

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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Ron Bernier, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

4:00 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026

Annual Evaluation of the Borough Manager

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Dee McKee (entered at 4:07 p.m), Assemblymember Maxwell Sumner, Assemblymember Bill Gamble, Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov, and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

Telephonic: 1 - Assemblymember Michael Bowles

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mike Brown, Borough Manager.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)

The following person spoke to the assessment of his properties, the process he went through with the Board of Equalization, and the criminal history of the Borough Assessor: Butch Moore.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Executive Session (For Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of Any Person Provided The Person May Request A Public Discussion)

1. Annual Evaluation Of The Borough Manager

Mayor DeVries queried if Mr. Brown would like his evaluation to be conducted in public or in executive session.

Mr. Brown stated he would like his evaluation to be conducted in executive session.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to enter into executive session for subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion. In particular, to conduct the annual evaluation of the Manager. Those present during the executive session were the Mayor, the Assembly, and the Manager.

There was no objection noted and the Assembly entered into executive session at 4:07 p.m.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to exit executive session. There was no objection noted and the Assembly exited executive session at 5:23 p.m.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to provide the Manager with a 3.3 percent for cost of living increase and 2 percent for a step increase.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Excused: 1 - Assemblymember Bowles

(Assemblymember Bowles was excused from the meeting during executive session.)

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Assemblymember Fonov thanked Mr. Brown for everything he does.

Assemblymember Bernier said a prayer.

Mayor DeVries spoke to Mr. Brown and opined he is outstanding as a manager.

Assemblymember McKee opined to how impressive Mr. Brown is as a manager.

Assemblymember Sumner spoke to Mr. Brown.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

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MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 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: 7 - Assemblymember Michael Bowles, Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Dee McKee, Assemblymember Maxwell Sumner, Assemblymember Bill Gamble, Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov, and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Assemblymember Bowles moved to removed Ordinance Serial No. 26-046 from the agenda.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 1 - Assemblymember Bowles

No: 6 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assemblymember McKee.

Mayor DeVries read a proclamation recognizing Older Americans Month into the record.

Mayor DeVries read a proclamation recognizing National Day of Prayer into the record.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

- 26-071** A. Assembly Regular Meeting Minutes: 03/17/26
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

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 Committees

Assemblymember Nowers spoke to recent meeting and the discussion on school closures, long term plans, a possible new committee, and other school issues.

2. Assembly Public Relations

Mayor DeVries spoke to members of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region and Washington legislators visiting Port MacKenzie.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

2. Strategic Planning Issues

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie spoke to upcoming meetings.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

26-072

1. Big Lake Community Council: 03/10/26
2. Big Lake RSA Board of Supervisors: 02/09/26, 03/09/26, 04/13/26
3. Butte Community Council: 03/11/26, Resolution No. 26-01
4. Central Mat-Su FSA Board of Supervisors: 02/09/26
5. Chase Community Council: 01/21/26
6. Enhanced 911 Advisory Board: 02/10/26
7. Library Board: 03/10/26
8. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: 03/19/26
9. Meadow Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: 01/28/26, Resolution No. 26-002
10. Planning Commission: 04/06/26, Resolution No. 26-06
11. Platting Board: 03/19/26
12. Port Commission: 01/19/26, Resolution No. 26-01, 26-02
13. South Knik River Community Council: 03/19/26
14. South Lakes Community Council: 04/06/26
14. Transportation Advisory Board: Resolution No. 26-03
15. West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 03/09/26

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

IM 26-082

Informing The Assembly Of The Manager's Signature On A Grant Application For Submission To The Alaska State Department Of Fish And Game Hunter Access Grant Program For The Jonesville Phase 1 Project.

The informational memorandum was presented, and no comments were noted.

VII. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (You can speak under one of the audience participations on the agenda, but not both; Three Minutes Per Person.)

The following persons spoke in support of Resolution Serial No. 26-030: Dennis Weatherall, Krystal Butcher, John Butcher, Susan Edge, Stacy Stuart, and Rebecca Jeffers.

The following person spoke to an emergency fill station and requested the Mayor to send a letter of support to the City of Palmer regarding the removal of a fire hydrant: Tom Robson.

The following person spoke in opposition of Resolution Serial No. 26-043: Kathy Kysar, Authors Against Book Banning member.

The following person spoke in opposition of Senate Bill 238 and to the book "Let's Talk About It": Jackie Goforth.

The following person spoke to a pervious Assembly meeting, in opposition of Senate Bill 238, and obscene library books: Linda Spohn.

The following person spoke to the last meeting, the Vacancy Report, and in opposition of Resolution Serial No. 26-043: Mary Robinson

The following person spoke to Resolution Serial No. 26-046 and opined 67% would be a good number: Butch Moore.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)

OR 26-047 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$250,000 From The Mat-Su Trails And Parks Foundation For The Government Peak Recreation Area Traverse Trail And Skeetawk Summer Trails Survey Project And Authorizing The Manager To Execute The Grant Agreement.
RS 26-032: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget Of The Government Peak Recreation Area Traverse Trail And Skeetawk Summer Trails Survey Project.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

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 Bowles moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-047 and Resolution Serial No. 26-032.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

OR 26-049 An Ordinance Reappropriating \$125,000 From The Planning Department's Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget, To Fund The Port MacKenzie Master Plan Update.
RS 26-035: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Port MacKenzie Master Plan Update.
Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

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 Gamble moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-049 and Resolution Serial No. 26-035.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (You can speak under one of the audience participations on the agenda, but not both; Three Minutes Per Person.)

There was no one present who wished to testify.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

RS 26-037 A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work And Budget Within Transportation Infrastructure Projects 2024, To Reallocate Funds From Settlers Bay Drive Pavement Preservation To Burma Road Safety Improvements.

RS 26-039 A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work For The Parking Lot Striping Project - Fiscal Year 2026.

RS 26-042 A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work And Budget Within Meadow Lakes Road Service Area No. 27, To Reallocate Funds From West Swan Drive And South Rainbow Street Improvements To Herkimer Drive And Spring Drive Improvements.

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

AM 26-045 Award Of Bid No. 26-137B To Northern Asphalt Construction, Inc. In The Amount Of \$292,352 To Construct East Knik View Drive And South Knik Circle Street Improvements.

AM 26-046 Award Of Bid No. 26-142B AK Clearwater Mechanical, LLC. In Contract Amount Of \$123,441 For The Colony Middle School Boiler Pump Upgrades.

AM 26-047 Authorization To Renew The Borough's Enterprise Tax And Assessment Software With Tyler Technologies Under A Three-Year Agreement Covering July 1, 2026, Through June 30, 2029, With Annual Payments Averaging \$416,095 Subject To Appropriation.

AM 26-048 Authorization To Renew The Borough's Microsoft Enterprise Agreement With Crayon Software Experts, LLC. Under A Three-Year Agreement Covering July 1, 2026, Through June 30, 2029, With Annual Payments Of \$476,979.91 Subject To Appropriation.

AM 26-049 Authorization To Renew The Borough's GIS Software And Services With Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. Under A Three-Year Agreement Covering July 1, 2026, Through June 30, 2029, With Annual Payments Averaging \$303,936 Subject To Appropriation.

AM 26-051 Authorization To Renew Palo Alto Software And Hardware With World Wide Technology Inc. Under A Three-Year Agreement Covering July 1, 2026, Through June 30, 2029. The Total Cost Of The Agreement Is \$258,937.41 With Annual Payments Subject To Appropriation.

AM 26-052 Approval Of Change Order No. Two For Contract No. 25-124P With PND Engineers, Inc. For The Wolf And Hart Lakes Drainage Study And Improvements Design Project To Add \$229,230 For Design Services; And Extend The Completion Date To December 31, 2028.

AM 26-053 Award Of Bid No. 26-140B To Granite Construction Company For The Contract Amount Of \$4,482,500 For The Construction Of School Safety Improvements At Shaw Elementary School And Phase 1 Of The Foxtrot Extension.

AM 26-054 Approval Of Contract Amendment No. 2 To Contract No. 26-112B, With Alaska Industries, Inc. Adding An Additional \$42,020.77 For Surface Treatment For The Brett Ice Rink Rubber Flooring Replacement Due To Elevated Moisture Levels.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the Clerk.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

RS 26-030 A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work And Title Of The Public Outreach, Education, And Incentives Subproject Account And Authorizing The Use Of Existing Fiscal Year 2026 Project Funds To Solicit A Request For Proposals For A Qualified Hydrologist To Study Long-Term Water Level Changes, Associated Property Impacts, And Potential Risks To Drinking Water Quality In The Palmer Area.

Sponsors: Nowers

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Bowles moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 26-030.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Nowers noted a possible conflict of interest on Resolution Serial. No. 26-030 as she lives in the Palmer Area (Canoe Lake) that potentially would be part of the hydrology study.

RULING: Mayor DeVries ruled that Assemblymember Nowers did not have a conflict of interest and would not be recused from voting.

Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment to add, "Memory Lake and North Marilyn Circle" to first paragraph, to read, "Irene Lake, Canoe Lake, Kepler-Bradley Lakes, Pioneer Meadows, Crimsonview Subdivision, the Greater Palmer area, Memory Lake, and North Marilyn Circle"

Assemblymember Nowers called for the question (to stop debate)

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The primary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Fonov and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 5 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Gamble

Assemblymember Nowers called for the question (to stop debate)

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The main motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 2 - Assemblymember Sumner and Assemblymember Fonov

RS 26-043 A Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 238.

Sponsors: Fonov and McKee

Assemblymember Bowles moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 26-043.

Assemblymember Bowles moved a primary amendment to strike the words "representative democracy," and insert the words, "constitutional republic," in the third whereas clause, to read as follows, "WHEREAS, in a constitutional republic, it is often bad public policy for dictates to be handed down by higher levels of government who are not in touch with local concerns".

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment to strike the letter from the Library Board from IM 26-090.

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

IX. VETO

There were no vetoes presented.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 05/19/26 Assembly Chambers)

OR 26-050 An Ordinance Approving A Less Than Fair Market Value Sale Of Nine Borough-Owned Properties To The Alaska State Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities For A Public Purpose.

OR 26-051 An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$338,000 From The United States Department Of Military And Veterans' Affairs, Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.
RS 26-038: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into An Agreement For The Sushana Drive Drainage Improvement Phase 1.

OR 26-052 An Ordinance Approving Land Classification Of Three Borough-Owned Properties In The Big Lake Area As Reserved Use Lands, Resource Management Lands, And General Purpose Lands.

OR 26-053 An Ordinance Extending The Date Of Completion Of The Brett Ice Arena Digital Sign Display Project Through June 30, 2027.
RS 26-040: A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work And Retitling The Brett Ice Arena Digital Sign Display Project.

OR 26-056 An Ordinance Establishing The Board For Advisory Review Of Kennel Standards (“BARKS”) As An Advisory Board To Review And Make Recommendations Regarding Kennel Licensing And Enforcement.

Sponsors: Sumner, Fonov and Bernier

OR 26-058 An Ordinance Establishing A Tax On Certain Natural Resources Whenever The Natural Resource Is Severed And Removed From Property Within The Matanuska-Susitna Borough And Providing For Penalties For Failure To Pay Taxes Due By Adopting MSB 3.55, Natural Resource Severance Tax.

Sponsors: Nowers

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearing for May 19, 2026, respectively.

Assemblymember Fonov moved to divide the question to take Ordinance Serial No. 26-058 separately.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

First segment: Assemblymember Bernier moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearing for May 19, 2026, with the exception of Ordinance Serial No. 26-058.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Second segment: Assemblymember Bernier moved to introduce Ordinance Serial No. 26-058 and set the public hearing for May 19, 2026.

Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment to strike May 19, 2026, and insert June 16, 2026.

Assemblymember Bowles moved a secondary amendment to strike June 16, 2026, and insert July 21, 2026.

The secondary amendment failed by the following vote:

No: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Fonov

No: 2 - Assemblymember Sumner and Assemblymember Bernier

The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 1 - Assemblymember Sumner

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

26-073

Mayoral Requests for Confirmation

Platting Board

Reginald Carney, Jr.

Amanda Salmon, resignation

Big Lake RSA No. 21

Nate Suing, resignation

Assemblymember Bernier moved to confirm the appointments and resignations requested by the Mayor.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

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

OR 26-031 An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.73, Multifamily Development Design Standards, To Align Permitting And Design Standards With The Scale And Complexity Of Development Projects.

Sponsors: Sumner

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Sumner moved to refer Ordinance Serial No. 26-031 to the Planning Commission for 90 days not to come back to the Assembly until August 4, 2026.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

XI. RECONSIDERATION

OR 26-046 An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.28 To Increase The Property Owner Ballot Threshold For Contiguous Local Improvement Districts From 54 Percent To 75 Percent.

Sponsors: Bowles

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Fonov moved to reconsider Ordinance Serial No. 26-046.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 2 - Assemblymember Bowles and Assemblymember Nowers

Assemblymember Sumner moved a primary amendment to remove his name from sponsorship on Ordinance Serial No. 26-046.

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment to strike "75%" throughout the legislation and insert "60%".

Assemblymember Sumner called for the question (to stop debate).

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Nowers and Assemblymember Gamble

No: 5 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Bernier moved a secondary amendment to strike "60%" throughout the legislation and insert "67%".

Assemblymember Sumner called for the question (to stop debate).

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 1 - Assemblymember Nowers

The secondary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 3 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Fonov

Assemblymember Sumner called for the question (to stop debate).

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 4 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Fonov

Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment to strike "67%" throughout the legislation and insert "61%".

Assemblymember Nowers moved a secondary amendment to strike "61%" throughout the legislation and insert "70%".

Assemblymember Sumner called for the question (to stop debate).

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The secondary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Bowles and Assemblymember Nowers

No: 5 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Fonov called for the question (to stop debate).

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 2 - Assemblymember Bowles and Assemblymember Nowers

The primary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Fonov

No: 4 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember Bowles called for the question (to stop debate).

The motion failed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 4 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers,
Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Bernier
- No:** 3 - Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, and
Assemblymember Fonov

Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment to strike "67%" throughout the legislation and insert "62%".

The motion failed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 3 - Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, and
Assemblymember Fonov
- No:** 4 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers,
Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Bernier

The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:

- Yes:** 4 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers,
Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Bernier
- No:** 3 - Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, and
Assemblymember Fonov

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos spoke to the Clerk being the parliamentarian during Assembly meetings.

Assemblymember Bernier said a prayer.

Assemblymember Sumner spoke to his proposed amendments for Ordinance Serial No. 26-026.

Assemblymember Nowers thanked the manager, spoke to possible school closures, and potential Old Glenn safety corridor.

Ms. McKechnie spoke to attending the upcoming International Institute of Municipal Clerks Conference with Deputy Clerk, Estelle Wiese.

Assemblymember Bowles spoke to Ordinance Serial No. 26-032 and to legislators in Juneau.

Assemblymember Bowles moved to postpone the public hearing date of Ordinance Serial No. 26-032 from May 19, 2026, to June 16, 2026.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

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

Assemblymember Bowles spoke to Ordinance Serial No. 26-046 and to serving the Borough.

Assemblymember Gamble spoke to potential taxes and thanked Mr. Brown for his service.

Assemblymember Fonov spoke the meeting and to the fire hydrant mentioned during audience participation.

Mayor DeVries spoke to being absent from the May 7, 2026, budget deliberation and possible adoption.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

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MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

6:00 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

Budget Deliberations and Possible Adoption

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, May 7, 2026, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Dee McKee (entered at 6:04 p.m.), Assemblymember Maxwell Sumner, Assemblymember Bill Gamble, Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov (entered at 6:01 p.m.), and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

Telephonic: 1 - Assemblymember Michael Bowles

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Brown, Borough Manager.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)

There was no one present who wished to testify.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. BUDGET DELIBERATIONS AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION

OR 26-026 An Ordinance Appropriating Monies From The Central Treasury For The Borough Operating Funds, Enterprise Funds, Education Operating Fund And Capital Funds, Establishing The Rate Of Levy For All Borough Functions For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2026, And Ending June 30, 2027; And Setting The Surcharge Rate For The Wireline And Wireless Enhanced 911 Systems For The Period Of July 1, 2026, Through June 30, 2027.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Assemblymember Nowers moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 26-026.

Amendment No. 1

Areawide Fund - Non-Departmental (page 65), Education Fund (page 187), and Capital (pages 373, 375, 391, and 449).

Assemblymember Sumner moved a primary amendment and to make any other conforming changes to the budget as follows:

*** the Areawide Fund, Non-Departmental, Education Operating (445.220) by increasing the appropriation by the amount of \$1,560,662;**

*** decreasing the Areawide Fund, Non-Departmental, Capital Transfer (446.700) appropriation by the amount of \$1,800,000 and eliminating the Talkeetna Elementary Roof Replacement Project; and**

*** the Education Fund, Non-Departmental by increasing both Transfers from Other Funds, Areawide (367.110) and Education - Operating (406.100) by \$1,560,662.**

Assemblymember McKee made a motion to have Katie Gardner, Deputy Superintendent of Business and Operations to speak to the body.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 3 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember McKee

Assemblymember Bowles moved to reconsider the ruling vote on the motion to have Katie Gardner, Deputy Superintendent of Business and Operations to speak to the body.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember Sumner

No: 4 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Amendment No. 2

Areawide Fund - Community Development-Recreational Services (page 143).

Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment and to make any other conforming changes to the budget as follows:

*** The Areawide Fun, Community Development-Recreational Services (Division 129) (Glacier View) by increasing the total appropriation by the amount of \$140,000. This amendment would provide for utilities, insurance, an on-call employee and other costs associated with acquiring and maintaining the facility.**

The primary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 4 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Fonov

Amendment No. 3

Areawide Fund - Animal Care and Regulation Division (page 82).

Assemblymember Sumner moved a primary amendment and to make any other conforming changes to the budget as follows:

***the Areawide Fund, Animal Care and Regulation Division by decreasing the appropriation for temp wages and benefits by the amount of \$33,390.**

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 2 - Assemblymember Nowers and Assemblymember McKee

Amendment No. 4

Areawide Fund - Non-Departmental (page 65) and Capital Project (pages 371 and 384).

Assemblymember Sumner moved a primary amendment and any other conforming changes to the budget as follows:

*** the Areawide Fund, Non-Departmental, Transfers to City of Wasilla Planning (449.205) by decreasing the appropriation by the amount of \$100,000.**

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Amendment No. 5

Budget Ordinance-Section 18 E-911, Areawide Fund - Department of Emergency Services - Telecommunications Network (page 126), and E-911 Fund (page 179).

Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment and any other conforming changes to the budget as follows:

*** in Section 18 of the Budget Ordinance amend the E-911 surcharge from \$1.00 to \$1.50;**

*** the Areawide Fund, Department of Emergency Services - Telecommunications Network-Other Contractual (100.160.126.429.000) by increasing the appropriation by the amount of \$73,742;**

*** the E-911 Fund-Enhanced 911 Surcharge Revenues (200.000.000.342.700) by increasing the amount by \$660,000;**

*** the E-911 Fund-Other Contractual (202.160.370.429.900) by increasing the appropriation by the amount of \$156,128, to fund call takes and dispatch for Fire and EMS; and**

*** the E-911 Fund-Transfer to City of Wasilla (202.000.000.449.200) by increasing the appropriation by \$403,115 for a grant to provide Alaska Department of Public Safety call taking.**

Assemblymember Sumner moved a secondary amendment to strike the first line, "in Section 18 of the Budget Ordinance amend the E-911 surcharge from \$1.00 to \$1.50," and to strike the third line, "the E-911 Fund-Enhanced 911 Surcharge Revenues (200.000.000.342.700) by increasing the amount by \$660,000".

Assemblymember Nowers moved to postpone the amendment to the May 12, 2026, special meeting.

The motion to postpone failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 4 - Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Fonov

Assemblymember Sumner called for the question (to stop debate)

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers,
Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner,
Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 1 - Assemblymember Fonov

The secondary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Sumner, and
Assemblymember Bernier

No: 4 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Fonov

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee,
Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and
Assemblymember Bernier

No: 2 - Assemblymember Nowers and Assemblymember Sumner

The meeting recessed at 7:51 p.m. and reconvened at 8:06 p.m.

**Assemblymember Fonov moved to reconsider the vote on
Amendment No. 2.**

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers,
Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner,
Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and
Assemblymember Bernier

Amendment No. 2

Areawide Fund - Community Development-Recreational Services (page 143).

The primary amendment and to make any other conforming changes to the budget as follows:

*** The Areawide Fun, Community Development-Recreational Services (Division 129) (Glacier View) by increasing the total appropriation by the amount of \$140,000. This amendment would provide for utilities, insurance, an on-call employee and other costs associated with acquiring and maintaining the facility.**

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 2 - Assemblymember McKee and Assemblymember Sumner

Amendment No. 6

Areawide Fund - Non-Departmental (page 65) and Capital Project (pages 371 and 383).

Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment and to make any other conforming changes to the budget as follows:

*** the Areawide Fund, Non-Departmental, Transfer to Capital 415/425/430/435/440...(446.700) by decreasing the appropriation by the amount of \$50,000 and removing the project for the City of Palmer Airport Grant.**

Assemblymember Nowers moved to postpone the amendment to the May 12, 2026, special meeting.

The motion to postpone failed by the following vote:

Yes: 1 - Assemblymember Nowers

No: 6 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Assemblymember McKee moved to reconsider the vote to postpone.

The motion to reconsider passed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 4 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Bernier
- No:** 3 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Fonov

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Nowers moved to postpone to the May 12, 2026, special meeting.

The motion to postpone passed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 4 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Bernier
- No:** 3 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Fonov

Amendment No. 7

Areawide Fund - Non-Departmental (page 65) and Capital Project (pages 373 and 391).

Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment and to make any other conforming changes to the budget as follows:

*** the Areawide Fund, Non-Departmental, Transfer to Capital 415/425/430/435/440...(446.700) by increasing the appropriation by the amount of \$250,000 for Public Transit.**

Assemblymember Sumner called for the question (to stop debate)

The motion passed by the following vote:

- Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 1 - Assemblymember Sumner

Assemblymember Sumner called for the question (to stop debate) for the main motion.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Gamble

No: 4 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Amendment No. 8

Areawide Fund - Non-Departmental (page 65) and Education Fund (page 187).

Assemblymember Sumner moved a primary amendment and to make any other conforming changes to the budget as follows:

*** the Areawide Fund, Non-Departmental, Education Operating (445.220) by increasing the appropriation by the amount of \$1,587,697; and**

*** the Education Fund, Non-Departmental by increasing both Transfers from Other Funds, Areawide (367.110) and Education - Operating (406.100) by \$1,587,697.**

Assemblymember Nowers moved to postpone to the May 12, 2026, special meeting.

Assemblymember Sumner called for the question (to stop debate)

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The motion to postpone to the May 12, 2026, special meeting failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 4 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Fonov

Assemblymember Fonov called for the question (to stop debate)

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The primary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Nowers and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 5 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Fonov

Amendment No. 9
Areawide Fund - Reconciliation - Reserves

Assemblymember Nowers moved a primary amendment and to make any other conforming changes to the budget as follows:

*** To create an Areawide Fund Balance Reserve to potentially fund Meadow Lakes Elementary in the amount of \$2,066,401.**

Assemblymember Sumner called for the question (to stop debate)

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Nowers and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 5 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Fonov

The primary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Nowers and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 5 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Fonov

Assemblymember Nowers moved to continue Ordinance Serial No. 26-026 to May, 12, 2026.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 4 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Fonov

Assemblymember Fonov moved to suspend the rules and extend the meeting past 10 p.m. and not to exceed 11:00 p.m.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Amendment No. 10

Areawide Fund - Non-Departmental (page 65) and Capital Project (page 373).

Assemblymember Fonov moved a primary amendment and to make any other conforming changes to the budget as follows:

*** the Areawide Fund, Non-Departmental, transfer to Capital (446.700) by increasing the appropriation by the amount of \$25,000 for the Pike Youth Bounty Program.**

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

Amendment No. 11

Areawide Fund - Non-Departmental (page 65), Education Fund (page 187), and Capital Project (pages 373 and 385).

Assemblymember Sumner moved a primary amendment and to make any other conforming changes to the budget as follows:

*** the Areawide Fund, Non-Departmental, transfer to Capital 415/425/430/435/440... (446.700) by decreasing the appropriation by the amount of \$75,000 and removing the project for the Firearm Safety Training Grant;**

*** adding \$46,000 to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District for a grant for Hunter Education and Firearm Safety Training opportunities at the seven high schools through after school programs, in the Areawide Fund, Non-Departmental, Capital Transfer (446.700); and**

*** the Education Fund, Education Contribution (406.200) increase the appropriation of \$46,000 for a grant for Hunter Education and Firearm Safety Training opportunities at the seven high schools through after school programs.**

Assemblymember Bernier moved a secondary amendment to keep appropriation by the amount of \$50,000 for the Firearm Safety Training Grant for adults and to add \$50,000 to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District for a grant for Hunter Education and Firearm Safety Training opportunities.

The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Bowles and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 5 - Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Fonov

Assemblymember Fonov moved a secondary amendment to keep appropriation by the amount of \$29,000 for the Firearm Safety Training Grant for adults with a \$25 deposit and to add \$46,000 to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District for a grant for Hunter Education and Firearm Safety Training opportunities.

The secondary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The meeting recessed at 10:15 p.m. and reconvened at 10:27 p.m.

Assemblymember Gamble moved to reconsider the postponement of Amendment No. 6 to the May 12, 2026, special meeting.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 1 - Assemblymember Nowers

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Nowers moved to postpone Amendment No. 6 to the May 12, 2026, special meeting.

Assemblymember Sumner called for the question (to stop debate) .

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The motion to postpone failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Nowers and Assemblymember McKee

No: 5 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

(Clerk's Note: Amendment No. 6 was back before the Assembly.)

Assemblymember Sumner called for the question (to stop debate).

The motion to postpone failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Assemblymember Nowers and Assemblymember McKee

No: 5 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The primary amendment failed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

No: 2 - Assemblymember Nowers and Assemblymember McKee

Assemblymember Nowers moved to set the mill rates at 7.955 areawide and 0.16 nonareawide.

The motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

The main motion passed by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Assemblymember Bowles, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Fonov

No: 2 - Assemblymember McKee and Assemblymember Bernier

VII. VETO

A. Motion to Override Any Possible Mayoral Veto on Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Items (Ordinance Serial No. 26-026)

There were no vetoes presented.

VIII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Assemblymember McKee spoke to the budget process.

Assemblymember Sumner spoke to the amendments made and the budget process and opined he is proud the budget.

Assemblymember Fonov thanked the directors and staff and spoke passing the budget in one night.

Assemblymember Gamble spoke to the budget and schools. Thanked the directors.

Assemblymember Bowles spoke to the budget.

Assemblymember Nowers spoke to the City of Palmer and schools.

Mayor DeVries spoke to Deputy Mayor Bernier and a presentation she attended.

Assemblymember Fonov spoke to working with the School Board and tax cuts.

Ms. McKechnie noted the Assembly has until 5 p.m. to reconsider the budget adoption and that upcoming budget meetings will stay scheduled until the reconsideration period closes.

Mr. Brown thanked the Finance Department for their work on the budget.

Assemblymember Bernier thanked everyone and spoke to the School District and Valley Transit advertising. Said a prayer.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 p.m.