

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on January 18, 2000, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Darcie K. Salmon.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Sara Jansen, Assembly District No. 2
Mr. James Colberg, Assembly District No. 3
Mr. Dan Kelly, Assembly District No. 4
Ms. Jody Simpson, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Jim Turner, Assembly District No. 6
Mr. Doyle Holmes, Assembly District No. 7 (Deputy Mayor)

Assemblymember absent and excused:

Mr. Larry DeVilbiss, Assembly District No. 1

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Sandra Dillon, Borough Clerk
Mr. Michael J. Scott, Borough Manager
Mr. John Duffy, Assistant Manager
Mr. Michael Gatti, Borough Attorney
Mr. Gary Lebowich, Human Resources Manager
Ms. Elizabeth Manfred, Deputy Clerk
Mr. Jim Swing, Public Works Director
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Mr. Karl Borglum, Borough Assessor
Ms. Cindy Gilder, Planning Director
Mr. Ron Swanson, Community Development Director
Mr. Kevin Koechlein, Public Safety Director
Ms. Sandra Garley, Chief of Planning Division

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Salmon noted the following changes to the agenda:

- AM No. 00-011, under the Consent Agenda, was pulled upon administrative request.

There was no objection to the agenda as amended.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Assemblymember Colberg.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. Regular Assembly Meeting: January 4, 2000

MOTION: Assemblymember Kelly moved for approval of the January 4, 2000, regular assembly meeting minutes.

Assemblymember Simpson:

- Page 5, paragraph two, inquired about the statement made by Assemblymember DeVilbiss regarding the Knik Glacier Trail closure. [Clerk corrected to read: "Assemblymember DeVilbiss questioned why the borough administration requested to close or restrict the Knik Glacier Trail which is in opposition to assembly wishes and requested a written report from the manager regarding this issue."]
- Page 15, under requested confirmations, Big Lake FSA appointment of Mr. Terry Archibald should correctly read "Ms." Terry Archibald. [Clerk corrected accordingly.]
- Page 15, the general consent does not show the vote for the requested confirmations. [Clerk corrected to read: GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.]

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection and the January 4, 2000, regular assembly meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Report from cities

(There were no reports.)

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

Ms. Kris Forrester, Director of Career and Technical Education:

- Reported the interim superintendent will be contacting the assembly members to meet each one individually.
- Stated that Mr. Troxel will be informing the assembly by memo concerning the expenditure of the supplemental education appropriation.
- Advised that the information concerning school wage funding for next year will be forthcoming.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Committee on School Funding

(No report was given.)

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Scott:

- Provided a Hatcher Pass project time line and announced an assembly work session scheduled for February 15, 2000, beginning at 3 p.m.
- Discussed the Port McKenzie budget and reported that the project has approximately \$200,000 unobligated funds remaining.
- Referred to a letter received from DOT and Federal Highway Administration regarding the administration of the port project.

Assemblymember Colberg inquired about an expenditure/reimbursement status report concerning the \$6.7 million that the borough has received from the state.

Mr. Scott responded that reimbursement requests are completed on a quarterly basis and the first quarter reimbursement request was approximately \$50,000; this quarter's expense, which prompted the DOT to complete a review, will be their single largest payment expected to be over \$3 million.

Assemblymember Colberg requested an expenditure report after payment is made to the contractor, and that the manager include the information in his written manager's report at the next available meeting.

Discussion followed.

Assemblymember Jansen inquired if the \$4.5 million (federal funding for the ferry facilities funds) would be directed to this borough.

Mr. Scott (continued):

- Stated that, to his knowledge, the \$4.5 million (federal funding for the ferry facilities) will come directly to the borough.
- Shared a borough letter to the railroad requesting borough participation in recovery planning efforts to protect and restore groundwater sources and critical fish habitat in the Susitna River area following the train derailment fuel spill.
- Announced that the borough received approximately 30 percent (seven of 16 projects located within the borough) of the total state snowmobile trail grant funding awarded through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

- Referred to an email message advising that the fireworks debris at Rainbow Lake will be plowed over to the landowners property. The owner agreed to clean up the debris in the spring after the snow melts.
- Spoke to a January 5, 2000, letter received from Mr. Gregory Strong thanking the borough for support of recent legislation for the single family residential land use designation.
- Commented on Governor Knowles' capital budget projects list which includes the Big Lake Library, as well as other borough projects.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

(The attorney had no comments.)

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. Dillon:

- Shared the assembly meeting schedule and proposed work sessions, and requested comments.
- Announced that the clerk's office has received two service area petitions and explained the status of both.
- Stated that she will teach a parliamentary procedures class on Saturday, January 22, 2000, for community councils and interested persons.
- Spoke about early voting options.
- Announced that she will attend the Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks Conference/Training scheduled for February 11 through 18, 2000, in Fairbanks.
- Mentioned that the destruction of approximately 350 boxes of obsolete records at the landfill was completed on January 7, 2000.
- Referred to the tracking report attached to her written clerk's report.
- Stated that the borough received its first public opinion message as a result of placing the form on the web page.
- Noted that the Nekelsen Lake citizen's petition received at this meeting is available to view.
- Inquired if the assembly received individual notice of the Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) meeting on January 20, 2000. [The assembly noted they do receive the meeting agendas directly.]
- Requested that the assembly contact the clerk's office for travel arrangements to the Alaska Municipal League (AML) meetings to be held in Juneau, January 26 and 27, 2000.

Mr. Scott stated that the AML meetings are an excellent avenue to address legislative strategies.

Discussion followed.

Mayor Salmon read a letter from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) accepting Ms. Dillon into the Master Municipal Academy.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:
 - a. Agricultural and Forestry Board - 12/13/99
 - b. Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board - 11/03/99, 12/01/99
 - c. Historic Preservation Commission - 09/03/99
 - d. Library Board - 11/20/99
 - e. Local Emergency Planning Committee - 10/27/99, 11/17/99
 - f. Library Board - 12/11/99

2. Community Council Correspondence:
 - a. Big Lake Community Council - 12/08/99
 - b. Meadow Lakes Community Council - 11/10/99, 12/08/99
 - c. Talkeetna Community Council - 11/01/99, 12/06/99

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

Assemblymember Kelly spoke regarding a letter received from DNR concerning oil and gas land leasing.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Scott stated that he would research the issue.

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

1. IM No. 00-020: NOTIFICATION OF AMENDED CERTIFICATION OF 1999 REGULAR REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT ROLL.

The informational memorandum was presented and no comments given.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTION

1. Ordinance Serial No. 00-010 : AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RECLASSIFICATION AND DISPOSAL OF BOROUGH-OWNED REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOT 6, U.S. SURVEY 4644, SECTION 15, T17N, R4W, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA. IM No. 00-011

2. Ordinance Serial No. 00-011: AN ORDINANCE CLASSIFYING BOROUGH-OWNED LAND DESCRIBED AS THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF GLO LOT 6, SECTION 2, T17N, R2E, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, "RESERVE USE LANDS" AND RETAIN THE LAND FOR PUBLIC PURPOSE (BUTTE AREA), MSB 002914. IM No. 00-018
3. Ordinance Serial No. 00-012: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 5.25.016(A) TO INCLUDE THE LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE SERVICE AREA AND ADOPTING MSB 5.25.016(C) BY ADDING A PROVISION FOR THE EXISTING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SERVICE AREA NO. 9, MIDWAY ROAD SERVICE AREA. IM No. 00-021

Ms. Dillon read the above-referenced legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Holmes moved for introduction of the above-referenced legislation and set for public hearing on February 1, 2000.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution Serial No. 00-007 : A RESOLUTION ADDING TO THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET AS ADOPTED IN RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 98-006, WHICH SET THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR PROJECT 20308, FUND 425, FOR REPLACEMENT OF A MID-SIZE RESCUE TRUCK FOR SUTTON SERVICE AREA. IM No. 00-023

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

(AM No. 00-013 was pulled from the consent agenda, see page 7 for assembly action.)

- a. AM No. 00-002: PURCHASE OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES FROM PROVIDENCE HEALTH SYSTEMS - ALASKA.
- c. AM No. 00-014: AWARD OF BID NO. 00-080, ANIMAL CONTROL SHELTER RENOVATION AND EXPANSION.

Ms. Dillon read the above-referenced consent agenda items into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Holmes moved for approval of the above-referenced consent agenda items.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

- b. AM No. 00-013: CHANGE ORDER NO. 5 APPROVAL FOR ALASKA INTERSTATE CONSTRUCTION FOR PORT MACKENZIE PHASE II CONSTRUCTION.

MOTION: Assemblymember Holmes moved for approval of AM No. 00-013.

Discussion followed.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

C. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Salmon made the following recommendations:

Agricultural and Forestry Advisory Board

Mr. Tim McGinn, legislative affairs position

Historical Preservation Commission

Mr. Leroi Heaven

Library Board

Ms. Debbie Lorenz, at-large position

Mayor's Blue Ribbon Fisheries Committee

Mr. Russell Butts, at-large position

Talkeetna Fire Service Area No. 24 board of supervisors

Mr. Bill Powers

Meadow Lakes Fire Service Area No. 34 board of supervisors

Ms. Betty Vehrs

Willow Fire Service Area No. 35 board of supervisors

Ms. Kay Daily

Mayor Salmon requested approval of the following confirmations:

Emergency Medical Services Board

Ms. Mia Mangione, Talkeetna ambulance position

Ms. Ulla Latimer, Palmer ambulance position

Mr. Otho Stice, Palmer ambulance alternate position

Historical Preservation Commission

Ms. Charlene Schmidtkunz

Ms. Henriette Nugen

Library Board

Ms. Verna Euwer, Palmer position

Mr. Shayne Holmes, Wasilla position

Ms. Dorothea Taylor, Willow position

Ms. Sandy Stoner, at-large alternate position

Local Emergency Planning Committee
Mr. Charles St. George, news media position
Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board
Mr. Bruce Greer, district 4 position
Mr. Pat Murphy, at-large position
Mr. Russell Butts, at-large position
Planning Commission
Ms. Cynthia Payne, district 2 position
Ms. Mary Kvalheim, district 4 position
Mr. William Moll, district 7 position
Platting Board
Mr. Mark Ward, district 3 position
Ms. Jessie Laub-Elkins, alternate position
Port Commission
Mr. Darrell Korman
Transportation Advisory Board
Mr. Ben Hermon, construction industry position
Mr. Tim Mahoney, road service areas position
Mr. Hilary Leiss, at-large position
Gold Trail Road Service Area No. 28 board of supervisors
Mr. Robert Mielke

MOTION: Assemblymember Holmes moved for approval of the above-referenced confirmations.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

D. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

(There was no new business.)

XI. VETO

(There was no veto pending.)

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(There was no executive session.)

XIII. MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Assemblymember Holmes:

- Requested a date when Meadow Lakes Fire Service Area No. 34 will receive a rescue truck.

- Spoke to the Caswell Lakes Fire Service Area proposed annexation and the past problems the area has experienced. He recommended that the assembly bypass the petition process, find it in the best interest of the public, and place the issue on the October ballot.

Assemblymember Jansen:

- Congratulated the clerk on her honor as an MMC.
- Requested a road funds expenditure table regarding Hatcher Pass by the February 15, 2000, assembly work session.
- Commented about the forward movement gained with the planning/zoning issue at the work session today.

Assemblymember Turner:

- Appreciated Assemblymember Holmes' stand on principle at a recent assembly meeting regarding the special land use district issue.

Assemblymember Kelly:

- Added his congratulations to Ms. Dillon for the MMC honor.
- Explained that he was not acting as an assembly member when speaking to the Wasilla Chamber regarding the couplet presentation.
- Stated the assembly has a responsibility to find alternate avenues to increase borough revenue to enable the borough to continue its services.

Assemblymember Colberg:

- Expressed respect for Ms. Dillon's acquisition of the MMC.
- Questioned the tower project at the Port MacKenzie area, and requested administration report on the status of the project at a future meeting.
- Asked the manager to report at the next assembly meeting about why the borough will not accept credit cards for property tax payment.
- Stated that the Sutton Comprehensive Plan should move forward in the regular process even if new regulations are put into force before the Sutton plan is completed.

Assemblymember Simpson:

- Congratulated Ms. Dillon for her acceptance into the MMC Academy.
- Publicly thanked all new board and commission appointees from district five for stepping forward to work on those boards.
- Appreciated comments from the public about Lake Nekelsen and encouraged them to continue to contact her.

(Mayor and Assembly comments continued on page 13.)

The regular assembly meeting recessed 6:50 p.m. and reconvened at 7 p.m.

Mayor Salmon recognized and welcomed the Palmer High School students in attendance.

VII. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

(There were no persons to be heard.)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Ordinance Serial No. 00-008: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, 2000 SERIES A, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$10,550,000, TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR SCHOOL AND RELATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOROUGH, FIXING CERTAIN DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THEIR SALE. IM No. 00-013

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Holmes moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 00-008.

Discussion followed.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

Mayor Salmon recognized and welcomed the Wasilla High School students in attendance.

2. Ordinance Serial No. 00-005: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING MSB 15.24.030(C)(22), NEKELSEN AND LOWER NEKELSEN LAKES, LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN.
 - a. Ordinance Serial No. 00-006: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 17.59, LAKE MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION. IM No. 00-006

Mayor Salmon opened the public hearing.

The following spoke in favor of the ordinances: Mr. Jim Klauder, Mr. Don Sherwood, Mr. Cliff Judkins (Alaska Boating Association President), Mr. Kevin Donoho, Ms. Mary Donoho, Mr. Eric Cox, Mr. Reed Dilley, Ms. Betty Vehrs (Meadow Lakes Community Council President), Mr. Richard Tubbs, Mr. Todd Clark, Ms. Barbara LaGrone, Mr. Marc Cottini

The following spoke in opposition to the ordinances: Mr. Reed Dilley (read and distributed an opposition letter for Mr. John Pakan).

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial Nos. 00-005 and 00-006.

Discussion followed.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved a primary amendment to strike "speed" in the lake management plan, item 5, Implementation, No Wake Speed Zone, to read: "5 Implementation, No wake [SPEED] zone. A no wake [SPEED] zone is established . . ." And, Ordinance Serial No. 00-006, MSB 17.59.060(D)(8) to read: "A lake wide no wake [SPEED] zone, . . ."

GENERAL CONSENT: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Discussion followed.

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

X. RECONSIDERATION

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved for immediate reconsideration of Ordinance Serial Nos. 00-005 and 00-006.

VOTE: The motion, to reconsider, failed unanimously.

VII. SPECIAL ORDERS

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Continued from above.)

3. Ordinance Serial No. 00-007: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLASSIFICATION AND DISPOSAL OF TRACT 18, AMBER LAKE ALASKA SMALL TRACTS, SECTION 15, T24N, R7W, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA. IM No. 00-009

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Holmes moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 00-007.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Swanson gave a staff report.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

4. Ordinance Serial No. 00-009: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A \$33,000 GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE TO FUND 480, PROJECT 20304, FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE STATEWIDE FIRE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION SPECIALIST PROGRAM.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 00-003: A RESOLUTION REVISING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE STATEWIDE FIRE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION SPECIALIST PROGRAM. IM No. 00-016

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Holmes moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 00-009 with Resolution Serial No. 00-003.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Jean Woods:

- Requested that the assembly change the composition requirements of the planning commission to require one representative from each assembly district.

Mr. Garvan Bucaria:

- Expressed concern that there is not enough public awareness about the Multi-Use Management Agreement (MUMA) for the Point MacKenzie area and suggested that the MUMA be placed on the borough web page and published in the newspaper.

Mr. Michael Janeczek:

- Thanked the assembly for their assistance with the fireworks debris problem in the Rainbow Lake area.

Mr. Phil Munger:

- Thanked the assembly for approving the Nekelsen Lake, Lake Management Plan.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(There was no unfinished business.)

III. MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY COMMENTS (Continued from page 9.)

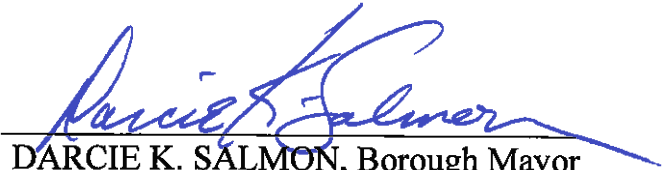
Mayor Salmon:

- Thanked the assembly for their work on the lake management plan issue, and the positive discussions during the work session.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular assembly meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

ATTEST:


DARCIE K. SALMON, Borough Mayor


SANDRA A. DILLON, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved February 1, 2000.