

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING  
ASSEMBLY December 18, 2001

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on December 18, 2001, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Mayor Timothy L. Anderson.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. J. Bruce Bush, District 1  
Ms. Sara Jansen, District 2  
Mr. Talis J. Colberg, District 3  
Mr. Dan Kelly, District 4  
Ms. Jody Simpson, District 5  
Mr. Jim Colver, District 6 (Telephonic)  
Ms. Kelly Ladere, District 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Sandra A. Dillon, Borough Clerk  
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager  
Mr. Michael Gatti, Borough Attorney  
Mr. Kevin Koechlein, Director of Public Safety

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Amber Fausett, a student from Colony High School.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

The minutes of December 4, 2001, were approved without objection.

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. Agency Reports

1. Reports from cities

City of Palmer:

Mayor Jim Cooper reported:

- the city has established their goals for the year and are working on their vision statement;
- the city has been working on their budget for the last month and a half; they have set aside money for paving, sidewalks, more sewer and water projects, as well as 150 new golf carts for the golf course;
- they are working on a legislative action on annexation; there are enclaves within the city that they want to bring into the city, and in addition, they have four requested annexations;
- they have also been working with the railroad, and the tank cars have been moved from the north end of Palmer;
- they have received money for an urban revitalization project, a bike path/pedestrian pathway from the fair grounds to the north end of Palmer;
- they have been meeting with the borough manager to discuss common goals and objectives;

- in response to a question by Assemblymember Jansen, the Hidden Ranch area is in the first round of annexations. (Assemblymember Jansen thanked Mayor Cooper and the city manager for the work they have done on this); and
- Assemblymember Ladere stated the school district has informed the Assembly of their intention to leave their current building and move into a school in the future. She suggested the Palmer City government consider moving into the building. Mayor Cooper stated that the Palmer Economic Development Authority is coming back to life and are in discussions with the school district regarding building them a new modern building. The thought is the Sherrod School would then be turned into a teen or community center.

Mat-Su Community Technology Center:

Bart Harmeling reported:

- the center opened in September 2000 and was established through a US Department of Education grant that was awarded to the Mat-Su School District two years ago for \$1 million for a term of three years;
- the grant provides public access to computers, to internet access, to applications, and to training;
- at the Mat-Su School District principals meeting they discussed developing the existing borough libraries into community centers. The Center currently is partnering with many of those libraries;
- the Center has eight out-reach centers;
- invited the assembly members to visit their main facility in Wasilla or any of their out-reach centers;
- provided a handout on the Center; and
- in response to a question from Assemblymember Kelly regarding if there were matching funds required, there is a 50/50 match requirement, although it does not have to be cash matching; their aim is to be self-supporting after the third year (July 2003) of the grant, so they will be looking for other ways to keep the program going.

Assemblymember Colberg expressed his support for the program and stated that he would be interested in working with the Center on continuing the program and options for funding.

## B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(There were no committee reports.)

## C. MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Duffy:

- presented the Assembly and Mayor with a certificate of appreciation presented by Resource Conservation Development organization;
- made a presentation from RBC Dain Rauscher for the \$23 million parks bond package, explaining that this is the first non-educational bond package to be approved by the borough;
- provided a revised chart on the Hatcher Pass project and two tables that summarize the project funding and how the funds have been spent; and
- reported he is continuing to work on the prison proposal.

Mr. Ray Gillespie (Borough's state lobbyist):

- gave an overview of the last legislative session as well as the upcoming session;
- presented a handout on the municipal water and sewer projects matching grants priority list;
- highlighted the last session: increase in the base allocation for each pupil, increase in charter schools from 30 to 50, a number of delayed maintenance projects were funded statewide, and noted a number of capital projects for the Valley;
- addressed the upcoming session: things that will influence the session include the fact that it is an election year, reapportionment, and the concern over the budget shortfalls; which means the Legislature will need to look at a long-term fiscal plan;
- stated that homeland security will also be a factor on both the state and federal level; another big item on the agenda will be the gas pipeline;
- noted that it is questionable whether the foundation formula will be inflation proofed; there will be an education capital budget, possibly a series of bond proposals; there have been preliminary discussions in the House to make schools a top priority for construction; stated that it is likely there will be full funding of pupil transportation; expects the GARVEE bond package will be passed and will probably be on the ballot in the fall for bond approval;

- commented that the STIP funding for the Mat-Su projects is a fairly stable funding source at this point;
- further noted that the urban interface/wild land fires is more of a federal issue rather than a state issue at this point; he has not done any work on the Southcentral Energy Plan, Alaska Energy Authority yet, and he needs to investigate whether that will require a separate legislative line item or if there is a pool of funds available from which they can draw to fund this plan;
- said that with respect to the prison proposal, he has been working with John and David and the Department of Corrections and anticipate having a draft bill available soon; the North Star's medicaid resolution is currently with the Commissioner of Health and Social Services; once that is back, they will be discussing sponsorship of the resolution with Senator Green; Talkeetna water and sewer has been funded at about \$1.8 million; and
- closed by stating that the Mat-Su and Kenai legislative delegations have been big supporters of the creation of a new fifth category that addresses local roads with associated ranking system, however it is hard to say whether it will happen this year.

Discussion ensued between Mr. Gillespie and the members of the assembly on the various issues he presented. The assembly acknowledged him for all his efforts on behalf of the borough.

Assemblymember Ladere:

- asked about a package of legislation relative to shallow gas production. Mr. Gillespie stated that he has not seen the legislation, but from what he understands, it does hold the potential to solve some energy problems all over South Central.

#### D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Gatti:

- updated the assembly on the redistricting issues;
- suggested that it may be more productive for the borough to file an amicus brief at the Supreme Court level; that the Supreme Court would be totally independent of the superior court decision, and that it would probably be appealed to the Supreme Court regardless of who prevails at the superior court level;
- requested direction by the assembly;
- stated that the benefit of waiting to file a brief until the Supreme Court is that there will be a full trial record prepared when the brief is prepared; and
- recommended to the Assembly that filing in both courts is still an option.

#### E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. Dillon:

- wished the assembly members happy holidays;
- noted that the next scheduled meeting is January 22, which will include certification of the January 15 special election;
- updated the assembly on the absentee response; have received double the number of requests for mail ballots than for the October election; and
- advised that a work session is also scheduled for January 22 for a financial report by KPMG.

Assemblymember Jansen:

- inquired if early voting would be an option.

Ms. Dillon:

- responded that she has not made early voting an option for this election as there were some issues regarding early voting at the last election, and before early voting is used in the future controls must be tightened.

Assemblymember Ladere:

- asked if there was an update on conditional use group homes, and the manager noted that the report was not completed yet.

The regular meeting recessed at 6:55 p.m. and reconvened at 7:08 p.m.

## F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

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

## G. INFORMATION MEMORANDUMS

(There were no informational memoranda presented.)

## VII. SPECIAL ORDERS

### A. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

(There were no comments presented at this time.)

### B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Ordinance Serial No. 01-197: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A \$32,400 FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT AND REQUESTING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$3,600 FROM THE SUTTON FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE, FUND 253, TO FUND 405, PROJECT NO. 45093, TO DEVELOP A FIREFIGHTER PHYSICAL FITNESS AND WELLNESS PROGRAM.

a. Resolution Serial No. 01-123: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT FOR THE SUTTON FIRE SERVICE AREA, PROJECT NO. 45093, FUND 405, TO DEVELOP A FIREFIGHTER PHYSICAL FITNESS AND WELLNESS PROGRAM.

(1) IM No. 01-284

There being no one requesting to testify, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bush moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 01-197 and Resolution Serial No. 01-123.

Assemblymember Ladere:

- commented on the Fairbanks North Star Borough, that in recognition and appreciation of the efforts of their volunteer firefighters, they have gone so far as to extend the state maximum tax credit to their volunteer firefighters, which is a tax credit of up to \$10,000; and
- spoke in support of Ordinance 01-197 as a good start for the Mat-Su Borough showing appreciation of its volunteer firefighters.

Assemblymember Kelly:

- inquired about the \$36,000.

Discussion ensued:

- there were two parts to the project; one to purchase equipment (\$23,000), and the other is for exams and physicals;
- of the \$36,000 budget, \$32,400 was a FEMA grant;
- the highest priority for funding from FEMA this year was firefighter fitness/wellness programs and safety programs; and
- Sutton doesn't have anyone appointed to their board of supervisors; however, Willow does and is supportive of the grant funds.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

2. Ordinance Serial No. 01-198: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A \$17,836 FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT AND REQUESTING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,982 FROM THE WILLOW FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE, FUND 258, TO FUND 405, PROJECT NO. 45094, TO PURCHASE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.

a. Resolution Serial No. 01-124: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT FOR THE WILLOW FIRE SERVICE AREA, PROJECT NO. 45094, FUND 405, TO PURCHASE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT.

(1) IM No. 01-285

There being no one requesting to testify, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Ladere moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 01-198 and Resolution Serial No. 01-124.

Assemblymember Ladere:

- spoke in support of the ordinance, explaining that the Willow fire service area is quite large and they do need this equipment.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

3. Ordinance Serial No. 01-199: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$435,799 FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT LAPSED FUNDS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2002 AREAWIDE FUND OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET.

a. IM No. 01-291

Mr. Duffy:

- reported that the School District lapsed \$625,573; and
- noted that the administration is requesting a supplemental appropriation of \$435,799 which includes restoration of budget reductions, and changing the human rights person from part time to full time.

Assemblymember Kelly:

- inquired if these positions were extended beyond June 30, would they then be looking at an \$870,000 annual budget.

Mr. Duffy:

- replied that roughly half of the requested funds is to restore funding cuts that occurred during the budget development last year, half of the remaining \$200,000 will cover primarily legal costs that have occurred since June or July 2001; and
- clarified that if the position extensions are approved, they will show up in the proposed budget that will be presented in March.

Assemblymember Colberg:

- asked what impact will this have on the future budget.

Mr. Duffy:

- stated the number they would see if it was a full year estimate is approximately \$400,000;
- advised that currently there are no funds in the budget for spring clean up; and
- noted that the communications and public affairs director was \$64,000.

There being no one requesting to testify, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Number 01-199.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved a primary amendment to strike paragraph 6 on page 5 of the ordinance (packet, page 78), which provides for a communications and public affairs director.

Assemblymember Colberg:

- opposed the position of communications and public affairs director because he did not recall this position being one that was proposed at the last budget, did not think it was appropriate to already be advertising for the position, even though it says "subject to assembly appropriation" and did not think the borough needs a public relations person; and

- voiced concern that such a spokesperson would be perceived as speaking for the assembly, the mayor, and the manager which may not be the case.

Assemblymember Jansen:

- spoke in opposition to the amendment;
- noted that the borough does not do well in getting the word out about what they are doing;
- expressed preference that she would rather see Mr. Duffy managing the borough and working with economic development;
- commented that the Mat-Su Borough is the fastest growing community in the State of Alaska, and she did not feel we have enough staff; and
- expressed support to get more information out to the public.

Assemblymember Colver:

- opposed the amendment; and
- reiterated that the borough could use help in getting information out in a timely manner.

Assemblymember Ladere:

- opposed the amendment; and
- noted that there are not enough people in an emergency to get out the information to the public.

Assemblymember Kelly:

- supported the amendment;
- suggested that the information could be placed on the internet in such a way that a majority of the people could receive the information, as well as through newspapers;
- voiced concern that if there was one person whose job it was to pass information, would he or she be given the proper information to begin with;
- concerned about adding a new position before entering the budget cycle; and
- stated that the money came from the taxpayers to be spent for the schools; if the schools didn't need it all, it should go back to the taxpayers.

Discussion continued on the issue of hiring a communications and public affairs director.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved the previous question, to stop debate, and vote.

VOTE: The motion to stop debate passed with Assemblymembers Colver and Ladere opposed.

VOTE: The primary amendment, to strike the communications director, passed with Assemblymembers Colver, Jansen, and Ladere opposed.

MOTION: Assemblymember Ladere moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 01-199 by inserting an additional line item appropriation and amending the total appropriation accordingly. The line item would read, "Public Works, Talkeetna Emergency Access Roads, \$7,000".

Assemblymember Ladere:

- spoke in favor of the amendment;
- clarified that this directly speaks to a policy which this borough has had since the Miller's Reach Fire in which communities, subdivisions, and neighborhoods not be isolated by having only one road which provides them with an escape route in time of emergency;
- noted that the Talkeetna Community Council wanted an emergency access; and
- recommended what they call the Old River Road.

Assemblymember Kelly:

- responded that he supported the concept, however suggested that it should be included in the CIP process.

Discussion continued on the amendment and the advisability of including the line item at this tie.

Mr. Gatti:

- responded that the title of the ordinance was sufficiently broad enough to allow for amendments, and that it would be legal to do.

VOTE: The primary amendment, to insert \$7,000 for Talkeetna emergency access roads, failed with Assemblymembers Colver, Ladere, and Bush voting in favor.

Assemblymember Simpson:

- asked for clarification regarding the \$50,000 for spring cleanup, that there were no additional funds allotted to this. Mr. Duffy responded that there were no additional funds allotted.

Mayor Anderson:

- voiced support for full-time paid responders in the stations.

MOTION: Assemblymember Ladere moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 01-199, item no. 4, full-time EMS on-call responders to return to it the amount of money that was cut from the current year's budget, that is, \$15,000. To clarify, this would add an additional \$9,000 into EMS responders.

The Assembly meeting recessed from 8:30 p.m. to 8:40 p.m.

MOTION: Assemblymember Ladere moved a secondary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 01-199, item no. 4, full-time EMS on-call responders, to strike the \$15,000 and insert \$26,155.

Ms. Dillon:

- clarified that this would strike the \$15,000 in the original amendment and increase it to \$26,155.

Assemblymember Ladere:

- spoke in favor of the amendment;
- explained that for the past year and a half they have been discussing the needs brought forward by the communities for full-time coverage by EMS; and
- noted that the public expects it of the borough, the need is there, and this is what the program will cost through June 30.

Mr. Koechlein:

- explained that this will be four crews of two people, seven days a week, 12 hours a day, May 15 through June 30; they will stagger the times of those to try to get 70 to 80 percent of the high volume time period.

Discussion ensued on how many minutes away from the station the responders could be and why the fire departments were not included.

Mr. Koechlein:

- responded that the responders will be within five minutes of the station;
- explained that the fire department has service areas while the EMS is areawide; and
- clarified that the EMS/Fire/Rescue Study Group's recommendation on emergency response will be coming to the assembly sometime in January.

Assemblymember Simpson:

- noted that a number of the responders are crossed trained and this would preclude those people who are on-line at the station.

Mr. Koechlein:

- responded that if these crews are being paid to be there for ambulance calls, then they are there for the ambulance.

Assemblymember Jansen:

- spoke in opposition to the amendment;

- interested in seeing the recommendations of the task force; and
- encouraged quicker response times.

Discussion continued on use of the money.

VOTE: The secondary amendment, to strike the \$15,000 and insert \$26,155, passed unanimously.

VOTE: The primary amendment, as amended, passed unanimously.

VOTE: The main motion, as amended, passed unanimously.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to reconsider Ordinance Serial No. 01-199 as amended.

VOTE: The motion to reconsider failed unanimously.

4. Ordinance Serial No. 01-200: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 01-176 (AM), TO PROVIDE THAT THE QUESTION OF THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE ASSEMBLY SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE BOROUGH AT THE JANUARY 15, 2002, SPECIAL ELECTION BY REFERENCE TO A MAP SHOWING THE PROPOSED ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS, INSTEAD OF STATING THE FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE DISTRICTS ON THE BALLOT.

a. IM No. 01-294

Ms. Dillon explained that:

- when they received the new proposed legal descriptions from the vendor, they were too large to put on the ballot;
- talked to legal counsel to see what could be done to solve the issue;
- his suggestion was that they have the legals available, and have a map available for the public as well as the ordinance; and
- they are sending out both the map and the legal descriptions on the mail-in ballots.

There being no one requesting to testify, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved approval of Ordinance Serial Number 01-200.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

### C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Pia Cottini:

- spoke to the inability to obtain the core area zoning packets.

Ms. Lucille Frye:

- announced that the petition to recall Mayor Anderson is being halted;
- will re-issue the petition in line with the judge's decision at a future date; and
- thanked Friends of Mat-Su for their support.

### VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Anderson:

- noted that taking up the amicus brief was inappropriate as it was decided at a previous meeting, and it was not advertised to be on this meeting.

### VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(There was no unfinished business.)

### IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTION (Suggested public hearing - 01/22/02)

Assemblymember Simpson requested a conflict of interest ruling from the Mayor on Ordinance Serial No. 01-003, as she is a property owner within the proposed boundary.

Mayor Anderson ruled that Assemblymember Simpson had a conflict and would be recused. (Assemblymember Simpson left the room.)

2. Ordinance Serial No. 02-003: AN ORDINANCE CREATING SOUTH ROCKY LAKE AREA NATURAL GAS LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 355, 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. 02-003

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to introduce Ordinance Serial Number 02-003 and set for public hearing on January 22, 2002.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

(Assemblymember Simpson entered the room.)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 02-001: AN ORDINANCE CREATING ROLLING ACRES SUBDIVISION NATURAL GAS LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 345, 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. 02-001

3. Ordinance Serial No. 02-005: AN ORDINANCE CREATING SOUTH COLONIAL PARK REVISED ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 359, 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. 02-005

4. Ordinance Serial No. 02-006: AN ORDINANCE CREATING COTTONWOOD SHORES/ALDER DRIVE ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 356, 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. 02-006

5. Ordinance Serial No. 02-011: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A \$71,420 SOUTHERN REGION EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL CODE BLUE GRANT AND REAPPROPRIATING \$7,286 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2002 AMBULANCE OPERATING BUDGET TO PROJECT NO. 20328, FUND 425, FOR THE PURCHASE OF ESSENTIAL EMS EQUIPMENT.

a. Resolution Serial No. 02-001: A RESOLUTION SETTING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR PROJECT NO. 20328, FUND 425, TO PURCHASE ESSENTIAL EMS EQUIPMENT.

(1) IM No. 02-017

6. Ordinance Serial No. 02-012: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 2.08.060(A) AND MSB 2.12.060(A) TO CLARIFY THAT THE MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY ARE INCLUDED IN THE BOROUGH'S LIFE INSURANCE PLAN.

a. IM No. 02-010

7. Ordinance Serial No. 02-013: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 3.04.131 RELATING TO THE FIXED ASSET CAPITALIZATION POLICY.

a. IM No. 02-011

8. Ordinance Serial No. 02-014: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$51,000 FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, AND REAPPROPRIATING \$51,000 FROM TALKEETNA SEWER AND WATER OPERATING BUDGET, FUND 293, TO FUND 415 FOR TALKEETNA WATER AND SEWER REPAIRS, UPGRADE, AND EXPANSION, PROJECT NO. 25037.

a. Resolution Serial No. 02-002: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LOAN FROM THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND, FUND 600, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,000 TO THE TALKEETNA SEWER AND WATER SERVICE AREA, FUND 293, FOR REPAIRS, UPGRADE, AND EXPANSION.

b. Resolution Serial No. 02-003: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE TALKEETNA WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM ANALYSIS, AND AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION.

(1) IM No. 02-012

9. Ordinance Serial No. 02-015: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$400 FROM INTEREST INCOME FOR THE ONE PERCENT FOR ART PROGRAM FOR SWANSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

a. IM No. 02-013

10. Ordinance Serial No. 02-016: AN ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$12,604 FROM NON-AREAWIDE CAPITAL PROJECTS, PROJECT 25012, FUND 435, TO FUND 200, NON-AREAWIDE FUND, CENTRAL LANDFILL DIVISION OPERATING BUDGET.

a. IM No. 02-015

11. Ordinance Serial No. 02-017: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL NET AMOUNT OF \$5,310,784 FROM STATE, FEDERAL, AND OTHER REVENUE SOURCES TO FUND 204, EDUCATION OPERATING FUND, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002.

a. IM No. 02-016

Ms. Dillon read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the clerk and set for public hearing on January 22, 2002.

CONSENT AGENDA: The motion passed with no objection.

## B. CONSENT AGENDA

### 1. RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution Serial No. 01-127: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING DATES CERTAIN FOR PAYMENT, DELINQUENCY, PROTEST, AND APPEAL OF 2002 REGULAR TAX ROLLS AND BUSINESS INVENTORY FILING, AND FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF HEARINGS BEFORE THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

(1) IM No. 01-295

b. Resolution Serial No. 01-128: A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING DESIGNATION OF THE GLENN HIGHWAY AS A NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY.

(1) IM No. 01-296

c. Resolution Serial No. 01-129: A RESOLUTION REVISING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET AS ADOPTED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2002 BUDGET, CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND 405, PROJECT NO. 45091, FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000, TO PURCHASE A VEHICLE, SLIDE-IN-SKID UNIT, AND RELATED EQUIPMENT.

(1) IM No. 01-298

## 2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

- a. AM No. 01-178: ELIMINATION OF UTILITY EASEMENT, KING'S RIDGE PH I AND II, LOTS 1, 2, AND 6, BLOCK 2, LOCATED WITHIN SECTION 25 TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, OUTSIDE A COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.
- b. AM No. 01-179: AWARD OF BID NO. 02-074, TO AAK BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,518.25; BIG LAKE LIBRARY SHELVING.
- c. AM No. 01-180: AWARD OF BID NO. 02-068, TO MOORE'S LANDSCAPING, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$46,233; WILLOW CREEK STREAMBANK RESTORATION.
- d. AM No. 01-181: APPROVAL OF ELECTION OFFICIALS FOR THE JANUARY 15, 2002, BOROUGH SPECIAL ELECTION.

Ms. Dillon read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to adopt the consent agenda as read into the record by the clerk.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

## C. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

### 1. VACANCY REPORT

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments for confirmation to the following boards:

Board of Adjustments and Appeals:

Stacy Stigar

Claudia Roberts

Board of Animal Care and Regulation:

Judy Masteller, DVM

Emergency Medical Services Board:

Lorie Miner

Cheri Day

Brian Anderson

Gloria Phillips

Advanced 911 Advisory Board:

Capt. Simon Brown II

Christine Fritz

Don Savage

Community Ethics Board:

William J. Siedler

Historic Preservation Commission:

Nancy L. Sult

Labor Relations Board:

Brigitte Lively

Library Board:

Jeanne Troshynski

Local Emergency Planning Committee:

Joseph P. LeBeau

Norman E. Fuller

Daniel Deedy

Don Savage

Capt. Simon Brown II  
Parks & Recreation & Trails Advisory Board:  
Mary Haley  
Bishop Buckle  
Dick Stoffel  
Carl Gatto  
Planning Commission:  
Gerald Lee Sharp  
Helen Y. Kay  
Gary S. Wolfe  
Planning Board:  
Helga Larson  
Port Commission:  
Ron Arvin

Senior Citizens Advisory Board:

Henrietta Nugen

Delores E. Pralle

Transportation Advisory Board:

Scott Schwald

Bishop T. Buckle

Midway Road Service Area No. 9:

Larry S. Laveen

South Colony Road Service Area No. 15:

Brian O'Neill

Big Lake Fire Service Area No. 33:

Bruce H. Babcock

Meadow Lakes Fire Service Area No. 34:

Rex L. Hunter

Wasilla Lakes Fire Service Area No. 130:

Carol P. Christiansen

Daniel J. Tucker

Circle View/Stampede Estates Flood and Water Erosion Control Service Area No. 131:

Keith A. Smith

Greater Palmer Consolidated Fire Service Area No. 132:

Danny R. Allison

Assemblymember Ladere moved to divide the question to take the confirmation of Meadow Lakes Fire Service Area No. 34, Rex Hunter, separately.

GENERAL CONSENT: There was no objection to divide the question.

Assemblymember Kelly:

- expressed concern about Don Savage being on both the Enhanced 911 Advisory Board and the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Mayor Anderson responded that:

- Chief Savage was in the positions already when he was the captain of the Troopers;
- Wasilla designated him to the Wasilla division when he became police chief;
- he was already on both boards; and
- this is a change of his designation from State Troopers to City of Wasilla.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion to confirm all except Meadow Lakes passed without objection.

Assemblymember Ladere:

- voiced concern that not all applicants have been addressed.

Mayor Anderson:

- clarified that if individuals submit applications, they get listed on sheet.

Discussion continued on the application process.

VOTE: The motion to confirm Rex Hunter to the Meadow Lakes Fire Service Area No. 34 passed with Assemblymembers Ladere, Colberg, and Bush in opposition.

Mayor Anderson stated that there are some service areas that have no members, and he encouraged assemblymembers to find applicants for them.

#### D. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

(There was no new business.)

#### X. RECONSIDERATION

(There were no reconsiderations.)

#### XI. VETO

(There were no vetos.)

#### XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(There was no executive session held.)

#### XIII. MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Assemblymember Colberg:

- wished everyone a happy holiday.

Assemblymember Bush:

- wished everyone a happy holiday;
- looking forward to new year; and
- looking forward to the budget process.

Assemblymember Kelly:

- requested they get together with legislative delegations to discuss legislative priorities before the end of the year or within the first week of January;
- commented on the gas in the Cook Inlet reserves; and
- wished everyone a happy holiday.

Assemblymember Simpson:

- wished everyone a happy holiday.

Assemblymember Ladere:

- thanked administration for the detailed timeline and fiscal budgeting on Hatcher Pass;
- supported incentives to develop other sources of energy;
- encouraged economic development incentives;
- pleased that some funds were left in fund balance from the supplemental ordinance; and
- wished everyone a happy holiday.

Assemblymember Colver:

- wished everyone a happy holiday.

Assemblymember Jansen:

- spoke in support of having a spokesperson;
- stated that the City of Palmer would like to see the GARVEE bonds passed as they have several projects in the bond package;
- looking forward to the retreat in February;
- asked that for next year one, two, or three priorities be arrived at that they all can get behind; and
- wished everyone a happy holiday.

Mayor Anderson:

- agreed with Assemblymember Jansen about getting the word out on zoning;
- noted that the zoning meetings would be put on his web page;
- stated that a meeting of South Lake Community Council was scheduled to discuss zoning;
- met with Willow Community Council, made Power Point presentation on economic development;
- Mr. Duffy met with Meadow Lakes Community Council;
- had major sinus surgery 10 days ago, so missed some community council meetings;
- agreed with Assemblymember Ladere regarding the need to do something with respect to economic development;
- thanked Assemblymember Ladere for assisting in getting it started;
- letters have been sent out to chambers and others, feedback is coming in, and this has been put on monthly e-mail;
- signed letter to Gateway Community Council and North Star Speedway asking them to negotiate a settlement;
- supported communications director in next budget;
- acknowledged that the mayor is the communicator for the borough, but unfortunately a lot of communication he has to do is very uninformed; he has to call around and get facts;
- wished everyone happy holidays; and
- will be out of town for a few days.

#### XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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TIMOTHY L. ANDERSON, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

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SANDRA A. DILLON, Borough Clerk

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