

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING
ASSEMBLY MARCH 20, 2001

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on March 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, Deputy Borough 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
Mr. Steve Cypra, Land Management Agent

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Anderson noted the following changes to the agenda:

- the mayor requested that item VI, Special Orders of the Day, be addressed after item IV, Pledge of Allegiance;
- the mayor requested that item XII, Executive Session, be addressed after the Special Orders of the Day; and
- the administration requested that Resolution Serial No. 01-006: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY TO SALVAGE TIMBER ON BOROUGH-OWNED LAND PRIOR TO CLEARING THAT LAND FOR A PUBLIC FACILITY be pulled and brought back on April 3, 2001.

There was no objection to the agenda as amended.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Katie Hurley and Kaela Larson, members of the audience.

VI. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Proclamation for Ms. Katie Hurley for dedication and service to the people of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

Mayor Anderson read the proclamation honoring Ms. Katie Hurley. Ms. Hurley accepted the award and spoke to her goals for the continued growth of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

B. Proclamation for Ms. Kaela Larson for dedication and service to a community service project called “Trees for Tots.”

Mayor Anderson read the proclamation honoring Ms. Kaela Larson. Ms. Larson accepted the award and explained her motivation and participation in “Trees for Tots.”

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. Regular Assembly Meeting: March 6, 2001

B. Special Assembly Meeting: March 6, 2001

C. Special Joint Assembly/School Board Meeting: March 8, 2001

The mayor referenced the minutes listed on the agenda and asked for any corrections.

Assemblymember Kelly noted that on the March 6, 2001, regular minutes the name of the student who led the pledge of allegiance was misspelled. [After clerk’s research, the name was corrected to read Robbie Molloy.]

Mayor Anderson noted that on the March 6, 2001, regular minutes under Mayor and Assembly Comments, a spelling error was made referencing his meeting with Sergeant Shreiber. [After clerk’s research, the name was corrected to read Sargent Shriver.]

GENERAL CONSENT: The minutes from the regular and special meetings of March 6, 2001, and the minutes for the special meeting March 6, 2001, were approved without objection pending the clerk’s research.

MOTION: Assemblymember DeVilbiss moved to suspend the rules to take up the executive session at the end of the meeting.

VOTE: The motion, to suspend the rules, failed with Assemblymembers Lankford Lader and DeVilbiss in favor.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (for matters, the immediate public knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the borough and confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of facilitating the rendition of professional legal services to the borough and land acquisition or disposal.)

A. Hatcher Pass Development Negotiations

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to enter into an executive session for matters, the immediate public knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the borough; confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of facilitating the rendition of professional services to the borough, and land acquisition or disposal, specifically to discuss the Hatcher Pass development negotiations.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection and the assembly entered the executive session at 6:20 p.m. The executive session was convened in the assembly chambers with the mayor, assemblymembers, borough clerk, borough attorney, borough manager, finance director, community development director, and land management agent in attendance.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kelly moved to recess and reconvene the executive session upon completion of the Special Orders portion of the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed and the assembly exited the executive session at 6:55 p.m.

Mayor Anderson announced that the Hatcher Pass Development Corporation contacted the borough and stated they would no longer be involved in the Hatcher Pass Development project, and stated that the assembly will reconvene the executive session after the Special Orders.

VIII. 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. 01-018: 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

Ms. Clayton:

- clarified the Wasilla-Lakes

Fire Service Area expenses;

- stated that ambulance services and fire services will share the public safety building;

- spoke to the additional expenses for furnishings, equipment, and appliances being addressed in the FY02 budget;

- explained that the remaining construction funds from the certificates of participation are expected to pay the debt incurred; and

- remarked that the remaining contingency funds may not be used for furnishings and equipment unless specified as such in the original certificates of participation.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing. The 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. 01-018 and Resolution Serial No. 01-011.

Discussion followed regarding the expenses to be paid from the ambulance fund and the fire service fund.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

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

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. 01-019.

Discussion followed addressing the early voting process and proposal to offer early voting at Cottonwood Creek Mall.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 01-020.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

Mr. Jim Turner:

- presented a handout from the Friends of Hatcher Pass, a non-profit corporation; and
- supported the development of a four-season resort and ski area at Hatcher Pass.

Mr. Joe LeBeau:

- supported the sale of general obligation bonds for Hatcher Pass Development.

Ms. Jay Nolfi:

- requested clarification of the name for the new Wasilla Public Safety building; and
- voiced concerns about lack of the public process in naming a public facility.

VII. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Reports from cities

Wasilla Council Member Keller:

- requested that library issues be added to the agenda for the joint assembly/Wasilla council work session in June;
- announced that the city is processing a large annexation which was requested from people within the area to be annexed;
- stated that the city continues to work on the development of an airport master plan;
- commented that the city continues to gather information regarding the proposed multi-use sports complex; and
- shared that Mayor Palin had a new baby girl named Piper Indy Grace Palin.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

(There was no representative from the school district.)

3. Architects Alaska: Presentation regarding the Wasilla High School Remodel Project (See AM No. 01-026)

Dave Moore, Project Manager for Wasilla High School spoke to the following:

- completed preliminary schematic and cost estimate;
- points of the remodel planned; and
- two phases for project with phase I, roofing, to begin this summer.

Mr. Swing:

- spoke to the difference between the total amount of the bond and the construction costs;
- commented that the project budget agreed to by the state and the borough allowed \$7.8 million;
- remarked that the design costs represent 10 percent of the construction sum;
- stated that project administration costs represent 5 percent of the construction sum;
- agreed to provide the assembly with a breakdown of exact expenditures in the quarterly report; and
- stated that the Department of Education will not approve construction costs for pools.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

(There was no committee report given.)

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to reconvene the executive session.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection and the executive session reconvened at 8 p.m. The

executive session was reconvened in the assembly chambers with the mayor, assemblymembers, borough clerk, borough attorney, borough manager, finance director, community development director, and land management agent in attendance.

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to exit from the executive session.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed and the assembly exited the executive session at 8:53 p.m.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to authorize the manager to enter into negotiations with the Hatcher Pass Development Corporation (HPDC) to purchase HPDC's interest in the Hatcher Pass lease, and assuming an agreement, to forward the purchase to the assembly for its approval.

VOTE: The motion passed with Assemblymember DeVilbiss opposed.

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved for immediate reconsideration of the previous motion.

VOTE: The motion, for immediate reconsideration, failed with Assemblymember DeVilbiss in favor.

The assembly meeting recessed at 9 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to suspend the rules to take action on AM No. 01- 027:

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion, to suspend the rules, passed without objection.

c. AM No. 01-027: APPROVAL OF THE ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR CAPITAL PROJECTS PROPOSED SUMMER 2001 LIST.

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to approve AM. No. 01-027.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to the Road Service Area No. 28 project list to switch the priority of the non-funded Carney Road and the funded Pamela Drive.

Mr. Swing:

- clarified the sequence of the presented priority listing as approved by the road service area supervisors;
- explained keeping the unfinished projects on the list and addressing them the following year;
- commented that Agate Road was not eligible as a subdivision road and will require an LID process; and
- predicted that the borough will be not have matching funds available for all FY02 road projects.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Lankford Ladere and Colver in favor.

Discussion continued on the availability of vehicle tax money for paving projects.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to strike \$100,000 from the Road Service Area No. 16, Eagle Estates Subdivision project.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Lankford Ladere and Colver in favor.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to strike \$48,000 from Road Service Area No. 16, Eagle Estates Subdivision, and to add \$48,000 to fund Summerwood Drive, Strand Drive, and Drift Lane.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Lankford Ladere and Colver in favor.

VOTE: The main motion passed with Assemblymember Colver opposed.

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved for immediate reconsideration of AM No. 01-027.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion to reconsider failed without objection.

Assemblymember Jansen thanked the assembly for their cooperation and excused herself at 9:45 p.m.

The assembly meeting recessed at 9:45 p.m. and reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Duffy:

- spoke to his trip to Lake Louise to discuss community interest items;
- reported on a recent trip to Washington D.C. and meetings with all of the Congressional delegation and their senior staff members;
- spoke to the delegation's continued interest in Port MacKenzie;
- stated that Congressman Young is seeking additional information regarding the borough's transportation requests;
- announced that Congressman Young supports the Knik Arm Bridge project;
- suggested that the borough should seek inclusion in the existing Foreign Trade Zone in Anchorage;
- commented that the administration will bring forward a resolution establishing a process for tri-borough coordination with North Slope Borough and Northwest Arctic Borough;
- advised that the report of Port MacKenzie's dock stability will not be available until to late April;
- announced additional pre-fab housing is being constructed at the port site and encouraged the assembly to tour the construction site; and
- stated that the Cornell Group has been contracted to develop an action plan for the port.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

(There were no attorney comments given.)

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. Dillon:

- spoke to the meetings schedule provided;
- commented that a work session is scheduled on June 7, 2000, with the City of Wasilla;
- proposed a work session in June with the Anchorage assembly;
- shared redistricting information and spoke to their web site;
- remarked that a work session, joint meeting with the planning commission and a special assembly meeting are scheduled for March 27, 2001; and
- explained that special meetings may be called by the mayor or three members of the assembly.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:

- a. Platting Board - 03/01/01
- b. Port Commission - 02/26/01
- c. Wasilla-Lakes Fire Service Area - 01/15/01

2. Community Council Correspondence:

- a. Meadow Lakes Community Council - 12/13/00, 01/10/01
- b. Talkeetna Community Council - 02/05/01

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

1. IM No. 01-055: ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES PAVING AND TRADING PROGRAM WITH THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH.

Assemblymember Colver requested that assembly approval be required to address this issue.

Assemblymember DeVilbiss stated that assembly action was taken on this matter previously.

The informational memorandum was presented and no other comments were given.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTION (Suggested public hearing - 04/03/01)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 01-024: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLASSIFICATION AND DISPOSAL OF LAND AT THREE-MILE LAKE, SPECIFICALLY THE NW1/4 NW1/4 OF SECTION 12, T16N, R3W, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, AS "GENERAL PURPOSE LANDS" (MSB003325). IM No. 01-050

2. Ordinance Serial No. 01-025: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE USE OF BOROUGH OWNED LAND DESCRIBED AS TRACT A, EVANS-URBAN SUBDIVISION, PLAT 87-10 AND GLO LOT 7, SECTION 23, T16N, R4W, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, LOCATED IN THE BIG LAKE AREA, IN THE LAND EXCHANGE FOR THE BIG LAKE LIBRARY (MSB003018). IM No. 01-051

3. Ordinance Serial No. 01-026: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$274,576 FROM THE AREAWIDE FUND BALANCE, FUND 100, TO THE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND, FUND 400, FOR THE ISSUANCE COSTS RELATED TO THE 2001 SERIES A GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS. IM No. 01-052

4. Ordinance Serial No. 01-027: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE OFFSITE WETLAND MITIGATION FOR THE HORSESHOE LAKE ROAD CONNECTOR PROJECT AND CONCEPTUAL APPROACH TO FUTURE WETLAND MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS (MSB003369). IM No. 01-053

5. Resolution Serial No. 01-016: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FY 2002-2007. IM No. 01-054

B. INTRODUCTION (Suggested public hearing - 05/15/01)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 01-021: AN ORDINANCE CREATING WASILLA EAST SUBDIVISION ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 335, 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. IM No. 01-047

2. Ordinance Serial No. 01-022: AN ORDINANCE CREATING PARKWOOD DRIVE ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 336, 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.
IM No. 01-048

3. Ordinance Serial No. 01-023: AN ORDINANCE CREATING RALEIGH HILLS ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 339, 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.
IM No. 01-049

Ms. Dillon read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved the above legislation for introduction and set the public hearings for April 3, 2001, and May 15, 2001, respectively.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

b. Resolution Serial No. 01-017: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS USING THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATION TAX (BED TAX) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$129,200.IM No. 01-046

c. Resolution Serial No. 01-018: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FISCAL YEAR 2002 SAFE COMMUNITIES FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IM No. 01-056

d. Resolution Serial No. 01-019: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ALASKA DIVISION OF FORESTRY REQUEST FOR THE FUNDING OF AN INITIAL ATTACK FORCE.
IM No. 01-057

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

a. AM No. 01-025: APPROVAL OF BURCHELL HIGH SCHOOL ELECTRICAL SERVICES UPGRADE.

b. AM No. 01-026: APPROVAL OF THE SCHEMATIC DESIGN FOR THE WASILLA HIGH SCHOOL REMODEL PROJECT.

d. AM No. 01-028: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT MODIFICATION TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE NEW BIG LAKE LIBRARY.

Ms. Dillon read the above legislation into the record.

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

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection

D. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Anderson requested that Stacie J. Stiger be removed from the confirmation list for the Equalization Board as she is now an appointee on the Adjustment and Appeals Board.

Mayor Anderson made the following recommendations:

Adjustment and Appeals Board
Stacie J. Stiger, Alternate

Mayor Anderson requested the following confirmations:

Agricultural and Forestry Board
Stephen Simmons, Agricultural Organization Representative
Labor Relations Board
Eleanor Loveroff
Colleen Hamblen
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 that the assembly accept the following resignations:

Adjustment and Appeals Board
Judy Scorup
Enhanced 911 Advisory Board
Don Savage
Senior Citizens Advisory Board
Clifford Darnell

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to confirm the mayor's appointments up for confirmation this evening, to accept the resignations of Judy Scorup, Don Savage, and Clifford Darnell, and to support the mayor's withdrawal of Stacy J. Stiger from the Equalization Board.

GENERAL CONSENT The motion passed without objection.

E. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

XI. RECONSIDERATION

(There was no reconsideration pending.)

XII. VETO

(There was no veto pending.)

XIV. MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Assemblymember Lankford Ladere:

- reported that the Susitna Valley Community Councils are continuing to work on trails issues; and
- applauded the administration for supporting the remote borough communities and addressing their public safety issues.

Assemblymember Colver:

- commended the assembly for action authorizing the manager to deal with Hatcher Pass development issues;
- requested the manager develop a policy for prioritizing road service area projects and the use of public monies to fund them; and
- asked the assembly to delegate authority to the manager and mayor to represent the borough's best interests.

Assemblymember Kelly:

- reported that he is serving as co-chair for the AML Economic Development committee;
- spoke to the governor's proposal to tax groundwater as presented in HB139;
- expressed concerns regarding the GARVEE bond list of priorities;
- suggested that the GARVEE bond list should include avalanche prevention measures;
- requested that Representative Kohring study the needs of the Palmer/Wasilla Highway and modifications of the intersections;
- remarked that Representative Kohring does not support the crossing on Bogard Road between Wasilla Middle School

and Wasilla High School; and

- asked that the borough be apprized of all actions concerning the Knik Arm crossing.

Assemblymember DeVilbiss:

- expressed pleasure in Kaela Larson's speech to the assembly;
- mentioned that Kate Hurley was the clerk to the first constitutional convention;
- reported that he and Assemblymember Lankford Ladere met with Senator Steven's aide and discussed farm issues, Point MacKenzie proposed international airport site, and Knik Arm crossing bridge;
- stated recent attendance at community council meetings revealed local concern regarding taxes;
- shared concerns regarding a road extension from Collier Drive;
- asked for research concerning Eugene Drive and the possibility of the road being in two road service areas; and
- requested to be excused from the March 27, 2001, meeting.

Assemblymember Colberg:

- requested that an ordinance be drafted regarding the port authority; and
- suggested that the port airport site be added to the tracking report.

Assemblymember Simpson:

- offered to share reference material regarding the port authority;
- thanked Assemblymember Lankford Ladere for support of borough trails;
- appreciated the land development division for support of trails and the outreach provided to the public; and
- requested a copy of the talking points that people will discuss when traveling to Juneau.

Mayor Anderson:

- opined that the trip to Washington D.C. created goodwill and established better working relationships with our delegation;
- commented on the Mayor's Blue Ribbons Fishery meetings;
- spoke to a planned attendance to a Willow Seniors Advisory Board meeting to discuss housing issues;
- anticipated a successful lobbying trip to Juneau;
- shared the following information discussed with the DOT Commissioner Joe Perkins: Glenn Highway repaving program; first Alaskan wayside open all year will be at Mile 99; lighting project for Palmer Flats; Parks Highway immediate future; Wasilla Couplet; plans for road improvements at White Crossing; and the GARVEE bonds.
- suggested that the borough lobby legislators regarding the GARVEE bonds;
- remarked that the state budget addresses \$20 million to fund an environmental impact study for the Knik Arm crossing;
- asked the assembly for direction when speaking in reference to the Knik Arm crossing;
- voiced support for the concept of allowing the manager to speak for the borough; and
- stated that tonight the assembly took a positive step in controlling the destiny of Hatcher Pass.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular assembly meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

TIMOTHY L. ANDERSON, Borough Mayor
ATTEST:

SANDRA A. DILLON, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: April 3, 2001