

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on January 3, 2006, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska; and teleconferenced to Su Valley High School, Mile 98.6 Parks Highway. 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:

Ms. Lynne Woods, Assembly District No. 1
Mr. Bill Allen, Assembly District No. 2
Mr. Talis J. Colberg, Assembly District No. 3
Ms. Mary Kvalheim, Assembly District No. 4
Ms. Cindy L. Bettine, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6 (*Deputy Mayor*)
Ms. Betty Vehrs, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Ms. Teresa S. Williams, Borough Attorney
Ms. Janice A. Case, Deputy Borough Clerk
Ms. Marian Romano, Assistant Borough Manager
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Mr. Keith Rountree, Public Works Director
Mr. Dennis Brodigan, Emergency Services Director
Mr. Ron Swanson, Community Development Director
Mr. Murph O'Brien, Planning and Land Use Director
Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Manager
Mr. Dave Hanson, Economic Development Director
Mr. Sev Jones, Chief of Planning

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Anderson stated that administration has requested that Resolution Serial No. 06-010 be pulled from the agenda.

There was no objection noted.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Academy Charter School Basketball Team.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. Special Assembly Meeting: 12/06/05

Mayor Anderson inquired if there were any corrections to the special meeting minutes of December 6, 2005.

GENERAL CONSENT: The minutes were approved as presented without objection.

B. Regular Assembly Meeting: 12/06/05

Mayor Anderson inquired if there were any corrections to the regular meeting minutes of December 6, 2005.

GENERAL CONSENT: The minutes were approved as presented without objection.

C. Joint Assembly/School Board Meeting: 12/15/05

Mayor Anderson inquired if there were any corrections to the joint Assembly/School Board meeting minutes of December 15, 2005.

GENERAL CONSENT: The minutes were approved as presented without objection.

D. Special Assembly Meeting: 12/15/05

Mayor Anderson inquired if there were any corrections to the special meeting minutes of December 15, 2005.

GENERAL CONSENT: The minutes were approved as presented without objection.

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Reports from cities

Wasilla City

Councilmember Mark Ewing:

- reported that the city of Wasilla is beginning to prepare their budget for the next fiscal year;

- stated that the city of Wasilla is happy to hear about the Hatcher Pass ski development project;
- noted that he is looking forward to taking a voyage on the new ferry, which will be tested in 2007; and
- spoke in support of the proposed east-west transportation corridor.

Palmer City

Mayor John Combs:

- invited the members of the Assembly to attend the presentation of a bronze plaque for the new Palmer Ice Arena on January 8, 2006, at 2 p.m.;
- stated that he is working with the Alaska State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities regarding new visitor directional signs to display the downtown shopping and historical district in Palmer; and
- reported that several business owners in Palmer have taken the initiative to form a business improvement district and will be approaching to Palmer City Council regarding being assessed at a higher mill rate in order to enhance the community.

Assemblymember Woods complimented the city of Palmer and the local businesses on the Colony Christmas production.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

Ms. Sarah Welton, School Board President:

- noted that school is back in session today after a two-week Christmas break;
- stated that the School Board will be honoring student participants in the School District's naming competition for the Wasilla Area Elementary School at their next regular meeting;
- stated that the School District will present the Associated General Contractors with its 2005 Business Partner of the Year Award;
- noted that the School Board will consider approval of a \$22 million bond package for the Su Valley roof replacement and the Knik-Goose Bay Elementary School;
- noted that both projects are eligible for the 70 percent reimbursement from the State;
- commented that it is the desire of the School Board is to see these projects on a stand alone spring ballot for final consideration;
- stated that the bond package could be altered if a direct legislative appropriation for Su Valley's roof is granted;
- commented that at this time the School Board feels it is wise to explore all funding opportunities;
- noted that the School Board would be discussing the joint State Legislative priorities discussed at the December 15, 2005, joint Assembly/School Board meeting;
- stated that exchange students from Saroma, Japan, our sister city, are arriving on January 10, 2006, for eight days;
- invited the members of the Assembly to attend the farewell potluck on January 18, 2006, at Palmer High School; and

- discussed the benefits of the exchange program.

Mayor Anderson inquired regarding the School Board requesting the bonding for the Su Valley roof replacement and the joint Assembly/School Board resolution regarding State Legislative priorities.

Ms. Welton replied that the School Board is exploring all options and that they are still in support of the legislative appropriation for Su Valley High School.

3. Alaska State Fair Update – Mr. Joe Lawton, General Manager

Mr. Joe Lawton:

- reported that financially, it was a tight year;
- stated that the fair has decided to move forward with the same dates for 2006, but may make changes depending upon how this year operates;
- stated that they recently passed their budget for the upcoming year;
- commented that the largest capital item budgeted for 2006 are the restrooms for the Borough-owned Don Sheldon Building;
- stated that the barn studies are done and a design for a multi-purpose facility, with an occupancy of 11,000 people, has been completed;
- stated that the multi-purpose facility could be constructed for approximately \$14 million;
- discussed the possible uses for the proposed building; and
- noted that the funds for the building would have to come from outside sources, but that they believe they would be able to cover the operations and maintenance of the building once it has been constructed.

Assemblymember Colberg inquired the number of years remaining before Raven Hall will be paid off.

Mr. Lawton replied that Raven Hall will be paid of in approximately six years.

Discussion ensued regarding funding and costs for the proposed facility.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

Assemblymember Colver advised that there have been no meetings.

2. Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Mayor Anderson advised that the Regional Transportation Planning Organization has not met since the last report.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

Mr. Duffy:

- referred to the memorandum in the orange folder from the Assessor and Finance Director regarding business inventory for natural resources not currently part of the tax exemptions;
- explained how the business inventory for the natural resources would be calculated; and
- discussed past practice for taxing business inventory.

Assemblymember Allen queried at what rate the business inventory would be taxed.

Ms. Clayton replied that business inventory is a form of personal property and would be taxed at the mill rate that was approved by the Assembly in May.

Assemblymember Woods inquired how this would affect the \$250,000 exemption.

Ms. Clayton:

- replied that the first \$250,000 would be exempt; and
- noted that the Borough would be sending out forms to various businesses that they believe will have this level of inventory.

Discussion ensued regarding taxing business inventory items.

Mr. Duffy:

- stated that Dr. Dauphinais has provided a syllabus for the keystone courses;
- noted that Representative Gatto will be having a House Transportation Committee on January 10, 2006, at 1:30 p.m., which will be teleconferenced from the Legislative Information Office; and
- commented that the Clerk has advertised that three or more members of the Assembly may be in attendance at the teleconference.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

(There were no attorney comments.)

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McGehee:

- reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule;
- referred to the information regarding the Assembly retreat in the Clerk's report;
- noted that the status update for the Assembly projects and the quasi-judicial report is included in the Clerk's report; and
- commented that the tracking report has been updated and provided.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:
 - a. Animal Care and Regulation Board: 11/14/05
 - b. Board of Adjustment and Appeals: 10/07/05
 - c. Borough Area Schools Site Selection Committee: 06/20/05, 11/07/05
 - d. Greater Talkeetna Road Service Area No. 29: 10/13/05, 11/10/05
 - e. Joint Caswell Lakes Road Service Area No. 15, Greater Talkeetna Road Service Area No. 29, and Trapper Creek Road Service Area No. 30: 11/14/05
 - f. Library Board: 10/15/05, 11/19/05
 - g. Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board: 10/24/05, 11/28/05, Resolution Serial No. 05-14
 - h. Planning Commission: 11/21/05, 12/05/05
 - i. Port Commission: 10/17/05, Resolution Serial No. 05-009
 - j. South Colony Road Service Area No. 16: 11/08/05
 - k. Sutton Fire Service Area No. 4: 10/20/05
 - l. Talkeetna Flood Control Service Area No. 7: 11/01/05, 11/14/05
 - m. Talkeetna Sewer and Water Service Area No. 36: 10/27/05
 - n. Trapper Creek Road Service Area No. 30: 11/10/05
2. Community Council Correspondence:
 - a. Big Lake Community Council: 02/09/05, 03/09/05, 04/13/05, 06/08/05, 08/10/05, 09/14/05, 10/12/05, 11/09/05, 11/09/05 (Quarterly)
 - b. Gateway Community Council: 02/04/05, 4/13/05, 09/30/05
 - c. Glacier View Community Council: 12/08/05
 - d. Knik-Fairview Community Council: 11/10/05
 - e. Sutton Community Council: 09/13/05, 10/03/05
 - f. Trapper Creek Community Council: 11/17/05
 - g. Willow Area Community Organization: 12/05/05
 - h. Y Community Council: 11/03/05

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. AM No. 05-189: AWARD OF BID NO. 06-046 TO LAST FRONTIER TREE CARE LLC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$43,709.97 FOR THE BURNT BUTTE FIRE MITIGATION PROJECT. (*Motion Pending: 10/18/05*)

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Woods moved to approve AM No. 05-189.

Mr. Duffy:

- reported that the Butte Community Council has recommended that the Borough not move forward with the mechanical aspect of this project;
- noted that the project is too cost prohibitive by hand; and
- stated therefore Administration recommends defeating the contract award.

Assemblymember Colver inquired regarding the time involved in preparing and awarding this contract.

Mr. Brodigan:

- stated that the process for the mitigation project began in February 2005;
- explained the process for determining the work involved in the mitigation project;
- explained that the project would be approximately 4 ½ times more expensive if performed as the Butte Community Council has requested.

Assemblymember Allen inquired if the Butte Community Council is aware of the cost difference and that the project would either have to be done as stated in the contract or not done at all.

Mr. Brodigan:

- affirmed that the Butte Community Council is aware of the cost difference and that the Borough would not be able to perform the contract as requested;
- stated that he met with the Butte Community Council on December 14, 2005, for a presentation on the project and a question and answer session; and
- explained what the community expects versus what has been recommended.

Discussion ensued regarding the fire mitigation project.

VOTE: The motion failed unanimously.

B. Resolution Serial No. 05-152: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A FEDERAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANT FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A SURVEY AND NOMINATION OF THE MATANUSKA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENTAL FARM ON TRUNK ROAD AND RESEARCH CENTER IN PALMER TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES AS TWO SEPARATE HISTORIC DISTRICTS. (*Motion Pending: 12/06/05*)

1. IM No. 05-293
2. IM No. 06-036

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Woods moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 05-152.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymembers Colver and Colberg declared a conflict of interest on Resolution Serial No. 05-152.

RULING: Mayor Anderson declared that Assemblymembers Colver and Colberg had a conflict of interest and would be recused from voting.

(Assemblymembers Colver and Colberg exited the meeting at this time.)

Mr. Duffy recommended that the Assembly postpone Resolution Serial No. 05-152 indefinitely.

Mr. Swanson reported that the University of Alaska felt that this action is premature until the campus plan has been completed.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to postpone Resolution Serial No. 05-152 indefinitely.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

(Assemblymembers Colver and Colberg returned to the meeting at this time.)

C. Ordinance Serial No. 05-168: AN ORDINANCE OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY TO AUTHORIZE THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$296,000 FROM THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION TO BUILD A COVERED STORAGE AREA FOR SALTED SAND.

(Motion pending: 09/20/05)

1. IM No. 05-158

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Colver moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-168.

Mr. Duffy recommended postponing Ordinance Serial No. 05-168 to the February 7, 2006, regular Assembly meeting, as one signature of a road service area board was still outstanding.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 05-168 to a time certain of the February 7, 2006, regular Assembly meeting.

VOTE: The motion to postpone to a time certain of February 7, 2006, passed without objection.

(The regular meeting recessed at 6:52 p.m. and reconvened at 7 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. 06-001: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 15.24.030(B)(1), TO ADOPT THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – 2005 UPDATE.
 - a. IM No. 06-004

Mr. Jones:

- provided a history of the implementation of the comprehensive plan;
- stated that the comprehensive plan addresses significant issues such as transportation and economic development; and
- recommended adoption of the update to the comprehensive plan.

Mayor Anderson welcomed Representative Carl Gatto to the Assembly meeting.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 06-001: Ms. Kathy Wells, Director of Friends of Mat-Su.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 06-001.

Assemblymember Vehrs:

- stated that she has reviewed the comments received from the members of the public; and
- queried how much of the comments were taken into account and incorporated before the legislation was brought before the Assembly.

Mr. Duffy:

- replied that the legislation does address the concerns of the public; and
- stated that the document provides a hierarchy for community plans, regional plans, etc.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

Mayor Anderson inquired if there was any objection to addressing items 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 together.

There was no objection noted.

2. Ordinance Serial No. 06-002: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A \$7,500 ALASKA STATE DIVISION OF FORESTRY VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT AND REQUESTING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$7,500 FROM THE BUTTE FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND

BALANCE, FUND 251, TO PROJECT NO. 20144, FUND 405, FOR FIRE AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.

- a. Resolution Serial No. 06-001: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ALASKA STATE DIVISION OF FORESTRY VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT AND MATCHING FUNDS FOR BUTTE FIRE SERVICE AREA, PROJECT NO. 20144, FUND 405.
(1) IM No. 06-005
3. Ordinance Serial No. 06-003: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A \$4,830 ALASKA STATE DIVISION OF FORESTRY VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT AND REQUESTING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$4,830 FROM THE SUTTON FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE, FUND 253, TO PROJECT NO. 20255, FUND 405, FOR COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 06-002: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ALASKA STATE DIVISION OF FORESTRY VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE ASSISTANCE GRANT AND MATCHING FUNDS FOR SUTTON FIRE SERVICE AREA, PROJECT NO. 20255, FUND 405.
(1) IM No. 06-006
4. Ordinance Serial No. 06-004: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A \$7,500 ALASKA STATE DIVISION OF FORESTRY VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT AND REQUESTING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$7,500 FROM THE BIG LAKE FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE, FUND 256, TO PROJECT NO. 20277, FUND 405, FOR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 06-003: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ALASKA STATE DIVISION OF FORESTRY VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR BIG LAKE FIRE SERVICE AREA, PROJECT NO. 20277, FUND 405.
(1) IM No. 06-008
6. Ordinance Serial No. 06-008: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$40,000 GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TO FUND 425, PROJECT NO. 45191, FOR A MEADOW LAKES MEDIC SUPERVISOR VEHICLE.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 06-005: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT, PROJECT NO. 45191, FUND 425, FOR A MEADOW LAKES MEDIC SUPERVISOR VEHICLE.
(1) IM No. 06-010

7. Ordinance Serial No. 06-009: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$40,000 GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TO FUND 425, PROJECT NO. 45192, TO REPLACE THE MEADOW LAKES RESCUE BOAT, MOTOR, AND TRAILER.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 06-006: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT, PROJECT NO. 45192, FUND 425, TO REPLACE THE MEADOW LAKES RESCUE BOAT, MOTOR, AND TRAILER.
 - (1) IM No. 06-011
8. Ordinance Serial No. 06-010: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$50,000 GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TO FUND 405, PROJECT NO. 45193, TO REMODEL A PORTION OF THE FIRE TRAINING CENTER AND PURCHASE EQUIPMENT.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 06-007: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT, PROJECT NO. 45193, FUND 405, TO REMODEL A PORTION OF THE FIRE TRAINING CENTER AND PURCHASE EQUIPMENT.
 - (1) IM No 06-012
9. Ordinance Serial No. 06-011: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$25,000 GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TO FUND 425, PROJECT NO. 45194, FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF RESCUE EQUIPMENT.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 06-008: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT, PROJECT NO. 45194, FUND 425, FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF RESCUE EQUIPMENT.
 - (1) IM No. 06-013
10. Ordinance Serial No. 06-012: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$75,000 GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TO FUND 425, PROJECT NO. 45194, FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE EQUIPMENT.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 06-009: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT, PROJECT NO. 45194, FUND 425, FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE EQUIPMENT.
 - (1) IM No. 06-014

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 06-002, 06-003, 06-004, 06-008, 06-009, 06-010, 06-011, and 06-012 and Resolution Serial Nos. 06-001, 06-002, 06-003, 06-005, 06-006, 06-007, 06-008, and 06-009.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

5. Ordinance Serial No. 06-005: AN ORDINANCE CLASSIFYING APPROXIMATELY 13,994 ACRES OF LAND WITHIN VARIOUS STATE LEGISLATIVELY DESIGNATED AREAS AS “RESERVED USE/PUBLIC RECREATION LANDS.”
- a. Ordinance Serial No. 06-007: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN EQUAL VALUE LAND EXCHANGE WITH THE STATE OF ALASKA FOR APPROXIMATELY 13,994 ACRES OF BOROUGH-OWNED LAND WITHIN VARIOUS STATE LEGISLATIVELY DESIGNATED AREAS FOR 12,715 ACRES OF STATE LAND LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE MATANUSKA AND SUSITNA RIVER VALLEYS, AND AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LAND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ALASKA TO EXECUTE THE LAND EXCHANGE.
- (1) Resolution Serial No. 06-004: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A “BEST INTEREST FINDING” THAT BOROUGH-OWNED LAND WITHIN STATE LEGISLATIVELY DESIGNATED AREAS BE CLASSIFIED “RESERVED USE/PUBLIC RECREATION LANDS,” AND FURTHER FINDING THAT AN EQUAL VALUE LAND EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH FOR THE LEGISLATIVELY DESIGNATED LAND AND THE STATE OF ALASKA FOR OTHER STATE LAND THROUGHOUT THE MATANUSKA AND SUSITNA RIVER VALLEYS IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE BOROUGH (MSB 004541).
- (a) IM No. 06-009

Mr. Swanson provided a staff report.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 06-005 and 06-007 and Resolution Serial No. 06-004.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 06-007, Appendix B and Resolution Serial No. 06-004, Appendix B to strike the Hatcher Pass parcel (ADL 227511 – C), with a corresponding change to the

accumulative acreage from 12,715 to 12,841 and to direct administration to amend the Final Administrative Decision and Best Interest Finding to reflect the above deletions of the Hatcher Pass parcel.

Assemblymember Colver spoke in support of the primary amendment.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following persons spoke in support of AM No. 06-009, regarding the approval of the contract for the Academy Charter Gym: Ms. Carolyn Sessom and Mr. Dave Merrill.

The following person spoke to the loss of the child on Hatcher Pass and shutting down the road where the accident occurred: Ms. Cheryl Turner.

The following person thanked the Assembly for their defeat of AM No. 05-189: Ms. Lucille Frey.

The following person spoke regarding the State Legislature's approval of the funds for a community gym, not an Academy Charter School gym, and spoke in support of AM No. 06-009: Representative Carl Gatto.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

a. ~~Resolution Serial No. 06-010: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEES FOR APPLICATIONS, VARIANCE, CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS, AND APPEALS UNDER TITLE 17, ZONING.~~¹

(1) ~~IM No. 06-007~~

b. Resolution Serial No. 06-011: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INTERIM IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PALMER-WASILLA HIGHWAY.

(1) IM No. 06-017

c. Resolution Serial No. 06-012: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENT WITH THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE HATCHER PASS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

(1) IM No. 06-024

¹ Resolution Serial No. 06-010 was pulled from the agenda under approval of the agenda.

2. ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUMS

- a. AM No. 06-001: ACCEPTING LATE FILED SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED VETERAN TAX EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS FOR TAX YEAR 2005.
- b. AM No. 06-002: APPROVAL OF THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF THE 30-FOOT WIDE FLOATING PUBLIC ACCESS EASEMENT RUNNING THROUGH LOTS 5 TO 9, SKYLINE VIEW SUBDIVISION, SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, IN THE BIG LAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.
- c. AM No. 06-003: APPROVAL OF THE VACATION OF A 6-FOOT BY 23-FOOT PORTION OF THE 80-FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SETTLERS BAY DRIVE ADJACENT TO LOT 2, BLOCK 14, SETTLERS BAY NO. 2, LOCATED IN SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, IN THE KNIK-FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.
- d. AM No. 06-004: APPROVAL OF THE VACATION OF WEST RASHELLE DRIVE AND THE 15-FOOT UTILITY EASEMENT WHICH WILL BE RELOCATED TO THE SOUTH IN THE PROPOSED CREEKSHORE RUN SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, IN THE MEADOW LAKES COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.
- e. AM No. 06-008: AWARD OF PROPOSAL NO. 06-079 TO ALASKA RIM ENGINEERING, INC., FOR THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$31,050 TO PERFORM SURVEY WORK IN THE PROPOSED TRAILWOOD ESTATES SUBDIVISION.
- f. AM No. 06-009: AWARD OF PROPOSAL NO. 06-075 TO F-E CONTRACTING, INC., FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,367,300 FOR THE DESIGN/BUILD OF THE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL GYMNASIUM.
- g. AM No. 06-010: AWARD OF PROPOSAL NO. 06-059 TO CH2M HILL FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$126,411.42 FOR THE LANDFILL SEQUENCING PLAN AND CLOSURE COST EVALUATION.
- h. AM No. 06-011: AWARD OF PROPOSAL NO. 06-030 TO TRYCK NYMAN HAYES FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$469,955 FOR THE POINT MACKENZIE AND ANCHORAGE FERRY LANDING DESIGNS.

Ms. McGehee read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the Clerk.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to reconsider AM No. 06-009.

VOTE: The motion to reconsider failed unanimously.

(The regular meeting recessed at 7:54 p.m. and reconvened at 8:13 p.m.)

(Su Valley exited the meeting at this time.)

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTION (For public hearing - 01/17/06, 7 p.m., Borough Assembly Chambers)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 06-016: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 5.15.010(A), TO CALCULATE THE BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS EXPIRATION DATE ON A CALENDAR YEAR BASIS. *(Sponsor: Mayor Anderson)*
 - a. IM No. 06-015
2. Ordinance Serial No. 06-017: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$4,303 FROM THE LAND MANAGEMENT FUND BALANCE, FUND 203, TO PAY DELINQUENT TAXES, PENALTIES, INTEREST, AND FORECLOSURE COSTS UP TO CLERK'S DEED ON TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTIES BOROUGHWIDE WHERE THE REPURCHASE RIGHTS OF THE FORMER RECORD OWNERS HAVE EXPIRED.
 - a. IM No. 06-016
3. Ordinance Serial No. 06-018: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE LITEN LAKE, LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND AMENDING MSB 15.24.030, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND PURPOSES, AND MSB 17.59, LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION.
 - a. IM No. 06-019
4. Ordinance Serial No. 06-019: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE JEAN LAKE, LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND AMENDING MSB 15.24.030, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND PURPOSES, AND MSB 17.59, LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION.
 - a. IM No. 06-020
5. Ordinance Serial No. 06-020: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 1.51.020, POLICY FOR NAMING BOROUGH FACILITIES, TO ALLOW THE NAMING OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE FACILITIES AFTER INDIVIDUALS. *(Sponsor: Assemblymember Vehrs)*
 - a. IM No. 06-021

6. Ordinance Serial No. 06-021: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 2.12.090(C), AGENDA, ORDER OF BUSINESS, PARAGRAPHS C(7) AND C(9), BY MOVING THE CONSENT AGENDA TO NEW BUSINESS.
 - a. IM No. 06-038
- B. INTRODUCTION (For public hearing - 02/07/06, 7 p.m., Borough Assembly Chambers)
 1. Ordinance Serial No. 06-013: AN ORDINANCE CREATING GERONDALE CIRCLE ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 417, APPROVING THE IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT, AND ASSESSING EQUALLY AMONG THE PROPERTIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT THE COSTS OF THE IMPROVEMENT.
 - a. IM No. 06-018
 2. Ordinance Serial No. 06-014: AN ORDINANCE CREATING OLD SQUAW LOOP AND COURT ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 415, APPROVING THE IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT, AND ASSESSING EQUALLY AMONG THE PROPERTIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT THE COSTS OF THE IMPROVEMENT.
 - a. IM No. 06-022
 3. Ordinance Serial No. 06-015: AN ORDINANCE CREATING LINCOLN, SCHULZ, AND ROSEHILL DRIVES ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 416, APPROVING THE IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT, AND ASSESSING EQUALLY AMONG THE PROPERTIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT THE COSTS OF THE IMPROVEMENT.
 - a. IM No. 06-023

Ms. McGehee read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearings for January 17, 2006, and February 7, 2006, respectively.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Anderson made the following recommendations:

Board of Adjustment and Appeals

John Shadrach

Colleen Hamblin

Board of Ethics

Joan Hope

Borough Area Schools Site Selection Committee

Patricia Purcell

Mark Masteller

Emergency Medical Services Board

Lisa Behrens

Historical Preservation Commission

Rodney Marsh

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Mark Ewing

Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Forming an Economic Development Corporation

James Sonnier

Michael Haines

Elisa Yi Chung Liu

Planning Commission

Helga Larson

Real Property Asset Management

Kenneth Marsh

Janice Strong

Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Freda Hatton

William Frick

Sutton Fire Service Area No. 4

Vince Volpe

North Colony Road Service Area No. 23

Julie Real

Mayor Anderson requested the following confirmations:

Board of Adjustment and Appeals

Helene Antel

Tara Lachinski

Emergency Medical Services Board

Removal of Ben Simonds

Resignation of Clarence Weeks, Jr.

Enhanced 911 Advisory Board

Don Savage

Gina Wheeler

Historical Preservation Commission

Bonnie Allen

Rosetta Alcantra

Human Services Citizen Advisory Committee

Kelly Marre

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Cindy Bettine

Timothy Straub

Janice Bates

Nancy Hall

Sarah Sanderlin

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board

Resignation of Kim Sollien

Kathy Wells

Howell Powder

Sandy Kogl

Edward Strabel

Planning Commission

Dianne Woodruff

Thomas Kluberton

Platting Board

Patrick Johnson

Port Commission

Archie Giddings

Regional Transportation Advisory Board

Helene Antel

Big Lake Fire Service Area No. 33

Wes Hamrick

Meadow Lakes Fire Service Area No. 34

Rae Arno

Wasilla Lakes Fire Service Area No. 130

Art Scates

Willow Fire Service Area No. 35

John Anderson

Midway Road Service Area No. 9

N. Roy Goodman

Talkeetna Sewer and Water Service Area No. 36

James Kellard

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments, removals, and resignations up for confirmation this evening.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

X. RECONSIDERATION

(There were no reconsiderations presented.)

XI. VETO

(There were no vetoes presented.)

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(There was no executive session held.)

XIII. MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Assemblymember Colberg inquired regarding who would be in charge of running the new community gym at Academy Charter School.

Mr. Duffy:

- replied that community gyms are run by Community Development; and
- noted that the Borough has a management agreement with Academy Charter for the use of the property where the gym will be located.

Assemblymember Allen wished everyone a happy new year.

Assemblymember Woods:

- wished everyone a happy new year; and
- presented the Mayor and members of the Assembly with a poster of the Matanuska River designed by the Matanuska River Watch.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- noted that at the joint work session with the Legislative Delegation on December 19, 2005, it was stated that it would be beneficial if the Borough had some of their school bonds adopted before the end of the session;
- referred to a schedule provided by the Clerk for an April 25, 2006, special election; and
- noted that there is a group interested in promoting a Settler's Bay Elementary School.

Assemblymember Kvalheim:

- thanked Mr. Black, the Borough Assessor, for discovering the natural resource business inventory as a taxable item;
- stated that she has requested that the Clerk research all-mail elections in order to save funds; and
- discussed having some displays in the Borough for the Constitutional Convention Celebration.

Assemblymember Vehrs:

- stated that she is pleased that residents in the Su Valley area have requested that the Assembly teleconference all of the meetings until the Su Valley High School issue is resolved;
- thanked the Clerk for making the arrangements for the teleconference; and

- stated that she and Assemblymember Bettine recently addressed the Mat-Su Home Builders Association regarding tax relief.

Mayor Anderson:

- stated that he was happy to add the special election discussion to the meeting on January 10, 2006, in order to be proactive and gather all of the information needed to make an informed decision;
- opined that he was dismayed with the report from the School District this evening;
- noted that the Manager and Assemblymember Vehrs will be attending the School Board meeting tomorrow to inquire regarding the Su Valley project and the joint resolution previously agreed upon;
- noted that the first teleconference on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program is very important and encouraged the members of the Assembly to attend;
- discussed trips to Juneau during session; and
- wished everyone a happy new year.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

/s/

TIMOTHY L. ANDERSON, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/

MICHELLE M. MCGEHEE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 01/17/06