

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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BOROUGH MAYOR

Edna DeVries

BOROUGH CLERK

Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC

BOROUGH MANAGER

Michael Brown

BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Nicholas Spiropoulos



BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

Tim Hale, District 1
Stephanie Nowers, District 2
Dee McKee, District 3
Robert Yundt, District 4
Mokie Tew, District 5
Jesse Sumner, District 6
Ron Bernier, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Robert Yundt, Assemblymember Mokie Tew, Assemblymember Jesse Sumner, and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

Excused: 1 - Assemblymember Tim Hale

Telephonic: 1 - Assemblymember Dee McKee

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Assemblymember Sumner.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

[22-088](#)

- A. Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes: 04/19/22
 - B. Assembly Special Meeting Minutes: 04/26/22
 - C. Assembly Special Meeting Minutes: 04/28/22
 - D. Assembly Special Meeting Minutes: 05/02/22
 - E. Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes: 05/03/22
 - F. Assembly Special Meeting Minutes: 05/04/22
 - G. Assembly Special Meeting Minutes: 05/10/22
 - H. Assembly Special Meeting Minutes: 05/12/22
- The minutes were approved as 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

Mr. Todd Smoldon, Executive Director of Governor Dunleavy's Mat-Su Office, reported on the status of the Governor's budget, the amount of this year's permanent fund dividend, and the possible energy assistance distribution.

4. Tanaina Community Council

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 was no report provided.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

2. Strategic Planning Issues

Mike Brown, Borough Manager, noted that Scott Williamson, the Emergency Medical Services Chief is moving and resigning his position. Stated that he wishes him the best. Noted that on the Memorial Day weekend, the Department of Emergency Services responded to 195 emergency calls from Friday evening to Monday evening. These calls included 16 wildland fires under an acre; 5 structure fires; 9 motor vehicle accidents, and 2 plane crashes. Stated that the department averaged 50 calls per day, but that there were no fatalities and all calls were responded to in a timely fashion. Requested that the Assembly schedule a special meeting for August 2, at 3:30 p.m.

Mayor DeVries queried if there was any objection to scheduling this meeting.

Mayor any objection to meeting?

There was no objection noted.

Mr. Brown introduced the new Public Works Director, Tom Adams.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

There was no report provided.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk, reported on the upcoming meeting schedule and pertinent election dates.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

[22-106](#)

1. Animal Care and Regulation Board: 09/23/21, AC&R 22-01 Final Decision
2. Big Lake Community Council: 03/08/22
3. Big Lake RSA Board of Supervisors: 04/13/22, Resolution Nos. 22-01, 22-02
4. Central Mat-Su FSA Board of Supervisors: 03/14/22
5. Chickaloon Community Council: 01/12/21, 02/09/22
6. Greater Palmer Consolidated FSA Board of Supervisors: 01/05/22
7. Greater Talkeetna RSA Board of Supervisors: 04/14/22
8. Local Emergency Planning Committee: 01/19/22
9. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: 04/21/22, Resolution No. 22-03
10. Meadow Lakes Community Council: 02/09/22, 03/09/22
11. MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission: 03/17/22, 04/21/22, Resolution Nos. 22-02, 22-03
12. Planning Commission: 05/02/22, Resolution Nos. 22-08, 22-10, 22-11, 22-17
13. Susitna Community Council: 04/07/22
14. Talkeetna Sewer and Water Advisory Board: 10/06/21, 12/01/21
15. Tanaina Community Council: 04/26/22, Resolution No. 22-01
16. West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 03/14/22, 04/11/22

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

[IM 22-131](#)

Reporting The Conclusion Of Contract For Bid 21-066B With Consolidated Contracting & Engineering LLC. For A Final Contract Amount Of \$430,854.57 For The Solid Waste Division Fire Upgrades Project.

[IM 22-141](#)

Informing The Assembly Of The Manager Signature On And Submittal Of The Required Application Forms For The Receipt Of A \$385,000 Federal Earmark From The United States Forest Service For The Mat-Su Beetle Kill Fire Reduction Initiative.

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.)

none

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)

[OR 22-032](#)

An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The North Suzanna Street Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 625 And Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments And Making Refunds To Property Owners.

OR 22-033: An Ordinance Providing For The Financing Not To Exceed \$35,000 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Internal Service Funds For The North Suzanna Street Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 625, And Fixing Details Of Said Financing.

Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk, read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Yundt moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 22-032 and 22-033. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

[OR 22-034](#)

An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The 2501 South Ridgecrest Road Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 636 And Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments And Making Refunds To Property Owners.

OR 22-035: An Ordinance Providing For The Financing Not To Exceed \$9,000 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Internal Service Funds For The 2501 South Ridgecrest Road Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 636, And Fixing Details Of Said Financing.

Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk, read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 22-034 and 22-035. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

[OR 22-064](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$18,910.75 From The Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant Program, And Appropriating \$1,891.08 In Matching Funds For Firefighter And Firefighting Equipment, Supplies, And Clothing.
RS 22-053: 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 West Lakes, Caswell, Talkeetna, And Willow.
Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk, read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 22-064 and Resolution Serial No. 22-053. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

[OR 22-065](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating COVID-19 Disaster Relief Funds Of \$23,037.75 From The Federal Emergency Management Agency.
RS 22-054: A Resolution Approving The Amended Budget For COVID-19 Disaster Relief Funds.
Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk, read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 22-065 and Resolution Serial No. 22-054. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

[OR 22-066](#)

An Ordinance Reappropriating \$25,000 From The Finance Department Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget To The Gateway Visitor Center Project For A Cultural Resource Survey On The Future Site Of The Gateway Visitor Center.

RS 22-055: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For A Cultural Resource Survey On The Future Site Of The Gateway Visitor Center.

Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk, read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries 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. 22-066 and Resolution Serial No. 22-055. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

[OR 22-067](#)

An Ordinance Reappropriating \$500,000 From Fiscal Year 2020 State And Federal Transportation Grant Match To Transportation System Road Paving Projects For Caswell Lakes Road, Bendapole Road, And Passthebait Avenue.

RS 22-057: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Road Paving Projects For Caswell Lakes Road, Bendapole Road, And Passthebait Avenue.

Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk, read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

Assemblymember Bernier moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 22-067 and Resolution Serial No. 22-057. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

[OR 22-070](#) An Ordinance Amending MSB 25.35.080, Counting Absentee Ballots,
To Adopt Policies For The Canvass Board For Absentee Ballots For The
Subsequent Death Of A Voter, If The Ballot Was Properly Cast.
Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk, read the legislation into the record
and provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

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

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial
No. 22-070. The motion passed by the following vote:**

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)

The following person spoke to concerns with election integrity: Richard
Stoffel.

The following person spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No.
22-051: Patrick Martin.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Tew noted he has done
business in the past with Ficklin Construction, but it would not alter his
judgment.

RULING: Mayor DeVries ruled that Assemblymember Tew does not
have a conflict of interest on legislation regarding Ficklin Construction.

1. RESOLUTIONS

[RS 22-058](#) A Resolution Amending The Scopes Of Work For The
Borough-Wide Comprehensive Plan Update And The Stormwater
Management Plan.

[RS 22-060](#) A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work And Budget For Four Parks, Trails, And Recreation Projects.

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

[AM 22-044](#) Requesting Approval To Extend The Period Of Performance Under Contract No. 20-118P With HDL Engineering Consultants, LLC. In An Amount Not To Exceed \$100,000, To June 30, 2023, For Geotechnical Services In Fiscal Year 2023.

[AM 22-055](#) Approval Of Contract Extension For Contract No. 20-093P Content Manager Electronic Records Implementation To Extend The Completion Time To June 30, 2023.

[AM 22-056](#) Award Of Bid No. 22-140B To Specialized Pavement Marking, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$143,986 To Perform 2022 Road Striping.

[AM 22-057](#) Award Of Bid No. 22-141B To Western Construction And Equipment, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$319,290 To Improve Aurora Hills Drive And Hickory Street.

[AM 22-061](#) Award Of Bid No. 22-134B To Pruhs Construction Company, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$2,692,152.75, To Construct The Felton Street Extension.

[AM 22-062](#) Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into An Agreement With The City Of Houston For Annual Receipts Of \$36,000, For Preventative Vehicle Maintenance Through June 30, 2025.

[AM 22-063](#) Award Of Proposal No. 22-128P To Thomas Check, M.D., LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$171,000 Per Year To Perform The Duties As The Emergency Services Medical Director.

[AM 22-064](#) Authorizing The Manager To Sign Amendment No. 2 Deobligating \$100,000 In Grant Funding And \$100,000 In Match Funding For The Emergency Management Performance Grant.

[AM 22-065](#) Award Of Bid No. 22-142B To Granite Construction In The Amount Of \$342,550 To Construct The Nelson Road Pathway.

[AM 22-066](#) Authorize The School District To Award Proposal B22-09 With MCG Explore Design, To Provide Design Services For Mat-Su Central School.

- [AM 22-067](#) Award Of Bid No. 22-135B To Shannon And Wilson, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$221,245 For Water Quality Monitoring Services At Solid Waste Landfills In The Borough.
- [AM 22-068](#) Award of Bid No. 22-137B to Dirtworks, Inc. In The Contract Amount of \$142,850, For Lucille Street Culvert Improvements.
- [AM 22-069](#) Award Of Bid No. 22-118B To Ficklin Construction In The Annual Contract Amount Not To Exceed \$274,988 To Perform Alpine Road Service Area No. 31 Annual Road Maintenance.
- [AM 22-072](#) Award Of Bid Number 22-144B To Ficklin Construction, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$184,271 To Improve The Lazy Mountain Trail Head Parking Area.
- [AM 22-073](#) Award Of Bid Number 22-116B To Ficklin Construction In The Annual Contract Amount Not To Exceed \$123,352.40 To Perform North Colony Road Service Area No. 23 Annual Road Maintenance. Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk, read the legislation into the record.

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

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

- [RS 22-063](#) A Resolution Providing A One-Time Waiver Of Landfill Fees For Up To Four Dumpsters For The Big Lake Area And Removal Of Up To Thirty Junk Vehicles For Fiscal Year 2023.

Sponsors: Tew

Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk, read the legislation into the record.

Jason Ortiz, Development Services Manager, provided a staff report.

Assemblymember Nowers moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 22-063 The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

[AM 22-058](#) Approval Of Election Officials For The July 12, 2022, Special Borough Election.
Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk, read the legislation into the record.

**Assemblymember McKee moved to adopt AM No. 22-058.
The motion passed by the following vote:**

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

[AM 22-059](#) Award Of Bid No. 22-117B To McKenna Brothers Paving, Inc. In The Annual Contract Amount Not To Exceed \$331,198.47, To Perform Greater Butte Road Service Area No. 26 Annual Road Maintenance.

Mayor DeVries queried if there was any objection to taking up AM Nos. 22-059 and 22-060 together.

There was no objection noted.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Sumner stated that he has a conflict of interest as he is currently doing business with McKenna Brothers.

RULING: Mayor DeVries ruled that Assemblymember Sumner had a conflict of interest and would be recused from voting.

Assemblymember Sumner exited the meeting.

Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk, read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Nowers moved to adopt. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:

[AM 22-060](#) Award Of Bid Number 22-115B To McKenna Brothers Paving, Inc. In The Annual Contract Amount Not To Exceed \$630,162.54, To Perform South Colony Road Service Area No. 16 Annual Road Maintenance.

Assemblymember Nowers moved to adopt AM Nos. 22-059 and 22-060. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, and
Assemblymember Bernier

Recused: 1 - Assemblymember Sumner
Assemblymember Sumner re-entered the meeting.

[AM 22-063](#) Award Of Proposal No. 22-128P To Thomas Check, M.D., LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$171,000 Per Year To Perform The Duties As The Emergency Services Medical Director.
Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk, provided a staff report.

Tracey Loscar, Emergency Medical Services Deputy Director, provided a staff report.

**Assemblymember McKee moved to adopt AM No. 22-063.
The motion passed by the following vote:**

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 1 - Assemblymember McKee

[AM 22-070](#) Approval Of Change Order Authority For Bid 21-015B With Roger Hickel Contracting, Inc. For A Final Completion Date Of June 30, 2022, For The Willow Library Construction Project And Community Center Upgrades.
Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk, read the legislation into the record.

Mike Brown, Borough Manager, provided a staff report.

**Assemblymember McKee moved to adopt AM No. 22-070.
The motion passed by the following vote:**

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

[AM 22-074](#) Award Of Bid No. 22-145B To Western Construction And Equipment In The Contract Amount Not To Exceed \$1,780,210 Per Year For The Manufacture Of Sand, Chips, And Fill.
Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk, read the legislation into the record.

Jeff Smiht, Solid Waste Division Manager and Russ Krafft, Purchasing Officer, provided a staff report.

Assemblymember Tew moved to adopt AM No. 22-074.

Assemblymember Yundt called for the question (to stop debate). The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember Yundt

No: 4 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Yundt moved to postpone AM No. 22-074 to June 21, 2022. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[OR 22-051](#) An Ordinance Adopting MSB 1.10.300, To Require Voter Ratification Of Any Ordinance Regulating The Discharge Of Firearms.

Sponsors: Yundt

The meeting recessed at 8:43 p.m. and reconvened at 8:56 p.m.

Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk, read the legislation into the record.

PENDING MOTION: Assemblymember Yundt moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 22-051.

PENDING AMENDMENT: Assemblymember Sumner moved a primary amendment, section 3, effective date, by striking the current language and inserting the following in its place: "Section 2 of this ordinance shall take effect upon certification of the election results if ratified by the voters at the next regular Borough election."

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

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew,
Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier
Assemblymember Yundt called for the question (to stop debate). The motion failed (requires five votes) by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, and
Assemblymember Tew

No: 3 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, and
Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Sumner moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 22-051, as follows:

- **In the title, by inserting the following language after the word firearms, “And submitting the question to the qualified voters of the Borough outside city limits;”**
- **By striking Section 3 in its entirety;**
- **By inserting a new Section 3 to read: “Section 3. Submission to the voters. The Borough Clerk shall submit the following question, in substantially similar form, to the qualified voters of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough outside city limits at the next regular Borough election:**

Proposition No. __

Requiring Voter Ratification of Any Ordinance Regulating the Discharge of Firearms.

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough proposes to enact MSB 01.10.300, to require that any future ordinance regulating the discharge of firearms, outside city limits, must be ratified by the voters before it can take effect.

Shall MSB 01.10.300 be adopted? Yes __ No __

- **By inserting a new Section 4 to read: “Section 4. Effective date. Section 2 of this ordinance shall take effect upon certification of the election results if ratified by the qualified voters outside city limits at the next regular Borough election. All other sections of this ordinance take effect immediately.**

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, and Assemblymember Tew

No: 2 - Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

IX. VETO

A. Motion to Override Any Possible Mayoral Veto on Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Items (Ordinance Serial No. 22-022)

There were no vetoes presented.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 06/21/22, Assembly Chambers)

- [OR 22-068](#) An Ordinance Approving The Sale Of Borough-Owned Land Identified As Lot 4 And Lot 5, Block 4, Matanuska Townsite, U.S. Survey 1169, To The Adjacent Property Owner, Kenneth And Myra Olson; And Repealing The Public Purpose Dedication Placed On The Borough Lot.
- [OR 22-069](#) An Ordinance Providing For The Sale Of Certain Borough-Wide Real Property Acquired Through Tax Foreclosure For Delinquent Real Property Tax Years 2015 And Prior And Special Assessment For 2016 And Prior; And Not Needed For Public Purpose.
- [OR 22-071](#) An Ordinance Approving The Manager Amending The Ground Lease Between The Borough As Lessor And Renewable IPP, LLC. As The Lessee, For A Solar Utility Located Within The City Of Houston On Borough-Owned Land.
- [OR 22-072](#) An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$21,260 From The Talkeetna Fire Service Area Fund Balance, Fund 254, To Purchase Firefighter Turnout Coats And Pants.
RS 22-059: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For A Project To Purchase Firefighter Turnout Coats And Pants For Talkeetna Fire Service Area.
- [OR 22-073](#) An Ordinance Establishing A Provision Within Borough Code To Address Abuses Of The 911 Telephone System By Adopting MSB 8.15.010, Abuse Of 911 System; And Amending MSB 1.45.100, Schedule Of Fines For Infractions, To Add Fines For Violation Of MSB 8.15.010.
- [OR 22-074](#) An Ordinance Approving Land Classifications Of One Borough-Owned Parcel For The Purpose Of Resource Management And Watershed; And Guiding Future Use And Development Of Said Parcel.
- [OR 22-075](#) An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$13,160.27 Of Revenues From Fiscal Year 2022 Public Donations, To The Animal Care And Regulation Operating Budget For Animal Care Supplies.

[OR 22-079](#)

An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$10,519,653.50 In American Rescue Plan Corona Virus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds From The United States Treasury Department.

RS 22-061: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The American Rescue Plan Corona Virus State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

[OR 22-080](#)

An Ordinance Reappropriating \$85,537.19 From Fund 410, Project No. 30038 Caswell Road Service Area No. 15 Fiscal Year 2023 Service Area Appropriation, To Fund 272, Caswell Lakes Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget For Road Maintenance Service.

RS 22-062: A Resolution Amending The Budgets For Project No. 300038, Caswell Road Service Area No. 15 Fiscal Year 2023 Service Area Appropriation; And Fund 272, Fiscal Year 2023 Caswell Lakes Road Maintenance Services Operating Budget.

Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk, read the legislation.

Assemblymember Sumner moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and to set the public hearings for June 21, 2022. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

[22-108](#)

Mayoral Requests for Confirmation

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Candice Humphrey

Assemblymember Sumner moved to confirm the appointment requested by the Mayor. The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Yundt, Assemblymember Tew, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

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 Tew thanked the body for the meeting. Spoke to his appreciation of Assemblymember Nowers comments regarding more funding for the community clean up program. Stated that he is hopeful that the body can reach a good resolution regarding the sand and chips issue that saves money.

Assemblymember Bernier spoke in support of the sand and chip issue being resolved.

Assemblymember Yundt opined that it was a busy meeting with a lot of good discussion regarding the land fill. Reminded the body that the Assembly directed staff to go in the direction that they did with sand and chips. Stated that he would personally work with staff to bring forward better information and be clear about benefits to the public. Spoke to his support of the second amendment.

Assemblymember Nowers spoke in support of the sand and chips being produced at the landfill. Stated that she believes it provides an overall savings. Noted that she understands that some members need more information before they can make a decision and that she is supportive of that. Stated that she wanted to respond to a comment about the election made by a member of the public regarding using paper ballots. Queried if it is true that the Borough does use paper ballots and that there is nothing that connects to the internet so it is impossible to compromise the election via the internet.

Ms. McKechnie affirmed the query.

Assemblymember Nowers invited anyone with questions about the election to volunteer as an election official to learn the process. Stated that she is looking forward to a larger discussion regarding junk and trash, which has been a long running problem. Spoke to her service on the Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Advisory Board. Noted that the State is looking to adopt a management plan for six rivers in the Borough to balance user interests and that they are requesting public input prior to making revisions.

Assemblymember Sumner spoke in support of postponing the sand and chips legislation in order to receive more information. Stated that the more it was discussed, the less he understood. Noted that the need to ensure that it is an actual savings to residents. Thanked the body for the meeting.

Mayor DeVries thanked the Department of Emergency Services for the hard work and quick responses to emergencies over the Memorial Day weekend.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session conducted.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.