhr, Document Specialist and Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney, provided a staff report.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke to questions he had regarding Ordinance Serial No. 21-061: Mr. John Brunton.

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 Nos. 21-054, 21-055, 21-056, 21-057, and 21-061. The motion failed by the following vote:

No: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 21-058](#)

An Ordinance Creating North Suzanna Street Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 625, 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.

[OR 21-059](#)

An Ordinance Creating 2501 South Ridgecrest Road Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 636, 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.

Ms. Marcia vonEhr, Document Specialist, 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 Nos. 21-058 and 21-059. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

[OR 21-062](#)

An Ordinance Reappropriating \$51,430.64 From Fund 435, Project No. 10063, And \$5,001 From Fund 410, Project No. 30114; To Fund 480, Project No. 47018, Matanuska River Erosion Dispute Resolution.

RS 21-065: A Resolution Amending The Scopes Of Work And Budgets For Project No. 10063, Dorothy Swanda Jones Administration Building Annex; Project No. 30114, Fish Passage Improvements; Project No. 47500, Maintenance Shop Equipment/Upgrade; And The Matanuska River Erosion Dispute Resolution Project, Project No. 47018.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mr. George Hays, Deputy Borough Manager, 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 Hale moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-062 and Resolution Serial No. 21-065. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Hale, and Assemblymember Boeve

No: 5 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, and Assemblymember Sumner

OR 21-063

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$70,000 From The Alaska State Office Of History And Archaeology To Fund 435, Project No. 10182, Log Cabin Rehabilitation; And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into The Grant Agreement.

RS 21-068: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Stabilization And Rehabilitation Of The Old Willow Log Cabin.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. Liesel Weiland, Comptroller, 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. 21-063 and Resolution Serial No. 21-068. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)

The following person spoke in opposition to OR 21-070 and spoke in support of taxing Borough gravel that is exported outside the Borough: Mr. Jade Laughlin, Central Gravel Products owner.

The following person spoke in support of Ecommerce advances that have been made since he was an Assembly Member; related that a past Assembly had eliminated the tax on gravel because it cost more to administer it than the revenue that was generated; and opined that the Assembly should conduct a work session on the subject: Mr. Steve Colligan, former member of the Assembly.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

- [RS 21-077](#) A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work For Fiscal Years 2011 Through 2017 Community Assistance Program, To Allow Lazy Mountain Community Council To Provide Funding To Three Local Non-Profits That Provide Public Benefit To The Lazy Mountain Community.
- [RS 21-078](#) A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Caswell Lake / Hidden Hills Grade Crossing Signal System Upgrade Project.
- [RS 21-080](#) A Resolution Approving The Amended Budgets To Move Funds From The Fireweed Building Asbestos Abatement And Improvements To The Network Operations Center Roof Replacement.

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

- [AM 21-058](#) Award Of Bid No. 21-170B To Specialized Pavement Marking, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$156,527.43 For 2021 Road Striping.
- [AM 21-059](#) Authorization To Purchase Sodium Chloride From Bering Marine Corporation For \$780,000.
- [AM 21-060](#) Approval Of Contract Extension To Contract No. 21-066B With Consolidated Contracting & Engineering, LLC. To Extend The Completion Date to October 31, 2021, For The Solid Waste Division Fire Upgrades.
- [AM 21-061](#) Approval Of Contract Extension For Contract No. 20-077P With CRW Engineering Group LLC. To Extend The Completion Date to June 30, 2022, For The Design Of Central Mat-Su Emergency Services Training Complex.
- [AM 21-062](#) Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With Delta Medical LLC. For Emergency Medical Services In The Lake Louise Area For The Contract Period Of July 1, 2021, Through June 30, 2022, In The Amount Of \$15,000.
- [AM 21-063](#) Approval Of Amendment To Contract No. 20-146P To Kinney Engineering For The Official Streets And Highways Plan Update To Extend The Project Completion Date To June 13, 2022.

[AM 21-064](#) Award Of Bid No. 21-176B To Valley General Construction LLC. In The Contract Amount of \$466,687 For Golden, Rainbow, Indigo, & Gray Road Improvements.

[AM 21-065](#) Award Of Bid No. 21-181B To Rain Proof Roofing In The Contract Amount Of \$174,160 For The MSB Administration Building GIS Area Roof Replacement.

[AM 21-067](#) Requesting To Vacate The 33-Foot Wide Section Line Easement Lying Within Tract A, Goodwin Estates Phase 1 (Plat #2020-73) And The 33-Foot Wide Section Line Easement Lying West Of East Tex-Al Drive Within Tax Parcel A1, Located Within Sections 10 & 15, Township 18 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian, Lying Directly South Of East Tex-Al Drive, West Of North Trinity View Drive, And North Of Dandy Lake.

[AM 21-068](#) Approval Of Additional Change Order Authority For Contract No. 21-051B With Roger Hickel Construction, Inc. In The Amount Of \$200,000 For The Willow Library Construction And Community Center Upgrades.

[AM 21-069](#) Authorization To Enter Into A Utilities Reimbursable Services Agreement With The Alaska Railroad For The Caswell Lake / Hidden Hills Grade Crossing Signal System Upgrade In The Amount Of \$198,015.

[AM 21-070](#) Authorization To Enter Into A Contract With SurvBase LLC. In The Amount \$185,000 For The Port MacKenzie Rail Extension For Ongoing Geomatics Support/Survey Tasks.

[AM 21-071](#) Requesting Approval To Extend Period Of Performance Under HDL Engineering Consultants LLC. Contract No. 20-118P To June 30, 2022, For Geotechnical Services Not To Exceed \$100,000 In Fiscal Year 2022.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

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

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

No: 2 - Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Yundt

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[OR 21-051](#) An Ordinance Approving A Supplemental Appropriation Of \$1,500,000 From The Unrestricted Net Assets In The Solid Waste Division Enterprise Fund, Fund 510, To Solid Waste Project No. 25029, Fund 420, To Procure Gravel Removal Services At The Central Landfill.
RS 21-056: A Resolution Establishing The Project, Scope Of Work, And Budget For A Supplemental Appropriation Of \$1,500,000 From The Unrestricted Net Assets In The Solid Waste Division Enterprise Fund, Fund 510, To Solid Waste Project No. 25029, Fund 420, To Procure Gravel Removal Services At The Central Landfill.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

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

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Nowers moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 21-051. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

No: 2 - Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Tew

IX. VETO

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 08/03/21, Assembly Chambers)

[OR 21-064](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating Additional Relief Monies Of \$271,375.20 For The September 2012 Southcentral Flood Disaster.
RS 21-070: A Resolution Amending The Budget For The September 2012 Southcentral Flood Disaster Relief Monies.

[OR 21-065](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.15.070 (B) And (E), Assessment Procedure, To Correct And Define; And Amending MSB 3.15.170, Mobile Homes, To Correct Wording.

[OR 21-066](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 25.45.040(B), Election Recount, To Instruct The Canvass Board To Review The Write-In Votes And To Count Those Write-In Votes For Those Candidates Whose Name Appears On The Ballot And For Official Write-In Candidates.

Sponsors: Boeve

[OR 21-067](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 2.29, Office Of Administrative Hearings, To Allow The Clerk To Hire State Of Alaska Administrative Law Judges When Borough Hearing Officers Are Unavailable.

[OR 21-068](#) An Ordinance Approving The Land Classification Of Certain Borough-Owned Lands Proposed For Inclusion In The 2021 Competitive Sealed Bid Land Sale And Future Land Sales; And Classification Of A Parcel To Be Retained For Public Recreation Purpose.

[OR 21-069](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$560,600 In Anticipated Project Income During Fiscal Year 2022 For The Rail Extension Project From Port MacKenzie To The Mainline.
RS 21-071: A Resolution Establishing The Scope Of Work And Budget For Anticipated Project Income During Fiscal Year 2022 For The Rail Extension Project From Port MacKenzie To The Mainline.

[OR 21-070](#) An Ordinance Establishing A Tax On Certain Natural Resources Whenever The Natural Resource Is Severed And Removed From Property Within The Borough And Providing For Penalties For Failure To Pay Taxes Due By Adopting MSB 3.55, Natural Resource Severance Tax.

Sponsors: Yundt

[OR 21-071](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$50,000 From the Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services To Provide Financial Assistance To The Borough For COVID-19 Vaccine Support Services.
RS 21-073: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services Grant To Provide Financial Assistance To The Borough For COVID-19 Vaccine Support Services.

[OR 21-072](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A Grant In The Amount Of \$50,000 From The Alaska State Division Of Forestry To Operate Collection Sites And Dispose Of Dead Slash From Beetle Killed Trees For Mat-Su Residents.
RS 21-074: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Forestry Grant To Operate Collection Sites And Dispose Of Dead Slash From Beetle Killed Trees For Mat-Su Residents.

- [OR 21-073](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$10,519,653.50 In American Rescue Plan Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds From The United States Treasury Department.
RS 21-075: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The American Rescue Plan Coronavirus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.
- [OR 21-074](#) An Ordinance Extending The Appropriation Of \$1.9 Million In Match Money For A \$9.6 Million Grant From The United States Economic Development Agency From Fiscal Year 2023 Through Fiscal Year 2025.
- [OR 21-076](#) An Ordinance Relating To The Construction, Additions, Improvements, Betterments, Repair, Reconstruction, Or Acquisition Of Public Roads And Facilities Related Thereto In The Matanuska-Susitna Borough, Together With All Necessary Equipment And Transportation Facilities Including Improving School Access, And The Acquisition Of Lands Or Rights In Lands In Connection Therewith, And A Debt Of The Borough, Authorizing The Issuance Of Areawide General Obligation Bonds Of The Borough In An Amount Not To Exceed The Sum Of \$73,685,000 To Finance The Cost, In Whole Or In Part, Of Such Public Roads, Facilities, And Lands; And Submitting The Proposition To The Voters At The November 2, 2021, Regular Borough Election.
OR 21-077: An Ordinance Adopting MSB 1.10.170 And MSB 3.35, 1.5 Percent Areawide Sales Tax For Transportation Systems Projects, Implementing A 1.5 Percent Sales Tax Within The Entire Matanuska-Susitna Borough Beginning On July 1, 2022, For A Period Of Five Years, Or Until \$73,685,000 Is Collected, Whichever Is Earlier, And Then Expire; And Submitting The Proposition To The Voters At The November 2, 2021, Regular Borough Election.
- [OR 21-078](#) An Ordinance Enacting MSB 1.10.170, Codifying The Power To Restrict Motorized Equipment On Lakes And Waterways Within The Matanuska-Susitna Borough.
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.
Assemblymember Boeve moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and to set the public hearings for August 3, 2021. The motion passed by the following vote:
Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

[21-156](#)

Mayoral Requests for Confirmation
Aviation Advisory Board
Randy Durham
Commission on Salaries and Emoluments
Jessica Viera
Linda Conover
Library Board
Marci Hawkins
Planning Commission
Jason Ortiz, resignation
Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board
Ron Phillips, resignation
Midway RSA No. 9
Lisa Harrison

Assemblymember Boeve moved to confirm the appointments and resignations requested by the Mayor. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Boeve

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

Assemblymember Yundt noted that he feels bad that a resident's home could fall into the river. Noted that the owner rejected the opportunity to participate in the buy-out program when it was active.

Assemblymember Tew spoke in support of AM 21-058, which is the contract for striping roads. Expressed concern that it was not issued earlier in the year.

Mayor Halter opined that it was a good and productive meeting.

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

A. Union Contract Negotiations

Assemblymember Boeve moved to enter into executive session, for matters, which the immediate public knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the borough; and matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be kept confidential; and to discuss matters involving consideration of borough records that by law are not subject to public disclosure; and discussion of matters subject to the attorney client privilege. Specifically, to discuss union contract negotiations. Those present in the executive session will be the Mayor, the Assembly, the Manager, the Deputy Manager, the Attorney, the Clerk, the Human Resources Director, and Mr. Will Earnhart, outside Counsel.

The motion passed with Assemblymembers McKee and Tew opposed and the Assembly entered into executive session at 7:37 p.m.

Assemblymember Boeve moved to exit executive session.

The motion passed without objection and the Assembly exited executive session at 8:29 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.