

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on February 3, 2009, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Mayor Curtis D. Menard.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Lynne Woods, Assembly District No. 1 (*Deputy Mayor*)  
Mr. Pete Houston, Assembly District No. 2  
Ms. Michelle R. Church, Assembly District No. 3  
Mr. Mark Ewing, Assembly District No. 4  
Ms. Cindy L. Bettine, Assembly District No. 5  
Mr. Robert Wells, Assembly District No. 6  
Mr. Tom Kluberton, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk  
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager  
Ms. Elizabeth Gray, Assistant Borough Manager  
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney  
Ms. Brenda J. Henry, Executive Assistant to the Borough Clerk  
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director  
Mr. Keith Rountree, Public Works Director  
Mr. Dennis Brodigan, Emergency Services Director  
Ms. Linda Brenner, Community Development Director  
Mr. Mark Mayo, Planning and Land Use Director  
Mr. Dave Hanson, Economic Development Director

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Menard inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

Mayor Menard requested that a proclamation for the United Way 2-1-1 be added to the agenda under special orders of the day.

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 Mr. Archie Giddings, City of Wasilla, Public Works Director.

#### **V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS**

A. Special Assembly Meeting: 01/17/09

Mayor Menard inquired if there were any corrections to the special meeting minutes of January 17, 2009.

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

#### **VI. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**

A. A Certificate of Appreciation Presented to Archie Giddings in Recognition of his Service on the Port Commission

Mayor Menard:

- read the certificate into the record; and
- thanks Mr. Giddings for his service on the Port Commission.

B. A Certificate of Appreciation Presented to Freda Hatton in Recognition of her Service on the Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Mayor Menard:

- read the certificate into the record; and
- thanked Ms. Hatton for her service on the Senior Citizens Advisory Board.

C. Proclamation in Recognition of Alaska 2-1-1 Day

Mayor Menard read the proclamation into the record.

#### **VII. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Reports from cities

##### Wasilla City

Mr. Giddings:

- reported that the city of Wasilla's top three priorities are as follows: Main Street/Yenlo One-Way Couplet, Mack Drive, and Lucille Street ;

- noted that the Main Street/Yenlo One-Way Couplet will provide opportunity for economic development downtown;
- commented that the Mack Drive project will provide economic development opportunities around the city of Wasilla's airport; and
- gave a summary of the needed work on Lucille Street.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- queried if there is funding for the two Mack Drive project; and
- noted that Mack Road is a Knik-Fairview Community Council priority.

Mr. Giddings:

- spoke to the \$4 million received from the state of Alaska for the Mack Road project;
- advised that the city is negotiating an engineering contract; and
- noted that the Mack Road project design will be underway this summer.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the Mack Road project;
- signalization projects;
- the status of the Knik-Goose Bay Road and Fern Road turn lane; and
- the Main Street/Yenlo One-Way Couplet project.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

*(There was no report provided.)*

3. Mat-Su Convention and Visitors Bureau: Ms. Bonnie Quill

Ms. Bonnie Quill:

- reported on the current marketing efforts;
- noted that the Alaska Travel Industry Association is concerned about summer travel;
- spoke to lower travel estimates due to the economy;
- spoke regarding the Alaska Value Campaign;
- reported on the award of the National Scenic By-Ways grant to begin the planning process for a new gateway destination visitors center on the Glenn Highway;
- expressed that the Mat-Su Convention and Visitors Bureau was thrilled with the efforts involved with the grant application;
- commented on the Tourism Infrastructure Needs Study;
- spoke to the funding sources identified at the Tourism Summit;
- reported on the cruise ship head tax research performed;
- stated that there is an opportunity for the Borough to pursue these funds;
- noted that there is \$32 million available in the cruise ship impact fund;

- requested that the Assembly work with the State Legislature to open the door to receiving some of the regional cruise ship impact funds; and
- noted that the Mat-Su Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors will report on fiscal year 2010 budget priorities at the next regular Assembly meeting.

## B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

#### Assemblymember Wells:

- noted that South Palmer Elementary School is 75 percent complete;
- commented that the Susitna Valley High School insurance negotiations were continuing;
- advised on the education component of the federal economic stimulus legislation;
- spoke to federal special education funding opportunities;
- noted the discussions regarding student count and how it should be compiled;
- advised that Iditarod Elementary is at the top of the list for renovations or replacement;
- noted the possibility of using Iditarod Elementary School for Borough owned space, as was done previously when Sherrod Elementary School became the School District Administration Building;
- noted the importance of following up on the Agricultural Processing Center which is the number one priority; and
- advised that the next Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues meeting is March 2, 2009.

#### Assemblymember Bettine:

- spoke to the School District Task Force Committee that is looking at opening the schools for after school activities and the use of public buildings while school is in session; and
- noted that the committee has a much broader scope then originally was thought.

Assemblymember Ewing queried the square footage of Iditarod Elementary School.

#### Mr. Wells:

- noted that he was unsure of the square footage of Iditarod Elementary School; and
- spoke to the number of students that attend Iditarod Elementary School.

### 2. Assembly Public Relations

*(There were no reports provided.)*

## B. MANAGER COMMENTS

### 1. State/Federal Legislation

Mr. Duffy:

- provided an overview of his visit to Juneau to speak with the State Legislature;
- congratulated Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director, on receiving four Alaska Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America awards;
- noted a potential gold mine development in the western Yetna River drainage;
- advised that an animal from the Borough's Stray Pet Obedience Training (SPOT) Program will be highlighted by Senator Begich as part of a veteran award; and
- noted that Ms. Gray will be attending future Matanuska Electric Association Board meetings.

Assemblymember Church requested that the Manger's Report be forwarded to the Assembly on the Friday preceding regular Assembly meetings.

Mr. Duffy:

- spoke to the timeline on receiving data from staff for the Manager's Report; and
- state that staff could forward the data earlier to meet the new submission date.

Assemblymember Ewing requested an update on the Settlers Bay Drive flooding.

Mr. Duffy:

- noted that the flooding is due to topographical issues and recent weather fluctuations;
- commented that there are other issues with Settlers Bay Drive;
- stated that the Borough is working diligently to resolve the issue; and
- spoke to the possible remedies.

Assemblymember Bettine requested that the Assembly be notified when things like this happen within their Assembly Districts.

#### C. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos:

- spoke regarding the Fish Head Bar and Grill Superior Court ruling; and
- noted that the case could go to the Supreme Court.

#### D. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie:

- spoke regarding the upcoming meeting schedule;
- advised that Administration had requested a joint meeting with the Denali Borough be schedule during the time of Iditarod or Fur Rendezvous Festival;
- noted that Administration has also requested a special meeting for Incident Command System (ICS) training to meet the requirements for elected officials.

Mr. Duffy:

- advised that the ICS training is required by Federal Emergency Management Agency to be eligible to receive funds; and
- noted that the Assembly will have ICS training and learn the role of elected officials in the event of a natural disaster.

Ms. McKechnie queried if the Assembly would like to schedule the ICS training on March 10, 2009 at 3 p.m.

There was no objection noted.

Ms. McKechnie:

- noted the Assembly group photo is scheduled for March 3, 2009;
- advised that the new tracking report will be in a Gantt chart format; and
- commented that the tracking report will not be able to be updated until the Strategic Plan is complete and timelines are identified.

#### E. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:
  - a. Animal Care and Regulation Board: 10/13/08 (2), 11/17/08
  - b. Enhanced 911 Advisory Board: 10/14/08
  - c. Local Road Service Advisory Board: 10/16/08
  - d. Planning Commission: 07/21/08, 08/04/08, Resolution Serial Nos. 08-28, 08-31, and 08-35
  - e. Platting Board: 11/20/08, 12/04/08
  - f. Real Property Asset Management Board: 09/10/08, Resolution Serial No. 08-05(AM)
2. Community Council Correspondence:
  - a. Meadow Lakes Community Council: 11/12/08
  - b. Willow Area Community Organization: 10/06/08, 11/03/08 (2)

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

#### F. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

1. IM No. 09-039: AN INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM PROVIDING THE FINAL REPORT FROM THE MAYOR'S BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE ON ROAD SERVICE AREAS.

The informational memorandum was presented and no comments were noted.

### VII. SPECIAL ORDERS (to begin at 7 p.m.)

- A. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (Three minutes per person.)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three minutes per person.)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 09-005: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE WENDT ROAD NATURAL GAS LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 419 AND ESTABLISHING THE METHOD OF TERMINATING ASSESSMENTS AND MAKING REFUNDS TO PROPERTY OWNERS.
  - a. Ordinance Serial No. 09-006: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS FOR THE WENDT ROAD NATURAL GAS LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 419, AND FIXING DETAILS OF SAID BONDS.
    - (1) IM No. 09-009

Ms. Clayton provided a staff report.

Mayor Menard 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 Wells moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 09-005 and 09-006.

MOTION: Assemblymember Wells moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 09-006 by striking the interest rate of "8.479" in the second paragraph of section seven and inserting "7.409" in its place.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

*(The meeting recessed at 7:10 p.m. and reconvened at 7:22 p.m.)*

2. Ordinance Serial No. 09-007: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE TIDEWATER SUBDIVISION AREA NATURAL GAS LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 426 AND ESTABLISHING THE METHOD OF TERMINATING ASSESSMENTS AND MAKING REFUNDS TO PROPERTY OWNERS.
  - a. Ordinance Serial No. 09-008: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$180,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS FOR THE TIDEWATER SUBDIVISION AREA NATURAL GAS LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 426, AND FIXING DETAILS OF SAID BOND.
    - (1) IM No. 09-010

Ms. Clayton provided a staff report.

Mayor Menard 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 Bettine moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 09-007 and 09-008.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 09-008 by striking the interest rate of "8.479" in the second paragraph of section seven and inserting "7.409" in its place.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

3. Ordinance Serial No. 09-014: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 17.20, KNIK SLED DOG AND RECREATION SPECIAL LAND USE DISTRICT, AND MSB 17.125, DEFINITIONS.
  - a. IM No. 09-018

Mr. Mayo provided a staff report.

Mayor Menard 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 Bettine moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-014.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

4. Ordinance Serial No. 09-015: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,678,279 TO FUND 495, PROJECT NO. 95002, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESIGNING, CONSTRUCTING, AND EQUIPPING THE GOOSE CREEK CORRECTIONAL CENTER AND RELATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE SERIES 2008, LEASE REVENUE BONDS.
  - a. IM No. 09-024

Ms. Clayton provided a staff report.

Mayor Menard 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 Bettine moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-015.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

5. Ordinance Serial No. 09-016: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,100,000 TO THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FISCAL YEAR 2009 OPERATING BUDGET.
  - a. IM No. 09-029

Ms. Clayton provided a staff report.

Mayor Menard 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 Woods moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-016.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

*(There was no one present who wished to speak.)*

D. CONSENT AGENDA (AM No. 09-006 was pulled from the consent agenda and addressed separately. *See pp. 9-11*)

1. RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution Serial No. 09-010: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE SUTTON FIRE SERVICE AREA FIRE TRAINING BUILDING RENOVATION, PROJECT NO. 45086; RESTROOM REMODEL, SEPTIC UPGRADE, COMPLETION OF SECOND FLOOR OFFICE, PAINTING INTERIOR OF APPARATUS BAYS, CLASSROOM FURNACE, GENERATOR REPLACEMENT AND NEW SEPTIC, PROJECT NO. 45109, AND APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE SUTTON FIRE SERVICE AREA BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS AND ANNEX ADDITION, PROJECT NO. 45109.

(1) IM No. 09-014

2. ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUMS

- b. AM No. 09-013: AWARD OF BID NO. 09-059 TO YOUNG'S FIREHOUSE FOR TURNOUT GEAR AND URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE (USAR) CLOTHING, TOTAL YEARLY PURCHASES MAY EXCEED \$100,000.

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

a. AM No. 09-006: APPROVAL OF THE 2009 ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR CAPITAL PROJECTS.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kluberton moved to adopt AM No. 09-006.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kluberton moved a primary amendment to AM No. 09-006, Road Maintenance and Repair Capital Projects 2009 as follows:

- Caswell Lakes RSA No. 15, by striking the project list and replacing it with the following project list:
  - RSA Roads – Calcium Purchase;
  - RSA Roads – Calcium Application;
  - RSA Roads – Recondition gravel roads with grid compactor
  - RSA Roads – Surveying/ engineering;
  - Nosey Avenue – Upgrade (FY08 Legislative grant previously approved)
  - Future Road extension to Dogsled and Montana Creek – Road extension;
  - Rustic Wilderness Subdivision: various roads – Realign and upgrade;
  - Caswell Lakes Rd Ph I – Upgrade;
  - Caswell Lakes Rd Ph II; Chipseal
  - Caswell Lp – Upgrade; and
  - Susitna Landing Rd – Upgrade.
- Trapper Creek RSA No. 30, by striking the project list and replacing it with the following project list:
  - RSA Roads – Calcium Purchase;
  - RSA Roads – Calcium Application;
  - RSA Roads 30050.6614 – Recondition gravel roads with grid compactor;
  - RSA Roads 30050.6616 – Develop pit location;
  - Parking Lot Mile 118 – Upgrade Parking Lot;
  - Towns Place – Upgrade;
  - Saunders Rd – Upgrade;
  - Parking Lot Mile 120 – Upgrade;
  - Oilwell Rd Mile 6-9; Construct; and
  - Chulitna Drive; Trapper Drive – Drainage and upgrade.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Wells moved a primary amendment to AM No. 09-006, Road Maintenance and Repair Capital Projects Summer 2009, Bogard RSA No. 25, by inserting project no. 10 to read: Kings Ridge – Lake View Street Light.

Assemblymember Woods:

- stated that she was looking into a similar issue;
- spoke to the Department of Transportation's suggestion to install a wooden pole light;
- noted concerns regarding funding the cost for the electricity; and
- commented that \$2,000 may not be enough funding for the project.

Assemblymember Ewing:

- stated that the location is a major school bus stop for the Kings Ridge Subdivision; and
- noted that the addition of a street light is a good idea.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- noted that item nos. eight and nine are not funded; and
- commented that adding items to the list is a good idea.

Assemblymember Wells:

- commented on the street light costs; and
- noted that safety improvements are needed once the Seward Meridian extension is complete, as it will become a major shortcut.

Mayor Menard queried if the street light electricity is funded by the road service area.

Mr. Duffy advised that road service areas fund the cost for street lights.

VOTE:           The primary amendment passed without objection.

Discussion ensued regarding street light funding source options.

MOTION:       Assemblymember Woods moved a primary amendment to AM No. 09-006, Road Maintenance and Repair Capital Projects Summer 2009, North Colony RSA No. 23, by inserting project no. 8 to read: Buffalo Mine Road – Glenn Highway Street Light.

Assemblymember Ewing:

- noted that the Kings Ridge Lake View Street Light is a child safety issue because of blind corners and a hill; and
- commented that Buffalo Mine Road – Glenn Highway street light location has visibility in both directions; and
- noted that the Glenn Highway is a State road.

Assemblymember Woods:

- spoke to a recent accident in the area; and
- noted that constituents had requested the lighting in the area.

VOTE:           The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

### VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Resolution Serial No. 08-138: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING GYM STRUCTURAL INVESTIGATION/PRELIMINARY RESTROOM DESIGN, PROJECT NO. 10057, TO ALLOW DESIGN WORK FOR OFFICE SPACE IMPROVEMENTS. *(Main motion pending from: 12/02/08)*
1. IM No. 08-285

Mr. Rountree provided staff report.

Assemblymember Bettine queried when the overall design work would be completed for space.

Mr. Duffy stated that the Assembly will receive an initial report from the owner's representative on March 3, 2009.

Assemblymember Houston stated that he does not see a connection between this project and the overall space issues.

Assemblymember Kluberton queries if this was strictly for the restrooms.

Mr. Rountree advised that this project was strictly for the restrooms.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the project funding for the restroom; and
- the condition of the restrooms.

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Church moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 08-138.

MOTION: Assemblymember Wells called for the question (to stop debate).

VOTE: The motion to stop debate passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion failed with Assemblymembers Woods, Houston, and Kluberton in favor.

- B. Resolution Serial No. 09-006: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2015. *(Main motion pending from: 01/20/09)*
1. IM No. 09-013

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Bettine moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 09-006.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kluberton moved a primary amendment to the Capital Improvement program as follows:

- Caswell Lakes RSA No. 15, replace projects as follows:
  - RSA Roads – Calcium Purchase;
  - RSA Roads – Calcium Application;
  - RSA Roads – Recondition gravel roads w/grid compactor;
  - RSA Roads – Surveying/ engineering;
  - Nosey Ave – Upgrade;
  - Future Rd (Ext to Dogsled & Montana Creek Rd.) – Road extension;
  - Rustic Wilderness Subdivision: various roads – Realign and upgrade;
  - Caswell Lakes Rd Ph I – Upgrade;
  - Caswell Lakes Rd Ph II – Chipseal;
  - Caswell Lakes Lp – Upgrade; and
  - Susitna Landing Rd. – Upgrade;
- Trapper Creek RSA No. 30, by striking the project list and replacing it with the following project list:
  - RSA Roads – Calcium Purchase;
  - RSA Roads – Calcium Application;
  - RSA Roads 30050.6614 – Recondition gravel roads with grid compactor;
  - RSA Roads 30050.6616 – Develop pit location;
  - Parking Lot Mile 118 – Upgrade Parking Lot;
  - Towns Place – Upgrade;
  - Saunders Rd – Upgrade;
  - Parking Lot Mile 120 – Upgrade;
  - Oilwell Rd Mile 6-9; Construct; and
  - Chulitna Drive; Trapper Drive – Drainage and upgrade.
- North Colony RSA No. 23, by inserting project no. 8, Buffalo Mine Road – Glenn Highway Street Light; and
- Bogard RSA No. 25 by inserting project no. 10, Kings Ridge – Lake View Street Light.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Ewing moved a primary amendment to the Capital Improvement Program, Community Transportation projects as follows:

- by prioritizing the MSB Transportation Bond Package as follows:
  - Seldon Road Upgrade;
  - Seldon Road Extension;
  - Hermon Road Extension;
  - Vine Road Upgrade;
  - Seward Meridian Parkway Extension South;
  - Dogwood Road Extension;
  - Non-Motorized Pathways;
  - Jenson-Soapstone Road Connection; and
- to prioritize Mainstreet/Yenlo One-Way Couplet as project no. 10 under the Partially Funded Projects (top 10 priorities); and

- to prioritize West Riley Avenue Extension as project no. 1 under Unfunded Projects and renumber the remaining projects.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to the Capital Improvement Program as follows:

- By reprioritizing the bridge projects:
  - moving Unfunded Projects priority no. 1, Deneki Meadows Bridge on Michelle Drive into Partially Funded projects as priority no. 2;
  - moving Unfunded Projects priority no. 2, Gate Creek at Sylvia-Ann Marie into Partially Funded projects as priority no. 3;
  - moving Unfunded Projects priority no. 3, Cottonwood Creek at Earl Drive into Partially Funded projects as priority no. 4;
  - moving Unfunded Projects priority no. 4, Twins Creek at Oilwell Road into Partially Funded projects as priority no. 5;
  - moving Unfunded Projects priority no. 5, Willow Creek at Grubstake into Partially Funded projects as priority no. 6;
  - moving Unfunded Projects priority no. 6, Kroto Creek at Oilwell Road into Partially Funded projects as priority no. 7;
  - moving Unfunded Projects priority no. 7, Moose Creek at Oilwell Road into Partially Funded projects as priority no. 8;
  - moving Unfunded Projects priority no. 9, Fish Creek at Lewis Parkway Road into Partially Funded projects as priority no. 9;
  - moving Unfunded Projects priority no. 10, Little Susitna River Bridge on Welch Way into Partially Funded projects as priority no. 10;
  - moving Unfunded Projects priority no. 12, Cottonwood Creek Bridge at Oilwell Road into Partially Funded projects as priority no. 11;
  - moving Unfunded Projects priority no. 13, Little Susitna River Bridge at Moose Meadows Road, into Partially Funded projects as priority no. 12;
  - moving Unfunded Projects priority no. 14, Trapper Creek Bridge at S. Bradley into Partially Funded projects as priority no. 13;
  - moving Unfunded Projects priority no. 15, Montana Creek Bridge at Yoder Road into Partially Funded projects as priority no. 14;
  - add RSA number and name after each bridge; and
  - renumber remaining projects under unfunded projects category as needed.
- by reprioritizing the Recreational Trails as follows:
  - moving Unfunded Projects priority no. 1, Regional Trails, Mat-Su Recreational Trails Plan into Partially Funded Projects as priority no. 4;
  - moving Unfunded Projects priority no. 4, France Road reconnaissance, locate, survey trails into Crevasse Moraine and Kepler-Bradley State Park into Partially Funded Projects as priority no. 5;

- moving Unfunded Projects priority no. 8, Eska Falls Non-Motorized Trail into Partially Funded Projects as priority no. 6;
- moving Unfunded Projects priority no. 5, Wasilla Creek Headwaters Trail into Partially Funded Projects as priority no. 7;
- moving Unfunded Projects priority no. 10, Trails Hardening and Bridges for Puritan Creek Trail into Partially Funded Projects as priority no. 8;
- moving Unfunded Projects priority no. 11, Haessler-Norris Trail System/Willow Creek Sled Trail into Partially Funded Projects as priority no. 9;
- moving Unfunded Projects priority no. 12, Youngs Creek and King River Trail Hardening, Bridges Survey, re-route into Partially Funded Projects as priority no. 10;
- moving Unfunded Projects priority no. 15, Lower Susitna Recreation Area into Partially Funded Projects as priority no. 11; and
- renumber remaining Unfunded Projects as needed.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to the Capital Improvement, Building and Vehicle Capital Projects, by Department, by striking it in its entirety.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Assemblymember Bettine queried whether the Remodel Dorothy Swanda Jones Building and Remodel Administration Building Projects are to stay listed within the Borough Capital Projects list.

Mr. Duffy:

- advised that the Assembly could choose to keep them on the list or remove them from the list; and
- noted that not all of the projects are funded.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. INTRODUCTION (For public hearing – 02/17/09, 7 p.m., Borough Assembly Chambers)**

1. Ordinance Serial No. 09-017: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$3,000,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW REGIONAL RESOURCE RECOVERY AND TRAINING FACILITY, FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 47013.

- a. Resolution Serial No. 09-011: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW REGIONAL RESOURCE RECOVERY AND TRAINING FACILITY, PROJECT NO. 47013.
- (1) IM No. 09-020
  
- 2. Ordinance Serial No. 09-018: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$100,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR THE BRYANT ROAD AT ANNA LAKE FISH PASSAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 30100, FUND 410.
- a. Resolution Serial No. 09-012: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE BRYANT ROAD AT ANNA LAKE FISH PASSAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 30100.
- (1) IM No. 09-025
  
- 3. Ordinance Serial No. 09-019: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$100,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR THE WASILLA CREEK AT GRANTHAM DRIVE FISH PASSAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 30101, FUND 410.
- a. Resolution Serial No. 09-013: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE WASILLA CREEK AT GRANTHAM DRIVE FISH PASSAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 30101.
- (1) IM No. 09-026
  
- 4. Ordinance Serial No. 09-020: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$50,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR THE LITTLE MEADOW CREEK AT WEST KAREN STREET FISH PASSAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 30085, FUND 410.
- a. Resolution Serial No. 09-014: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE LITTLE MEADOW CREEK AT WEST KAREN STREET FISH PASSAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 30085.
- (1) IM No. 09-027
  
- 5. Ordinance Serial No. 09-021: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$50,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR THE WASILLA CREEK AT WELTIN WAY FISH PASSAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 30101, FUND 410.
- a. Resolution Serial No. 09-015: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE WASILLA CREEK AT WELTIN WAY FISH PASSAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 30101.
- (1) IM No. 09-028
  
- 6. Ordinance Serial No. 09-022: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 1.50.040, EXEMPTION OF PUBLIC RECORDS, TO INCLUDE THE EXEMPTION OF HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

ACT (HIPPA) INFORMATION AND TO CHANGE THE LOCATION OF  
"CONFIDENTIAL" INFORMATION.

- a. IM No. 09-030
  
- 7. Ordinance Serial No. 09-023: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,107.50 FROM THE LASKA STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, TO FUND 425, PROJECT NO. 45158.
  - a. Resolution Serial No. 09-016: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ALASKA STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT, PROJECT NO. 45158, TO ALLOW FOR THE PAYMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF A TALKEETNA DOCKING STATION FOR THE MOBILE COMMAND/COMMUNICATIONS VAN (FIELD COMM. I).
    - (1) IM No. 09-037
  
- 8. Ordinance Serial No. 09-024: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 15.39.130, NOTICE OF APPEALS; FORM, TO CHANGE THE APPEAL FEE.
  - a. IM No. 09-038
  
- 9. Ordinance Serial No. 09-025: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 2.12 AND MSB 15.04 TO PROVIDE AN UPDATED MECHANISM FOR PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW OF ORDINANCES RELATED TO PLANNING. (*Sponsored by: Mayor Menard*)
  - a. IM No. 09-041

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearings for February 17, 2009.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

## B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

### 1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Menard requested the following confirmations:

Borough Area Schools Site Selection Committee

Patrick Johnson

Mark Masteller

Health and Social Services Board

Katherine Foster-Dalmolin

Becky Stoppa

Marguerite Bowers

Historical Preservation Commission  
Ronald Bissett  
Local Emergency Planning Committee  
Resignation of R. Scott Simmons  
Lakes FSA No. 136  
Gerard Billinger  
William Browne  
Rexford Hunter  
Knik RSA No. 17  
Brian Morgan  
Trapper Creek RSA No. 30  
Linda D. Smith

Mayor Menard made the following recommendations:

Board of Adjustment and Appeals  
Timothy Anderson  
Board of Equalization  
C.J. Horner  
Caswell Lakes FSA No. 135  
Larry Cline

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to confirm the Mayor's recommendations 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 Woods:

- spoke to the World Trade Organizations Economic forecast;
- stated that it was interesting to recognize the importance of Asia to the Alaska economy;
- noted that the Asian market is still growing;

- spoke to attending the Alaska Municipal League (AM) Board meeting in Juneau;
- noted that the AML priorities were provided to the State Legislature;
- spoke to the Alaska State Department of Transportation projects for the Economic Stimulus Package;
- noted that the Borough was not included within the Department of Transportation projects for the Economic Stimulus Package; and
- spoke to reporting on the importance of creating a State funded transportation program.

Assemblymember Church spoke to the need to submit a resolution supporting the State creating a transportation fund.

Mr. Duffy queried if the need is for a resolution in support of an ongoing transportation fund and another resolution noting the need to not substitute the transportation fund with the funds received from the Economic Stimulus Package.

Assemblymember Church noted that it would be good to do separate resolutions.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- requested the Manager to inform the Assembly of the agenda for Washington D.C.;
- spoke to the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Road Service Areas recommendations regarding substandard roads;
- spoke to the current process that the road maintenance contractors use;
- noted the need to assign other staff than the Operations and Maintenance clerical works to create the database of substandard roads, as they have a high work load;
- spoke to the Renewable Energy Presentation; and
- commented on the possibility of the Borough being a leader for Renewable Energy.

Assemblymember Wells:

- expressed appreciation for the Renewable Energy presentation;
- spoke to the United States Farmers Union Board Meeting Conference in Washington D.C.;
- noted that it was a privilege to be in Washington D.C. on inauguration day;
- spoke to meeting with Senator Murkowski and Senator Begich;
- stated that it is a good thing that Senator Murkowski was appointed to a seat on the Appropriations Committee;
- noted the discussions with Senator Begich and his staff regarding the Federal Economic Stimulus Package;
- stated that the School District is focused on the Agriculture Processing Center; and
- noted that that he is hopeful that the owner's representative will present a clear course regarding the space issues, as an action plan is needed.

Assemblymember Church requested that the Assembly consider joining Renewable Energy Alaska Project, as we would be the first municipality to joint.

Assemblymember Ewing spoke to the need to see space options.

Assemblymember Kluberton:

- spoke to the School District Task Force Committee that he was invited to join that is focused on trying to advance concepts of securing additional funding for school sports;
- advised that the model is an initiative that Juneau School District recently took;
- noted the steps the Juneau School District took to predict funding estimations;
- spoke to the difference between funding sports in the Borough and other municipalities; and
- stated that all playing fields and courts have a high demand in the Borough.

Assemblymember Houston:

- spoke in support of joining the Renewable Energy Alaska Energy Project; and
- queried if there are policies that can be done to support renewable energy.

Mr. Duffy:

- advised that there are policies that can be done to support renewable energy; and
- noted that a lot of what is involved regarding renewable energy is changing State statute.

Assemblymember Houston:

- noted the Clerk's recommendation for the Assembly to schedule special meetings with the use of the Committee of the Whole; and
- requested that the Assembly provide direction to the Clerk to utilize the Committee of the Whole.

There was no objection noted.

Mayor Menard:

- noted that it was good to see Senator Menard in Juneau;
- commented that it was great that Governor Palin attended the prison signing ceremony;
- requested the Assembly's input on the Vacancy Report so that recommendations can move forward; and
- spoke to the need to resolve the restroom issues for the Information Technology Department.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

  
CURTIS D. MENARD, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 02/17/09