

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on March 20, 2012, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:09 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
Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Moosey, Borough Manager
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Mr. Don Moore, Acting Borough Manager
Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Borough Clerk
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Ms. Shaune O'Neil, Public Works Director
Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director
Ms. Fran Seager-Boss, Cultural Resource Specialist
Ms. Holly, Dubose, Administrative Secretary I

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor DeVilbiss:

- inquired if there were any changes to the agenda; and
- inquired if there were any items that members wished to pull from the consent agenda.

Assemblymember Arvin requested to pull AM No. 12-027 from the consent agenda.

Assemblymember Colver requested to pull Resolution Serial No. 12-037 from the consent agenda.

Mayor DeVilbiss requested to pull Resolution Serial No. 12-042 from the consent agenda.

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

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. John Beasley, a member of the public.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

- A. Special Assembly Meeting: 02/28/12
- B. Regular Assembly Meeting: 03/06/12

Mayor DeVilbiss inquired if there were any corrections to the special meeting minutes of February 28, 2012, or the regular meeting minutes of March 6, 2012.

Ms. McKechnie:

- spoke to a correction on page 1 of the February 28, 2012, special meeting minutes, noting the meeting was called to order at 1:09 p.m.; and
- noted the minutes will be amended accordingly.

There was no objection noted.

Assemblymember Keogh spoke to a correction on page 15 of the March 6, 2012, regular meeting minutes, under his comments, the third bullet should read “four panelists” instead of “three panelists.”

Ms. McKechnie reported that the correction noted by Assemblymember Keogh was verified and the minutes will be revised accordingly.

There was no objection noted.

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

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Reports from cities

Houston City

Deputy Mayor Jim Johansen:

- reported that the Council passed a resolution in support of Senate Bill 159, establishing the Susitna State Forrest; and
- encouraged the Assembly to adopt Resolution Serial No. 12-042.

Wasilla City

Mr. Bert Cottle, Deputy Administrator:

- stated that the Council passed a resolution supporting the transfer of Lake Lucille Park;

- noted work continues on the land transfer for a new library in Wasilla;
- spoke to concerns with the design of the Parks Highway upgrade from Church Road to Vine Road; and
- suggested that the Assembly amend Ordinance Serial No. 12-054 to create membership from the cities of Wasilla and Palmer.

2. Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board – Tom Healy

Mr. Healy spoke to Resolution Serial No. 12-01 passed by the Board in support of acquiring land for the construction of a regional wastewater treatment facility.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

Assemblymember Colver reported that the Committee had not met since his last report.

2. Assembly Public Relations

Assemblymember Keogh:

- reported that he traveled to Juneau and Ketchikan last week;
- noted that he met with several legislators to advocate the Borough's road bond package;
- advised that he met with officials from the Coast Guard on Lake Louise issues;
- remarked that he toured the MV/Susitna; and
- reported that he attended a public meeting hosted by the Alaska State Department of Natural Resources regarding land disposal on Susitna Lake and Lake Louise.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation
2. Strategic Planning Issues

Mr. Moosey:

- reported that he and the Borough Attorney will be in Washington, D.C. from April 25, through April 27;
- invited interested members of the Assembly to join him on the trip, as federal officials have expressed a desire to meet with them;
- noted he will be out of the office beginning March 21, on personal business; and
- further remarked that Mr. Moore will serve as acting manager during his absence.

Assemblymember Colver suggested that the Manager track House Bill 213 related to the school funding formula.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos:

- reported that the Alaska Supreme Court ruled on the State Redistricting Plan;
- added that it appears the Court remanded the plan back to the Redistricting Board;
- advised that it appears to be a complete remand;
- noted that precinct boundaries are currently undefined; and
- stated that he will keep the Assembly apprised of developments.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie:

- spoke regarding the upcoming meeting schedule; and
- noted that budget meeting dates are proposed for Assembly consideration.

Assemblymember Colver presented an alternative meeting schedule.

Discussion ensued regarding the budget meeting schedule and the alternative schedule was accepted.

There was no objection noted.

Ms. McKechnie:

- added that the Manager would like to schedule his annual evaluation with the Assembly; and
- remarked that she will be traveling on Borough business next week and the Deputy Clerk will serve as acting clerk.

Discussion ensued regarding the date in which to schedule the Manager's evaluation and May 1, 2012, was accepted.

There was no objection noted.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:

- a. Fairview RSA Board of Supervisors: 08/23/11, 11/22/11
- b. Greater Palmer Consolidated FSA Board of Supervisors: 07/12/11
- c. Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board: 11/28/11
- d. Planning Commission: 01/09/12, 01/23/12, Resolution Serial No. 12-02
- e. Platting Board: 01/05/12
- f. Port Commission: 12/05/11, Resolution Serial No. 11-012

2. Community Council Minutes:

- a. Lazy Mountain Community Council: 01/20/11, 04/21/11 09/15/11, 10/20/11
- b. North Lakes Community Council: 06/28/11, 10/25/11

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

1. IM No. 12-071: MONTHLY REPORTING OF AMENDED CONTRACTS AND NEW AWARDS UNDER \$100,000, ALONG WITH SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT, FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2012.

The informational memorandum was presented and no comments were noted.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance Serial No. 11-148: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 15.24.030, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND PURPOSES, BY ADOPTING THE 2011 WILLOW AREA COMMUNITY HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INTO THE OVERALL BOROUGH WIDE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.
 1. IM No. 11-222

PENDING MOTION: Assembly member Halter moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-148.

Assemblymember Halter:

- reported that the Willow Area Community Organization passed a motion in support of the legislation; and
- opined that the Willow Area Community Historic Preservation Plan is natural and does not appear to restrict private property rights.

Assemblymember Colver encouraged the Assembly to reach consensus on the legislation, as the historical data is valuable.

Assemblymember Salmon:

- spoke to his support of history as long as it does not stand in the way of progress; and
- noted that he has received communication from members of the Willow community opposing the historical preservation plan.

MOTION: Assemblymember Salmon moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 11-148 indefinitely.

VOTE: The motion to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 11-148 indefinitely failed with Assemblymembers Woods, Colligan, and Salmon in favor.

Assemblymember Woods spoke to the unintended consequences that the legislation may have on development.

Assemblymember Halter opined that preservation plans are required in the development process as part of an Environmental Impact Statement.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- whether the plan restricts private property rights;

- whether the plan restricts development;
- the long term implications of designation property as historic; and
- the status of historic plans that were previously adopted by the Borough.

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 11-148 to a time certain of June 5, 2012, and to direct staff to contact the Willow Area Community Organization, the Willow Chamber of Commerce, and the Willow Historical Society to solicit comments on the legislation.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. Resolution Serial No. 12-015: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 159, ESTABLISHING THE SUSITNA STATE FOREST. *(Sponsored by Assemblymembers Halter and Arvin)*

1. IM No. 12-038

PENDING MOTION: Assemblymember Salmon moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 12-015.

Assemblymember Halter:

- spoke in support of the legislation;
- opined that the forest plan is well thought-out; and
- opined that establishing the forest will produce better use of the natural resources.

Assemblymember Woods:

- spoke in opposition to the legislation;
- opined that the legislation gives the commissioner of the Alaska State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) sole authority to administer forest services; and
- expressed concern that the legislation will halt the sale of recreational property by DNR.

MOTION: Assemblymember Keogh moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 12-015, by inserting the following “Be It Further Resolved” clause: “Be it further resolved, that the commissioner’s management plan for the Susitna State Forest identify the many and varied uses and values of lands within the Forest and provide management guidance that, if properly implemented, would maintain the health and sustainability of our forests, protect our watersheds and water quality, and maintain the habitat necessary to support healthy and diverse fish and wildlife populations.”

Assemblymember Salmon remarked that the amendment is redundant and unnecessary.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Keogh and Halter in favor.

Assemblymember Arvin:

- remarked that the proposed forest lands are currently managed under the Susitna Forest Guidelines,

- added that the guidelines were written approximately twenty-years ago and are not conducive to the utilization of the lands; and
- opined that designating the land as a forest will allow agencies and the public an opportunity to be involved in how those lands will be utilized.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- if and how the plan could impact development; and
- the proximity of the land to current and future development projects.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved to postpone Resolution Serial No. 12-015 indefinitely.

VOTE: The motion to postpone Resolution Serial No. 12-015 indefinitely passed with Assemblymembers Keogh, Arvin, and Halter opposed.

VIII. VETO

(There were no vetoes presented.)

(The meeting recessed at 7:18 p.m. and reconvened at 7:29 p.m.)

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. 12-044: 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

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 Colver moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 12-044 and Resolution Serial No. 12-029.

Assemblymember Colver:

- noted the land exchange was directed through previous Assembly action; and
- encouraged support of the legislation.

Mayor DeVilbiss noted concerns that the Borough is giving up potential trail head property at Edgerton Park.

Assemblymember Colver:

- noted that trail heads could still occur with the State through an interagency land use agreement; and
- commented that the issue with getting into public land is getting right-of-way from private land.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

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

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. 12-045 and Resolution Serial No. 12-030.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

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

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. 12-046.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

4. Ordinance Serial No. 12-047: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 2.12.090(D), AGENDA; NOTICE OF MEETING; ORDER OF BUSINESS. *(Sponsored by Mayor DeVilbiss)*

a. IM No. 12-062

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. 12-047.

Assemblymember Keogh:

- spoke in opposition to the legislation; and
- opined that amending the order of the agenda may limit public awareness of action taken by the Assembly outside of executive session.

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed with Assemblymember Keogh opposed.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following person spoke about his experience in the Chosin Reservoir Campaign and requested support of Resolution Serial No. 12-042: Mr. John Basley.

The following person spoke to concerns with the administration of Borough road maintenance contracts: Mr. Thomas Kellar.

The following person spoke to concerns with the design of the Parks Highway upgrade between Lucas Road and Big Lake by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities: Mr. Paul Gardner.

The following person spoke to concerns with the Willow Historical Preservation Plan and the Susitna Forrest Plan: Mr. Doyle Holmes.

The following persons spoke to voting rights of property owners within community councils: Mr. Brian Endle and Steve Renner.

The following person spoke to concerns regarding due process: Mr. Neil Snider

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution Serial No. 12-033: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SCOPES OF WORK FOR THE ANIMAL CONTROL BUILDING PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 10151, AND THE ANIMAL CARE BUILDING PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 10176, TO ALLOW FOR FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT REPAIRS AT THE ANIMAL SHELTER.

(1) IM No. 12-043

b. Resolution Serial No. 12-034: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE CASWELL FIRE SERVICE AREA PROTECTIVE CLOTHING PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 45238, AND THE CASWELL LAKE FSA STATION 13-1 PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 45253.

(1) IM No. 12-057

c. Resolution Serial No. 12-035: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BACKHOE AND STORAGE SHED AT THE BIG LAKE TRANSFER SITE, PROJECT NO. 25048.

(1) IM No. 12-068

d. Resolution Serial No. 12-036: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF CUSTODIAL EQUIPMENT – PHASE II, TO INCLUDE THE PURCHASE OF ANY CUSTODIAL EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLIES, PROJECT NO. 47505.

(1) IM No. 12-070

f. Resolution Serial No. 12-039: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ADOPTION OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24, REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF A STATE FOOD RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP. *(Sponsored by Assemblymembers Keogh and Salmon)*

(1) IM No. 12-076

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

- a. AM No. 12-013: ACCEPTANCE OF LATE FILED AND RETROACTIVE SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLICATION.
- b. AM No. 12-022: AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE AWARD OF SOLICITATION 12-043 TO CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$154,777 FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN ADDITIONAL WHEEL LOADER AND SNOW BUCKET FOR THE GOOSE CREEK CORRECTIONAL CENTER.
- c. AM No. 12-028: AUTHORIZATION OF AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO CONTRACT 08-124 TO RISE ALASKA, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$229,043 FOR GOOSE CREEK CORRECTIONAL CENTER CLOSEOUT SERVICES.
- d. AM No. 12-029: AWARD OF BID 12-082 TO BRAD ZWEIFEL COMPANY INC. IN A CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$210,133.44 FOR PALMER AMBULANCE STATION 39 RENOVATIONS.

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.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

- e. Resolution Serial No. 12-037: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PENDING \$93,941.26 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE M/V SUSITNA.
(1) IM No. 12-073

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 12-037.

Assemblymember Colver:

- remarked on the need for a better plan for the use of the ship; and
- spoke in support of dry docking the ship until it is deployed into service.

Assemblymember Salmon remarked that the issues raised by Assemblymember Colver need to be addressed at a future meeting.

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

VOTE: The motion failed with Assemblymembers Woods, Salmon, and Halter in favor.

Assemblymember Arvin stated he does not support paying \$50,000 per month to park the ship.

Mr. Moosey:

- reported that the Borough is obligated to provide the Navy with data, as they paid for the construction of the ship;

- added that the Borough accepted a \$20 million grant to provide ferry service between Port MacKenzie and Anchorage;
- further added that if ferry service is not provided, the funds will have to be paid back; and
- stated that he and his staff are working diligently to relieve the Borough of its obligations with respect to ship.

Discussion ensued regarding the Borough's objections with the ferry.

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

VOTE: The motion passed with Assemblymember Keogh opposed.

VOTE: The main motion passed with Assemblymember Arvin opposed.

- g. Resolution Serial No. 12-042: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NAMING OF AN UNNAMED MOUNTAIN IN ALASKA MEMORIALIZING THE SOLDIERS WHO FOUGHT AND DIED IN THE CHOSIN RESERVOIR CAMPAIGN IN 1950.
(Sponsored by Mayor DeVilbiss)

(1) IM No. 12-078

MOTION: Assemblymember Salmon moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 12-042.

MOTION: Assemblymember Salmon moved a primary amendment to replace the word "soldier" with the words "Allied Armed Forces Personnel" throughout the legislation.

Assemblymember Keogh offered assistance with the naming process.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

- e. AM No. 12-027: AWARD OF BID 12-088 TO DOWLAND CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$1,360,335 FOR THE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL CLASSROOM EXPANSION.

MOTION: Assemblymember Salmon moved to adopt AM No. 12-027.

Assemblymember Arvin spoke in support of allocating additional funds toward the project for the construction of ten classrooms instead of four.

Mr. Moosy reported that discussion has taken place regarding the Borough advancing the money and having the advance paid back over the next six years.

Ms. O'Neil:

- reported that \$342,840 is needed to construct the ten additional classrooms;
- remarked that the bid documents require the contractor to hold prices for 60 days; and

- further remarked that it appears funds can be identified to expand the project.

Assemblymember Colver:

- spoke in support of expanding the project scope, as it will double the amount of classrooms; and
- suggested that the loan be handled like loans to service areas.

Mr. Spiropoulos:

- remarked that the Academy Charter School is a public entity under the School District;
- further remarked that it is unlikely the Borough can legally loan public funds to a public entity; and
- noted that the Supreme Court has ruled that service areas are not independent legal entities, as they are under the control of the Borough Assembly and Manager.

Assemblymember Keogh:

- expressed his support of charter schools;
- voiced hesitation to lending the money as a matter of fairness; and
- opined that doing so would be precedent setting.

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved a primary amendment to increase the award in the amount of \$342,840.

Assemblymember Arvin:

- noted the Borough does not provide a per pupil allocation to charter schools;
- added that expanding the number of classrooms does not mean the school is receiving preferential treatment; and
- further added it is his intent to give the school the tools needed to successfully deliver education.

Ms. Clayton:

- spoke to the site selection reserve fund as a potential funding source; and
- remarked that funds are not in place at this time to award a higher dollar amount.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- whether the Borough can legally lend money to a public entity;
- funding support to charter schools; and
- the process for allocating additional funds toward the project.

Assemblymember Colligan:

- spoke in favor of adopting the legislation as presented; and
- spoke in favor of directing staff to bring back legislation allocating the additional funds.

WITHDRAWAL: Assemblymember Arvin moved to withdraw his primary amendment.

There was no objection noted.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For public hearing – 04/03/12, 7 p.m., Borough Assembly Chambers)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 12-048: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$25,000 FROM UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE TO FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 20384, FOR THE MAT-SU BOROUGH LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

a. Resolution Serial No. 12-040: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO THE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR THE MAT-SU BOROUGH LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

(1) IM No. 12-060

2. Ordinance Serial No. 12-049: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$170,000 FROM CASWELL ROAD SERVICE AREA NO. 15 FUND BALANCE, FUND 272, TO FUND 410, PROJECT NO. 30038, FOR CASWELL ROAD SERVICE AREA NO. 15 CAPITAL PROJECTS.

a. IM No. 12-066

3. Ordinance Serial No. 12-050: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$30,000 FROM TRAPPER CREEK ROAD SERVICE AREA NO.30 FUND BALANCE, FUND 284, TO FUND 410, PROJECT NO. 30050, FOR TRAPPER CREEK ROAD SERVICE AREA NO. 30 CAPITAL PROJECTS.

a. IM No. 12-067

4. Ordinance Serial No. 12-051: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A \$392,600 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT AND APPROPRIATING THE REQUIRED MATCHING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNTS OF \$7,250 FROM THE GREATER PALMER CONSOLIDATED FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE, FUND 259; \$7,900 FROM THE TALKEETNA FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE, FUND 254; \$16,600 FROM THE BUTTE FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE, FUND 251; \$5,300 FROM THE SUTTON FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE, FUND 253; \$9,650 FROM THE WILLOW FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE, FUND 258; \$29,850 FROM THE WEST LAKES FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE, FUND 249; AND \$21,600 FROM THE WASILLA-LAKES FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE, FUND 250; TO PROJECT NO. 45262, FUND 405, FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIRE SERVICE AREA COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT.

a. Resolution Serial No. 12-041: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT FOR THE DEPARTMENT

OF EMERGENCY SERVICES, PROJECT NO. 45262, FUND 405, FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIRE SERVICE AREA COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT.

(1) IM No. 12-069

5. Ordinance Serial No. 12-052: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING MSB 4.75, MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION. *(Sponsored by Assemblymember Colver)*

a. IM No. 12-072

6. Ordinance Serial No. 12-053: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF MSB TITLE 25, ELECTIONS. *(Sponsored by Assemblymember Salmon)*

a. IM No. 12-075

7. Ordinance Serial No. 12-054: AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE SUSITNA-WATANA HYDROELECTRIC TASK FORCE. *(Sponsored by Assemblymember Colver and Mayor DeVilbiss)*

a. IM No. 12-074

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 April 3, 2012.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor DeVilbiss requested the following confirmations:

Board of Equalization

David Heier

Borough Area Schools Site Selection Committee

Warren Keogh

Emergency Medical Services Board

Jalan Van Nice (Butte Ambulance)

Jalen Van Nice, resignation (Butte Ambulance Alternate)

Enhanced 911 Advisory Board

Thomas Hood (City of Houston)

Thomas Hood, resignation (City of Houston Alternate)

Port Commission

Jordan May

Alpine Road Service Area

George Rauscher

Mayor DeVilbiss made the following recommendations:

Borough Area Schools Site Selection Committee
Tom Adams (Representative No. 1)
Tom Adams, resignation (Representative Alternate)
Fish and Wildlife Commission
Andrew Couch
Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board
Lyle Downing

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

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

XI. RECONSIDERATION

(There was no reconsideration presented.)

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(There was no executive session held.)

XIII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember Colver:

- reported that he recently traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend a transportation and infrastructure conference;
- spoke to transportation bills before Congress;
- spoke to future transportation projects in urban areas of the United States;
- spoke to energy issues facing the United States; and
- noted he met with officials to discuss options for the use of the M/V Susitna.

Assemblymember Salmon:

- reported he attended a Port Commission meeting this week;
- added the meeting was productive; and
- spoke to the healthy deliberation by the Assembly this evening.

Assemblymember Keogh:

- spoke to his tour of the M/V Susitna;
- encouraged other members of the Assembly to tour the ship to acquire a better sense of the vessel; and
- remarked that the ship is stable on the water and has many unique features.

Assemblymember Halter requested a future update from staff on the review of road service contracts, as he has been receiving unfavorable comments about modifications to contracts and service manuals.

Assemblymember Arvin:

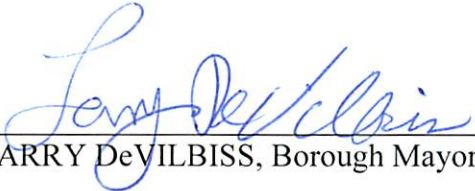
- spoke to challenges associated with the M/V Susitna; and
- affirmed his obligation to limit the financial impact to taxpayers when the ship becomes an asset of the Borough.

Mayor DeVilbiss:

- reported he will be traveling to Juneau on March 21, to testify before the Legislature and meet with Legislators;
- asked the Manager to follow up on the land application process by the Borough; and
- asked the Manager to follow up on the issue of historic preservations plans within the Borough.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.


LARRY DeVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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