

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING
ASSEMBLY DECEMBER 17, 2002

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on December 17, 2002, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, 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. J. Bruce Bush, Assembly District No. 1
Ms. Sara Jansen, Assembly District No. 2 (Deputy Mayor)
Mr. Talis J. Colberg, Assembly District No. 3
Ms. Mary Kvalheim, Assembly District No. 4
Ms. Jody Simpson, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6 (via teleconference)
Ms. Kelly Ladere, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Sandra A. Dillon, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Mr. David Germer, Assistant Borough Manager
Mr. John Aschenbrenner, Acting Borough Attorney
Ms. Michelle M. McGehee, Deputy Borough Clerk
Mr. Jim Swing, Public Works Director
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Mr. Jack Krill, Interim Public Safety Director

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Mayor Anderson noted his intent to present a proclamation from the planning commission to Mary Kvalheim, and requested assembly concurrence to move Ray Gillespie to agency reports.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda, as amended, was approved as presented.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Sammy Pokryfki, a member of the audience.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. Regular Assembly Meeting: December 3, 2002

Mayor Anderson referenced the December 3, 2002, regular assembly meeting minutes and asked if there were any corrections thereto.

Assemblymember Jansen:

- page 3 of 20, to read, "Assemblymember Jansen" gave the committee reports. [After clerk's research, this item was corrected.]
- page 16 of 20, to read, "Assemblymember Jansen spoke to obtaining grant funds for the purpose of this legislation and encouraged the administration to seek additional private foundation funding." [After clerk's research, this item was

corrected.]

- page 18 of 20, to read, “Assemblymember Jansen inquired if the port [DISTRICT] commission authority would be expanded by the acquisition of additional acreage.” [After clerk’s research, this item was corrected.]

Assemblymember Simpson:

- page 15 of 20, to read, “commented that the girl scout camp is concerned with [HUNTING] Herning Trail, which runs through the camp, and she hopes that the administration can work on relocating the trail for safety purposes.” [After clerk’s research, this item was corrected.]
- page 18 of 20, please correct the spelling of Mr. Van Dongen’s name. After clerk’s research, this item was corrected.]

GENERAL CONSENT: The minutes were approved pending the clerk’s research.

B. Special Assembly Meeting: December 3, 2002

Mayor Anderson referenced the December 3, 2002, special assembly meeting minutes and asked if there were any corrections thereto.

GENERAL CONSENT: The minutes were approved as presented.

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Reports from cities

Wasilla City

Council Member Howard O’Neil:

- reported that on December 9, 2002, the Wasilla City Council unanimously voted to go forward with the imminent domain to secure the site for the multi-use sports complex and additional access to the Wasilla Municipal Airport ;
- noted that phase I of the multi-use sports complex was awarded to Howde Construction; and
- stated that the Wasilla City Council will be inquiring about placing the construction of a regional core library in the proposed bond package at the January 9, 2003, work session.

Assemblymember Jansen noted that the city of Palmer is having a city council meeting tonight.

Mayor Anderson presented Assemblymember Kvalheim with a proclamation in honor of her service on the Planning Commission.

2. Gillespie and Associates (Ray Gillespie, state lobbyist)

Mr. Ray Gillespie:

- provided a synopsis of the last legislation session; and
- discussed the composition of the new legislature and issues we might anticipate.

Discussion continued on:

- what will be necessary to implement the resolution relevant to the North Star facility;
- any resistance from hospitals;
- time lines for construction; and
- the prison issue.

3. Mat-Su Agency Partnership – Sammye Pokryfki

Sammye Pokryfki:

- stated that the community needs assessment was prepared by the McDowell Group, which is an Alaska-based research firm;

- noted that the purpose of the study was to gather baseline information about the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's socioeconomic context, community strengths, and challenges, and to gather information about the current and potential role of local businesses;
- summarized the different methods used to perform the study;
- informed that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough is the fastest growing region in Alaska; and
- reported the results of the study.

(Recessed at 6:55 p.m. and reconvened at 7:08 p.m.)

VII. SPECIAL ORDERS (to being 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. 02-191: AN ORDINANCE CREATING DISCOVERY BAY AREA ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 375, 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. 02-281

Ms. Clayton:

- informed that there are 15 parcels in this local improvement district;
- noted that 60 percent of the ballots were returned; and
- recommended approval of Ordinance Serial No. 02-191.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 02-191.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

2. Ordinance Serial No. 02-192: AN ORDINANCE CREATING WEATHER VANE CIRCLE ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 376, 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. 02-282

Ms. Clayton:

- informed that there are 26 parcel in this local improvement district;
- stated that 58 percent of the ballots were received; and
- recommended approval of Ordinance Serial No. 02-192.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Bush moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 02-192.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

3. Ordinance Serial No. 02-210: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$1,653,200 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, TO FUND 420, PROJECT NO. 25038, LANDFILL EXPANSION.

a. Resolution Serial No. 02-125: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PARTIAL SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE CENTRAL LANDFILL EXPANSION PROJECT, FUND 420, PROJECT NO. 25038.

(1) IM No. 02-306

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 02-210 and Resolution Serial No. 02-125.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

4. Ordinance Serial No. 02-211: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$165,600 FROM THE AREAWIDE FUND BALANCE TO THE HEALTH INSURANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT.

a. Resolution Serial No. 02-126: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE LABOR AGREEMENT WITH THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION.

(1) IM No. 02-309

Mr. Duffy:

- stated that there have been significant increases in health insurance costs;
- informed that a labor/management committee has been working on this issue for six months;
- noted that Ordinance Serial No. 02-211 is the proposed short-term solution;
- referred to a letter from MSBEA in packet;
- stated that should the assembly approve Ordinance Serial No. 02-211, MSBEA would then have to ratify it;
- noted the sick leave bank was created prior to the Family and Medical Leave Act, and that MSBEA was not a part of the sick leave bank; and
- informed that the administration still asked for MSBEA's input on dissolving the sick leave bank.

Assemblymember requested clarification on Ordinance Serial No. 02-211.

Discussion ensued regarding the health care plan.

[Assemblymember Colver exited the meeting at 7:20 p.m. and returned at 7:30 p.m.]

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 02-211 and Resolution Serial No. 02-126.

Assemblymember Jansen spoke in favor Ordinance Serial No. 02-211 and Resolution Serial No. 02-126.

VOTE: The motion passed with Assemblymembers Bush and Colberg in opposition.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE (continued from pg. 4)

A. AGENCY REPORTS

4. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

George Troxel, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction:

- referred to the report the curriculum audit team had compiled;
- stated that this audit was used to make the district aware of the weaknesses of the curriculum;
- noted that the report was performed by Phi Delta Capa;
- informed that the cost was \$75,000, which was paid for by the Learning Opportunity Grant from the state;
- reported that the audit is based on five standards;
- noted that in conducting the audit the auditors reviewed various relevant documents such as the school handbook, the budget, etc.;
- explained the five standards and recommendations of the report; and
- stated that the school board is currently reviewing the audit report and will be meeting on December 18, 2002, at a special meeting to further discuss the report.

Mr. Chmielewski, School Board Member:

- stated that all of the recommendations are very specific; and
- noted that the school district now has the responsibility to take action.

Assemblymember Simpson stated that she is interested in the school board's timelines for addressing the deficiencies.

Mr. Chmielewski stated that at the January 15, 2003, regular meeting, more specifics will emerge as to how the school district plans to address the problems.

Assemblymember Ladere asked Mr. Troxel to address the budget problems the school district is currently facing.

Mr. Troxel:

- replied that one of the problems with the budget is with the correspondence school program;
- explained the correspondence school process;
- stated that the state of Alaska's new "Oasis" program is also one of the problems; and
- discussed how the "Oasis" program has affected the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District.

Discussion ensued regarding the budget shortfalls.

Assemblymember Jansen asked if the school district is expecting any staff cuts.

Mr. Troxel replied that since 91 percent of the budget is for salary and benefits, there will be staff cuts.

Assemblymember Jansen requested that the assembly be informed of these situations in the future in order to be better prepared when the public asks the assembly questions.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues
2. Intergovernmental Liaison Committee
3. Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Mayor Anderson stated that there have been no meetings of these committees and that the Regional Transportation Planning Organization meeting was rescheduled for January 2003.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Duffy:

- issued the draft State Transportation Improvement Projects to the assembly; and
- informed that Ms. Clayton has written a memorandum regarding the proposed school district bond package.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Aschenbrenner:

- noted that a favorable response was received in regards Case No. 3AN-02-4403 CI; Cascadia Wildlands Project; and
- stated that the borough was granted the motion to supplement the record in this appeal.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. Dillon:

- stated that she will be sending a thank you letter to the city of Palmer for their generous use of the Palmer Depot;
- noted that she is working with the manager to schedule two work sessions, one with the Port Commission, and another to set goals; and
- referred to the memorandum on assembly expenses issued to the assembly.

Assemblymember Jansen inquired as to whether or not the assembly should still hold the special meeting on January 14, 2003, to discuss the school bond package.

Assemblymember Colberg stated that the assembly should still hold the special meeting on January 14, 2003, since it will give the assembly members more time to think about the issue.

[Assemblymember Colver exited the meeting at this time.]

Assemblymember Ladere:

- stated that she does have some concerns with the school bond issue; and
- noted that she would prefer attending the school board meeting on January 15, 2003, before holding the special meeting regarding the school bond package.

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to approve that the administration introduce an ordinance on January 7, 2003, for introduction and set a public hearing on January 21, 2003, that deals with the \$81 million school district bond proposal.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:

- a. Anchorage and Mat-Su Regional Transportation Planning Organization Technical Committee: 11/13/02
- b. Board of Adjustment and Appeals: 07/30/02, 08/13/02, 09/12/02, 11/01/02, 11/22/02
- c. Talkeetna Road Service Area No. 29: 10/10/02
- d. Wasilla-Lakes, Meadow Lakes, and Big Lake Fire Service Area Board of Supervisors: 10/14/02

2. Other Correspondence:

- a. Wasilla City Council: 10/28/02

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

There were no informational memorandums presented.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Ordinance Serial No. 02-161: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING MSB 23.10.150(D) AND CORRESPONDING PROCEDURES TO PROVIDE A PREFERENCE RIGHT TO PURCHASE AN ADJACENT FARM UNIT DURING BOROUGH AGRICULTURAL LAND SALES. (Sponsor: Assemblymember Ladere) (Main motion pending)

1. IM No. 02-244

MOTION: Assemblymember Ladere moved to refer Ordinance Serial No. 02-161, together with the substituted

version, to the Agricultural and Forestry Advisory Board for recommendations to be brought back to the assembly no later than April 15, 2003.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

[Assemblymember Colver returned to the meeting at this time.]

B. Ordinance Serial No. 02-129: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND RECLASSIFYING AS “AGRICULTURAL LANDS” FOUR PARCELS PREVIOUSLY CLASSIFIED “AGRICULTURAL LANDS” UNDER MSB TITLE13. (Main motion pending)

1. IM No. 02-186

MOTION: Assemblymember Ladere moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 02-129 to be heard at the same time Ordinance Serial No. 02-161 is brought back to the assembly.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Ladere moved to request from the Agricultural and Forestry Advisory Board that they provide to the assembly their ideas on the general development of the Fish Creek area, including disposal of land and forest leasing.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTION (For public hearing – 01/07/03, 7 p.m., Borough Assembly Chambers)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 03-006: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE SALVAGE WAY NATURAL GAS LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 363 AND ESTABLISHING THE METHOD OF TERMINATING ASSESSMENTS AND MAKING REFUNDS TO PROPERTY OWNERS.

a. Ordinance Serial No. 03-007: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT-TO-EXCEED \$22,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS FOR THE SALVAGE WAY NATURAL GAS LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 363 AND FIXING DETAILS OF SAID BONDS.

(1) IM No. 03-006

2. Ordinance Serial No. 03-008: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE IDLE WILD NO. 1 REVISED NATURAL GAS LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 364 AND ESTABLISHING THE METHOD OF TERMINATING ASSESSMENTS AND MAKING REFUNDS TO PROPERTY OWNERS.

a. Ordinance Serial No. 03-009: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT-TO-EXCEED \$42,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS FOR THE IDLE WILD NO. 1 REVISED NATURAL GAS LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 364 AND FIXING DETAILS OF SAID BONDS.

(1) IM No. 03-007

3. Ordinance Serial No. 03-010: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE ASSESSEMENT ROLL FOR THE VISTA VIEW ESTATES AREA NATURAL GAS LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 367 AND ESTABLISHING THE METHOD OF TERMINATING ASSESSMENTS AND MAKING REFUNDS TO PROPERTY OWNERS.

a. Ordinance Serial No. 03-011: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT-TO-EXCEED \$37,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS FOR THE VISTA VIEW ESTATES AREA NATURAL GAS LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 367 AND FIXING DETAILS OF SAID BONDS.

(1) IM No. 03-008

4. Ordinance Serial No. 03-001: AN ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$15,056 FROM FUND 400 TO FUND 435, PROJECT NO. 10152, FOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AT THE DOROTHY SWANDA JONES

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

a. IM No. 03-001

5. Ordinance Serial No. 03-002: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$15,000 FROM THE WILLOW FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE, FUND 258, TO THE WILLOW FIRE SERVICE AREA FISCAL YEAR 2003 OPERATING BUDGET, FUND 258, FOR AN INDEPENDENT ENGINEER FACILITY STUDY AND AN OFF-THE-ROAD VEHICLE.

a. IM No. 03-002

6. Ordinance Serial No. 03-013: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$34,000 FROM THE TALKEETNA FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE, FUND 254, TO THE TALKEETNA FIRE SERVICE AREA FISCAL YEAR 2003 OPERATING BUDGET, FUND 254, TO PURCHASE MASK MOUNTED REGULATOR AIR PACKS AND A TESTER.

a. IM No. 03-004

7. Ordinance Serial No. 03-004: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 17.99.010; FEES.

a. Resolution Serial No. 03-001: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR APPLICATIONS, VARIANCES, AND APPEALS UNDER TITLE 17; ZONING.

(1) IM No. 03-009

8. Ordinance Serial No. 03-005: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$50,000 FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TO FUND 410, PROJECT NO. 30079, FOR THE SWIFTWATER CREEK/SITZE ROAD BRIDGE.

a. IM No. 03-010

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 the public hearings for January 7, 2003.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

(Resolution Serial Nos. 02-131, 02-132, 02-134 and AM Nos. 02-217, 02-218 (reconsidered), 02-219, and 02-226 were pulled from the consent agenda and addressed separately. (See pp. 13 and 165 (for reconsideration))

1. RESOLUTIONS

c. Resolution Serial No. 02-133: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING REPAIR AND REHABILITATION PROJECTS, PROJECT NO. 10057.

(1) IM No. 02-317

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

a. AM No. 02-208: THE VACATION OF THE 50-FOOT PATENT RESERVATION ON THE EAST SIDE OF GOVERNMENT LOT 39; THE VACATION OF THE 50-FOOT PATENT RESERVATION ON THE WEST SIDE OF GOVERNMENT LOT 40; THE VACATION OF THE 50-FOOT PATENT RESERVATION ON THE EAST SIDE OF GOVERNMENT LOT 40 WITHIN THE NORTH 330 FEET; AND THE VACATION OF THE PATENT RESERVATION ON THE NORTH SIDE OF TAX PARCEL DOO4 WITHIN SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, LOCATED WITHIN THE BIG LAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.

b. AM No. 02-215: APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,570 TO INCREASE ARCHITECTS ALASKA'S CONTRACT AT HOUSTON HIGH SCHOOL FOR COMPLETE COMMISSIONING SERVICES.

c. AM No. 02-216: DESTRUCTION OF BALLOTS FOR THE 2002 GENERAL ELECTION.

e. AM No. 02-218: THE VACATION OF THE SECTION LINE EASEMENT ON THE NORTH SIDE OF TAX PARCEL B007 AND B008, SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, LOCATED IN THE GATEWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.

g. AM No. 02-220: AWARD OF BID NO. 03-075 TO PIONEER DOOR, INC. FOR AN AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$29,880; REPLACEMENT OF OVERHEAD DOORS AT BUTTE PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING NO. 21.

h. AM No. 02-221: AWARD OF BID NO. 03-077 TO AMERICAN LINEN FOR AN ESTIMATED YEARLY AMOUNT OF \$26,009.90; AMBULANCE LINEN AND LAUNDRY SERVICES.

i. AM No. 02-222: AWARD OF PROPOSAL NO. 03-052 TO PETER J. SMITH AND COMPANY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED \$95,900; UPDATE AND DEVELOPMENT OF A CORE AREA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

j. AM No. 02-223: RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION FOR MS. JARMILA HREJSOVA, RUSTIC WILDERNESS DIVISION I, LOT 78 (6274000L078).

k. AM No. 02-224: PROCURE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH PROCOMM ALASKA FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$39,937 FOR THE DESIGN, INSTALLATION, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A BACK-UP SYSTEM FOR THE AREAWIDE EMERGENCY SERVICES RADIO SYSTEM.

l. AM No. 02-225: APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,944 TO ALCO CONSTRUCTION FOR THE 2002 ROAD SERVICE AREA NO. 16 ROADS UPGRADE PROJECT FOR UNANTICIPATED WORK REQUIRED IN UPGRADING ROAD IN ROADS SERVICE AREA NO. 16.

n. AM No. 02-227: APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69,500 TO DOWL ENGINEERS FOR GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AT HATCHER PASS.

Ms. Dillon read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

D. CONSENT AGENDA (continued from pg. 12)

a. Resolution Serial No. 02-131: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH'S FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE AND PROJECT PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR 2003.

(1) IM No. 02-300

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to approve Resolution Serial No. 02-131.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a to amend IM No. 02-300, page 4 of 5, item 6, to read, "\$500,000 \$1 million."

GENERAL CONSENT: The amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend IM No. 02-300, page 3 of 5, item 2.3, to read, "\$1 million \$1.5 million."

Discussion ensued regarding changes.

GENERAL CONSENT: The amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend Resolution Serial No. 02-131, to add item 15, to read, "Hatcher Pass State Park Visitors Center and Ski Day Lodge.

Assemblymember Colver spoke in favor of this amendment.

Assemblymember Simpson stated that she is opposed to the amendment.

Assemblymember Colberg inquired as to who would build and maintain this building.

Mr. Duffy replied that either the state parks or a private sector firm would build and maintain the building; the borough though would own the building.

Discussion ensued regard the amendment.

VOTE: The motion passed with Assemblymember Simpson in objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend Resolution Serial No. 02-131 by adding item 16, to read, "Nordic ski trail system on the south slope of Government Peak."

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

Assemblymember Ladere inquired as to if the public has had an opportunity to speak to this issue.

Mr. Duffy stated that they had not had an opportunity.

MOTION: Assemblymember Ladere moved to postpone Resolution Serial No. 02-131 and set for public hearing on January 7, 2003.

Mr. Duffy stated that our Congressional Delegation would like to have this information by the end of the year.

Assemblymember Jansen stated that as much as she would like a public hearing, we are under a deadline.

Assemblymember Colver also noted that he is concerned about delaying the project to Congress.

VOTE: The motion passed with Assemblymembers Jansen, Colver, and Simpson in opposition.

b. Resolution Serial No. 02-132: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH'S STATE LEGISLATIVE AND PROJECT PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR 2003.

(1) IM No. 02-301

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to approve Resolution Serial No. 02-132.

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to amend Resolution Serial No. 02-132 by adding an additional item to read: "adequate funding for the state parks" to the state priority listing.

VOTE: The amendment passed with Assemblymember Colberg in opposition.

MOTION: Assemblymember Ladere moved to postpone Resolution Serial No. 132 to January 7, 2003, and set for public hearing.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

d. Resolution Serial No. 02-134: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FURTHER ANALYSIS AND CONSIDERATION OF FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE.

(1) IM No. 02-318

MOTION: Assemblymember Ladere moved to approve Resolution Serial No. 02-134.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

d. AM No. 02-217: THE VACATION OF THE 60-FOOT PUBLIC USE EASEMENT ON THE WEST SIDE OF GOVERNMENT LOTS 40, 49, AND 50, SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, LOCATED IN THE BIG LAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to approve AM No. 02-217.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to postpone AM No. 02-217 to the January 7, 2003 meeting.

Mr. Aschenbrenner stated that this postponement is necessary in order for the full time period to pass for an administrative appeal.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

f. AM No. 02-219: APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,645.28 (\$869.82 FOR INSTALLATION OF TWO OUTSIDE LIGHT FIXTURES AND SWITCHES OVER BOTH DOORS AND \$775.46 FOR INSTALLATION OF THREE MOTION SENSORS) TO E & E CONSTRUCTION FOR ADDITIONAL WORK AT THE WASILLA MIDDLE SCHOOL OUTDOOR ICE RINK.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Colver declared a conflict of interest in regards to AM No. 02-219.

RULING: Mayor Anderson ruled that Assemblymember Colver had a conflict of interest and would be recused from voted on AM No. 02-219.

[Assemblymember Colver exited the room.]

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to approve AM No. 02-219.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

[Assemblymember Colver returned to the meeting at this time.]

m. AM No. 02-226: APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH ROBERTSON, MONAGLE, AND EASTAUGH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000 FOR FEDERAL LOBBYIST SERVICES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2003.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to approve AM No. 02-226.

VOTE: The motion passed with Assemblymembers Colberg and Simpson opposed.

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to reconsider the consent agenda to address AM No. 02-218.

VOTE: The motion to reconsider passed without objection.

e. AM No. 02-218: THE VACATION OF THE SECTION LINE EASEMENT ON THE NORTH SIDE OF TAX PARCEL B007 AND B008, SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, LOCATED IN THE GATEWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to postpone AM No. 02-218 to January 7, 2003, to provide for the appeal time to run.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANY REPORT

Mayor Anderson made the following recommendations:

Adjustment and Appeals Board

Helene Antel Brooks

Emergency Medical Services Board

Bill Gamble

Ulla R. Stice

Mia Mangione

Historical Preservation Commission

Victoria A. Cole

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Dianne M. Keller

David T. Mayschak

Platting Board

Jack Easley

Port Commission

Pamela Sadloske

School Site Selection Committee, Vocational Education Center (High School)

Helga Larson

Michael Janecek

School Site Selection Committee, Wasilla Area Elementary School

Don Shiesl

Senior Citizen Advisory Board

Freda Hatton

Delores Brown

Wasilla-Lakes Fire Service Area No. 130

Art Scates

Mayor Anderson requested the following confirmations:

Animal Care and Regulation Board

Betty Vehrs

William L. Attwood

Emergency Medical Services Board

Stella Wiggins

Ethics Board

Frank A. Muncy

Historical Preservation Commission

Rodney Norwood Marsh

James V. Grizzell Jr.

Library Board

Anna Lou Levinson

Dorothea M. Taylor

Parks, Recreations, and Trails Advisory Board

Kathy Wells

Howell Powder

Planning Commission

Helga Larson
Rose M. Jenne
Platting Board
Roger Anderson
Transportation Advisory Board
Hilary Leiss

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to confirm the mayor's appointments up for confirmation this evening.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

Mayor Anderson noted that the parks and recreation advisory board has openings in Districts 2 and 4, and that the platting board has an opening in District 1.

D. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

There was no other new business.

X. RECONSIDERATION

XI. VETO

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIII. MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Assemblymember Colver asked for information regarding the Wasilla Library.

Discussion ensued regarding the core area library.

Assemblymember Ladere:

- thanked the administration for Jack Krill's visitation with Trapper Creek;
- stated that she is finding more subdivisions with no access and addressed title 16;
- informed that access to Meadow Lakes Elementary School needs to be addressed; and
- noted that she supports strategic planning with participation from the public.

Assemblymember Simpson:

- noted that the port commission would prefer to meet with the assembly soon;
- reported on the port commission's three priorities; and
- informed that she would like to continue seeing the city council meeting minutes in the packet.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

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