

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on February 16, 2010, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Talis Colberg.

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
Mr. Ronald Arvin, Assembly District No. 3
Mr. Mark Ewing, Assembly District No. 4
Ms. Cindy L. Bettine, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6 (*via teleconference*)
Mr. Vern Halter, 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. Cheryl D. Marino, Deputy Borough Clerk
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Ms. Shaune O'Neil, Public Works Director
Ms. Christine Nelson, Planning and Land Use Director
Mr. Dennis Brodigan, Emergency Services Director
Ms. Linda Brenner, Community Development Director
Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director
Mr. Dave Hanson, Economic Development Director
Ms. Shannon Shilman, Chief Information Officer
Ms. Glenda Smith, Real Property Analyst

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Terry Snyder, a member of the audience.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. Regular Assembly Meeting: 02/02/10

Mayor Colberg inquired if there were any corrections to the regular meeting minutes of February 2, 2010.

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

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Reports from cities

(There were no reports provided.)

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

Ms. Deena Paramo, Assistant Superintendent:

- reported that the enrollment in the primary grades is up significantly;
- spoke to a meeting with the United States Army and they were advised that troops coming home from deployment that did not bring their families to Alaska prior to being deployed, will be bringing their families to Alaska when they come home from deployment;
- noted that she will be meeting again in March for more information;
- advised that the military believes that many of these families will move to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough;
- reported that the number of Title One schools in the Borough are increasing;
- noted that the number of these schools in the Borough will be 23 next year;
- stated that 21 schools in the Borough have poverty rates of over 45 percent; and
- reported that they are currently writing a multi-year, multi-million dollar grant to get counselors in the elementary schools.

Assemblymember Bettine queried whether there is an advantage of lowering the bar financially or is it just spreading the same amount of money over three to four schools.

Ms. Paramo:

- noted that initially when the School District received additional funding through the American Recovery Act, they decided to lower the bar to help more families;
- reported that when the School District lowered the bar, they got 10 additional schools; however, the School District found out that those 10 schools are over 45 percent poverty level now;
- noted that the School District is glad they did lower the bar as the District was able to hire additional services in those schools; and
- stated that it is one pot of money.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the Title One funding;
- the poverty percentages in various schools;
- the type of counseling that will be used in elementary schools;
- what the School District is currently doing for the schools that have a high percentage of poverty rates;
- the reasons why the circumstances of families are changing in the Borough;
- the Title One designation being a federal process that qualifies schools;
- the various incentives used to keep teachers in the Title One schools;
- that the students at the highest poverty level schools are learning at similar rates as the students in higher socio-economic schools;
- the changing population; and
- that families in poverty tend to be transient.

3. United States Fish and Wildlife Service – 2009 Fish Passage Accomplishments with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Operations and Maintenance – Mr. Bill Rice.

Mr. Rice provided a presentation on the variety of projects that the Fish and Wildlife Service and Public Works are working on together.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

(There was no report provided.)

2. Assembly Public Relations

Assemblymember Ewing noted that he will be reading to students at the Tanaina Elementary School for Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2, 2010.

Assemblymember Woods spoke to attending the "Tie the Knot" fundraiser event at the Palmer Railroad Depot on February 12, 2010, to raise funds to further expand Mat-Su College art programs for students.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- noted that she attended the Mat-Su Business Alliance luncheon on February 15, 2010;
- stated that Mayor Colberg did a fine job of communicating why some federal regulations were used to stop business,
- commented that the Mat-Su Business Alliance is a "for profit" group that Ms. Kay Slack is heading up; and
- opined that it would be a good idea to present the Economic Development Plan to the Mat-Su Business Alliance.

Assemblymember Ewing:

- noted that he had spoke to Governor Parnell regarding the funding for the new scholarship program; and
- commented that he also advised Governor Parnell that the Borough is looking for matching road bond funds.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- spoke to discussions she had with two candidates for Governor;
- advised that she queried the candidates on their knowledge of the rail spur and requested their support;
- noted that the candidates were not too strong in their knowledge with regards to the rail project; and
- suggested that the candidates have a tour of the area.

A. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation
2. Strategic Planning Issues

Mr. Duffy:

- reported that the Denali Borough has passed a resolution supporting the rail extension project, which has been sent to the Legislature;
- noted that there will be a meeting Thursday, February 18, 2010, at the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center, at 6:30 p.m., regarding the remedial investigation for the Susitna Gunnery Range;
- spoke to receiving a letter of support from Lieutenant General Atkins, Alaska Command, for the adoption of the joint land use study;
- reported that he is confident that he will have the Susitna Valley High School funding information to the Assembly by March 2, 2010; and
- spoke to the two memorandums regarding library funding that were distributed to the Assembly.

A. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

(There was no report provided.)

B. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie:

- spoke regarding the upcoming meeting schedule; and
- advised that there had been a request for the Assembly to schedule a tourism summit in April; and
- queried if the Assembly would like to schedule this meeting.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- requested that the Tourism Summit be scheduled for April 10, 2010, at 10 a.m.; and
- requested that the same invitation list be used as was used previously.

There was no objection noted.

Ms. McKechnie queried if the Assembly would like to cancel the November 2, 2010, regular meeting, as it is the date of the state of Alaska's general election.

There was no objection noted.

Ms. McKechnie:

- advised that it was requested that the Clerk raise the issue of library funding at the joint meeting with the cities for this evening;
- noted that at the joint meeting there was a discussion regarding a working group that had met in previous years to discuss new ways of funding libraries; and
- queried if the Assembly would like the working group to start meeting again.

(The Assembly requested that this topic be brought back at the next meeting under the Clerk's Report.)

Assemblymember Arvin:

- spoke to scheduling a work session regarding a critique of comprehensive planning for March 10, 2010, at 5 p.m.; and
- advised that Mr. Randal O'Toole, a Senior Fellow from the Cato Institute, will already be in the Borough presenting to the Alaska Policy Forum.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- advised that she has a Big Lake Community Council meeting on March 10, 2010, that she cannot miss; and
- requested that the meeting be held at Big Lake Elementary School.

(The Assembly scheduled a work session on March 10, 2010, tentatively for 5 p.m. at Big Lake Elementary School. Assemblymember Arvin will be checking the scheduling of Mr. Randal O'Toole.)

C. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:

- a. Borough Area Schools Site Selection Committee: 11/30/09
- b. Citizens Advisory Committee on the Goose Creek Correctional Facility: 05/06/09
- c. Greater Willow RSA No. 20: 10/29/09
- d. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: 10/15/09
- e. Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board: 08/24/09, 09/28/09, 10/26/09, Resolution Serial Nos. 09-07, 09-09(AM), 09-10

- f. Wasilla-Lakes FSA No. 130: 12/14/09
2. Community Council Correspondence:

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

D. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

(There were no informational memorandums presented.)

(The meeting recessed at 6:45 p.m. and reconvened at 7:01 p.m.)

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

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

1. State of Alaska Hatcher Pass Management Plan – Joe Irvine

Mr. Irvine:

- advised that he resides in the Edgerton Park Road area;
- spoke to Nordic skiing,
- noted that he was excited when the Borough moved forward with the concept of the Nordic ski center and non-motorized multi-use trails on the south side;
- requested that the Assembly table Resolution Serial No. 10-011 indefinitely; and
- noted that the Hatcher Pass Management Plan went through an elaborate process.

Assemblymember Woods queried the date that the Hatcher Pass Management Plan rewrite will be released.

Mr. Irvine noted that he heard it will release when it goes to press.

Assemblymember Arvin noted that Resolution Serial No. 10-011 is to ensure that Alaska State Department of Natural Resources is compelled to consider non-motorized and motorized access to Hatcher Pass.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three minutes per person.)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 10-001: AN ORDINANCE CREATING WESTFORK DRIVE AREA ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 439, 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. 10-007

Ms. Clayton noted that less than 50 percent of the ballots were in favor or received and recommended the legislation not be approved.

Mayor Colberg 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 Colver moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 10-001.

VOTE: The motion failed with Assemblymember Halter in favor.

2. Ordinance Serial No. 10-002: AN ORDINANCE CREATING ALYESKA AND TAHOE DRIVES ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 440, 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. 10-008

Ms. Clayton provided a staff report.

Mayor Colberg 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 Colver moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 10-002.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

3. Ordinance Serial No. 10-008: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 3.15.200, BOARD OF EQUALIZATION; APPEAL; AND MSB 3.15.215 BOARD OF EQUALIZATION; MEMBERSHIP; DUTIES; TERM OF OFFICE; AND MSB 3.15.225, BOARD OF EQUALIZATION; HEARING.

a. IM No. 10-004

Ms. Clayton provided a staff report.

Mayor Colberg 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. 10-008.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 10-008 as follows:

- o MSB 3.15.200(D), by adding the following sentence at the end of the paragraph: "This summary shall be provided to the board and made available to the appellant at least 5 calendar days before the hearing.";
- o MSB 3.15.200(C), by inserting "and e-mail if provided by the appellant" after the word "mail" to read: "The assessor shall notify an appellant by mail and e-mail if provided by the appellant of the time and place of hearing."
- o MSB 3.15.200(G), by inserting "and e-mail if provided by the appellant" after the word "mail" to read: "The assessor shall notify the appellant by mail and e-mail if provided by the appellant of the time and place for the hearing before the board."

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 10-008, MSB 3.15.215(F), by striking "\$50" and inserting "\$100" in its place to read: "Compensation for members shall be \$100 per daily session."

Assemblymember Houston:

- opined that it is not a great time to increase compensation with the current economy;
- stated that it costs his wife several hundred dollars to take time off of work to attend committee meetings; and
- stated that \$100 per meeting is not out of skew with what a professional person would be making at their job.

MOTION: Assemblymember Ewing moved a secondary amendment to insert the following words "to come out of the Law Department's budget" after the word "session" to read: "Compensation for members shall be \$100 per daily session to come out of the Law Department's budget."

VOTE: The secondary amendment failed with Assemblymember Ewing in support.

WITHDRAW: Assemblymember Bettine withdrew the primary amendment.

There was no objection noted.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

4. Ordinance Serial No. 10-015: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE REQUEST BY AGRICULTURAL RIGHTS OWNERS OF A POINT MACKENZIE FARM UNIT, DESCRIBED AS TRACT 30 OF ALASKA STATE LAND SURVEY 80-111 CONTAINING 531.80 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, ACCORDING TO THE AMENDED PLAT FILED IN THE PALMER RECORDING DISTRICT, TO SUBDIVIDE INTO THREE 40-ACRE PARCELS AND ONE 411.80-ACRE PARCEL. SAID PROPERTY

IS LOCATED WITHIN THE PALMER RECORDING DISTRICT AND THE POINT MACKENZIE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA. (MSB001124)

a. IM No. 10-024

Ms. Smith provided a staff report.

Mayor Colberg opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 10-015 and noted that he is the current property owner: Mr. Joe Cizek.

There being no others present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 10-015.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

5. Ordinance Serial No. 10-016: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 4.65.020; COMMISSION ON SALARIES AND EMOLUMENTS; MEETINGS. (*Sponsored by Assemblymember Woods*)

a. IM No. 10-027

Ms. McKechnie provided a staff report.

Mayor Colberg 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. 10-016.

Assemblymember Woods:

- noted that she attended the Commission on Salaries and Emoluments first meeting;
- spoke to the need for the legislation to be real clear; and
- requested Assembly support of the legislation.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following persons spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 10-013 and Resolution Serial No. 10-008, and spoke in support of Resolution Serial No. 10-011: Mr. Bill Folsom and Mr. Stephan Stoll.

The following persons spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 10-013 and Resolution Serial No. 10-008: Ms. Jenny Bettine; and Mr. Penny Nixon.

The following persons spoke in support of Resolution Serial No. 10-011: Mr. Patrick O'Connor; Mr. Lin Turner; and Mr. Jim Turner.

The following person spoke to the purpose and mission of the Great Land Trust, conservation easements, and land projects in the Borough: Mr. Phil Shephard, Executive Director of Great Land Trust.

The following person spoke regarding the Great Land Trust's support of water conservation, land owners who contact the Trust to conserve their property, and identification of Borough lands that have a high conservation value: Ms. Kim Sollien, Great Land Trust Mat-Su Program Director.

The following persons spoke in opposition to Resolution Serial No. 10-011: Mr. Andrew Weaver; Mr. Norm Stout; Mr. Edward Kessler; Mr. Darin Markwardt; Mr. Joe Irvine; Ms. Deb Hanson; and Mr. Hans Hale.

The following person spoke to welcoming the chance to partner with the Borough on projects specified within Ordinance Serial No. 10-013 and Resolution Serial No. 10-008: Ms. Catherine Inman, Wasilla Soil and Water Conservation District Program Manager.

The following person spoke to Ordinance Serial No. 10-013 and Resolution Serial No. 10-008, spoke to the United States Environmental Protection Agency West Coast estuaries, and noted that the grant is a one time opportunity: Mr. Matthew LaCroix, United States Environmental Protection Agency.

The following persons spoke regarding a resolution of the Greater Willow Road Service Area No. 20 supporting the North Nancy Lake Peninsula Road Rehab Project: Mr. Jim Norcross, Primary for the Greater Willow RSA; Mr. Jim Huston; and Ms. Valerie Oullette, President of the Nancy Lake Home Owners Association.

The following persons spoke to the need for Resolution Serial No. 10-011 to go forward for public comment: Mr. Brian Kincaid; and Mr. Gary Brown, President of the Anchorage Snowmobile Club.

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 10-013 and Resolution Serial No. 10-008: Mr. Ralph Baldwin.

The following persons thanked the Assembly for working collaboratively with the School Board on Ordinance Serial No. 09-168: Mr. Rick Burns; and Ms. Jill Showman, President of the Mat-Su Education Association.

The following person cautioned the Assembly of giving up local control on clean water issues: Mr. Kurt MacKenzie, Platting Board Member.

(The meeting recessed at 9:10 p.m. and reconvened at 9:15)

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

(There were no resolutions presented.)

2. ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUMS

(There were no assembly memorandums presented.)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Ordinance Serial No. 10-013: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$564,041 FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 20381, FOR THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH WATER QUALITY PROTECTION PROGRAM.

1. Resolution Serial No. 10-008: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO THE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY; AND PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS WITH LOCAL NON-PROFITS FOR THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH WATER QUALITY PROTECTION PROGRAM. *(Main motion pending from 02/02/10)*

a. IM No. 10-002

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Woods moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 10-013 and Resolution Serial No. 10-008.

Ms. Neilson provided a staff support.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 10-008, budget, as follows:

- striking “areawide capital appropriation” and inserting the following in its place:

MSB Capital Grants Match 2010 (17.5 % of project cost)	\$141,000
Operating Budgets FY 2010-2012	
Planning Department	
Planner II (900 hrs)	\$ 35,250
Grant Coordinator (300 hrs)	\$ 6,818
Planning Studies FY2010	\$ 23,987
GIS Division	
GIS Technician (300 hrs)	\$ 14, 634

Public Works Department	
Project Manager (300 hrs)	\$ 7,153
Professional Services FY2010	\$ 17,000
	\$245,842

Assemblymember Bettine:

- stated that the documentation is very important for all Borough grants;
- noted that this is not free funding as there is a lot of staff time.

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to extend the meeting past 10 p.m. and not to exceed 11 p.m.

VOTE: The motion passed with Assemblymembers Houston and Ewing opposed.

Assemblymember Arvin:

- stated that the funds are still coming out of Borough funding; and
- noted that he will oppose the legislation.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- having a two-year period to develop a plan; and
- where the Borough funding comes from.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Arvin and Ewing opposed.

Assemblymember Ewing:

- stated that federal funding is not free;
- spoke in opposition to spending funds on criteria that staff is unable to explain;
- spoke to road construction; and
- spoke to the possibility of litigation should the legislation not go before the cities first.

Assemblymember Colver:

- spoke to the need to get answers to the Assembly's questions; and
- noted that he is not in a rush to act on the legislation.

Assemblymember Woods:

- spoke to public comments regarding the need to be proactive rather than reactive;
- noted that this legislation is an opportunity to be proactive;
- spoke in support of the grant;
- stated that her community is interested in a green infrastructure plan;
- spoke to the importance of being proactive; and
- opined that whether the designation happens two to three years from now that it is a reasonable approach to have things in place.

Assemblymember Houston:

- noted that with the staff report, it seems even more urgent than the last time it was discussed;
- commented that the legislation gives the Assembly the opportunity to have local control; and
- spoke in support of being proactive.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the need for the Assembly to be kept up to date on the project;
- the triggers that require this type of plan;
- concerns with moving forward without having the answers to all of the Assembly's questions; and
- better uses for the funding.

VOTE: The motion passed as amended with Assemblymembers Arvin, Ewing, and Colver opposed.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTION (For public hearing - 03/02/10, 7 p.m., Borough Assembly Chambers)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 10-017 (previously 09-069): AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A WASILLA DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS DISTRICT, AND AMENDING MSB 27.10.065, MSB 27.15.020, AND MSB 27.15.130 TO APPLY THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS ADOPTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS DISTRICT TO PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLATS OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS DISTRICT.
 - a. IM No. 10-029 (previously 09-102)
 - b. IM No. 10-040
2. Resolution Serial No. 10-011: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A MOTORIZED OFF-ROAD RECREATION CORRIDOR ALONG THE APPROXIMATE ROUTE OF THE CARLE WAGON TRAIL AS IT ENTERS THE HATCHER PASS MANAGEMENT AREA (HPMA), GOVERNMENT PEAK SUBUNIT, AT MILE 1 EDGERTON-PARKS ROAD TO THE EXISTING MOTORIZED CORRIDOR GOING FROM THE GOLD MINT TRAIL PARKING AREA TO THE TOP OF HATCHER PASS AND SUPPORTING A MOTORIZED OFF-ROAD RECREATION CORRIDOR FROM THE CARLE WAGON ROAD AS IT ENTERS THE HPMA, GOVERNMENT PEAK SUBUNIT WEST TO THE AREA OPEN TO MOTORIZED USE BEYOND GOVERNMENT CREEK IN THE HPMA, HILLSIDE SUBUNIT. (*Sponsored by Assemblymembers Ewing and Arvin*)
 - a. IM No. 10-039

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 March 2, 2010.

Assemblymember Colver:

- noted that there was a lot of public testimony on whether Resolution Serial No. 10-011 was going to be introduced; and
- spoke to the importance of an Assembly member being able to move a piece of legislation.

Assemblymember Houston:

- stated that the public deserves to give testimony;
- noted that there are larger issues that need to be addressed before the Assembly designates a trail; and
- spoke in favor of Assembly members being able to bring legislation forward for public hearing.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Colberg requested the following confirmations:

Emergency Medical Services Board
Glori Strickler
Resignation of Patricia Stewart
Library Board
Resignation of Sharon Scott
Beverly Horner
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Resignation of Tim Nixon
Mayor's Blue Ribbon Sportsmen's Committee
Gene Sandone
Transportation Advisory Board
LaMarr Anderson
Kenneth Walch
West Lakes FSA No. 136
Cathi Kramer
Willow FSA No. 35
Ronda Widner

Mayor Colberg made the following recommendations:

Animal Care and Regulation Board
Paula English
Board of Equalization
Vitaly Kudryn
Emergency Medical Services Board
Dolores "Jo" Pendleton

Library Board
Virginia Robson
Planning Commission
Pio Cottini
John L. Anderson

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to approve the Mayor's recommendations and resignations up for confirmation this evening.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. 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 Bettine:

- spoke to the resolution of the Greater Willow Road Service Area No. 20 supporting the North Nancy Lake Peninsula Road Rehab Project;
- requested that the Mayor, Manager, and Public Works Director give the Greater Willow Road Service Area Board of Supervisors the information to form a local improvement district;
- queried what can be done to increase the mill rate for these types of projects;
- noted that if the Assembly were to take individual road service area projects and support them as a whole body, the Assembly would have to take a project from every Assembly District and package them to send to Juneau; and
- spoke to the need to address all issues regarding the government peak subunit so that the Assembly is not taking it piece by piece.

Assemblymember Woods:

- noted that a speaker from the Alaska State Department of Environmental Conservation in Juneau reported that 20 percent of the \$41,000,000 of stimulus money is for green infrastructure;

- noted that the Alaska State Department of Environmental Conservation is trying to allow the natural process of the earth to take care of problems as opposed to having to fix problems mechanically later on;
- commented that this is one of the more inexpensive ways to deal with the impact of man on the environment;
- stated her content that Ordinance Serial No. 10-013 and Resolution Serial No. 10-008 were approved; and
- noted that she hopes the legislation will make it less costly for our children to maintain later on.

Assemblymember Arvin:

- noted his attendance at the Mat-Su Business Alliance luncheon on February 15 , 2010;
- spoke to the town hall meeting that the Conservative Patriots Group hosted regarding the pending designation of critical habitat for Cook Inlet belugas;
- stated that it is clear that the critical habitat designation for the Cook Inlet belugas is probably going to happen;
- noted that there is a lawsuit underway on this issue;
- stated that South Central Alaska will be a different place if the designation occurs;
- spoke to concerns with Ordinance Serial No. 10-013 and Resolution Serial No. 10-008;
- noted the need to see the major results of the study and the milestones that would be achieved with the legislation;
- noted concern with spending \$250,000 on a storm water plan when the Borough has 23 Title One schools; and
- requested an update on the East Pike Avenue and North Rainbow Street intersection issue.

Mr. Duffy noted that he would provide the information tomorrow.

Assemblymember Ewing:

- thanked staff for providing the library information;
- thanked the public for attending the meeting;
- spoke to the importance of the public's involvement in the process;
- noted that the Borough spends \$700,000 a year promoting tourism;
- noted that he will be proposing winter motorized use only and barriers with regards to Resolution Serial No. 10-011; and
- stated that one Assembly cannot hold another Assembly binding.

Assemblymember Halter:

- stated that it is timely for the Assembly to be looking at Hatcher Pass more closely;
- noted that the storm water plan is a timely thing to do, as the Borough could receive the designation anytime; and
- stated that Ordinance Serial No. 10-013 and Resolution Serial No. 10-008 was a tough call for him to make.

Assemblymember Houston:


- noted the need to take a broader look at the Hatcher Pass multi-use issue;
- spoke to a Borough Trail's Division;
- noted that a vast amount of the motorized and non-motorized population are responsible trail users;
- commented on his experience with motorized and non-motorized trails;
- requested the percentage of Borough lands that are designated non-motorized;
- opined that there is a perception out there that the Borough restricts people's access;
- spoke to experiences when trying to use trails for non-motorized use that have been damaged by motorized use;
- stated that it is not a simple matter; and
- spoke to other municipalities in the lower 48 that have successfully planned areas for non-motorized and motorized routes that do not conflict.

Mayor Colberg:

- noted concern with staff's urgency with the EPA grant;
- stated that he had a sense that since the grant was available, it became an urgent issue; and
- noted that it was a good meeting.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.


TALIS J. COLBERG, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 03/02/10

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