

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING
ASSEMBLY MARCH 6, 2001

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on March 6, 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
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

Assembly member absent and excused:

Ms. Sara Jansen (Deputy Mayor), Assembly District No. 2

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Sandra A. Dillon, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Mr. Michael Gatti, Borough Attorney
Ms. Michelle M. McGehee, Borough Clerk's Secretary
Mr. Jim Swing, Public Works Director
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Mr. Karl Borglum, Borough Assessor
Mr. Ken Hudson, Chief of Code Compliance
Mr. Ron Swanson, Community Development Director
Mr. Kevin Koechlein, Public Safety Director
Mr. Mark Van Dongen, Port Advisor

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Anderson noted the following changes to the agenda:

- administration requested that Resolution Serial No. 01-013: APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT FOR THE NATURAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ASSOCIATION (NOAA) WEATHER RADIO TRANSMITTER PROJECT, FUND 480, PROJECT 20322 be pulled.

There was no objection to the agenda as amended.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Robbie Molloy, a Wasilla High School student who was in the audience.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. Regular Assembly Meeting: February 20, 2001

Mayor Anderson referenced the minutes and asked for any corrections.

Assemblymember Colberg requested correction to a vote on the motion to postpone on page 12. [After clerk's research, the vote on the motion was corrected to read, "The motion, to postpone, passed with Assemblymembers Jansen, Colver, and Kelly opposed."]

Assemblymember Colver suggested clarification to Mayor Guinotte's first comment on page 2. [After clerk's research, the comment was corrected to read, "commented that the site selection process was off track."]

Assemblymember Colver requested clarification of his second comment on page 14. [After clerk's research, the comment was corrected to read, "spoke to the borough vehicle policy."]

GENERAL CONSENT: The minutes from the February 20, 2001, regular assembly meeting were approved without objection pending the clerk's research.

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Reports from cities

Diane Keller, City of Wasilla Council Member:

- reported that a resolution was passed under their consent agenda opposing HB 80 (bar hours) and that the city of Wasilla's position is that this should be addressed at the local level;
- stated that the city amended their contract for water source exploration and master plan engineering, adding \$63,500;
- spoke to a grant received to perform a tree inventory and to plant more trees;
- received more information regarding the multi-use sports complex; and
- expressed thanks to Representative Khoring for working with DOT.

Assemblymember Lankford Ladere inquired into the city of Wasilla's water source exploration program and stated that she has expressed concern to the borough manager regarding a sufficient supply of drinking water within the cities.

Palmer Mayor Guinotte:

- stated that a location has been found for the charter school and thanked Mr. Duffy and the committee for their efforts in this regard;
- noted concern from the city of Palmer regarding the speed of traffic entering the city from the Butte, the need for an incremental decrease in the speed limit, and safety concerns regarding the placement of the charter school in this area;
- reported on the number of housing permits issued and the development of housing complexes in Palmer;
- noted potential parking problems resulting from zoning within the city limits;
- spoke to the Special Olympics Torch Run that came through Palmer Saturday afternoon; and
- met with Sergeant Schreiber during his visit to the Palmer Job Corps Center.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

Patricia Chesbro, School Superintendent:

- reported that five teachers have been named BP teachers of excellence;
- believes that a total of ten teachers will receive this honor during the school year, with one teacher to be named Teacher of the Year;
- stated that the plans for the summer school are going well and feels it will be successful; and
- spoke to the latest round of bench mark testing and the serious outlook of students toward the testing.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

Assemblymember Colberg:

- reported that the committee reviewed preliminary figures and stated that the school board has projected their needed expenditures to be more than anticipated, approximately \$119,000,000;
- stated that the school district understands this figure is not feasible due to the budget cap and will most likely be submitting a request for \$114,510,830, which is based on the existing state funding cap;
- noted that existing borough ordinance limits funding to \$111,532,000;
- commented that the school district will most likely request an alteration in the borough ordinance in order to reach the \$114,510,830 figure, which is \$2.9 million in excess of what the current borough ordinance will allow;
- remarked that this request is approximately \$6 million more than last year;
- noted that the borough's contribution last year was approximately \$25,982,000; under the current school district proposal, the borough's contribution would be expected to rise to over \$30 million;
- reported that the state's contribution is projected to decrease slightly from last year and that the federal contribution is projected to increase from approximately \$9.8 million to \$11.6 million;
- stated that there is a variety of reasons for the expected increases including contractual obligations for cost-of-living adjustments and school projects;
- commented that a mil increase of 1 1/3 to 1 2/3 would result if no adjustments are made;
- stated that the school district did not have a per capita cost available and that based on an estimate of enrollment figures from October 2000 of 12,745 students, the school district spent approximately \$8,511.00 per student; this year's figures can be estimated at 12,952 students - approximately \$8,837.00 per student; and
- concluded by stating that the projected increase does not include RIP, debt retirement.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Duffy:

- stated that the internal review of Port MacKenzie is close to completion;
- met with Ms. Helen Knoll, Regional Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration and members of her staff to discuss eligibility requirements for use of funding earmarks (\$11.2 million) on the port project;
- conveyed his optimism toward reaching an agreement to access the \$11.2 million, which will be used for development at the port;
- commented that Thomas, Head, and Grieson (financial analyst for the Hatcher Pass Project) have submitted their draft report and that the borough reviewed this report, made minor adjustments, and are working to develop a public/private partnership agreement;
- requested an executive session at the next assembly meeting to discuss the borough's negotiating positions on the Hatcher Pass Project;
- spoke to a status report from Ray Gillespie (the borough's state lobbyist) and noted: Mr. Gillespie's concern regarding full funding of student transportation due to a "cap" imposed by the Education Subcommittee; the capital grant management program remains unchanged from the beginning of the session; the central landfill still has full funding; the Governor has submitted his request regarding the GARVEE Bond initiative; and all projects are intact with the exception of the Willow portion of Hatcher Pass Road due to funding constraints;
- commented regarding improvements to the operations and functions of animal control in the borough and stated that a public opinion comment card would now be distributed at the shelter;
- noted that a public opinion comment card will also be distributed at the borough building; a public opinion comment box will be located in the first floor foyer; and employee recognition cards will be available for public feedback;
- stated that the borough will be implementing an interdepartmental plan review team made up of members from each department to address the design and implementation of all transportation projects;

- agreed with the State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities' request for a more formal method of coordination regarding transportation planning and programming with the Municipality of Anchorage, the railroad, and with DOT;
- stated that the borough is scheduled to launch WebPAC in the libraries during the week of March 26, 2001;
- spoke to the completion of the borough's polygon project;
- referenced the contract/change order and financial reports for January;
- spoke to the Cook Inlet 2001 Areawide Oil and Gas Lease Sale; and
- referenced a list of administration's proposals to the board of fisheries which will be forwarded to the assembly's Blue Ribbon Fisheries Task Force for consideration and later brought back to the assembly in final form.

Assemblymember Colberg requested an itemization of time from the borough's federal lobbyist, Steve Silver.

Mr. Duffy noted that an itemization had been requested from both Mr. Silver and Mr. Gillespie.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

(There were no attorney comments given.)

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. Dillon:

- highlighted the assembly meeting schedule for the month of March;
- stated that she will be contacting the school superintendent regarding additional handouts for the joint assembly/school board meeting on March 8, 2001;
- noted that a work session regarding legislative issues will be held at 4 p.m. on March 20, 2001;
- suggested a work session at 3 p.m. on March 20, 2001, with Vicki Otte, chair of the redistricting committee, to review the plans of the state;
- noted the March 27, 2001, assembly work session and joint assembly/planning commission meeting;
- reminded the assembly of their travel to Juneau on March 28-29, 2001;
- remarked that the city of Wasilla has requested a work session with the assembly to discuss the multi-use sports complex; and
- referenced the tracking report and attached redistricting board information.

Assembly member Colver requested that a code change be added to the tracking report regarding competitive bidding for land sales.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:

- a. Academy Charter School Site Selection Committee - 01/24/01, 02/07/01
- b. Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board - 01/03/01, 02/07/01
- c. Enhanced 9-1-1 Advisory Board - 01/09/01
- d. Greater Willow Road Service Area No. 20 - 12/28/00
- e. Library Board - 01/20/01

Assemblymember DeVilbiss requested that the clerk obtain a brief report regarding the libraries' filtering policy.

Assemblymember Colver:

- referenced a resolution from the library board recommending adoption of the library board comprehensive plan and inquired as to when this plan would be made available.

Mr Duffy stated that the comprehensive plan should be made available within four to six weeks.

- f. Local Emergency Planning Committee - 01/17/01
- g. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board No. 17, Knik - 02/04/01

Assemblymember DeVilbiss:

- referenced the local road service area advisory board minutes where Adams commented about Anchorage holding title to land in Port MacKenzie; and
- requested a report clarifying this issue.

h. Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board - 01/23/01

Assemblymember DeVilbiss encouraged the concept of motorized trails away from roadways.

i. Planning Commission - 02/05/01

Assemblymember DeVilbiss expressed concern regarding the leave of absence of a planning commissioner for a period of two months.

j. Platting Board - 02/01/01, 02/15/01

k. School Board - 01/03/01

Assemblymember DeVilbiss:

- referenced a motion regarding school board members' participation in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS); and
- commented that this may be an appropriate discussion topic for the next joint assembly/school board meeting.

l. Senior Citizens Advisory Board - 02/20/01

2. Community Council Correspondence:

a. Big Lake Community Council - 01/10/01

Assemblymember DeVilbiss:

- referenced the Big Lake Community Council minutes;
- commented that attendance is never noted on the minutes; and
- requested that this be notation be made.

Assemblymember Simpson stated that she would relay this request to the council.

b. Point MacKenzie Community Council - 12/30/00

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

a. IM No. 01-045: LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT RELATED COSTS

Assemblymember Lankford Ladere queried as to how much natural gas the borough subsidizes annually through the LID process, specifically in regard to Enstar.

Assemblymember DeVilbiss requested clarification regarding "other costs" associated with LIDs.

Mr. Duffy stated that a more complete report would be provided with a summary of costs on an annual basis.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A 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 (Postponed from 02/20/01, main motion pending)

MOTION: Assemblymember DeVilbiss moved to amend the “be it resolved” clause of Resolution Serial No. 01-010 by striking the phrase “and all measures similar thereto which in any way impair or impede the local municipal control of service areas” and inserting in its place the phrase “in its present form, but directs administration to work with the Alaska Municipal League to develop alternative amendments to the bills.”

Assemblymember DeVilbiss stated that he would feel more comfortable staying within the amendment process instead of opposing the resolution. He expressed his concern regarding implementation of the 6 percent rule in order to provide flexibility when making adjustments to boundaries and also regarding the interpretation of multiple tax levels within a single service area.

Discussion followed regarding the amendment to the resolution. Assembly support for amendments to the bills was expressed, as well as for the need to maintain flexibility.

Mr. Gatti stated that 6 percent is minimal when considering the borough’s large service areas.

VOTE: The motion to amend the “be it resolved” clause of Resolution Serial No. 01-010 by striking the phrase “and all measures similar thereto which in any way impair or impede the local municipal control of service areas” and inserting in its place the phrase “in its present form, but directs administration to work with the Alaska Municipal League to develop alternative amendments to the bills,” passed without objection.

VOTE: The motion, as amended, passed without objection.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTION (Suggested public hearing - 03/20/01)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 01-018: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$99,552 FROM THE WASILLA-LAKES FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE, FUND 250, TO THE FIRE SERVICE CAPITAL PROJECT FUND 405, PROJECT 10140, TO PURCHASE FURNISHINGS, EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES FOR THE WASILLA PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING.

a. Resolution Serial No. 01-011: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,552, FROM THE WASILLA-LAKES FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE, FUND 250, TO THE FIRE SERVICE CAPITAL PROJECT, FUND 405, PROJECT 10140, TO PURCHASE FURNISHINGS, EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES FOR THE WASILLA PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. IM No. 01-034

2. Ordinance Serial No. 01-019: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF TITLE 25, ELECTIONS. IM No. 01-040

3. Ordinance Serial No. 01-020: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE \$2,148 ADMINISTRATIVE FEE OF THE FIRE MITIGATION OFFICER GRANT TO FUND 480, PROJECT 20298. IM No. 01-041

Ms. Dillon read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved for introduction of the above-referenced legislation and set the public hearings on March 20, 2001.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

The assembly meeting recessed at 6:55 p.m. and reconvened at 7:07 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. 01-015: 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

Mayor Anderson requested any staff reports regarding Ordinance Serial No. 01-015.

Mr. Duffy:

- commented that this revision to the animal control board significantly changes the role of the board and will provide advisory functions; and
- noted the full support of the administration regarding these changes.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

The following spoke in favor of the ordinance: Ms Betty Vehrs, Joan Westall, Dave Brown, Judy Masteller, Arlene Stoelting, Tom Stoelting, Michelle Church, Jim Chesbro, and Mary Krogstad.

There being no others 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. 01-015.

Assemblymember Lankford Ladere expressed her support regarding the passage of the ordinance and thanked the volunteers for their efforts to maintain a high quality of service in the borough.

Assemblymember Simpson also expressed her support regarding the passage of the ordinance and encouraged a review of the National Animal Control Association evaluation and assessment of the borough animal control program.

Discussion followed regarding:

- assembly support of the ordinance;
- concern regarding potential difficulty in locating animal care and regulation in the local directory; and
- the inclusion of the board's meeting dates and times in the ordinance.

Ms. Dillon stated that meeting dates and times for advisory boards are more generally included in policy rather than code to allow flexibility.

Discussion continued regarding:

- the hours of the animal control shelter
- the suggestion of community service work at the shelter; and
- fiscal issues.

Mr. Duffy stated that the upcoming budgetary proposals will address animal care and regulation in the borough.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

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

Mayor Anderson requested any staff reports regarding Ordinance Serial No. 01-016.

Mr. Duffy:

- reported that the proposed amendments to Title 17 are intended to clarify the intent of the code that legal nonconforming status authorizes a structure's continued existence only within the location and the space that the structure occupied when it attained the status of a legal nonconforming structure; and
- stated that this ordinance reaffirms the borough's position that legal nonconforming structures may be maintained but not enlarged in ways that are prohibited.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Kelly moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 01-016.

Discussion followed regarding:

- the necessity to clarify borough code in regard to legal nonconforming structures as interpretations of this have varied;
- concern over the number of structures that could potentially be classified as nonconforming as a result of zoning regulations;
- upward expansion of legal nonconforming structures; and
- grandfather rights and grants of amnesty.

Mr. Duffy clarified that the ordinance addresses structures rather than uses.

Mr. Hudson:

- stated that the ordinance specifically addresses height; and
- referenced the Board of Adjustment and Appeals (BOAA) decision which allowed an owner of a legal nonconforming structure to replace nonconforming deck area with a height addition to the structure.

Mr. Duffy stated that the ordinance will allow enlargement of that portion of a structure horizontally or vertically that is legal as long as the nonconforming portion is not enlarged.

Discussion continued regarding:

- applications for variances;
- variance requirements;
- the reconstruction of nonconforming structures destroyed by fire; and
- the consistent application of staff's interpretation of variances.

Mr. Hudson reported that the Board of Adjustment and Appeals decision in question found that the terminology "same space" could be reasonably interpreted to mean two dimensional space and that this ordinance clarifies that "space" means three dimensional space.

Assemblymember Simpson inquired if Mr. Gatti was in the position to comment on how passage of this ordinance would effect the BOAA decision.

Mr. Gatti:

- commented that the standing BOAA decision was in fact interpretation of the borough code; and
- referenced MSB 1.15.070, stating that unless the repealing or amending ordinance expressly provides, the repeal or amendment of any ordinance does not release or extinguish any right accruing or accrued under ordinance prior to the repeal or amendment.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

The regular assembly meeting recessed at 7:55 p.m. and reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

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

b. AM No. 01-009: AWARD OF BID NO. 01-048, TO MOSELEY ENTERPRISES TO CONSTRUCT AN ADDITION TO BURCHELL HIGH SCHOOL.

Mayor Anderson requested any staff reports regarding Ordinance Serial No. 01-017 and AM No. 01-009.

Mr. Duffy:

- understood that a public hearing must be held on the ordinance because it was advertised; and
- respectfully requested that this ordinance be postponed until the April 3, 2001, assembly meeting because a number of issues, mostly legal in nature, have arisen.

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 Kelly moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 01-017 and AM No. 01-009.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kelly moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 01-017 and AM No. 01-009 to a time certain of April 3, 2001.

Assemblymember Colberg inquired if the interest earnings would normally be used to pay off the bond and queried as to precedent on this issue and if there was an alternate source of funding aside of the interest earnings.

Mr. Duffy:

- stated that he would have to defer to Ms. Clayton for precedent on the matter, but did not believe that this had been done before; and
- commented that a more detailed explanation would be provided at the April 3, 2001, meeting regarding utilization of the \$700,000.

Ms. Clayton:

- stated that utilization of this money would not impair the borough's ability to pay down the debt; and
- commented that other sources of funding were researched and that this was the only source available.

Mr. Duffy stated that the money is needed to complete the entire project at this time.

Discussion continued regarding:

- the utilization of the funds;
- surplus monies from other projects; and
- the needed approval of the Department of Education regarding funding for other projects.

VOTE: The motion to postpone to a time certain of April 3, 2001, passed without objection.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

(There was no audience participation.)

B. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution Serial No. 01-012: A RESOLUTION REVISING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET AS ADOPTED IN FISCAL YEAR 1999, CAPITAL PROJECTS, PROJECT NO. 10117, FOR THE AMOUNT OF

\$50,000 TO PURCHASE A RECORDS/ELECTRONIC RECORDS MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE. IM No. 01-036

(1) AM No. 01-021: AWARD OF THE RECORDS/ELECTRONIC MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE, PROPOSAL NO. 01-047.

(Resolution Serial No. 01-013 was pulled from the consent agenda, see page 1 for assembly action.)

c. Resolution Serial No. 01-014: A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE ELIMINATION OF THE MUNICIPAL APPEAL PROCEDURES FOR POPULATION ESTIMATES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IM NO 01-039

d. Resolution Serial No. 01-015: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH SLOPE GAS THROUGH THE UTILIZATION OF THE ALASKA GASLINE PORT AUTHORITY FOR THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT OF ALL ALASKA MUNICIPALITIES. (Sponsor: Mayor Anderson)

(Resolution Serial No. 01-015 was pulled from the consent agenda at this time.)

2. ACTION MEMORANDUM

a. AM No. 01-018: AWARD OF PROPOSAL NO. 01-054 TO GRINNELL FIRE PROTECTION TO DESIGN, INSTALL, AND SUPPORT AN ELECTRONIC ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM FOR THE DOROTHY S. JONES BOROUGH BUILDING.

b. AM No. 01-020: APPROVAL OF THE DISPATCH SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF PALMER.

c. AM No. 01-022: VACATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST IN HOMESTEAD DRIVE TRAIL WITHIN 100 ACRE WOOD SUBDIVISION, T16N, R3W, SECTION 11, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, KNIK-FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.

d. AM No. 01-024: APPROVAL OF DESIGN DEVELOPMENT FOR THE WASILLA HIGH SCHOOL REMODEL, PHASE I REROOF PROJECT.

Ms. Dillon read the above legislation into the record.

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

Assemblymember Lankford Ladere inquired if Resolution Serial No. 01-013 would appear before the assembly at a later time.

Mr. Duffy commented that an explanation would be provided in the future regarding this resolution.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

d. Resolution Serial No. 01-015: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH SLOPE GAS THROUGH THE UTILIZATION OF THE ALASKA GASLINE PORT AUTHORITY FOR THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT OF ALL ALASKA MUNICIPALITIES. (Sponsor: Mayor Anderson)

MOTION: Assemblymember Kelly moved for adoption of Resolution Serial No. 01-015.

Assemblymember Kelly noted his objection to the resolution in regard to the name of the Alaska Gasline Port Authority and queried as to the official status of the organization as an actual port authority.

Mayor Anderson clarified that the organization is a partnership of the North Slope Borough, the Fairbanks North Star Borough, and Valdez, with the intent to ship natural gas from the port of Valdez.

Mr. Gatti confirmed that the Alaska Gasline Port Authority is an organized port authority recognized by law.

Assemblymember Kelly withdrew his objection to passage of the resolution.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Anderson made the following recommendations:

Agricultural and Forestry Advisory Board:

Stephen Simmons, Agricultural Organization Representative

Board of Equalization:

Stacie J. Stigar, Alternate

Labor Relations Board:

Eleanor Loveroff

Colleen Hamblen

Local Emergency Planning Committee:

Amy Spargo, school district position

Mayor's Blue Ribbon Fisheries Committee:

Mike Hudson

Robert A. Martinson

Jennifer Theodore

D.J. Parks

Gold Trail RSA No. 28:

Rudy M. Turnbough

Talkeetna Sewer and Water SSA No. 36:

R.G. Denny

Mayor Anderson requested the following confirmations:

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

Steve Totten, at-large position

Michael Malone, at-large position

Robert Hall, at-large position

Eric Johnson, at-large position

Platting Board:

Dee Reekie, District 2 position

Mayor Anderson requested the assembly accept the following resignation:

Local Emergency Planning Committee:

Robert Doyle

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to confirm the mayor's appointments up for confirmation this evening and to accept the resignation of Robert Doyle.

Mayor Anderson stated that Mayor Palin would not be able to serve on the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Fisheries Committee at this time, however, he suggested that Mayor Palin remain on the committee as it is ongoing.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

D. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

X. RECONSIDERATION

(There was no reconsideration pending.)

XI. VETO

(There was no veto pending.)

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(There was no executive session.)

XIII. MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Assemblymember Colver:

- spoke to SB 59 regarding federally funded highway projects and suggested assembly support for the bill and the need to work with the Alaska Municipal League;
- spoke to the Wasilla multi-use sports complex and the resolution supporting the construction of the complex; and
- commented that he is looking forward to meeting with the Wasilla City Council in a work session to discuss the sports complex.

Assemblymember Colberg:

- inquired if the tracking report included the development of a port authority ordinance; and
- commented that he would like to see an ordinance developed for the future.

Mr. Duffy suggested an analysis of the issue.

Assemblymember Lankford Ladere:

- commented that the Willow Area Seniors Inc., are beginning a long process toward placement of senior housing in their community and applauded their efforts.

Assemblymember Kelly:

- commented that he is happy to see the efforts of the animal care and regulation board;
- clarified his comments made in regard to the multi-use sports complex and noted that the newspaper did quote him correctly, but not conclusively;
- remarked that he is also looking forward to a work session with the Wasilla City Council;
- reiterated his support for the sports complex; and
- stated that he received thanks from Mayor Palin regarding support for the facility.

Assemblymember DeVilbiss:

- thanked everyone for supporting amendments to HB 13 and SB 75;
- believes more will be accomplished by working with the system rather than against it;
- commented that he strongly believes in our service areas;
- requested reconsideration of a previous assembly action regarding community councils and the exclusion of property owners in their voting business;
- noted that there are several community councils in his district that feel they should have the option;
- supported the efforts of state redistricting;
- spoke to a letter from the postmaster in Skwenta regarding a lake management plan; and
- reported that one of his constituents is excited about new waste management technology and advised that he would forward an informational packet on this subject to the clerk.

Mr. Gatti:

- advised the assembly to remain attentive to the reapportionment;
- stated that he had spoken with the assistant attorney general who indicated that the borough is coming out with approximately 8 tenths of a house seat; and
- commented that the house seat could straddle boundaries of other jurisdictions.

Assemblymember Simpson:

- reiterated her appreciation for support of the animal care and regulation ordinance;
- extended an invitation on behalf of the Big Lake Library to preview the new WebPAC that is online;
- spoke to the borough clerk's positive evaluation and her staff's efforts and noted the recognition by the state's archivist for the borough being among the leaders in the state for records management; and
- spoke to the Wasilla multi-use sports complex and reminded the assembly members that statements made should reflect a consensus of the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kelly moved to schedule a work session in June with the Wasilla City Council to discuss the multi-use sports complex.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

Mayor Anderson:

- commented that clarification is needed regarding the statements that were made about the multi-use sports complex;
- noted his support of the complex;
- clarified the comments made by himself and Mr. Duffy during their meeting with Mayor Palin;
- spoke to a very successful recycle day that was held at a site near the animal shelter;
- commented that he enjoyed participating in the Read Across America Program;
- remarked that he also participated in the Special Olympics Torch Run;
- spoke to meeting with Mayor Palin regarding transportation issues;
- referenced the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Fisheries Committee, appointments thereto, an organizational meeting scheduled for March 16, 2001, and three other meetings scheduled for March 21, 22, and 23;
- stated that he also had an opportunity to meet with Sargent Shriver and his wife, Eunice, during the start of the Iditarod;
- also met with Governor Hammond and Arliss Sturgulewski; and
- spoke to the upcoming travel to Lake Louise.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular assembly meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

TIMOTHY L. ANDERSON, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

SANDRA A. DILLON, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: March 20, 2001