

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on March 6, 2012, 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. Warren Keogh, Assembly District No. 1  
Mr. Noel Woods, Assembly District No. 2  
Mr. Ronald Arvin, Assembly District No. 3 (*Deputy Mayor*) (*attended telephonically*)  
Mr. Steven Colligan, Assembly District No. 4  
Mr. Darcie K. Salmon, Assembly District No. 5  
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6 (*entered telephonically at 6:45 p.m.*)  
Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk  
Mr. John Moosey, Borough Manager  
Mr. Don Moore, Assistant Borough Manager  
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney  
Ms. Brenda J. Henry, Executive Assistant to the Borough Clerk  
Ms. Elizabeth Hartley, Comptroller  
Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director  
Mr. Alex Strawn, Permitting Services Manager  
Ms. Sarah Jansen, Planner II  
Mr. Dave Dunivan, Borough Assessor

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Mr. Moosey requested to strike AM No. 12-010 from the agenda, as he has concerns that the work should be bid out.

There was no objection noted.

Mayor DeVilbiss inquired if there were any other changes to the agenda.

Assemblymember Woods requested to pull Resolution Serial No. 12-032 from the consent agenda to be addressed separately.

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

#### **IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ken Walch, Transportation Advisory Board Chair.

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

- A. Special Assembly Meeting: 02/16/12
- B. Regular Assembly Meeting: 02/21/12

Mayor DeVilbiss inquired if there were any corrections to the special meeting minutes of February 16, 2012, or the regular meeting minutes of February 21, 2012.

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

#### **VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **A. AGENCY REPORTS**

##### **1. Reports from cities**

##### Wasilla City

Mr. Burt Cottle, Deputy City Administrator:

- related that at the next Council meeting, they will be adopting a resolution in support of the transfer of Lake Lucille Park from the Borough to the City;
- noted that the City is still working toward the land transfer for the new library;
- spoke to the improvements to the Parks Highway and Knik-Goose Bay Road by the Alaska State Department of Transportation;
- noted that the city of Wasilla Planning Commission has put forth a resolution requesting that the State abide by Title 35, which requires that the municipalities affected by the improvements are in agreement with them; and
- related that this has been done previously with other projects.

##### **2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District**

Mr. Don Carney, Assistant Director of Operations and Maintenance:

- related that the final numbers regarding the school bonds, are in from the Alaska State Department of Education;
- noted that all of the projects have been approved as requested at 70 percent reimbursement by the State with the exception of the charter school projects; and
- stated that the School District is in the process of finalizing the project agreements.

3. Transportation Advisory Board – Mr. Ken Walch, Chair

Mr. Walch:

- spoke to Transportation Advisory Board Resolution Serial Nos. 11-06, 12-01, 12-03, and 12-04;
- stated that 11-06 is supporting House Joint Resolution, which is requesting reinstatement of the transportation infrastructure fund;
- noted that federal funding for transportation infrastructure is diminishing and sporadic;
- stated that 12-01 is in support of state funding for the Bogard Road east extension project;
- spoke to the work that has already gone into the project;
- stated that 12-03 is concerning all terrain vehicles (ATV's) use of public rights-of-way;
- opined that it is a critically important issue that no one wants to deal with;
- opined that the damage to asphalt due to the use of ATV's is an expensive problem; and
- stated that 12-04 is in support of funds to complete a design study and geophysical work for extension of Trunk Road south of the Parks Highway.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

*(There was no report provided.)*

2. Assembly Public Relations

Assemblymember Keogh:

- spoke to having attended a luncheon debate regarding the Knik Arm Bridge;
- stated that it was very enlightening and a lot of information was received;
- opined that it was not really a debate, as four panelist were firmly in support and only one was opposed to the project; and
- advised that he will be travelling to Ketchikan to see the M/V Susitna.

Assemblymember Colligan:

- stated that he also attended the luncheon Assemblymember Keogh attended;
- related that he was very surprised at the support for the bridge from Kenai;
- opined that there was engaging discussion;
- spoke to the percentage of people who are in support of the bridge; and
- noted that those who are in support tend to do so only if someone else pays for it.

Mayor DeVilbiss

- spoke to having attended a meeting with a group called Site Selectors, which is a committee of developers nationwide that select sites for development;
- noted that the price of land was a topic of discussion;
- stated that the least expensive commercial land in Anchorage is \$40 per square foot; and
- related that he shared with the group that there is 14 square miles of commercially zoned land at Port MacKenzie.

## C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation
2. Strategic Planning Issues

Mr. Moosey:

- spoke to being in Juneau last week;
- noted that they were unable to testify before the Senate Finance Committee;
- related that they were able to speak with Legislators concerning the Rail Extension project;
- opined that even though they were not able to provide testimony before the Committee, that everything went well; and
- invited Mark Mastellar to provide an update regarding schools.

Mr. Mark Mastellar provided a report regarding the nationwide “School of the Future” competition.

## A. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos:

- advised that last week, the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals granted the Borough’s intervention in the Rail Extension litigation;
- noted that the state of Alaska was also granted intervention and is now a named party;
- stated that his office will be coordinating efforts with the attorneys in Washington, D.C.;
- related that not a lot will happen with the litigation until briefing;
- spoke to litigation that the city of Palmer had enjoined the Borough in regarding Helen Drive;
- provided a brief history of the issue; and
- noted that the Borough moved to be dismissed from the case, which should occur sometime next week.

## B. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie:

- spoke regarding the upcoming meeting schedule;
- noted that Administration requested to cancel the April 17, 2012, 4 p.m. work session regarding road powers and the permit center; and
- queried if that was something the body would like to do.

Mayor DeVilbiss queried the intent of cancelling the meeting.

Ms. McKechnie stated that the intent was that Administration had decided to put an informational memorandum together that would outline information on road powers and the permit center, rather than hold a work session.

Mr. Moosey noted that with budget season approaching he wanted to ensure that the body is not becoming over booked with meetings.

Mayor DeVilbiss inquired if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

**C. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:
  - a. Caswell FSA Board of Supervisors: 10/12/11
  - b. Enhanced 911 Advisory Board: 11/08/11
  - c. Local Road Service Area Board of Supervisors: 11/17/11
  - d. MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission: 10/20/11
  - e. South Colony RSA Board of Supervisors: 08/03/11
  - f. Transportation Advisory Board: 12/21/11, Resolution Serial No. 11-18
  - g. Wasilla-Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 12/12/11
  
2. Community Council Correspondence:
  - a. Meadow Lakes Community Council: 12/14/11
  - b. Trapper Creek Community Council: 12/15/11

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

**D. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS**

*(There were no informational memorandums presented.)*

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Ordinance Serial No. 12-010: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 17.28, DESIGNATING THE SUSITNA PARKWAY PIT AN INTERIM MATERIALS DISTRICT, LOCATED WITHIN TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, SECTION 6, ON PARCEL D-1, SEWARD MERIDIAN.
  1. IM No. 12-012

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Salmon moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 12-010.

MOTION: Assemblymember Salmon moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 12-010, to incorporate all of the amendments as currently inserted into the legislation.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Salmon moved a secondary amendment, Condition 20, by striking the words “for the life of the interim materials district designation” and inserting in its place “until December 31, 2020, when it will change to residential designation” to read: “For purposes of the sound level thresholds required by MSB 17.28.060(A)(5)(a) the parcel immediately adjacent to the northern boundary shall be treated as “industrial” until December 31, 2020, when it will change to residential designation.”

**VOTE:** The secondary amendment passed without objection.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Keogh moved a secondary amendment, Condition 19, by striking it in its entirety.

Assemblymember Keogh stated that he is proposing the amendment under the advice of the Attorney, that says such an amendment may be unconstitutional, that it is in conflict with code, and not appropriate to be included in a planning or land use ordinance.

Mr. Spiropoulos advised that without a best interest finding, he is unsure if the amendment would be constitutional.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the materials being specifically designated to build the rail extension;
- access for developers and locals to the materials;
- that the legislation is an inappropriate way to designate land management functions;
- that a best interest finding should be done through the Land Management Department;
- that Land Management could come back with a plan of operations, a plan of disposal, and how the gravel could be used;
- the possibility of selling the interim materials district to a private party at a later date; and
- the possibility of postponing the legislation.

**VOTE:** The secondary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Keogh and Woods in support.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Arvin move to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 12-010 to a time certain of April 3, 2012, to provide staff time to come back with a plan of operations.

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

## **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. 12-040: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING MSB 3.33, REGISTRATION AND TAXATION OF AIRCRAFT. *(Sponsored by Assemblymember Salmon)*
  - a. IM No. 12-046

Mayor DeVilbiss opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 12-040 and to concerns with aircraft owners who have never paid their aircraft taxes: Mr. William Bruu.

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 12-040: Mr. Jeff Helmericks, Mr. Lyle Hanson, Ms. Jill Parson, Mr. David Meyers, Mr. Ken Thorall, Mr. Chris Kepler, Mr. Billy Cranford, and Mr. Bruce Chris

The following person spoke to concerns regarding the aircraft tax and the vehicle tax: Ms. Lucille Frey.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Salmon moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 12-040.

Assemblymember Salmon:

- noted that he has been involved in local politics for a long time;
- stated that he has never seen a positive response such as the testimony this evening in support of the legislation;
- spoke to his appreciation of the people who have been paying aircraft taxes;
- opined that there has to be a mechanism to hold those who have not paid their taxes accountable; and
- further opined that a luxury tax such as this is unfair, as the aircraft owners receive no services for the taxes that are paid.

Assemblymember Colligan:

- urged the body to support the legislation;
- opined that repealing the tax is a way of encouraging economic growth in the Borough; and
- requested that the Manager provide the body information on how much has been collected to date and what it would cost to collect from those who have not paid.

Assemblymember Keogh:

- noted that the testimony has been near unanimous in support of repealing the tax;
- spoke to all the associations that have provided comment on the legislation;
- stated that he is in support of the legislation;
- spoke to concerns regarding those who have ignored the law and not paid the tax; and
- queried if the Borough collects aircraft tax on behalf of the city of Palmer.

Mr. Dunivan affirmed the query.

Assemblymember Colver stated that he would like to see budget cuts in relation to this change.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

*(The meeting recessed at 7:40 p.m. and reconvened at 7:50 p.m.)*

2. Ordinance Serial No. 12-041: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 5.25.140, TO ANNEX A PROPERTY LOCATED ON LEWIS LOOP (16N03W28A002) INTO THE WASILLA-LAKES FIRE SERVICE AREA NO. 130.
  - a. Resolution Serial No. 12-026: A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT IT SERVES THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO ANNEX PARCEL NO. 16N03W28A002, LOCATED ON LEWIS LOOP, INTO THE WASILLA-LAKES FIRE SERVICE AREA NO. 130.  
*(Sponsored by Assemblymember Salmon)*
- (1) IM No. 12-047

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 Salmon moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 12-041 and Resolution Serial No. 12-026.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

3. Ordinance Serial No. 12-042: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 FROM GOLD TRAIL ROAD SERVICE AREA NO. 28 FUND BALANCE, FUND 282, TO GOLD TRAIL ROAD SERVICE AREA NO. 28 FISCAL YEAR 2012 OPERATING BUDGET, FUND 282.
  - a. IM No. 12-050

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 Salmon moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 12-042.

Mayor DeVilbiss queried if this appropriation was due to the heavy snowfall this winter.

Mr. Moosey:

- stated that it was not; and
- advised that it is due to a change in the contractor for the road service area.

Assemblymember Colver advised that the change would cover the contract through the rest of the year.

Assemblymember Keogh:

- noted that there is a similar ordinance up for introduction; and
- queried if there would be a transfer from the fund balance to the operating budget for the road service area addressed in the legislation.

Mr. Moosey affirmed the query.

Mayor DeVilbiss requested a report on the road service area fund balances at the next meeting.

There was no objection noted.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

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

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution Serial No. 12-028: A RESOLUTION APPROVING CERTAIN UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES AND THE INCORPORATED NONPROFIT ENTITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 COMMUNITY REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM.

(1) IM No. 12-041

b. Resolution Serial No. 12-031: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE CAPITAL GRANT REQUEST MADE BY THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FACILITY FOR THE FRONTERAS SPANISH IMMERSION CHARTER SCHOOL. *(Sponsored by Assemblymember Colver)*

(1) IM No. 12-063

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

- a. ~~AM No. 12-010: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT NO. 10-101 WITH ATS ALASKA, IN AN AMOUNT OF \$411,490.28 FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY UPGRADES TECHNOLOGY SECURITY PACKAGE.~~
- b. AM No. 12-021: AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE A MOTOR GRADER FROM NC MACHINERY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$289,172 FOR THE GOOSE CREEK CORRECTIONAL CENTER.
- c. AM No. 12-023: AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE ELECTRIC SUPPORT VEHICLES FROM NORDIC SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$109,602 FOR THE GOOSE CREEK CORRECTIONAL CENTER.
- d. AM No. 12-024: AWARD OF BID NO. 12-078 TO DERBY INDUSTRIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,150 FOR THE PURCHASE OF CORRECTIONAL GRADE MATTRESSES FOR THE GOOSE CREEK CORRECTIONAL CENTER.
- e. AM No. 12-025: AWARD OF BID NO. 12-090 TO WOLVERINE SUPPLY, INC. IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$209,400 FOR UPGRADES TO BRETT MEMORIAL ICE ARENA.
- f. AM No. 12-026: AWARD OF BID NO. 12-089 TO TUTKA, LLC. IN A CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$233,532.70 FOR THE SUNRISE ACRES IMPROVEMENTS.

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

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

Mayor DeVilbiss queried if Resolution Serial No. 12-031 had been before the School Board.

Mr. Carney affirmed the query.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

- c. Resolution Serial No. 12-032: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ADOPTION OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 33 AND COMPANION SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13, REGARDING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT LIMITING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS. *(Sponsored by Assemblymember Keogh)*

(1) IM No. 12-064

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 12-032.

Assemblymember Woods:

- spoke in opposition to the legislation;
- noted that the Supreme Court had already addressed this issue.

Assemblymember Colligan:

- spoke in opposition to the legislation; and
- opined that there is not a lot of support in the State Legislature for the joint resolution.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the Supreme Court's opinion on the issue;
- that the United States Constitution can be amended if all of the States were in favor of doing so;
- the limited support from the State Legislature concerning this issue;
- concerns that campaigns are unduly influenced by corporate campaign contributions; and
- concerns that the Assembly could appear to be in conflict with the Supreme Court.

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion failed with Assemblymember Keogh in support.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For public hearing – 03/20/12, 7 p.m., Borough Assembly Chambers)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 12-044: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN EQUAL VALUE LAND EXCHANGE WITH THE STATE OF ALASKA FOR APPROXIMATELY 443 ACRES OF BOROUGH- OWNED LAND IN THE GOVERNMENT PEAK AND BALD MOUNTAIN/HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT UNITS IN THE HATCHER PASS MANAGEMENT AREA FOR APPROXIMATELY 720 ACRES OF STATE LAND IN THE GOVERNMENT PEAK MANAGEMENT UNIT IN THE HATCHER PASS MANAGEMENT AREA; AND AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LAND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ALASKA TO IMPLEMENT THE LAND EXCHANGE.

a. Resolution Serial No. 12-029: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A BEST INTEREST FINDING THAT AN EQUAL VALUE LAND EXCHANGE FOR CERTAIN BOROUGH-OWNED LAND WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT PEAK MANAGEMENT UNIT AND BALD MOUNTAIN/HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT UNIT IN THE HATCHER PASS MANAGEMENT AREA FOR OTHER STATE LAND WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT PEAK MANAGEMENT UNIT IN THE HATCHER PASS MANAGEMENT AREA IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE BOROUGH (MSB 006645).

(1) IM No. 12-056

2. Ordinance Serial No. 12-045: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$110,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR THE SETTLER'S BAY AT CROCKER CREEK FISH PASSAGE PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 30112, FUND 410.
  - a. Resolution Serial No. 12-030: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE SETTLER'S BAY AT CROCKER CREEK FISH PASSAGE PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 30112.
    - (1) IM No. 12-058
3. Ordinance Serial No. 12-046: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$150,000 FROM FAIRVIEW ROAD SERVICE AREA NO. 14 FUND BALANCE, FUND 271, TO FUND 410, PROJECT NO. 30037, FOR FAIRVIEW ROAD SERVICE AREA NO. 14 CAPITAL PROJECTS.
  - a. IM No. 12-061

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Salmon moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearings for March 20, 2012.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

## B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

### 1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor DeVilbiss requested the following confirmations:

Board of Ethics  
Barbara Miller  
Emergency Medical Services Board  
Lisa Behrens, resignation  
Historical Preservation Commission  
Angela Wade  
Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board  
Ryan Towry, resignation  
Transportation Advisory Board  
Elizabeth Fread

Mayor DeVilbiss made the following recommendations:

Board of Equalization  
David Heier  
Borough Area Schools Site Selection Committee  
Warren Keogh

Emergency Medical Services Board  
Jalan Van Nice, resignation  
Enhanced 911 Advisory Board  
Thomas Hood, resignation

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Keogh moved to divide the question to take up the confirmation of Barbara Miller to the Ethics Board separately.

VOTE: The motion to divide the question passed without objection.

MOTION: First Segment. Assemblymember Keogh moved to approve the Mayor's recommendations and resignations up for confirmation this evening, with the exception of Barbara Miller.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MOTION: Second Segment. Assemblymember Salmon moved to confirm Barbara Miller to the Ethics Board.

Assemblymember Keogh:

- opined that based on a conversation he had with Ms. Miller many years ago, that she is not suitable for the Ethics Board;
- spoke to the content of that conversation; and
- stated that he is opposed to her confirmation.

Assemblymember Colligan opined that Ms. Miller is hardworking and ethical and he supports her confirmation.

Mayor DeVilbiss opined that Ms. Miller is a perfect fit.

Assemblymember Salmon:

- opined that personal issues from years past should not be considered presently; and
- stated that he supports the confirmation.

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The motion to confirm Barbara Miller to the Ethics Board passed with Assemblymember Keogh opposed.

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 were no reconsiderations presented.)*

**XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*(There was no executive session held.)*

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

Mr. Moosey:

- stated that at the next meeting, he will be bringing forward the issue of the Borough taking possession of the M/V Susitna;
- spoke to a letter that was sent to the body by the United States Navy;
- opined that the letter speaks to frustration that the Borough has not yet taken possession; and
- stated that he understands that he has the authority to make a decision, but is opting to keep the body more involved in the decision making.

Assemblymember Halter queried if the Navy was insinuating that the Borough did not have to take possession of the vessel.

Mr. Moosey:

- stated that it could be construed as so;
- noted that if the Borough does not, that there will be huge financial impacts; and
- stated that he is continuing to look at alternatives that may be available.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the options regarding the vessel; and
- whether or not the strategy should be discussed in executive session due to huge financial impacts to the Borough.

Ms. McKechnie advised that if there are any items the body would like included on the agenda for the Joint Assembly/School Board meeting, to please have them to her no later than March 9, as that date facilitates advertising requirements.

Assemblymember Keogh queried if the special meeting on April 17 regarding the subdivision code is still set to begin at 2 p.m.

Ms. McKechnie affirmed the query.

Assemblymember Salmon stated that although he had a good trip to Washington, D.C., he is glad to be home.

Assemblymember Halter thanked the Mayor for going to Talkeetna and looking at code compliance complaints.

Assemblymember Colver:

- related that the bids have come in for the Academy Charter addition;
- noted that the bid award for that project will be at the next meeting; and
- thanked staff for their help in making the project happen.

Assemblymember Woods:

- stated that he was reminded that the Alaska Public Offices Commission statements are due March 15;
- spoke to the many issues that he has had in trying to file it electronically;
- cautioned the body that filing electronically is not easy; and
- noted that he has an appointment with the Division of Elections to assist him in getting it filed in a timely manner.

Assemblymember Arvin:

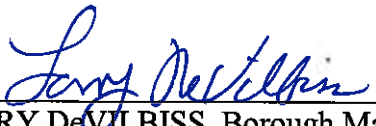
- echoed the comments regarding Academy Charter; and
- noted that for a small amount of additional funds, that the school will be able to double the classroom space.

Mayor DeVilbiss:

- spoke to appearing on the Dan Fagan show;
- stated that he thought it would be a radio show, but that it was on television;
- thanked the body for eliminating the aircraft tax;
- related that he would like to bring forward legislation repealing the inventory tax;
- opined that by eliminating this tax, it would create more revenue than what is being collected;
- spoke to spending the evening in Talkeetna looking at problems that have been ongoing;
- stated that he urged the Talkeetna Community Council to consider incorporation; and
- related that the Talkeetna water and sewer issue is a big obstacle to incorporation.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

  
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LARRY DeVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 03/20/12