

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on March 18, 2008, at the Palmer Depot, 610 South Valley Way, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Curtis D. Menard.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Lynne Woods, Assembly District No. 1 (*Deputy Mayor*)
Mr. Pete Houston, Assembly District No. 2
Ms. Michelle R. Church, Assembly District No. 3
Ms. Mary Kvalheim, Assembly District No. 4
Ms. Cindy L. Bettine, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Robert Wells, Assembly District No. 6
Mr. Tom Kluberton, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Ms. Amanda E. Charles, Executive Assistant to the Borough Clerk
Mr. Keith Rountree, Public Works Director
Mr. Dennis Brodigan, Emergency Services Director
Mr. Linda Brenner, Community Development Director
Mr. Mark Mayo, Planning and Land Use Director
Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Mr. Dave Hanson, Economic Development Director
Mr. Brad Sworts, Transportation and Environmental Manager
Mr. Mike Wellar, Traffic Technician

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine requested that Ordinance Serial No. 08-016 be postponed until a time certain of May 1, 2008.

VOTE: There was no objection noted.

MOTION: Assemblymember Houston requestd that Ordinance Serial No. 08-017 be postponed to a time certain of April 15, 2008.

VOTE: There was no objection noted.

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

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

Mayor Menard inquired if there were any corrections to the regular meeting minutes of March 4, 2008.

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

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney.

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Reports from cities

Wasilla City

Councilmember Woodruff:

- spoke regarding libraries;
- noted that surveys will be going out;
- advised that the Council will be meeting on March 24, 2008, to discuss liquor license transfers; and
- stated that she looks forward to the meeting with the cities and the Borough on March 27, 2008.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

(There was no report provided.)

2. Assembly Public Relations

(There were no reports provided.)

B. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

Mr. Duffy reported that the federal lobbyist is in town.

C. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos noted that a memo regarding Borough powers on parks and recreation is in the Assembly's red folders.

D. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie:

- spoke regarding the upcoming meeting schedule; and
- queried if the Assembly would like to set a work session with the Mat-Su Convention and Visitors Bureau (MSCVB).

Assemblymember Woods requested that the meeting with MSCVB occur as item B on the April 3, 2008, 3 p.m. meeting agenda.

There was no objection noted.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- requested an itemized agenda for the work session; and
- informed the Assembly that she would not be present at the March 27, 2008, meeting.

E. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:

- a. Animal Care and Regulation Board: 10/08/07
- b. Enhanced 911 Advisory Board: 12/11/07
- c. Library Board: 08/18/07
- d. Local Emergency Planning Committee: 12/19/07
- e. Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board: 11/26/07
- f. Platting Board: 01/17/08
- g. Real Property Asset Management Board: 12/12/07

2. Community Council Correspondence:

- a. North Lakes Community Council: 12/06/07

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

F. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

1. IM No. 08-072: AN INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM ADVISING OF CONTRACT AWARDS AND AMENDMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 OR LESS, AND SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENTS, FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1, 2008, TO FEBRUARY 29, 2008.

The informational memorandum was presented and no comments were noted.

MOTION: Assemblymember Wells move to suspend the rules to take up the introductions and the vacancy report.

VOTE: There was no objection noted.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTION (For public hearing - 04/01/08, 7 p.m., Borough Assembly Chambers)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 08-038: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 17.28, DESIGNATING A PORTION OF THE PORT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT WITHIN THE POINT MACKENZIE PORT SPECIAL LAND USE DISTRICT, AN INTERIM MATERIALS DISTRICT, WITHIN TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, SECTION 26, SEWARD MERIDIAN.
 - a. IM No. 08-066
2. Ordinance Serial No. 08-039: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 5.10.035 AND MSB 5.20, REGARDING ALTERATION, CONSOLIDATION OR ABOLITION OF SERVICE AREAS. *(Sponsored by Assemblymember Woods)*
 - a. IM No. 08-070

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearings for April 1, 2008.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Menard requested the following confirmations:

Board of Equalization
John Van Diest

Local Emergency Planning Committee
Marc Peterson
Angella Long
Senior Citizens Advisory Board
Janice Moore
Transportation Advisory Board
Resignation of Daniel Elliott

Mayor Menard made the following recommendations:

Board of Equalization
Timothy A. Vereide
Transportation Advisory Board
Aruthur Quaas
John S. Campbell
Knik Road Service Area No. 17
Mryl Thompson
Circle View & Stampede Estates Flood & Water Erosion Control Service Area No. 131
Vern Stockwell

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS¹

- A. Ordinance Serial No. 08-003: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING MSB 17.21, HATCHER PASS SPECIAL LAND USE DISTRICT, AND AMENDING MSB 17.125, DEFINITIONS. (*Main motion pending from: 03/04/08*)
1. Ordinance Serial No. 08-004: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING POLICIES AND STANDARDS FOR THE HATCHER PASS SPECIAL LAND USE DISTRICT, MSB17.21.
- a. IM No. 08-005

MOTION: Assemblymember Kvalheim moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 08-003, MSB 17.21.070, Table 2, Accessory Uses, to delete "Accessory dwelling unit (ADU) and "Garage-attached or detached."

Assemblymember Kvalheim stated that there was no use for garages if residential development is not allowed.

¹ Items B and C were postponed at the agenda setting.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to table the primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 08-003.

Assemblymember Bettine spoke in favor of tabling the motion until the decision on whether or not residential development would be included in the Hatcher Pass Ski Area.

VOTE: There was no objection noted.

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 08-003, MSB 17.21.200(B)(1), to delete "all streets must be paved" and insert in its place "all streets must be constructed of non-dust generation permeable materials."

Assemblymember Woods spoke regarding the use of porous and permeable materials to preserve the water quality.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- noted concerns with storm water runoff; and
- added that plats could be required to have this provision through the Master Development Plan.

Assemblymember Woods:

- spoke in favor of the amendment; and
- noted different types of building materials for the roads.

Assemblymember Kvalheim:

- noted her support for the motion; and
- referred to the Cottonwood Creek Mall's runoff and how it damaged Cottonwood Creek.

Assemblymember Wells queried the costs of the materials.

Assemblymember Woods:

- stated that permeable porous materials costs more per square foot;
- explained that it would be more cost efficient; and
- spoke regarding soil erosion.

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved a secondary amendment to insert the language "must be constructed of non-dust generation permeable materials" throughout the legislation when it speaks to paved services, parking lots, and trails.

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed as amended without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kvalheim moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 08-004, by inserting the following at the end of the paragraph:

“Anchorage involvement needs to have the plan and access needs to be available on the Borough website. The cost of advertising should be limited to the most effective electronic method available to include the clubs and organizations involved in the use.”

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved a secondary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 08-004, by leaving the language that exists and striking the phrase “and in Anchorage” to read as follows:

Public meetings will be held in the Matanuska Valley to provide the general public a meaningful opportunity to review and comment on the Master Development Plan. The public will also be provided an opportunity to comment on major amendments to the Master Development Plan...

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed as amended without objection.

(Unfinished Business continued on page 16.)

(The regular meeting recessed at 6:47 and reconvened at 7 p.m.)

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

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three minutes per person.)

1. Resolution Serial No. 08-019: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2014.

a. IM No. 08-058

Mr. Sworts provided a staff report.

Assemblymember Woods queried if the project priorities list was adjusted as it went through the various boards and commissions.

Mr. Sworts:

- responded that the Transportation Advisory Board and the Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board made adjustments; and
- added that the Planning Commission did not make any adjustments to the list.

Assemblymember Bettine queried if the Seldon Extension West Project was included in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Mr. Sworts:

- responded that it was included as no. 43 under Community Transportation System, General Transportation Projects; and
- advised that there was no funding for the project.

Assemblymember Church spoke regarding the prioritization of the projects in relation to how the State funds them.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- spoke regarding prioritization; and
- noted a need for a collected front when speaking with the legislature.

Assemblymember Kluberton queried the pedestrian/ATV bridge crossing.

Mr. Sworts spoke to concerns when the current cantilevered bridge.

Discussion ensued regarding the cantilevered bridge.

Mayor Menard opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 08-019.

Assemblymember Woods:

- spoke regarding the importance for the prioritization of projects; and
- noted a need to secure monies for the most important projects.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kvalheim moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 08-019, Lighting and Illumination Projects, to add the words "and Signals" to the title of number 3 after the word "Illumination" to read as follows: "School Bus Stop Illumination and Signals" and to add "3) c. Cotton Wood Creek Elementary."

MOTION: Assemblymember Wells moved a secondary amendment to add "3) d. Shaw Elementary, 3) e. Lakeside bus stops, 3) f. Larson Elementary" and to add "1) c. Seldon Road at the intersection of Lakeview Road and North Seward Meridian Parkway, and 1) d. Larson Elementary."

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed as amended without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 08-019, Community Transportation System, General Transportation Projects, to move number 43, Seldon Extension West to the Parks Highway, to number 18 on the prioritization list.

Assemblymember Bettine spoke regarding alternate traffic routes.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kluberton moved a primary amendment to add:

A) Rail Projects

- 1) Parks Highway rail separated grade crossing at mile post 91.5;
- 2) Parks Highway rail separated grade crossing at mile post 96.5;
- 3) Parks Highway rail grade separated crossing at mile post 100.5;
- 4) South Mac drive rail grade separated crossing;
- 5) Talkeetna River small vehicle pedestrian bridge; and
- 6) Northern Borough shared mat-su borough Alaska Railroad emergency center in Talkeetna.

B) To strike "General Transportation Infrastructure Projects" and insert in its place "Highway Infrastructure Projects"

C) Bridge Projects

- 1) Deneki Meadows, Bridge No. 1782;
- 2) Gate Creek, Bridge No. 1185;
- 3) Little Susitna River Tributary, Bridge No. 1709;
- 4) Cottonwood Creek, Bridge No. 1712;
- 5) Little Susitna River, Bridge No. 1713;
- 6) Willow Creek, Bridge No. 2128;
- 7) Twins Creek, Bridge No. 2206;
- 8) Bodenbug Creek, Bridge No. 1504;
- 9) Cottonwood Creek, Bridge No. 2207;
- 10) Kroto Creek, Bridge No. 2161;
- 11) Trapper Creek, Bridge No. 1936;
- 12) Moose Creek, Bridge No. 1985;
- 13) Montana Creek, Bridge No. 1669 (Yoder Road location);
- 14) Montana Creek, Bridge No. Unassigned (Anaconda Avenue location);
and
- 15) Fish Creek, Bridge No. 1209.

VOTE: The amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following persons spoke in favor of the red route for the Bogard Road Extension East Project: Ms. Lynne Stachelrodt and Ms. Linda Beller.

The following persons spoke in favor of a no build option for the Bogard Road Extension East Project: Mr. Bill Wiederkehr, Ms. Beth Whitmore, Ms. Debra McCormick, Mr. Steve Gallagher, Mr. Dean Maxwell, Mr. Jim Psenak, Mr. Doug Barce, Ms. Judy Heathcock, Mr. Bob Woolsey, and Ms. Barbara Hanson.

The following person spoke regarding the affects of economic development on the area and mass transit: Ms. Michelle Schuman.

The following person spoke regarding traffic problems on the Palmer-Wasilla Highway. and at the intersection of Artic Blvd. and the Glenn Highway: Mr. Jim Bassony.

The following persons spoke regarding protecting the local agriculture: Ms. Karen Olson and Ms. Barbara Jones.

The following person spoke in favor of building along the Scott Road section line for the Bogard Road Extension East Project: Ms. Debbie Tuomi.

The following person spoke regarding Ordinance Serial No. 08-017: Mr. John Leiner.

The following person spoke regarding the necessity for adequate transportation corridors: Mr. Kevin Sorenson.

(The regular meeting recessed at 8:21 p.m. and reconvened at 8:32 p.m.)

The following person spoke in support of development in the Hatcher Pass Ski Area: Mr. Branden Wall.

The following persons spoke in favor of a no build option for the Bogard Road Extension East Project: Mr. Mike McCormick, Ms. Kristina Leuthold, Mr. Rusty Whisler, and Mr. Norman Leuthold.

The following person spoke in favor of building along the Scott Road section line for the Bogard Road Extension East Project: Mr. Mike Fry.

The following person spoke in favor of the red route for the Bogard Road Extension East Project: Mr. Bruce Bush.

D. CONSENT AGENDA (Resolution Serial No. 08-023 was pulled from the consent agenda and addressed separately. *See pp. 12-14*)

1. RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution Serial No. 08-021: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE METAL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 15897, FUND 480, THE CONEX CONTAINER FOR STORAGE, PROJECT NO. 15897, FUND 480, AND APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE FISH CREEK PARK SAFETY UPGRADES PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 15897, FUND 480.
(1) IM No. 08-069
- b. Resolution Serial No. 08-022: A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR OF ALASKA APPOINT A RESIDENT OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA ANCHORAGE, BOARD OF REGENTS. *(Sponsored by Assemblymember Bettine)*
(1) IM No. 08-074

2. ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUMS

- a. AM No. 08-021: AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF CONTRACT NO. 06-054 WITH LDMA FOR AN ADDITIONAL 24 MONTHS FOR THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$150,000 PER YEAR PLUS UP TO \$45,000 PER YEAR FOR APPROVED EXPENSES FOR THE OWNERS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE, KNIK TRB/E-CRAFT.
- b. AM No. 08-024: AWARD OF BID NO. 08-090 TO ALASKA SAFETY IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$414,650 FOR SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS.

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

- c. Resolution Serial No. 08-023: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SELECTED ROUTE RELATING TO THE PLANNING, DESIGN, RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION, AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE BOGARD ROAD EXTENSION EAST PROJECT.
(1) IM No. 08-075

Mr. Brad Sworts provided a staff report.

Assemblymember Church queried the ramifications on traffic if the Bogard Road Extention East (BREE) is not built.

Mr. Sworts:

- explained that the State had started the construction of a traffic light on the intersection of Hemmer Road and the Palmer-Wasilla Highway;
- clarified that it is estimated that with the construction of the new light approximately 6,000 people per day will start taking Artic Road to Hemmer Road; and
- pointed out that this will then direct traffic past Palmer High School.

Assemblymember Church:

- spoke in favor of the red route; and
- asked how traffic will move if construction begins on the Palmer-Wasilla Highway.

Mr. Sworts stated that traffic would need to use the existing road system.

Assemblymember Church queried if the current funds could be reappropriated to another project.

Mr. Duffy responded that the Borough would need to go back to the State Legislature in order to request the reappropriation.

Mr. Sworts provided further clarification on the reappropriation of the funds.

Assemblymember Church asked if the money could be used to improve the existing Bogard Road.

Mr. Sworts advised that the existing Bogard Road will be repaved this summer from Trunk Road towards Wasilla.

Mayor Menard inquired about the upgrades to Trunk Road.

Mr. Sworts:

- advised that there is funding for Trunk Road extending from the Parks Highway to the Palmer-Wasilla Highway; and
- elaborated that there was no funding to improve Trunk Road north of the Palmer-Wasilla Highway.

Mayor Menard queried if it is expected that more people will take the Parks Highway once the stop lights are put in on the Palmer-Wasilla Highway.

Mr. Sworts:

- affirmed the query;
- noted that the traffic will also be transferred to the Glenn Highway;
- pointed out that the Glenn Highway has the same problems as the existing Palmer-Wasilla Highway;
- noted that by adding the BREE it provides an additional road for people to traverse; and
- elaborated that the BREE does not just divert traffic, as a no build option would.

Assemblymember Bettine asked if the charrette options were studied.

Mr. Sworts:

- stated that they were studied; and
- provided further explanation on the differences in the charette red route and the original red route.

Assemblymember Bettine asked if Scott Road had been considered.

Mr. Noble:

- answered that the Scott Road option had been reviewed;
- stated that Arctic Boulevard is preferred; as it keeps traffic off the Glenn Highway for the most part;
- spoke regarding the intersection costs associated with the different route choices as they intersect with the Glenn Highway; and
- advised that major re-construction of the Glenn Highway would need to occur if one of the charette options were chosen.

Assemblymember Bettine queried if the proposed intersection of the Glenn Highway and Arctic Boulevard would be as large as the intersection of the Glenn Highway and the Palmer-Wasilla Highway.

Mr. Noble:

- explained the intersection layout;
- stated that the cost of the intersection would be approximately \$1.5 million; and
- responded that the intersection would be similar, but slightly smaller than the intersection of the Glenn-Highway and the Palmer-Wasilla Highway.

Assemblymember Houston queried the mitigation efforts that would take place in the school areas.

Discussion ensued regarding the control of intersections.

Assemblymember Wells queried the estimated cost of improving Trunk Road.

Mr. Sworts responded that the cost would be approximately \$42 million to improve Trunk Road from the Palmer-Wasilla Highway to the Palmer-Fishhook Road.

Mr. Lou Friend, Executive Director of Mat-Su Community Transit (MASCOT), spoke regarding mass transit.

Assemblymember Church:

- requested further clarification on when mass transit would be beneficial; and
- referenced density thresholds.

Mr. Friend spoke regarding serving the core area with four routes.

Assemblymember Kvalheim queried how many buses MASCOT currently operated.

Mr. Friend:

- answered that MASCOT currently owns ten buses and employs twenty employees; and
- added that they have plans to purchase four more buses within the next year.

Assemblymember Houston queried the cost to add additional routes to the existing bus routes.

Mr. Friend stated that it costs approximately \$60,000 to \$65,000 for any bus route that would be added.

MOTION: Assemblymember Houston moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 08-023.

MOTION: Assemblymember Houston moved a primary amendment to add a twelfth whereas clause to read as follows: Whereas, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough supports the goals in the Core Area Comprehensive Plan, by promoting the continued viability of local agriculture.

VOTE: The amendment passed without objection.

Assemblymember Houston recognized the Planning Commission for their work.

MOTION: Assemblymember Houston moved a primary amendment to strike the fourth and fifth whereas clauses in their entirety, to strike "Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly hereby approves Alternative 3B, the Blue Route, a variation of the yellow route, for the Bogard Road Extension East" and insert in its place Planning Commission Resolution Serial No. 08-03(SUB) in its entirety.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- spoke against the primary amendment; and
- stated that 67 percent of the people who commute to Palmer are in favor of a new corridor.

Mayor Menard spoke in favor of a no-build option.

MOTION: Assemblymember Church moved a secondary amendment to remove the insertion of Planning Commission Resolution Serial No. 08-03(SUB).

VOTE: The secondary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Houston, Church, and Kluberton in support.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymember Houston in support.

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved a primary amendment to strike "Alternative 3B, the blue route" and insert "Alternative 2, the red route" to read as follows: Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly hereby approves Alternative 2, the red route.

MOTION: Assemblymember Houston moved a secondary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 08-023 to modify the alignment that is north of Equestrian Acres to the south as far as possible and to narrow the road as much as possible in order to cause the least amount of change to the farm land.

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to extend past 10 p.m. but not to exceed 11 p.m.

(The regular meeting recessed at 9:50 p.m. and reconvened at 10:01 p.m.)

WITHDRAW: Assemblymember Houston withdrew the secondary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 08-023.

VOTE: There was no objection noted.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kluberton moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 08-023 to add the language "with the road right-of-way width being reduced to 150 feet from Felton Street west to the 90 degree corner of Artic Avenue at Palmer High School" to read as follows: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly hereby approves Alternative 2, the red route, with the road right-of-way width being reduced to 150 feet from Felton Street west to the 90 degree corner of Artic Avenue at Palmer High School."

Assemblymember Kluberton advised that the primary amendment was a suggestion from one of the charrettes.

Mr. Sworts spoke regarding an urban four lane section.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Houston moved to amend the curve at the west end to reflect the suggested curve by the charrette.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- stated that she was told that the proposed curve was not a good design; and
- deferred to the professional's opinion.

Assemblymember Houston:

- agreed that DOWL had provided good information;
- spoke to multiple perspectives;
- noted that the route the engineers chose would cut neighborhoods in half; and
- spoke regarding his preference to keep the community united.

Assemblymember Bettine requested an explanation of how the neighborhoods are affected by the red route.

Mr. Noble:

- stated that DOWL does not recommend the modified red route;
- noted that the modified red route requires the purchase of three homes;
- added that the modified red route is a longer route; and
- advised that from a safety standpoint, the curves in the modified red route are more hazardous than the original red route.

Discussion ensued regarding the impacts of the modified red route's curvatures.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymember Houston in favor.

Assemblymember Church queried the possibility of narrowing the right-of-way and making the entire route a boulevard.

Mr. Noble stated that it would increase the installation and maintenance costs.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

(Unfinished Business continued from page 7.)

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 08-003 and Ordinance Serial No. 08-004 to a time certain of April 1, 2008.

VOTE: There was no objection noted.

~~B. Ordinance Serial No. 08-016: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 5.15.010, OPERATION OF SERVICE AREAS; ORGANIZATION OF BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS. (Sponsored by Assemblymember Bettine) (Previously Ordinance Serial No. 07-109) (Main motion pending from 08/07/07)~~

~~1. IM No. 08-035~~

~~C. Ordinance Serial No. 08-017: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 17.28, INTERIM MATERIALS DISTRICT, TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR REGULATING EXCAVATION INTO THE SEASONAL HIGH WATER TABLE. (Main motion pending from: 08/21/07) (Previously Ordinance Serial No. 07-115)~~

~~1. Ordinance Serial No. 08-017(SUB): AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 17.28, INTERIM MATERIALS DISTRICT, TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR REGULATING EXCAVATION INTO THE SEASONAL HIGH WATER TABLE.~~

~~a. IM No. 08-036~~

~~b. IM No. 08-065~~

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 Houston noted his appreciation for passing Resolution Serial No. 08-023.

Assemblymember Kluberton informed the Assembly that he will not be in attendance at the March 27, 2008, joint meeting.

Assemblymember Kvalheim extended her pleasure at passing Resolution Serial No. 08-023.

Assemblymember Church:

- noted a need for improvement in mass transit; and
- opined her preference for updating the Borough's current road system.

Assemblymember Woods thanked everyone for their participation.

Assemblymember Bettine spoke regarding being proactive.

Assemblymember Houston requested that mass transit be added to the tracking report.


MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to reconsider Resolution Serial No. 08-023.

VOTE: The motion failed without objection.

Assemblymember Church thanked DOWL Engineering for their work.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.


CURTIS D. MENARD, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 04/15/08