

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING  
ASSEMBLY FEBRUARY 20, 2001

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on February 20, 2001, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Timothy L. Anderson.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Larry DeVilbiss, Assembly District No. 1  
Ms. Sara Jansen, Assembly District No. 2 (Deputy Mayor)  
Mr. Talis J. Colberg, Assembly District No. 3  
Mr. Dan Kelly, Assembly District No. 4  
Ms. Jody Simpson, Assembly District No. 5  
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6  
Ms. Kelly Lankford Ladere, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Sandra Dillon, Borough Clerk  
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager  
Mr. Michael Gatti, Borough Attorney  
Ms. Elizabeth Manfred, Borough Deputy Clerk  
Mr. Jim Swing, Public Works Director  
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director  
Mr. Karl Borglum, Borough Assessor  
Ms. Sandy Garley, Planning Director  
Mr. Ron Swanson, Community Development Director  
Mr. Kevin Koechlein, Public Safety Director

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There was no objection to the agenda as presented.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Linda Anderson, Mayor Anderson's wife who was in the audience.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. Regular Assembly Meeting: February 6, 2001

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved for approval of the February 6, 2001, regular assembly meeting minutes.

Assemblymember Lankford Ladere requested clarification of her third comment on page 12. [After clerk's research, the comment was corrected to read, "spoke to borough forestry issues;"]

Assemblymember Colberg requested clarification of his comment on page 12. [After clerk's research, the comment was corrected to read, "expressed pleasure in observing the borough manager debate the Palmer environmental group regarding the development of Hatcher Pass."]

Assemblymember Kelly suggested that the word "funds" be inserted in the sentence in the middle of page 5. [After clerk's research, the sentence was corrected to read, "Discussion followed concerning the need to adopt policy

regarding the use of service area funds.”]

Assemblymember DeVilbiss suggested the word “not” be inserted in Mr. Troxell’s third comment on page 3. [After clerk’s research, the comment was corrected to read, “commented that the Swentna school did not meet the district registration requirement of ten students to remain open and that the future of the Swentna school will be decided during the budget process.]

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection and the February 6, 2001, regular assembly meeting minutes were approved pending the clerk’s research.

## VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

### A. AGENCY REPORTS

#### 1. Reports from cities

Palmer Mayor Guinotte:

- commented that the charter school site selection process was off track;
- spoke to the Palmer LID paving process and the public input gathered;
- stated that the city annexation study is completed;
- remarked that the city annexation process will not begin prior to March of 2002;
- named several historic buildings within Palmer and acknowledged that the borough retained historic powers; and
- spoke to the borough zoning issues.

#### 2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

Mr. George Troxell, Director of Elementary and Secondary Education:

- reported on a cooperative grant with the Boys and Girls Club Mat-Su School Outreach Program which proposes that 14 schools will open before and after regular hours and will offer activities that emphasize academic skills.

### B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

(There was no report from the Joint Assembly/School Board Committee.)

### C. MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Duffy:

- spoke to a meeting with Mr. Romack of the Hatcher Pass Development Corporation and related that Mr. Romack remains interested in the project;
- noted that the draft report from the financial analyst regarding Hatcher Pass is due next week;
- stated that a meeting is planned with the Federal Transit Administration regarding eligibility issues for future grants to fund the Port MacKenzie development;
- spoke to the proposed rule change by the Department of Commerce and Economic Development to eliminate the municipalities appeal process to population determinations;
- reported on a recent trip to Juneau relating to the following issues: state and federal priorities, status of Port MacKenzie and Hatcher Pass, postponement of school exit exams, HB 13 and companion SB 75, and full funding of education requests;
- commented that a meeting with Tom Brigham of DOT&PF, ensured that the STIP projects remain listed;
- proposed a process for developing and presenting rule changes to the Alaska State Board of Fisheries;
- noted a proposed meeting with the North Slope and the Northwest Arctic Boroughs to coordinate economic development efforts and encourage they include a rail spur in their current regional transportation plan;
- revealed that the Matanuska Erosion Control project was not included in the distributed booklet listing adopted federal priorities; and

- shared that the Wasilla Mayor requested borough financial support for a study regarding the proposed Wasilla multi-use facility.

Mayor Anderson spoke to the time frame requirements regarding comments submitted to the Alaska State Board of Fisheries.

#### D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

(There were no attorney comments given.)

#### E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. Dillon:

- stated that the tracking report was provided and requested updates.

Assemblymember Lankford Landere requested that the finance department provide a report explaining borough administration expenses relating to the creation of natural gas LIDs.

#### F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

##### 1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:

- a. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board - 01/18/01
- b. Planning Commission - 01/15/01
- c. Senior Citizens Advisory Board - 01/16/01
- d. Transportation Advisory Board - 01/23/01

##### 2. Community Council Correspondence:

- a. Talkeetna Community Council Board - 01/08/01

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

#### G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

(There were no informational memorandums presented.)

#### VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(There was no unfinished business.)

#### IX. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. INTRODUCTION (Suggested public hearing - 03/06/01)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 01-015: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF MSB 24.30: ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD, CHANGING THE NAME OF THE BOARD AND THE CHAPTER TO THE "ANIMAL CARE AND REGULATION BOARD", AND ADOPTING MSB 24.30.013, MEETINGS, AND 24.30.017, ADVISORY FUNCTIONS. (Sponsors: Assemblymembers Ladere and Simpson) IM No. 01-030

2. Ordinance Serial No. 01-016: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 17.80, NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES, FOR CLARIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR ALTERATION, ENLARGEMENT, REPLACEMENT, AND RECONSTRUCTION OF NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES. IM No. 01-031

3. Ordinance Serial No. 01-017: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$700,000 OF INTEREST EARNINGS ON THE 1999 SERIES A, GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS TO FUND 400, SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS, PROJECT NO. 40132 TO FUND A SHORTFALL IN THE ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL (BURCHELL)

ADDITION/ALTERATION PROJECT. IM No. 01-035

Ms. Dillon read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved for introduction of the above-referenced legislation and set the public hearings on March 6, 2001.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

## B. CONSENT AGENDA

(Resolution Serial Nos. 01-007, 009, 010 and AM No. 01-019 were pulled from the from the consent agenda, see pages 5, 6, and 11 assembly action.)

### 1. RESOLUTIONS

b. Resolution Serial No. 01-008: A RESOLUTION REVISING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET AS ADOPTED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2001 BUDGET, CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND 405, PROJECT NO. 10136, FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$12,000 TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE FOR THE SUNSHINE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING.

IM No. 01-033

### 2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

a. AM No. 01-017: VACATION OF PORTION OF ADL 33042 WITHIN SECTION 13, T24N, R5W, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, "Y" COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.

Ms. Dillon read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved for adoption of the above-referenced legislation.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

a. Resolution Serial No. 01-007: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 82, AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS, AND TO DISCLOSURES IN TRANSFERS OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN ONE MILE OF AN AGRICULTURAL FACILITY OR AN AGRICULTURAL OPERATION.

IM No. 01-032

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved for adoption of Resolution Serial No. 01-007.

Assemblymember Colberg:

- expressed support for the resolution;
- commented that it is an unfortunate method to accomplish a planning and zoning issue;
- remarked that adoption of a comprehensive plan for development of planning and zoning would eliminate addressing one item at a time;
- noted that the resolution creates another disclosure form for the real estate business; and
- summarized that this item should be handled collectively in a comprehensive plan.

Assemblymember DeVilbiss related that he will seek an amendment on the state level to address the issue of drifting snow resulting from open fields.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion was adopted without objection.

c. Resolution Serial No. 01-009: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CITY OF WASILLA'S EFFORT TO

ESTABLISH A MULTI-USE SPORTS COMPLEX FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE VALLEY. (Sponsor: Assemblymember Kelly)

MOTION: Assemblymember Kelly moved for adoption of Resolution Serial No. 01-009.

Discussion followed regarding the method of support and emphasizing that financial support is not included in this resolution.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion was adopted without objection.

d. Resolution Serial No. 01-010: A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 13 (SSHB 13) AND SENATE BILL 75, (SB 75) RELATING TO MUNICIPAL SERVICE AREAS AND PROVIDING FOR VOTER APPROVAL OF THE FORMATION, ALTERATION, OR ABOLITION OF CERTAIN SERVICE AREAS.

IM No. 01-037

MOTION: Assemblymember DeVilbiss moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 01-010.

Assemblymember DeVilbiss voiced his opposition to Resolution Serial No. 01-010.

Assemblymember Lankford Ladere voiced her opposition to Resolution Serial No. 01-010 and requested information regarding fiscal implications.

The regular assembly meeting recessed at 6:55 p.m. and reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

VII. SPECIAL ORDERS (to begin at 7 p.m.)

A. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (Three minutes per person.)

(There were no persons to be heard.)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three minutes per person.)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 01-010: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CLASSIFICATION OF "GENERAL PURPOSE LANDS" AND SALE OF BOROUGH-OWNED LAND DESCRIBED AS LOTS 10, 11, AND 12, BLOCK 4, TALKEETNA TOWNSITE, IN THE TALKEETNA AREA (MSB002518). IM No. 01-018

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing. There being no one who wished to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Lankford Ladere moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 01-010.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

2. Ordinance Serial No. 01-011: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FISCAL YEAR 2000 ROAD SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCES TO FUND 410, ROAD SERVICE AREA CAPITAL PROJECTS, AND TO CERTAIN ROAD SERVICE AREA FISCAL YEAR 2001 OPERATING BUDGETS. IM No. 01-019

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing. There being no one who wished to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 01-011.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

3. Ordinance Serial No. 01-012: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF A SEPTAGE AND

**WATER EASEMENT TO CERTAIN PARCELS WITHIN WINDSONG SUBDIVISION IN ORDER TO MITIGATE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE ISSUES. IM No. 01-022**

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

Mr. Terry Peterson:

- stated that the borough previously sold an adjoining lot to a land owner for construction of a septic system;
- requested that the borough allow owners the option to purchase adjoining lots for septic system placement; and
- commented that it is difficult to obtain a loan for septic improvements made on leased land.

Mr. Ron Chambers requested the right to purchase adjoining lots for development of a sewer system.

Mr. Gatti:

- stated that private interest in any land publicly held will be paid by the private property owner.

There being no others who wished to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember DeVilbiss moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 01-012.

Discussion followed on the time restriction from the date of easement.

Mr. Swanson:

- stated the goal of the time restriction is to bring lots into compliance with DEC regulations.

Mr. Gatti:

- explained the history of developing land without septic systems;
- commented that DEC contacted the borough regarding non-compliance issues;
- recommended time limitations to ensure that septic systems are installed in a reasonable amount of time; and
- noted that the easement is an interest that the property holder maintains as long as the property is used for septic purposes.

MOTION: Assemblymember DeVilbiss moved a primary amendment to Section 8, Paragraph H, to strike “two” and insert “five” to read: “(H) The easement will provide that a DEC approved water or septic system, or both, must be installed on the property within five years from the date the easement is issued or the interest in the property will unconditionally revert back to the borough without any reimbursement for expenditures to the grantee. The Manager may extend this time period one time for good cause.”

Discussion continued concerning the time restrictions.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Jansen and Simpson opposed.

Mr. Swanson:

- stated that the ordinance presented addresses lots with existing structures; and
- proposed that a program will be developed to handle lots without existing structures.

Mr. Gatti:

- clarified that the ordinance is designed to protect the public’s health, safety, and welfare;
- noted that in regard to tax foreclosures, there is a one-year right of redemption; and
- stated that after the borough has acquired a clerk’s deed, there is a ten-year right of repurchase.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion, as amended, passed without objection.

4. Ordinance Serial No. 01-013: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$24,000 FROM THE ENHANCED 911 FUND BALANCE, FUND 202, TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2001 ENHANCED 911 OPERATING BUDGET, FUND 202, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING MAPPING AND ADDRESSING

SOFTWARE.  
IM No. 01-026

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

The following spoke in favor of the ordinance as written: Ms. Jean Woods.

There being no others who wished to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 01-013.

Discussion followed concerning revenues received that were above the projected amount and not budgeted for other expenditures.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

5. Ordinance Serial No. 01-014: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING MSB 19.08.023, ESTABLISHING A SITE SELECTION PROCESS FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS. (Sponsor: Assemblymember DeVilbiss) IM No. 01-028

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

The following spoke in favor of the ordinance as written: Ms. Barbara Gerard.

There being no others who wished to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember DeVilbiss moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 01-014.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved a primary amendment to MSB 19.08.023(A)(3)(a) to insert “and declares” and “required” to read as follows: “(a) issue a contract that determines and declares the amount of funding required and portables awarded to the charter school.”

GENERAL CONSENT: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to MSB 19.08.023(A)(3)(a) to strike the word “portables” and insert the word “facilities” to read as follows: “(a) issue a contract that determines and declares the amount of funding required and facilities awarded to the charter school.”

GENERAL CONSENT: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to MSB 19.08.023(B)(2),(3), and (4) to strike the “one” and insert “two” in all paragraphs so that it reads “two school board members,” “two planning commissioners,” and “two assembly members.”

DIVIDE THE QUESTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to divide the question and take each paragraph separately.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion, to divide the question, passed without objection. question.

GENERAL CONSENT: The primary amendment to MSB 19.08.023(B)(2) passed without objection and the paragraph now reads: “ two school board members.”

Discussion followed on the importance of having planning commission and assembly representation from the district the school site is determined.

With assembly concurrence, Assemblymember Colver changed his primary amendment to MSB 19.08.023(B)(3) to read “two planning commissioners, one in whose district the site is to be selected.”

GENERAL CONSENT: The primary amendment to MSB 19.08.023(B)(3) passed without objection and the paragraph now reads: “two planning commissioners, one in whose district the site is to be selected.”

With assembly concurrence, Assemblymember Colver changed his primary amendment to MSB 19.08.023(B)(4) to read “two assembly members, one in whose district the site is to be selected.”

GENERAL CONSENT: The primary amendment to MSB 19.08.023(B)(4) passed without objection and the paragraph now reads: “two assembly members, one in whose district the site is to be selected.”

MOTION: Assemblymember DeVilbiss moved a primary amendment to MSB 19.08.023(B) to add paragraph 5 to read “(5) one member of the public appointed at large.”

GENERAL CONSENT: The primary amendment to MSB 19.08.023(B)(5) passed without objection and the paragraph now reads: one member of the public appointed at large.”

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to MSB 19.08.023(E) and (F) strike the word “superintendent” and insert “school board” so that it reads “Upon review, the manager shall forward the report to the school board for approval,” and “Upon approval from the school board, the community development director and the purchasing agent shall complete the transaction to obtain the preferred site.”

Mr. Duffy:

- stated the reference to the superintendent follows existing code.

Mr. Gatti:

- referred to the code concerning the current site selection process;
- noted that the mayor appoints the school site selection committee;
- commented that ultimately the site selection decision returns to the assembly to finalize; and
- the selection is made by resolution or action memorandum.

VOTE: The primary amendment to MSB 19.08.023(E) and (F) failed with Assemblymembers Lankford Ladere, Colver, and DeVilbiss in favor.

MOTION: Assemblymember DeVilbiss moved to refer Ordinance Serial No. 01-014 to the Planning Commission for their review with recommendations back to the assembly no later than June 1, 2001.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

The regular assembly meeting recessed at 8:45 p.m. and reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

Ms. Lynn Wilkins:

- read a letter from Katie Wilkins, Colony High School student, requesting a donation of \$7 per graduating student to support a drug and alcohol free graduation night party; and
- projected that 80 percent of the 235 seniors will attend the party.

B. CONSENT AGENDA ( continued from page 6)

d. Resolution Serial No. 01-010: A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL 13 (SSHB 13) AND SENATE BILL 75, (SB 75) RELATING TO MUNICIPAL SERVICE AREAS AND PROVIDING FOR VOTER APPROVAL OF THE FORMATION, ALTERATION, OR ABOLITION OF CERTAIN SERVICE AREAS.

IM No. 01-037 (motion to adopt pending)

Mr. Gatti:

- stated that the proposed bills eliminates local control;
- commented that the constitution allows liberal construction of municipal powers;
- spoke to the possibility of inhibiting ability to consolidate local service areas; and
- stated that this assembly has been very responsive to local road supervisors.

Mr. Duffy:

- remarked that legislation is proposed to effect the entire state as a result of a local issue; and
- stated service area powers should remain as an assembly power.

Assemblymember Colberg stated that it is not appropriate for administration to take a position on legislative actions without assembly direction.

Mr. Swing:

- stated that in previous meetings, it was stated that the position taken was the administration and not necessarily the assembly's position;
- observed that current borough service area boundaries are irregular;
- noted that proposed subdivision development may be in two service areas which would require a vote of both service areas;
- the proposed bills do not apply to fire service areas because a clause is included that 6 percent of a fire service area could annex in or annex out of the service area but the 6 percent clause is not allowed for road service areas; and
- commented that road supervisors now give input on service area annexation requests.

MOTION: Assemblymember Lankford Ladere moved to postpone to time certain of March 6, 2001.

VOTE: The motion, to postpone, passed with Assemblymembers Jansen, Colver, and Kelly opposed.

b. AM No. 01-019: SOLE SOURCE AWARD TO NINE ONE ONE, INC. TO PURCHASE A SOFTWARE COMPONENT FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT (PSAP) AND THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL COPIES OF ARCVIEW SOFTWARE.

MOTION: Assemblymember Lankford Ladere moved to approve AM No. 01-019.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

## C. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

### 1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Anderson made the following recommendations:

Mat-Su Borough - Municipality of Anchorage Intergovernmental Liaison Committee

Sara Jansen, Assembly member position

Mayor's Blue Ribbon Fisheries Committee

Sarah Palin, City Mayor position

Bruce Knowles

Steve Totten

Michael Malone

Robert Hall

Eric Johnson

Platting Board

Dee Reekie, District 2 position

Mayor Anderson requested the following confirmations:

Agricultural and Forestry Advisory Board

Ed Coyle, Agricultural and Forestry Economics position

Richard Sanders, Agricultural and Forestry Management Services position  
Coastal Policy Council  
Jim Colver, Assemblymember  
Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council  
Kelly Lankford Ladere, Assemblymember  
Local Emergency Planning Committee  
Doris K. Lum, Hospital/Public Health position  
Mat-Su Borough - Municipality of Anchorage Intergovernmental Liaison Committee  
Jody Simpson, Assembly member position  
Sandra Garley, Borough administration  
John Duffy, Borough Administration  
Platting Board  
Helen Y. Kaye, District 5  
Sherrod Replacement School Site Selection  
Chris Rose, Planning Commission member position  
Transportation Advisory Board  
Leo Americus, Environmental Representative position  
Fairview Road Service Advisory Board No. 14  
Donald Brandl  
Big Lake Road Service Advisory Board No. 21  
Mike Graves  
Greater Palmer Consolidated Fire Service Area Advisory Board No. 132  
Frank Holt

Mayor Anderson requested the assembly accept the following resignation:  
Midway Road Service Advisory Board No. 9  
Eddie Ezelle

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to confirm the mayor's appointments up for confirmation this evening and to accept the resignation of Eddie Ezelle.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

#### D. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

#### X. RECONSIDERATION

A. Ordinance Serial No. 01-007: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$680,000 TO FUND 204, EDUCATION OPERATING, FOR A SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM. (Notice of intent to reconsider given by Assemblymember Colver on February 7, 2001.)  
IM 01-011

(The reconsideration of Ordinance Serial No. 01-007 was not called up. Therefore the ordinance comes into full force, effective from February 6, 2001, the date the ordinance was first adopted.)

#### XI. VETO

(There was no veto pending.)

#### XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(There was no executive session.)

#### XIII. MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Assemblymember Lankford Ladere:

- applauded the Planning Commission Chair, Bill Moll, for providing AAA auto repair shops in the valley;
- spoke to forest products utilization as a port development justification and the application process for federal grant funding;
- asked the administration to present a plan to utilize trees that are required to be removed from public lands;
- requested an assembly work session to discuss forest health for March 27, 2001, at 3:30 p.m.

Assemblymember Colver:

- questioned the DOT speed analysis of the Seldon/Bogard road and enforcement process for the speed limits set;
- spoke to the borough vehicle purchase policy;
- commented that the borough will address the proposed legislation to limit the appeal process to population statements proposed by the DCED; and
- queried the newspaper recycling process at the landfill (Mr. Duffy responded that the program will begin March 24, 2001).

Assemblymember Kelly;

- appreciated the assembly support for the Wasilla multi-use facility and encouraged the assembly to consider financial support for the facility;
- read a letter from Barbara Gerard supporting core knowledge (charter) schools;
- shared a report presented to the Wasilla Chamber referencing Port MacKenzie;
- spoke to the development of an industrial area near the Wasilla airport and the possibility of a borough land trade to promote the development;
- reported on AML Land Use and Economic Development legislative sub-committee and discussion of the following: supported HB 21, natural gas pipeline; supported HB 24, borough revenues for tourism/marketing; HB 36, establishment of enterprise zones was returned for more information; and HB 83, natural gas resource development special committee needs more work.

Assemblymember DeVilbiss:

- concerned about the concept of a community council close to the port having input on port decisions;
- asked the assembly to look closely at HB6 which would enhance and attract EMS personnel by allowing tax incentives and advantages; and
- spoke to the reconsideration issue.

Assemblymember Simpson:

- supported community councils being allowed input on the decision making process when it affects their neighborhoods.

Assemblymember Colberg:

- commended Fran Segar Boss for her written report regarding the old borough port; and
- appreciated Mr. Swing's comments on SSHB 13 and SB 75.

Assemblymember Jansen:

- spoke to the speed limits on the Seldon/Bogard Road;
- thanked the mayor for moving forward on the Blue Ribbon Fisheries Committee; and
- appreciated the diversity of the assembly and civil discourse of the evening.

Mayor Anderson:

- clarified the borough intention to move forward with the port development;
- thanked the clerk, manager, and attorney, and their staffs, for assistance with his position as Mayor;
- expressed pleasure in attending the recent fire fighters' appreciation dinner;
- announced the Wasilla Public Safety open house scheduled for 10 a.m. on February 23,2001;
- thanked the clerk for inviting him to the annual clerks' banquet in Anchorage and commended her for the professionalism demonstrated in her position.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular assembly meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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TIMOTHY L. ANDERSON, Borough Mayor  
ATTEST:

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SANDRA A. DILLON, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: March 6, 2001