

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on March 4, 2014, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Larry DeVilbiss.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Jim Sykes, Assembly District No. 1  
Mr. Matthew Beck, Assembly District No. 2  
Mr. Ronald Arvin, Assembly District No. 3 (*Deputy Mayor*)  
Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4  
Mr. Darcie K. Salmon, Assembly District No. 5  
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6  
Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk  
Mr. John Moosey, Borough Manager  
Mr. George Hays, Assistant Borough Manager  
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney  
Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Borough Clerk  
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director  
Mr. Terrance Dolan, Public Works Director  
Ms. Eileen Probasco, Planning and Land Use Director  
Mr. Dennis Brodigan, Emergency Services Director  
Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director  
Mr. Don Dyer, Economic Development Director  
Mr. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director  
Mr. Michael Brown, Capital Projects Director  
Ms. James Wilson, Internal Auditor  
Mr. Larry Macknicki, Information Technology Director  
Mr. Hugh Leslie, Recreation and Library Services Manager

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor DeVilbiss 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 Mr. Larry Engel, a member of the Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission.

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

A. Regular Assembly Meeting: 02/18/14

Mayor DeVilbiss inquired if there were any corrections to the regular meeting minutes of February 18, 2014.

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

## **VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Reports from cities

### Palmer City

Mr. Doug Griffin, City Manager:

- reported that the "Choose Respect" march will take place March 27,
- added that the march will end at the Palmer Depot with a reception;
- further added that last year Governor Parnell led the march in Palmer;
- related that he is not sure who will lead the march this year;
- related that the Farmer's Market is held every Monday at the Palmer Depot to support agriculture and local farmers; and
- spoke to a new ice cover that has been secured for the MTA Events Center so events can be held without removing the ice.

### Wasilla City

Mr. Bert Cottle, Deputy Administrator:

- related that an ordinance prohibiting the sale or possession of any illicit synthetic drug such as spice in Wasilla was not adopted by the City Council;
- added that the ordinance will be rewritten and brought back before the City Council for introduction on March 24; and
- spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 14-043.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

Mr. Luke Fulp, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations:

- spoke to the upcoming Region III Northern Lights Conference Basketball Championship at Colony High School;
- related that the Mat-Su Central Student Art Show will take place March 6;

- extended gratitude to Borough staff for the tour of Mat-Su Day School and Valley Pathways; and
- related that the District is looking forward to taking occupancy of the facilities this summer.

## B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Assemblymember Beck:

- related that school construction projects are on target or ahead of schedule;
- reported that the committee looks forward to reviewing the budget; and
- related that discussion continues on the consolidation of fleet services.

### 2. Assembly Public Relations

*(There were no reports provided.)*

## C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation
2. Strategic Planning Issues

Mr. Moosey:

- spoke to issues dominating discussion in Juneau this legislative session;
- spoke to interest in the M/V Susitna (ferry); and
- added that the Port Director is pursuing opportunities for the ferry; however, no agreement offer is in place at this time.

### 3. Honoring the Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission

Assemblymember Colver presented certificates of appreciation to the Mat-Su Fish and Wildlife Commission and staff for their historic work to bring salmon back to Borough waters.

Commissioner Engel spoke to the effort of Borough officials and the general public in advocating for the restoration of salmon runs in the Borough.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- thanked Assemblymember Colver for his service on the Mat-Su Fish and Wildlife Commission; and
- spoke to the team work and victory of the effort to restore salmon runs in the Borough.

## D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos spoke to recent developments in the rail litigation case.

## E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie:

- spoke regarding the upcoming meeting schedule; and
- spoke to the tentative budget meeting schedule and inquired if the Assembly had any changes to the proposed meeting dates.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed budget meeting dates.

There was no objection raised to the budget meeting dates proposed by the Clerk.

[Clerk note: an amendment to the budget meeting schedule was passed after action was taken on Resolution Serial No. 14-024.]

Ms. McKechnie advised that there has been a request to schedule a joint meeting with the Anchorage Assembly on June 6 at noon in Eagle River

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the proposed meeting with the Anchorage Assembly on June 6;
- the availability of the members to attend in June; and
- if autumn would be a better time to hold the meeting.

Mayor DeVilbiss asked if there was any objection.

VOTE: The proposed meeting with the Anchorage Assembly on June 6 at noon in Eagle River failed with Assemblymember Colligan in favor.

Ms. McKechnie advised that there has been a request to schedule a planning session before budget deliberations on March 25 at 2 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the value of holding a planning session on March 25 at 2 p.m. to discuss Assembly priorities before budget deliberations begin.

Mayor DeVilbiss asked if there was any objection.

VOTE: The proposed planning session on March 25 at 2 p.m. failed with Assemblymembers Sykes, Beck, and Colligan in favor.

## F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

### 1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:

- a. Big Lake RSA Board of Supervisors: 05/30/13, Resolution, adopted 05/30/13
- b. Borough Area Schools Site Selection Committee: Resolution Serial No. 13-01
- c. Emergency Medical Services Board: 10/02/13
- d. Enhanced 911 Advisory Board: 11/12/13
- e. Greater Butte RSA Board of Supervisors: 10/10/13
- f. Historical Preservation Commission: 04/18/13, 09/26/13, 12/12/13

- g. Local Emergency Planning Committee: 11/20/13, 12/18/13
- h. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: 11/21/13, Resolution Serial Nos. 13-04, 13-05
- i. Platting Board: 12/19/13
- j. Trapper Creek RSA Board of Supervisors: 05/08/13, 11/13/13, Resolution, adopted 11/13/13
- k. Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board: 09/10/13, 11/12/13
- 2. Community Council Minutes:
  - a. Chase Community Council: 10/17/13
  - b. Chickaloon Community Council: 09/11/13, 10/09/13, 11/13/13, 12/11/13
  - c. Point MacKenzie Community Council: 10/10/13

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

**G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS**

*(There were no informational memorandums presented.)*

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*(There was no unfinished business.)*

**VIII. VETO**

*(There were no vetoes presented.)*

**IX. SPECIAL ORDERS**

**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. 14-038:** An Ordinance Approving A Supplemental Appropriation Of \$60,000 From The Greater Willow Road Service Area No. 20 Fund Balance, Fund 276, To The Greater Willow Road Service Area No. 20, Fiscal Year 2014 Operating Budget, Fund 276.
  - a. IM No. 14-043

Mayor DeVilbiss 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 Halter moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 14-038.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 14-039:** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$10,263.56 From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management Grant Program, To Fund 425, Project No. 45158, For Hazmat Training.
  - a. **Resolution Serial No. 14-023:** A Resolution Approving The Amended Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management Grant, Project No. 45158, Fund 425, For Hazmat Training.
    - (1) IM No. 14-045

Mayor DeVilbiss 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 Arvin moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 14-039 and Resolution Serial No. 14-023.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 14-040:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 15.24.030(B)(18), By Adopting The Lazy Mountain Recreation Area Master Plan, The Crevasse Moraine Master Plan, And The Matanuska River Park Master Plan.
  - a. IM No. 14-046

Mayor DeVilbiss opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 14-040: Mr. Dan Monarch; Mr. Ed Kessler of Valley Mountain Bikers and Hikers; Ms. Dot Helm; Ms. Erin Kessler; Mr. Jay VanDiest; Ms. Jill Valerius; and Ms. Maxine Franklin.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 14-040.

Mr. Moosey and Mr. Leslie provided a staff report.

Mr. Beck spoke to concerns raised regarding traffic and access issues on France Road as a result of the Crevasse Moraine trailhead and Valley Pathways School construction.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- opined that the concerns raised regarding traffic and access issues are important; and
- spoke to transportation planning with community planning.

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment to insert a whereas clause before the last clause to read: "WHEREAS, road access issues should be carefully considered by nearby communities in coordination with implementation of the plan."

Assemblymember Colver spoke to traffic and access issues on France Road as the area is developed.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to IM No. 14-046 to insert a note under the Matanuska River Park Master Plan drawing of the parking lot and tract of the Academy Charter School to read as follows: "the 20 acre site adjacent to the Academy Charter School is not a part of this plan."

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Assemblymember Salmon opposed.

Assemblymember Arvin:

- related that the three areas are being referred to as parks; and
- queried as to whether the areas are classified as parks or recreation areas.

Mr. Leslie affirmed that they are recreation areas and the term parks is used generically.

Assemblymember Arvin:

- noted for the record that the areas are public lands and classified as recreation areas, not parks;
- spoke to flack the body received over the Motorized Master Plan for the Jim Creek parcel;
- related that if the legislation is passed, it will represent 1,262 acres of non-motorized use; and
- questioned the number of public comments received with respect to the lands being designated as non-motorized.

Mr. Leslie provided a staff report.

Assemblymember Beck spoke to a meeting he attended in which the majority of people that testified were in favor of the plans.

Discussion ensued regarding the public process with respect to the plans.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended with Assemblymembers Arvin and Salmon opposed.

*(The meeting recessed at 7:12 p.m. and reconvened at 7:30 p.m.)*

4. **Ordinance Serial No. 14-041:** An Ordinance Authorizing The Matanuska-Susitna Borough To Issue Areawide General Obligation Bonds, In One Or More Series, To Finance The Acquisition, Design, Construction, Major Renovation And Renewal Of

Educational Capital Improvement Projects And Related Capital Improvements In The Borough; Fixing Certain Details Of Such Bonds; And Authorizing Their Sale.

a. IM No. 14-054

Mayor DeVilbiss opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 14-041: Mr. Chris Gates.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 14-041.

Ms. Clayton provided a staff report.

*(Assemblymember Cover exited the meeting.)*

Assemblymember Arvin spoke to the list of projects that will be funded through the adoption of the legislation.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

5. **Ordinance Serial No. 14-042:** An Ordinance Adopting MSB 15.24.030(B)(36), The South Knik River Comprehensive Plan.

a. IM No. 14-056

Mayor DeVilbiss opened the public hearing.

*(Assemblymember Colver reentered the meeting.)*

The following person spoke to concerns with Ordinance Serial No. 14-042: Ms. Patricia Rosnel.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 14-042.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- spoke to the history of the South Knik River Comprehensive Plan; and
- spoke in support of postponing the legislation to ensure that residents affected by the plan have another opportunity to review the plan.

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 14-042 to a time certain of June 17, 2014.

VOTE: The motion passed with Assemblymembers Arvin, Colligan, and Salmon opposed.

6. **Ordinance Serial No. 14-043:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 15.24.030(B)(4), Adopting The City Of Wasilla's Downtown Area As An Amendment To The City of Wasilla 2011 Comprehensive Plan.
  - a. IM No. 14-057

Mayor DeVilbiss 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 Colligan moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 14-043.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following person spoke to transportation planning and requested that the Borough hold regular town hall meetings in an effort to increase participation in the public process: Ms. Beth Fread.

The following person spoke in support of Resolution Serial No. 14-027: Mr. Howard Delo.

The following person spoke in support of the appointment of Mr. Chris Gates to the Port Commission: Mr. Jay Van Diest.

The following person spoke in support of Resolution Serial No. 14-025: Mr. Christopher Gates.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

- d. **Resolution Serial No. 14-027:** A Resolution Thanking The Alaska Board Of Fisheries For Enacting Conservation Measures To Restore Salmon Runs In The Susitna And Matanuska River Systems. *(Sponsored by Assemblymember Colver)*
  - (1) IM No. 14-071

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

- a. **AM No. 14-015:** Award Of Bid No. 14-088B To G & S Management Services, LLC In The Contract Amount Not To Exceed \$905,000 For Trapper Creek Elementary School Roof Replacement.

- b. **AM No. 14-016:** Approval Of Change Order 1 To Contract 14-044B To Truckwell Of Alaska, Inc. In The Amount Of \$26,087 For A Contract Total Of \$120,211 For The Purchase And Installation Of A Custom Van Body.
- c. **AM No. 14-018:** Vacation of The 50-Foot Wide Section Line Easements Located Within Tract E, ASLS 84-108, And A 25-Foot By 140-Foot Of The Public Access Easement On The North Property Line Of Tract E, ASLS 84-108, Located In Sections 13, 14, 23, And 24, Township 19 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian.
- d. **AM No. 14-020:** Award Of Bid No. 14-085B To Jim Psenak Construction In The Contact Amount Of \$169,246 For Bogard Road Extension East Clearing Phase I Construction.

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

- a. **Resolution Serial No. 14-024:** A Resolution Supporting The Scheduling Of Boroughwide Town Hall Meetings To Take Public Comment On The Fiscal Year 2015 Budget. *(Sponsored by Assemblymember Colver)*
- (1) IM No. 14-068

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 14-024.

Assemblymember Colver:

- spoke about the financial challenges facing the Borough; and
- spoke to the value of taking public testimony in other areas of the Borough to aid the Assembly in making budget decisions.

Assemblymember Sykes spoke in support of the Assembly going to the public for advice.

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 14-024, as follows:

- To insert a whereas clause before the last clause to read as follows: WHEREAS, the Borough is expanding information about the budget through its website and the public information office to encourage public participation.
- To insert "by all means possible including web responses and the ability of people to call in to testify at budget public meetings held in Palmer." after the word "area" in the be it further resolved clause to read as follows: "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in an effort to increase public discussion before the budget hearings scheduled to take place in Wasilla and Palmer, the Assembly directs the Borough Clerk to schedule town hall meetings in Wasilla, Sutton, and the Willow/Talkeetna area, by all means possible

including web responses and the ability of people to call in to testify at budget public meetings held in Palmer."

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Assemblymember Arvin:

- spoke to the number of budget sessions that have already been scheduled;
- suggested that a town hall meeting may not be the best forum to garner public input on the budget; and
- spoke in support of expanding public hearings in the existing budget schedule as opposed to scheduling town hall meetings.

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved to change the location of the May 2, budget public hearing to Su-Valley Junior/Senior High School.

Assemblymember Salmon related that the motion made by Assemblymember Halter is out of order because it is not germane to the question before the body and therefore should be taken up after the pending motion is dispensed of.

The motion was withdrawn without objection.

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion failed with Assemblymembers Sykes and Colver in favor.

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved to change the location of the May 2, budget public hearing to Su-Valley Junior/Senior High School.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to add a budget public hearing to the May 5, special meeting.

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment to allow for the public to testify telephonically at the May 5, special meeting.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The motion passed as amended without objection.

b. **Resolution Serial No. 14-025:** A Resolution Encouraging The State Of Alaska To Further Develop An Access Road Into The Susitna Basin West Of The Susitna River.  
(Sponsored by Mayor DeVilbiss)

(1) IM No. 14-069

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 14-025.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- opined that the legislation may be premature; and
- spoke in support of postponing the legislation for further evaluation.

Assemblymember Halter spoke in support of postponing the legislation as he would like additional time to vet the legislation.

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved to postpone Resolution Serial No. 14-025 to a time certain of March 18, 2014.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

c. **Resolution Serial No. 14-026:** A Resolution Encouraging The State Legislature To Seek Cost Saving Opportunities That Do Not Impact The Quality Of Our Educational System.

(1) IM No. 14-070

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 14-026.

Assemblymember Arvin queried as to origin of the legislation.

Mr. Moosey provided a staff report.

Assemblymember Colligan spoke in support of the legislation.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the necessity of the legislation;
- if the legislation should be more specific; and
- if the legislation should be a joint resolution from the Assembly and School Board.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to postpone Resolution Serial No. 14-026 to a time certain of April 1, at the joint Assembly/School Board meeting.

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The motion to postpone failed with Assemblymember Colver in favor.

VOTE: The main motion failed unanimously.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. INTRODUCTIONS (For public hearing – 03/18/14, Assembly Chambers)**

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 14-044:** An Ordinance To Convey 40 Acres, More Or Less, With Certain Covenants, Conditions, And Restrictions, To Aurora Dog Musers Club, Inc. For Public Service And Community Benefit Activities (MSB002024).
  - a. IM No. 14-035
  
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 14-045:** An Ordinance Amending The Operating Rules, Rates, And Procedures For The Talkeetna Sewer And Water Special Service Area For The Supply Of Public Sewer And Water Systems By Increasing The Rates For Monthly Water And Sewer Charges And Interrupted Service Fees.
  - a. IM No. 14-052

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearings for March 18, 2014.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

## B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

### 1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor DeVilbiss requested confirmation of the following appointments:

Borough Area Schools Site Selection Committee

Vern Rauchenstein

Tom Adams

Bill Kendig

Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

Matthew Beck

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board 7

Dane Crowley, resignation

Port Commission

Christopher Gates

Helga Larson

Greater Willow RSA No. 20

Ralph Oakley

Circle View and Stampede Estates Flood and Water Erosion Control No. 131

Mahana Petersen

Mayor DeVilbiss has the following under consideration:

Aviation Advisory Board

Stephen Pavish

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board  
Craig Saunders

Transportation Advisory Board  
Sonya Walden  
Daniel Elliott

Fairview RSA No. 14  
Kurt Anderson

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Arvin moved to approve the Mayor's appointments and resignations up for confirmation this evening.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection.

**C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

*(There was no other new business.)*

**D. REFERRALS** (For referral to the Planning Commission for 90 days or other date specified by the Assembly)

*(There were no referrals presented.)*

**XI. RECONSIDERATION**

*(There was no reconsideration presented.)*

**XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Ms. McKechnie related that the podium in Assembly Chambers was relocated in an effort to better accommodate persons addressing the Assembly.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- spoke to concerns about a letter received from a constituent regarding their experience at the animal care shelter;
- related that he would like a work session at some point to address issues that have been raised about the animal care shelter; and
- requested a work session on March 25 at 4 p.m. to discuss emergency services issues before discussion is held on the budget.

Mayor DeVilbiss asked if there was any objection.

**VOTE:** The request to schedule a work session on March 25 at 4 p.m. to discuss emergency services passed with Assemblymembers Arvin, Salmon, and Halter opposed.

Discussion ensued regarding the purpose of the work session to discuss emergency services.

Mayor DeVilbiss related that the Assembly already took action on the work session and therefore discussion is out of order.

Assemblymember Salmon:

- spoke to a luncheon hosted by Valley Community for Recycling Services; and
- encouraged recycling.

Assemblymember Halter:

- spoke to the 2014 Iditarod Sled Dog Race; and
- wished the mushers well.

Assemblymember Colver:

- thanked the Clerk and Deputy Clerk for preparing the certificates presented to the Mat-Su Fish and Wildlife Commission; and
- asked the Clerk to draft a cover letter to the Board of Fisheries to accompany Resolution Serial No. 14-027.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Colver moved to direct the Manager and the Information Technology Director to assist the Clerk in setting up the teleconference capacity for the budget public hearing on May 5.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection.

Assemblymember Colligan:

- thanked Assemblymember Colver for his hard work on the Mat-Su Borough Fish and Wildlife Commission; and
- opined that it is imperative for the Assembly to get together before the budget to discuss overall issues.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Colligan moved to schedule an executive session on March 18 for the purpose of conducting an interim performance evaluation of the Manager.

Assemblymember Colligan:

- related that he would like a status report on matters discussed last year;
- related that he would like a status report on management structuring and other issues; and
- opined that the discussion is necessary to set the tone and framework of the budget.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection.

Assemblymember Beck:

- related that he is thankful for the opportunity to serve on the Assembly;
- spoke to his recent trip to Juneau;

- thanked the Mayor, Assemblymember Colligan, and Mr. Dyer for introducing him to people and the process in Juneau;
- spoke to letters received from constituents regarding their treatment at the animal care shelter; and
- added he looks forward to a follow up to the letter.

Assemblymember Arvin requested to add the subject of the M/V Susitna (ferry) to the executive session on March 18.

Mr. Spiropoulos related that unless the Assembly would be discussing something the immediate public knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse financial impact on the Borough, the ferry is not a proper subject for executive session because the Manager has the authority to dispose of the ferry without Assembly input.

Assemblymember Arvin related that he requested the executive session to discuss action items that were discussed at the meeting with executive level staff members in Washington D.C.

Mr. Moosey presented a staff report.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- measures to dispose of the ferry; and
- the reoccurring cost of storing the ferry in Ketchikan.

Mayor DeVilbiss:


- related that he will be writing a letter to the Board of Fisheries thanking them for enacting conservation measures to restore salmon runs in the Borough;
- related scheduling conflicts prevented him from attending the recycling event;
- spoke to a technical presentation on biomass that he recently attended; and
- added that the presentation was interesting and informative.

### **XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*(There was no executive session held.)*

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

  
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LARRY DeVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 03/18/14