I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on March 7, 2006, 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:

Ms. Lynne Woods, Assembly District No. 1
Mr. Bill Allen, Assembly District No. 2
Mr. Talis J. Colberg, Assembly District No. 3
Ms. Cindy L. Bettine, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6 *(Deputy Mayor)*
Ms. Betty Vehrs, Assembly District No. 7

Assembly members absent and excused were:

Ms. Mary Kvalheim, Assembly District No. 4

Staff in attendance were:

Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Ms. Janice Case, Deputy Clerk
Ms. Teresa S. Williams, Borough Attorney
Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Executive Assistant to the Borough Clerk
Ms. Marian Romano, Assistant Borough Manager
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Mr. Keith Rountree, Public Works Director
Mr. Dennis Brodigan, Emergency Services Director
Mr. Ron Swanson, Community Development Director
Mr. Murph O'Brien, Planning and Land Use Director
Mr. Dave Hanson, Economic Development Director
Ms. Eileen Probasco, Planner II

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Anderson:

- advised that administration has requested that AM No. 06-046 and AM No. 06-047 be pulled from the agenda; and
- queried whether there were any other changes to the agenda.

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

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ron Rucker, President of the Classified Employees Association.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. Special Assembly Meeting: 02/14/06

Mayor Anderson inquired if there were any corrections to the special meeting minutes of February 14, 2006.

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

B. Regular Assembly Meeting: 02/21/06

Mayor Anderson inquired if there were any corrections to the regular meeting minutes of February 21, 2006.

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

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Reports from cities

(There were no reports for the cities.)

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

School Board President Welton:
- advised that the School Board held a public hearing regarding the budget;
- advised that the School Board made the decision to outsource the School District’s custodial services;
- noted that the School Board postponed the increase in the credits required to graduate due to the costs associated; and
- spoke regarding the School Board’s upcoming meetings.

Assemblymember Vehrs queried whether the School Board felt that they received all of the information that was required to make the decision to outsource the custodial services.

School Board President Welton:

- stated that she cannot speak for the School Board as a whole; and
- stated that there are always questions that are not completely answered.

Mayor Anderson queried whether the School District made more information available to the School Board after the vote was taken.

School Board President Welton:

- advised additional information was given prior to the School Board voting on the issue; and
- noted that there were some questions that were not answered the night of the meeting.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

Assemblymember Colver:

- advised that the Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues had discussions regarding the School District budget;
- spoke regarding the impacts of PERS and TRS increases;
- stated that it is important that the budget for the School District be discussed thoroughly at the Joint Assembly/School Board meeting on March 14, 2006; and
- spoke regarding the portables for Susitna Valley High School.

Assemblymember Allen:

- advised that the Borough asked questions of the School District regarding the outsourcing of the custodial services;
- stated that everyone has an interested in the School District's budget, as it is 80 percent of the Borough's funds;
- requested that the budget discussion be moved up on the Joint Assembly/School Board meeting agenda;
- advised that they had discussions on whether the Assembly could authorize a bond anticipation note; and
- spoke regarding the need for the Assembly and School Board to have a cohesive relationship.

2. Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Mayor Anderson advised that the Regional Transportation Planning Organization has not met since the last report.

3. Assembly Public Relations Committees

a. Chambers of Commerce (*Assemblymembers Vehrs and Bettine)*

(There was no report provided.)

b. School Board (*Assemblymembers Allen and Colver)*

Assemblymember Colver:

- advised that he attended the School Board meeting last week;
- stated that it is painful to listen to the cuts to the programs and jobs;
- spoke regarding the outsourcing of the custodial services at the School District; and
- spoke to importance of Assembly Members attending the School Board's budget meetings.

c. Cities (*Assemblymembers Kvalheim, Allen, and Vehrs)*

Assemblymember Vehrs:

- spoke regarding an issue with the large cell towers interfering with lan lines in the Houston area, causing music to be heard during telephone conversations; and
- advised that Mr. Hudson in Code Compliance is helping them with the issue.

Assemblymember Allen:

- advised that he met with individual Council Members of the city of Palmer regarding the vacation of the old hospital; and
- advised that the Borough's Economic Development Director, Mr. Hanson, is meeting with several agencies that have expressed interest in utilizing the old hospital space.

d. Home Builders and Realtors Associations (*Assemblymembers Colver, Bettine, and Vehrs)*

(There was no report provided.)

e. Community Councils (*Mayor Anderson and Manager)*

Mayor Anderson:

- advised that he, along with Mr. Duffy, will be attending the Meadow Lakes Community Council meeting on March 8, 2006; and
- spoke to the importance of working on public relations.

f. Civic Clubs (*Mayor Anderson and Assemblymember Kvalheim)*

(There was no report provided.)

g. Non-Profit Organizations (*Mayor Anderson and Assemblymembers Kvalheim and Vehrs)*

Assemblymember Vehrs:

- advised that she is attending the Crime Stoppers Annual dinner; and
- noted that they have invited the Mayor to attend the meeting on March 10, 2006.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

Mr. Duffy:

- advised that VECO is interested in building a 15,000 ton module on the Borough's side of the inlet; therefore, VECO has requested a briefing on the status of the port project and the ferry project;
- advised that the draft report on the management review audit will be completed soon;
- spoke regarding the household survey that is being performed by Mat-Su College;
- advised that the consultant group that is working on the fiscal impact analysis met with department heads last week;
- advised that the state lobbyist has advised that items are on hold in Juneau due to the oil tax legislation;
- reported that there will be a meeting tomorrow with Governor Murkowski to discuss the financing for the prison;
- advised that on April 13, 2006, the Municipality of Anchorage will be hosting a Sexual Abuse Response Team conference;
- stated that there is a development agreement in progress on the Hatcher Pass Ski area;
- advised that Mr. Swanson and Mr. O'Brien have finalized the draft on the special use district for Hatcher Pass;
- stated that the Borough is looking at a proposed cooperative agreement with the National Resource Conservation Service regarding the Matanuska River;
- advised that there is a draft government to government relations agreement between the Borough and the Municipality of Anchorage on the expansion of the port; and
- advised that he has requested that Ms. Romano and Ms. Trost provide an update on the Agriculture Processing and Development Center.

Ms. Trost:

- spoke regarding the food lab that will be working on the juice; and
- advised that she will be working with the Borough on-call.

Ms. Romano:

- advised that they are continuing to give updates regarding the Agriculture Processing and Development Center to the federal delegation; and
- advised that they will be speaking with the Alaska Industrial Development Authority to see if they are interested in the Agriculture Processing and Development Center.

Mr. Duffy:

- spoke regarding the grant that Senator Ted Stevens provided the Borough to do a feasibility study;
- stated that the Borough has completed all of the items that Senator Ted Stevens requested be done;
- advised that they will give a final report to the Department of Housing and Urban Development when he is in Washington D.C.;
- stated that they will work with the federal delegation to fund the construction of the processing center; and
- noted that Ms. Romano and Ms. Trost received a letter from Senator Ted Stevens thanking them for the rhubarb crisp that they sent to him.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Ms. Williams advised that the litigation with Wolverine Supply regarding the Houston High School will be in front of Judge Cutler for the next three weeks.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. Case:

- reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule for March and April;
- noted that the agenda for the March 14, 2006, joint Assembly/School Board meeting is attached;
- spoke regarding the election schedule;
- advised that the parliamentary training that Ms. McGehee conducted went very well;
- spoke regarding the questions that the Clerk's Office has been being receiving regarding the different forms of government;
- introduced the new Administrative Secretary for Records Management, Ms. Audrey Callahan; and
- provided a reminder that the Conflict of Interest statements are due on March 15, 2006.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:
a. Animal Care and Regulation Board: 01/09/06
b. Board of Adjustment and Appeals: 12/13/05
c. Caswell Lakes Road Service Area No. 15: 01/09/06
d. Greater Talkeetna Road Service Area No. 29: 01/12/06
e. Port Commission: Resolution Serial No. 06-01

2. Community Council Correspondence:
a. Big Lake Community Council: 01/11/06
b. Glacier View Community Council: 02/09/06
c. South Knik River Community Council: 09/17/05, 11/18/05

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

1. IM No. 06-103: AN INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM REGARDING THE APPROPRIATION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND UPGRADES FOR THE ANIMAL CARE BUILDING FROM THE INTEREST EARNINGS ON THE LAND MANAGEMENT PERMANENT FUND.

The informational memorandum was presented and no comments were noted.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Resolution Serial No. 06-028: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE ANIMAL CONTROL BUILDING, PROJECT NO. 10151, TO COMPLETE THE HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR CONDITIONING AND ELECTRICAL UPGRADES. *(Motion Pending: 02/21/06)*

1. IM No. 06-073

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Allen moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 06-028.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to postpone Resolution Serial No. 06-028 indefinitely.

Assemblymember Colver:
- spoke regarding the Manager bringing the legislation back in a different form;
- spoke regarding funding for the project; and
- stated that a letter of intent to award the bid should go out to the bidders, due to the fact that the bids are only guaranteed for 30 days.

Assemblymember Allen:
- noted that there will be substantial changes in the bid document; and
- opined that it may be best to start with new bids.

Mr. Duffy:
- advised that they would prefer to re-bid the project; and
- stated that they would like to come back to the Assembly with a document that describes all the research that has been done to find funds for the project.

Assemblymember Colver queried if the intent was to add additional items to the original scope of work.

Mr. Rountree:
- advised that the security system upgrade is the only additional item; and
- spoke regarding re-scoping the funding from the grant to go into a phased renovation plan.

Discussion ensued regarding:
- adding the security system upgrade to the scope of work;
- re-bidding the new scope of work; and
- the funding sources for the project.

VOTE: The motion to postpone Resolution Serial No. 06-028 indefinitely passed without objection.

(The regular meeting recessed at 6:57 p.m. and reconvened at 7:13 p.m.)

VII. SPECIAL ORDERS (to begin 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. Resolution Serial No. 06-032: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE DRAFT SOUTH DENALI IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT.

a. IM No. 06-052

Ms. Probasco provided a staff report.

Mayor Anderson 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 Vehrs moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 06-032.

Assemblymember Colberg:

- spoke in opposition to Resolution Serial No. 06-032;
- advised that he has visited both of the proposed sites;
- stated that he believes that the Peters Hill location has been nixed due to the cost of the road;
- opined that there is no comparison between the Peters Hill site to the Parks Highway site;
- spoke in opposition to the Parks Highway site; and
- stated that the Peters Hill site would provide access to hiking and the vistas are incomparable.

Assemblymember Vehrs:

- stated that this has been an ongoing battle for over 20 years;
- advised that the Parks Highway site is palatable to most of the people; and
- spoke regarding the opposition of the Peters Hill site at the public meetings she had attended.

Assemblymember Woods:

- advised that she attended two other presentations regarding the visitor centers location besides the presentation that was given to the Assembly;
- noted that the cost of the road infrastructure was much greater to the Peters Hill site; and
- spoke to the amount of time the visitors center would be available to the public.

Discussion ensued regarding the access to the sites.

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

2. Ordinance Serial No. 06-056: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CONVEYANCE OF LAND WITHIN THE CITY OF HOUSTON LOCATED IN THE SOUTH ½ NORTHEAST ¼ SOUTHEAST ¼, NORTHEAST ¼ NORTHEAST ¼ SOUTHEAST ¼, NORTH ½ NORTHWEST ¼ NORTHEAST ¼ SOUTHEAST ¼, SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, TO THE CITY OF HOUSTON FOR LESS THAN FAIR MARKET VALUE TO BE USED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

a. IM No. 06-062

Mr. Swanson provided a staff report.

Assemblymember Woods:
- spoke regarding the concerns that the Planning Commission had regarding public use and access to the water and lakes; and
- queried if there was anything in place to ensure that the public could still access the water and lakes.

Mr. Swanson:
- advised that all the concerns that were brought to their attention have been addressed; and
- stated that the land is available for public use except for the fenced area.

Assemblymember Bettine:
- spoke regarding sand storage;
- stated that she was advised by one of the road service area members that there is a building located within the area, that the Borough built for equipment storage; and
- queried if the Borough would be storing equipment at the site.

Mr. Swanson:
- advised that the city of Houston is using the building for an animal care shelter;
- stated that the only need that the Borough has is for storage outside of the building; and
- advised that it will be a condition of the deed that the Borough have an unencumbered use of the site for storage.

Assemblymember Bettine:
- noted that the road service areas have recently spent money to fix up the site; and
- queried whether the city of Houston would see any value and pay the cost back to the Borough.

Mr. Rountree:
- advised that the Borough spent $30,000 to replace spoiled soil caused by the sand; and
- advised that the sand will be stored at the contractor sites next year.

Mayor Anderson 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 Vehrs moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 06-056.

Assemblymember Vehrs:
- spoke regarding the city of Houston's request that the property be returned to them; and
- noted that she is glad that the Borough can reserve use for the property if it is needed.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

3. Ordinance Serial No. 06-057: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 15.24.030(B) TO INCLUDE THE MAT-SU BOROUGH PRIMARY HEALTHCARE PLAN 2005-2015.

a. Resolution Serial No. 06-033: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY REGARDING THE NEED, ROLE, COMPOSITION, AND AUTHORITY OF A BOROUGH HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD OR COMMITTEE.

(1) IM No. 06-069

Ms. Probasco provided a staff report.

(Mr. Duffy exited the meeting at 7:43 p.m.)

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

The following person spokes in support of Ordinance Serial No. 06-057 and Resolution Serial No. 06-033: Ms. Susan Mason-Bourterse; Ms. Maryalice Larson; Ms. Elizabeth Ripley, Director of Marketing and Public Relations for the Mat-Su Regional Health Center; Ms. Kathy LeBeau, South Central Foundation; Mr. Hans Neidig, Executor Director of Valley Healthy Communities Program; Ms. Eleanor Oakley; Ms. Jessica Stevens, Interim Executive Director for the Sunshine Clinic; Mr. Vince Curry, Chief Executive Officer for the Mat-Su Health Foundation; Ms. Michelle Bosau, Executive Director for the United Way of Mat-Su; and Mr. Greg Van Kirk, Regional Administrator, State of Alaska Office of Children's Services.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 06-057 and Resolution Serial No. 06-033.

Assemblymember Colver:
- thanked the public for testifying on the issue;
- spoke regarding the growth in the Borough;
- spoke to the need to address issues like methamphetamine use in the Borough;

- stated that health care costs are rising; therefore, there are fewer people who can afford health care; and
- noted that there is a need to reach out to the community for support.

Assemblymember Allen:
- spoke in support of the concept of the task force;
- opined that the sunset date needs to be nine months rather than eighteen months;
- spoke regarding the need for a fiscal analysis and sustainability;
- spoke regarding the increase in the Borough's population from rural Alaska; and
- advised that he is looking forward to the report from the task force.

Assemblymember Vehrs:
- voiced concerns regarding federal funding sources;
- opined that due to the lack of revenue sharing the people from rural Alaska are coming to the Borough because they have no where else to go; and
- spoke regarding people with no access to health care.

Assemblymember Bettine:
- voiced concern regarding shortening the timeframe for the volunteers to complete their task; and
- stated that she supports the idea of a fiscal analysis.

Discussion ensued regarding the need for a fiscal analysis.

(The regular meeting recessed at 8:21 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35 p.m.)

Assemblymember Allen spoke regarding the need for the task force to conduct a financial analysis of the sources of revenue and projected expenses.

Mayor Anderson:
- queried how the task force would conduct the financial analysis; and
- queried whether Borough staff would be helping the task force.

Assemblymember Allen:
- stated that the Borough would provide data collection;
- spoke regarding appointing someone to the Board with financial expertise; and
- advised that that there are sources to provide funding to do this type of feasibility study.

Discussion ensued regarding the task force conducting a financial analysis.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 06-033 in the "Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved" clause to add the phrase "and review fiscal impacts of adopted health powers" at the end of the paragraph to read as follows: Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly does hereby establish a Blue Ribbon Task Force to study and make findings and recommendations to the Assembly on the need for a Borough health and social services commission or board, the potential role of the board with regard to MSB 1.10.250, the general composition or representation of any resulting commission or board, and review fiscal impacts of adopting health powers.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion as amended passed without objection.

Mayor Anderson asked if there was any objection to moving the following pieces of legislation together: Ordinance Serial No. 06-058, Resolution Serial No. 06-034, Ordinance Serial No. 06-059, Ordinance Serial No. 06-060, Resolution Serial No. 06-035, Ordinance Serial No. 06-061, Resolution Serial No. 06-036, Ordinance Serial No. 06-062, Ordinance Serial No. 06-063, and Resolution Serial No. 06-037 together.

There was no objection noted.

4. Ordinance Serial No. 06-058: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING $6,500 FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT TO FUND 440, PROJECT NO. 20363, FOR PURCHASING PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTERS AT THE BIG LAKE, SUTTON, TALKEETNA, TRAPPER CREEK, AND WILLOW PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

a. Resolution Serial No. 06-034: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET TO UPGRADE THE PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTERS AT THE BIG LAKE, SUTTON, TALKEETNA, TRAPPER CREEK, AND WILLOW PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

(1) IM No. 06-077

5. Ordinance Serial No. 06-059: AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF $36,000 FROM THE GREATER PALMER FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE, FUND 259, TO THE GREATER PALMER FIRE SERVICE AREA FISCAL YEAR 2006 OPERATING BUDGET, FUND 259, TO PURCHASE A VEHICLE.

a. IM No. 06-078

6. Ordinance Serial No. 06-060: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING $40,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE TO PROJECT NO. 30084, WOLF AND TAMARACK ROADS CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

a. Resolution Serial No. 06-035: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE WOLF AND TAMARACK ROADS CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 30084.

(1) IM No. 06-080

7. Ordinance Serial No. 06-061: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING $3,000 FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 20364, FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANTS AT THE BIG LAKE, TALKEETNA, AND WILLOW PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

a. Resolution Serial No. 06-036: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANTS FOR THE BIG LAKE, TALKEETNA, AND WILLOW PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

(1) IM No. 06-081

8. Ordinance Serial No. 06-062: AN ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING $20,000 FROM BOGARD ROAD SERVICE AREA CAPITAL PROJECTS, FUND 410, PROJECT NO. 30045, TO THE BOGARD ROAD SERVICE AREA OPERATING BUDGET, FUND 279.

a. IM No. 06-087

9. Ordinance Serial No. 06-063: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING $32,500 FROM THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE TO PROJECT NO. 30083, LOWER ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT.

a. Resolution Serial No. 06-037: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE LOWER ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 30083.

(1) IM No. 06-088

Mayor Anderson 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. 06-058, Resolution Serial No. 06-034, Ordinance Serial No. 06-059, Ordinance Serial No. 06-060, Resolution Serial No. 06-035, Ordinance Serial No. 06-061, Resolution Serial No. 06-036, Ordinance Serial No. 06-062, Ordinance Serial No. 06-063, and Resolution Serial No. 06-037.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

10. Ordinance Serial No. 06-064: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 4.40.020, LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERSHIP, TO MAKE THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS OF MEMBERS CONSISTENT WITH THE MAYORAL VACANCY/ASSEMBLY APPOINTMENT PROCESS. *(Sponsor: Mayor Anderson)*

a. IM No. 06-090

Ms. Case provided a staff report.

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. 06-064.

Assemblymember Colver stated that this would streamline the appointment process of the Library Board.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following persons spoke regarding property owners being contacted by an oil and gas company in the Point MacKenzie area to conduct dynamite blasts on their properties and the surface rights of those property owners: Ms. Flo Pitcher and Mr. Jim Pitcher.

The following person spoke regarding receiving timely information from the School District on the outsourcing of custodial services: Ms. Cheryl Turner, School Board Member.

The following person spoke regarding the School Board voting to outsource their custodial services and a petition soliciting additional funding from the Borough for the School District: Mr. Ron Rucker, President of the Classified Employees Association.

D. CONSENT AGENDA (Resolution Serial Nos. 06-042 and 06-044 and AM No. 06-048 were pulled from the consent agenda and addressed separately. *See pp. 16-17 of 20)*

1. RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution Serial No. 06-038: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE BRETT MEMORIAL ICE ARENA IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT NO. 10157.
(1) IM No. 06-084

b. Resolution Serial No. 06-039: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE WILLOW COMMUNITY CENTER IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT NO. 10060, TO COMPLETE THE WILLOW COMMUNITY CENTER INTERIOR PAINT AND REPAIR.
(1) IM No. 06-091

c. Resolution Serial No. 06-040: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE COOK INLET REGION CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL. *(Sponsor: Mayor Anderson)*
(1) IM No. 06-092

d. Resolution Serial No. 06-041: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF

COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT, PROJECT NO. 10137, FUND 435, TO HIRE A CONSULTANT TO DESIGN A PHASED ANIMAL CARE AND REGULATION FACILITY RENOVATION PLAN.

(1) IM No. 06-097

f. Resolution Serial No. 06-043: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BOGARD/SELDON ROAD EXTENSION EAST TO THE GLENN HIGHWAY AND WEST TO THE PARKS HIGHWAY. *(Sponsor: Assemblymember Colver)*

(1) IM No. 06-101

2. ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUMS

a. AM No. 06-023: APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF AN EMERGENCY SERVICES TRUCK FOR THE GREATER PALMER FIRE SERVICE AREA FROM NYE FRONTIER FORD, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF $35,551.

b. AM No. 06-043: AWARD OF PROPOSAL NO. 05-200 TO DOWL ENGINEERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $590,786 FOR THE REGIONAL AIRPORT SYSTEM PLAN AND PUBLIC AIRPORT/FLOAT PLANE BASE LOCATION STUDY.

~~c. AM No. 06-046: APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 9 TO TRYCK, NYMAN, HAYES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $45,000 FOR ON-CALL ARCHITECTURAL AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE PORT MACKENZIE FERRY TERMINAL BUILDING DESIGN, CONTRACT NO. 02-161.~~

~~d. AM No. 06-047: APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER TO MCCOOL CARLSON GREEN IN THE AMOUNT OF $285,557 TO COMPLETE THE DESIGN WORK, INCORPORATE ALTERNATE WORK IN THE FACILITY DESIGN, REDESIGN THE WATER WELL, AND COORDINATE WITH OTHER AGENCIES FOR THE CAREER CENTER – VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, PROJECT NO. 40144.~~

f. AM No. 06-049: THE VACATION OF A 50’ RIGHT-OF-WAY DESCRIBED IN QUITCLAIM DEED, RECORDED IN BOOK 85, PAGE 467, WITHIN THE NORTHWEST ¼ SOUTHWEST ¼ OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, LOCATED IN THE MEADOW LAKES COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.

g. AM No. 06-050: AWARD OF BID NO. 06-095 TO ALASKAN INDUSTRIES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $127,400 FOR BLEACHERS AT PALMER HIGH SCHOOL.

Ms. Case read the above legislation into the record.

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

e. Resolution Serial No. 06-042: A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE ADOPTION OF HOUSE BILL 443, A BILL RETROACTIVELY PROHIBITING THE MUNICIPAL TAXATION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS. *(Sponsor: Mayor Anderson)*
(1) IM No. 06-100

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to approve Resolution Serial No. 06-042.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to strike the following "Whereas" clause: WHEREAS, the failure to disclose the entity(ies) requesting House Bill 433, results in the loss of state government transparency and accountability; and to strike the following "Be It Further Resolved" clause: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly requests that the name of the entity(ies) requesting the introduction of House Bill 433 be disclosed as a means of maintaining transparency and accountability of state government.

Assemblymember Colver advised that the requestor has been identified as a tobacco wholesaler; therefore, there is no longer a need to request the identity of the requestor of the legislation.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion as amended passed with Assemblymember Colberg in opposition.

g. Resolution Serial No. 06-044: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FUNDING FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE HEATING, VENTING, AND AIR CONDITION (HVAC) SYSTEM AT THE MATANUSKA VALLEY SPORTSMEN, INC. SHOOTING RANGE. *(Sponsor: Assemblymember Allen)*
(1) IM No. 06-102

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to approve Resolution Serial No. 06-044.

Assemblymember Vehrs advised that this is not on the Assembly's State priority list.

Mayor Anderson:
- stated that when agencies request support for a project that he or Mr. Duffy write a letter of support when it is outside of the Borough's legislative projects;
- spoke regarding setting a precedence; and
- voiced concern that this project could be funded in place of a project that is on the Borough's priority list.

Assemblymember Allen:
- stated that this is not the first time that the Assembly has done something like this;
- noted that the shooting range is used by the public; and

- opined that this does not compete with the Borough's legislative priorities.

Assemblymember Vehrs stated that this is a worthy project; however, there is a process that needs to be followed.

Discussion ensued regarding the process for supporting projects.

VOTE: The motion failed with Assemblymember Allen, Woods, and Colberg in favor and Assemblymembers Bettine, Colver, and Vehrs opposed. (Tie vote)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Colver declared a conflict of interest on AM No. 06-048.

RULING: Mayor Anderson ruled that Assemblymember Colver had a conflict of interest and would be recused from voting on the issue.

(Assemblymember Colver exited the meeting.)

e. AMNo.06-048: AWARD OF BID NO. 06-081 TO F-E CONTRACTING INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $699,000 FOR THE PALMER HIGH SCHOOL NEW SUSPENDED ACOUSTICAL CEILING AND LIGHT FIXTURES.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to approve AM No. 06-048.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

(Assemblymember Colver reentered the meeting.)

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTION (For public hearing - 03/21/06, 7 p.m., Borough Assembly Chambers)

1. Resolution Serial No. 06-045: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007 TO FISCAL YEAR 2012.

a. IM No. 06-076

2. Ordinance Serial No. 06-065: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE LOAN PROCEEDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $296,000 FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION TO VARIOUS ROAD SERVICE AREA FUNDS AND REAPPROPRIATING $296,000 FROM VARIOUS ROAD SERVICE AREAS TO PROJECT NO. 30077, FUND 435, TO BUILD A SALTED SAND STORAGE BUILDING.

a. IM No. 06-086

3. Ordinance Serial No. 06-066: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING $425,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, TO FUND 415, PROJECT NO. 30082, GARDEN TERRACE WATER SYSTEM UPGRADES.

a. Resolution Serial No. 06-046: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE GARDEN TERRACE WATER SYSTEM UPGRADES, PROJECT NO. 30082.

(1) IM No. 06-094

4. Ordinance Serial No. 06-067: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING $475,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, TO FUND 415, PROJECT NO. 25037, TALKEETNA WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II.

a. Resolution Serial No. 06-047: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE TALKEETNA WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II, PROJECT NO. 25037.

(1) IM No. 06-095

5. Ordinance Serial No. 06-068: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING $1,479,965 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES GRANT, TO FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 20316, TO UPGRADE THE DISPATCH CENTERS AND FIELD UNITS TO MAKE THEM ALASKA LAND MOBILE RADIO COMPATIBLE.

a. Resolution Serial No. 06-048: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES GRANT, PROJECT NO. 20316, FUND 480, TO UPGRADE THE DISPATCH CENTERS AND FIELD UNITS TO MAKE THEM ALASKA LAND MOBILE RADIO COMPATIBLE.

(1) IM No. 06-096

6. Ordinance Serial No. 06-069 AN ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING $100,000 FROM FUND 203, LAND MANAGEMENT FUND, LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIVISION TO FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 15031 FOR THE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN, TIMBER SURVEY, AND APPRAISAL PROJECT.

a. Resolution Serial No. 06-049: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR PART ONE OF THE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN, TIMBER SURVEY, AND APPRAISAL PROJECT, FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 15031.

(1) IM No. 06-098

7. Ordinance Serial No. 06-070: AN ORDINANCE FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF $83,300 FROM THE AREAWIDE FUND BALANCE (FUND 100) TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2006 ELECTIONS DIVISION OPERATING BUDGET (FUND 100) FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION. *(Sponsor: Assemblymember Bettine)*

a. IM No. 06-099

Ms. Case read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearings for March 21, 2006.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Anderson made the following recommendations:

Board of Ethics
- Chris Ornquist

Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Forming an Economic Development Corporation
- Thomas Thurbee

Alpine Road Service Area No. 31
- Merle Johnson

Fairview Road Service Area No. 14
- Michael Schachle

Mayor Anderson requested the following confirmations:

Emergency Medical Services Board
- Ulla Stice
- Gwyn Jerman

Library Board
- Virginia Wilt
- Virginia Richey
- Annie Leach
- Anna Lou Levinson

Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Kari Sleight

Senior Citizens Advisory Board
- Jackie Carl

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

X. RECONSIDERATION

(There were no reconsiderations presented.)

XI. VETO

(There were no vetoes presented.)

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(There was no executive session held.)

XIII. MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Assemblymember Woods:

- provided a demonstration regarding the amount of drinking water left on the earth; and
- requested that the Assembly consider providing funds to the Palmer Water and Soil Conservation District.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- advised that she attended a town meeting in Meadow Lakes that Senator Charlie Huggins and Representative Mark Neuman hosted;
- stated that Senator Huggins and Rrepresentative Neuman advised that they would be happy to support revenue sharing if they were guaranteed that it would go towards property tax relief; and
- spoke to the need for the Assembly to communicate with the Legislature and the lobbyist rather than just counting on the Alaska Municipal League.

Assemblymember Vehrs:

- advised that she belongs to the Wasilla Soil and Water Board;
- spoke regarding the Wasilla Soil and Water Board sponsoring a poster and speech contest regarding water at the Midnight Sun School;
- noted that she was also in attendance at the town meeting the Senator Huggins and Representative Neuman hosted; and
- advised that she presented a petition at the town meeting of nearly 600 signatures in regards to the Susitna Valley High School roof.

Mayor Anderson:

- spoke regarding the possibility of producing a resolution outlining where the funds from revenue sharing would be spent in the Borough;
- noted that if the Borough received a $2,000,000 revenue sharing plan, the levy would be reduced by a third;
- advised that the Tri-Borough's Mayors met in Kenai and tested the Alaska Land Mobile Radio communication system;
- spoke regarding attending the Arctic Winter Games; and
- spoke regarding the possibility of the Borough sponsoring the Arctic Winter Games.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

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TIMOTHY L. ANDERSON, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

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MICHELLE M. MCGEHEE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 03/21/06