

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
ASSEMBLY**

**REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 21, 2000**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on March 21, 2000, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Mayor Darcie K. Salmon.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Larry DeVilbiss, Assembly District No. 1
Ms. Sara Jansen, Assembly District No. 2
Mr. James Colberg, Assembly District No. 3 (entered at 6:10 p.m.)
Mr. Dan Kelly, Assembly District No. 4 (entered at 6:10 p.m.)
Ms. Jody Simpson, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Jim Turner, Assembly District No. 6
Mr. Doyle Holmes, Assembly District No. 7 (Deputy Mayor)

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Sandra Dillon, Borough Clerk
Mr. Michael J. Scott, Borough Manager
Mr. John Duffy, Assistant Manager
Mr. Michael Gatti, Borough Attorney
Mr. Gary Lebowich, Human Resources Manager
Ms. Elizabeth Manfred, Borough Deputy Clerk
Mr. Jim Swing, Public Works Director
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Mr. Karl Borglum, Borough Assessor
Ms. Sandy Garley, Planning Chief
Mr. Ron Swanson, Community Development Director
Mr. Kevin Koechlein, Public Safety Director

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There was no objection to the agenda as presented.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Assemblymember Simpson.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

- A. Regular Assembly Meeting: March 7, 2000
- B. Special Assembly Meeting: March 7, 2000

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved for approval of the March 7, 2000, regular and special assembly meeting minutes.

Assemblymember DeVilbiss:

- March 7, 2000, regular assembly meeting, page two, under Minutes of Preceding Minutes, his correction to the February 15, 2000, assembly meeting minutes, he questioned the language. [Further clerk research changed to read: "Assemblymember DeVilbiss stated that he had previously declared a conflict of interest on this parcel; he further stated that he [IS] no longer [AN APPLICANT AND HAS NO INTEREST IN THE PARCEL PROPERTY] needs access that runs through the applicant's property."]
- March 7, 2000, regular assembly meeting, page four, following the managers report, he made a statement of non-support of the concept of affordable housing. [Clerk research inserted the statement: "Assemblymember DeVilbiss stated for the record that he is not in favor of the affordable housing program."]
- March 7, 2000, regular assembly meeting, page five, regarding vehicle licensing funds, delete the word "not" to read: "[V]ehicle licensing tax funds [NOT] being spent on . . ."
- March 7, 2000, regular assembly meeting, page 15, sixth bullet, the resolution request was for access during emergencies. [Clerk research changed to reflect: Assemblymember DeVilbiss corrected the intent of his statement to read : "Requested that the borough manager draft a resolution in support of the Lazy Mountain Community Council Resolution regarding public access during fires.]

Ms. Dillon requested that Assemblymember DeVilbiss come to the office for research of the requested corrections.

(Assemblymembers Colberg and Kelly entered the meeting at 6:10 p.m.)

GENERAL CONSENT:

The motion passed without objection and the March 7, 2000, special assembly meeting minutes were approved as presented; and the March 7, 2000, regular assembly meeting minutes were approved pending clerk research.

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Report from cities

- Wasilla City Council Member Norm Fuller:
- Spoke in favor of Ordinance Serial No. 00-032, transfer of parks powers to the city of Wasilla.
 - Announced that the city approved the purchase for the Creekside Plaza old bank building to house the city police department.
 - Stated that the city will consider a water line extension westward from Alaska Industrial Hardware to Deska Street (past the Burchell Alternative School site).
 - Announced that the council has a special meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2000, to discuss paving LID projects.
 - Stated the city has several paving projects scheduled for this summer.

Assemblymember DeVilbiss inquired if the city's purchase of a building would negate the sharing of the proposed public safety building.

Council Member Fuller responded that the statement was correct, the city would not be sharing a facility.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

- Mr. Bill Cheeseman, Transportation Route Specialist II:
- Supported the district's request for a raised crosswalk over Bogard Road (between the Wasilla Middle School and Wasilla High School) and encouraged the assembly to insert it in the CIP program.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Committee on School Funding

(There was no report.)

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Scott:

- Referred to the Port MacKenzie/Hatcher Pass expenditure report.
- Stated that Mr. Steve Silver's (federal lobbyist) status report was received on March 9, 2000.
- Noted the correspondence from Mr. Ray Gillespie (state lobbyist) regarding the revenue sharing reduction of \$3.4 million.

- Commented on the Frontiersman article of March 10, 2000, stating that the second place for the worst road in the Valley is the Palmer-Wasilla Highway.
 - Referred to the Palmer Chamber of Commerce Resolution No. 00-007 supporting an enhancement to the Glenn Highway to four lanes from the Parks Highway interchange to the Old Glenn Highway intersection.
 - Stated that the tax assessment data provides a greater detail of the borough-assessed value.
 - Commented about the draft core area land use regulations plan.
 - Noted Mr. Bruce Urban's memo regarding the borough's possible future bid to host the Arctic Winter Games.
 - Referred to Mr. Swanson's memo referencing the asset management plan and public notices.
 - Spoke regarding the National Animal Control Association recommendations and action items report.
 - Stated that the status of the fire training facility/tower project planned for the Knik Fire Safety building area was attached to the manager's written report.
 - Referred to the MSB monthly newsletter attached to the manager's written report.
 - Announced that the Port MacKenzie project construction is expected to resume in May or June 2000.
 - Mentioned the Anchorage mayoral candidates' comments regarding the port.
 - Referred to the Alaska North Slope LNG Project letter.
 - Remarked about the Freedom Hills access road solution.
 - Spoke to the Wasilla City Resolution Serial No. 00-09 and the Wasilla Chamber of Commerce Resolution No. 00-03 in support of gravel surfaced pedestrian trails in the Lucille Creek vicinity (from Wasilla to Big Lake area).
 - Announced that a Vision 2020 Workshop is scheduled for April 1, 2000, from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Susitna Valley Jr./Sr. High School.
 - Referred to the appeal withdrawal regarding the Upper Susitna Senior Center.
 - Stated that the borough received notice that Talkeetna has filed a city incorporation amended petition and that the Local Boundary Commission has accepted the filing.
 - Noted the report from Mr. Gillespie regarding legislative matters.
- Discussion followed.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Gatti:

- Commented on the state legislative bill that would restrict the assembly's ability to consolidate service areas without a vote, and suggested that the delegation traveling to Juneau may wish to inquire about its status.

Mr. Scott responded that HB133, service area changes, has moved through senate committees, that Senator Kelly, chairman of the Senate Rules Committee, has agreed to review the bill, and that the borough's position is in opposition.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. Dillon:

- Requested that the manager check on HB 155, which adjusts redistricting time frames after the federal census, while in Juneau.
- Provided a three-month assembly meetings schedule.
- Stated that the agenda for joint assembly/planning meeting is attached to the clerk's written report.
- Announced that the community council plenary meeting is scheduled on April 13, 2000, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and explained the meeting process.
- Requested that the assembly pull AM No. 00-031, field testing for Teeland Middle School and core area elementary school, because a bid appeal has been received.
- Remarkd that the tracking report is attached to the clerk's written report and requested updates.

Discussion followed.

Assemblymember Colberg requested status reports on the Skwentna area sanitary fill RFP and the use of credit cards to pay property taxes.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:
 - a. Historic Preservation Commission - 01/07/00
 - b. Library Board - 02/19/00
 - c. Planning Commission - 02/17/00
 - d. Platting Board - 02/17/00, 03/02/00
 - e. Port Commission - 12/13/99

2. Community Council Correspondence:
 - a. Lazy Mountain Community Council - 01/13/00, 02/10/00
 - b. Talkeetna Community Council - 02/07/00

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

(There were no informational memorandums presented.)

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTION

1. Ordinance Serial No. 00-046: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$300,000 FROM THE WASILLA LAKES FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE, FUND 250, TO THE FIRE SERVICE AREA CAPITAL PROJECT FUND 405, PROJECT 10140, TO PURCHASE LAND FROM THE CITY OF WASILLA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WASILLA PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING. IM No. 00-050

2. Ordinance Serial No. 00-047: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$10,482,280 TO FUND 400, SCHOOL PROJECTS, FOR THE PURPOSES AS IDENTIFIED AND APPROVED IN THE JUNE 1998 BOND ISSUE. IM No. 00-053

3. Ordinance Serial No. 00-048: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING MSB 15.24.030(B)(16), SUTTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. IM No. 00-056

Ms. Dillon read the above-referenced legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Holmes moved for introduction of the above-referenced legislation and set for public hearing on April 4, 2000.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

- (AM No. 00-031 was pulled from the consent agenda as a result of a received bid appeal.)
- a. AM No. 00-030: BOROUGH BUILDING RENEWAL AND REPLACEMENT PROJECT, FISCAL YEAR 2000.
 - c. AM No. 00-032: AWARD OF BID NO. 00-095, DSJ BOROUGH ADMINISTRATION BUILDING REPAINTING AND FENCE REPLACEMENT.
 - d. AM No. 00-033: EXTENSION OF SCHOOL SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE TERMS.

Ms. Dillon read the above-referenced consent agenda items into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Holmes moved for approval of the above-referenced consent agenda items.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

1. RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution Serial No. 00-019: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHANGES TO TITLE 18, SECTION 70, OF THE ALASKA STATUTES. IM No. 00-054

MOTION: Assemblymember Holmes moved for approval of Resolution Serial No. 00-019.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Scott stated that as the bill moves forward, language reflecting that the borough's interest cannot be impaired or access diminished during an emergency must stay within the bill.

Mr. Gatti noted that proposed position statements on state legislation should be accompanied by a sectional analysis.

Discussion continued.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

C. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Salmon made the following recommendations:

Local Emergency Planning Committee
Mr. Dale Adams, city of Houston position
Mr. Paul Gangstad, Alaska Railroad position

Mayor Salmon requested approval of the following confirmations:
Agricultural and Forestry Advisory Board

Mr. Art Petersen, Upper Susitna Soils & Water Conservation District position
Bid Review Committee
Mr. Daniel Jacobson
Caswell Road Service Area No. 15 board of supervisors
Mr. Ron Wilson
Meadow Lakes Fire Service Area No. 34 board of supervisors
Mr. A. Lee Himes

MOTION: Assemblymember Holmes moved for approval of the above-referenced confirmations.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

D. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

(There was no other new business.)

XI. VETO

A. Resolution Serial No. 00-018: A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN ACTING MANAGER FOR THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH. IM No. 00-052

(There was no action on the mayoral veto of Resolution Serial No. 00-018 issued March 14, 2000.)

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(There was no executive session.)

The regular assembly meeting recessed at 6:45 p.m. and reconvened at 7 p.m.

VII. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

(There were no persons to be heard.)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Ordinance Serial No. 00-014: AN ORDINANCE CREATING ZAKANDRA

CIRCLE ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 296, APPROVING THE IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT, AND ASSESSING EQUALLY AMONG THE PROPERTIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT THE COSTS OF THE IMPROVEMENT. IM No. 00-025

Mayor Salmon opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kelly moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 00-014.

Ms. Clayton gave a staff report.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

2. Ordinance Serial No. 00-015: AN ORDINANCE CREATING AGATE LANE ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 298, APPROVING

THE IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT, AND ASSESSING EQUALLY AMONG THE PROPERTIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT THE COSTS OF THE IMPROVEMENT. IM No. 00-026

Mayor Salmon opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Turner moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 00-015.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion failed unanimously. (The assembly may not proceed with the improvement unless ballots approving the local improvement district are timely filed by owners of the property bearing more than one-half of the estimated cost of the improvement. The LID received 26 percent in favor.)

3. Ordinance Serial No. 00-016: AN ORDINANCE CREATING FINGER LAKE SOUTH VIEW ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 299, APPROVING THE IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT, AND ASSESSING EQUALLY AMONG THE PROPERTIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT THE COSTS OF THE IMPROVEMENT. IM No. 00-027

Mayor Salmon opened the public hearing.

The following spoke in favor of the ordinance: Mr. George Nelson, Ms. Cynthia Nelson, Mr. Jack Simpson, and Ms. JoAnn Collins.

There being no others wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 00-016.

Discussion followed.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

4. Ordinance Serial No. 00-023: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE LEASE OF BOROUGH-OWNED LAND DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF THE SE1/4 SOUTH OF THE POINT MACKENZIE ROAD, SECTION 22, T14N, R4W,

SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, FOR LESS THAN FAIR MARKET VALUE TO MATANUSKA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, LOCATED IN THE POINT MACKENZIE AREA, MSB003014. IM NO. 00-008

Mayor Salmon opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 00-023.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

5. Ordinance Serial No. 00-024: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF TITLE 25, ELECTIONS. IM NO. 00-034

Mayor Salmon opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Holmes moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 00-024.

Assemblymember Turner voiced support for the additional time allowed to correct a deficiency of a declaration of candidacy.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

6. Ordinance Serial No. 00-025: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500 FROM ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR TRAVEL TO A COASTAL DISTRICT WORKSHOP.

a. Resolution Serial No. 00-012: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET OF \$500 FOR THE COASTAL DISTRICT WORKSHOP. IM NO. 00-036

Mayor Salmon opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Holmes moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 00-025 and Resolution Serial No. 00-012.

Discussion followed.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

7. Ordinance Serial No. 00-026: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CLASSIFICATION OF "GENERAL PURPOSE LANDS" AND SALE AT FAIR MARKET VALUE OF BOROUGH-OWNED LAND DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF SECTION 4, T16N, R5W, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, LOCATED WEST OF THE BIG LAKE AREA. (MSB002932) IM No. 00-039

Mayor Salmon opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 00-026.

Assemblymember DeVilbiss questioned the parcel access.

Mr. Swanson responded that the parcel access is directly from the lake or from the Little Susitna River.

Discussion followed.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

8. Ordinance Serial No. 00-027: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CLASSIFICATION OF "GENERAL PURPOSE LANDS" AND SALE OF BOROUGH-OWNED LAND DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF TRACT A, LOCATED IN TRACT F, ACCORDING TO PLAT NO. 80-129, SECTION 9, T16N, R4W, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, LOCATED IN THE BIG LAKE AREA. MSB002881, 002940, AND 002941. IM No. 00-040

Mayor Salmon opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 00-027.

Mr. Swanson gave a staff report regarding access.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion passed with Assemblymember Simpson opposed.

9. Ordinance Serial No. 00-028: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A "GENERAL PURPOSE LANDS" CLASSIFICATION AND SALE OF BOROUGH-OWNED LAND DESCRIBED AS GLOTS 1 AND 2, NW1/4NE1/4, SECTION 16, T19N, R4W, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, LOCATED IN THE WILLOW AREA (MSB002947). IM No. 00-041

Mayor Salmon opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Holmes moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 00-028.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

10. Ordinance Serial No. 00-029: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CLASSIFICATION OF "GENERAL PURPOSE LANDS" AND SALE OF BOROUGH-OWNED LAND DESCRIBED AS A PORTION OF SECTION 19, T25N, R4W, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, LOCATED IN THE TALKEETNA AREA. (MSB002937 AND 002970) IM No. 00-043

Mayor Salmon opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Holmes moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 00-029.

Discussion followed.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

11. Ordinance Serial No. 00-030: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING MSB 15.24.030(B)(16), THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH RECREATIONAL TRAIL PLAN. IM No. 00-047 and IM No. 00-063

Mayor Salmon opened the public hearing.

Mr. Swanson gave a staff report.

The following spoke in favor of the ordinance: Mr. John Luster (Mat-Su Trails Council President), Ms. Bernadette Rupright (Wasilla City Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman), Mr. Frank Johnson, Mr. Ed Brittingham, Mr. Glenn Merritt, Mr. Bill O'Hara

(Big Lake Community Council President), Ms. Michelle Church (Friends of Mat-Su Vice President), Mr. Wes Hamrick, Mr. Austin Helmers, and Ms. Lisa Ameen.

Ms. Dana Olson stated that there may be more than one "Funky Trail" recognized by the Trapper Creek area residents and it is not well defined; she provided a map showing the route.

There being no others wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Holmes moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 00-030.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Swanson stated that the recreational trail plan will be constantly updated and items added as necessary.

Discussion continued on the intent to keep trails way from residential areas and creating a beltway around the core area.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

The regular assembly meeting recessed at 8:05 p.m. and reconvened at 8:18 p.m.

12. Ordinance Serial No. 00-031: AN ORDINANCE TO CLASSIFY AS "RESERVE USE LANDS" TRACTS B AND C, SECTION 25 AND TRACTS C AND D, SECTION 26, T26N, R6W, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, INCLUDING THE 40-ACRE TRAPPER CREEK SCHOOL SITE AND APPROXIMATELY 200 ACRES SURROUNDING THE SCHOOL SITE, PETERSVILLE ROAD AREA, MSB002542. IM No. 00-048

Mayor Salmon opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Holmes moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 00-031.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Swanson gave a staff report.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

13. Ordinance Serial No. 00-032: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE DELEGATION OF PARKS AND RECREATIONAL POWERS TO A CITY; DELEGATING SUCH POWERS TO THE CITY OF WASILLA FOR CERTAIN PARKS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES WITHIN ITS BOUNDARIES; AMENDING MSB 1.10.120, (PARKS AND RECREATION); AND ADOPTING SECTIONS MSB 1.10.122 (DELEGATION OF A PORTION OF PARKS AND RECREATIONAL POWERS TO THE CITY OF WASILLA), AND MSB 1.10.123, (RELINQUISHMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATIONAL POWERS BY THE CITY OF WASILLA). IM No. 00-049

Mayor Salmon opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kelly moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 00-032.

Discussion followed.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

14. Resolution Serial No. 00-013: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM/TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FY 2001-2006. IM No. 00-044

Mayor Salmon opened the public hearing.

Ms. Melonna Miles spoke in support of adding a raised pedestrian crossing between Wasilla Middle and Wasilla High Schools to the CIP, and read a letter from Wasilla Middle School Principal Bob Thompson in support.

Mr. Bill O'Hara (Big Lake Community Council President) spoke in favor of the Big Lake Road Realignment's placement as a higher priority.

There being no others wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Holmes moved for adoption of Resolution Serial No. 00-013.

Discussion followed.

Mr. Scott stated that the overpass issue is included in the CIP as number 11, and also included in the generic number 4.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

(See reconsideration below.)

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

(There was no audience participation.)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Hatcher Pass (postponed from the March 21, 2000, special meeting)

Assemblymember Colberg requested that a statement be placed in the joint venture agreement that local funding through taxpayer monies will not be used for the project.

Mr. Gatti stated that those items discussed can be included in a legal analysis of the joint venture agreement.

X. RECONSIDERATION

14. Resolution Serial No. 00-013: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM/TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FY 2001-2006. IM No. 00-044

MOTION: Assemblymember Kelly moved to reconsider Resolution Serial No. 00-013.

VOTE: The motion passed with Assemblymembers Holmes, DeVilbiss, and Simpson opposed.

PREVIOUS MOTION: Assemblymember Holmes moved for adoption of Resolution Serial No. 00-013.

Discussion followed.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kelly moved a primary amendment to the CIP (page 11) to realign projects by inserting item number 6, Palmer-Wasilla Highway Extension (including separated pathway), to item number 4, thereby moving all remaining items down by one number.

Discussion followed.

VOTE: The motion failed with Assemblymembers Kelly and Colberg in favor.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kelly moved a primary amendment to the CIP (page 11) to insert "Wasilla Couplet" as item number nine and insert as item number 9.

Discussion followed.

MOTION: Assemblymember Holmes moved a secondary amendment to delete "Wasilla Couplet" as item number nine and insert as item number 42 (page 12) and insert the words "(study only)."

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed with Assemblymember Kelly opposed.

VOTE: The primary amendment, as amended, passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kelly moved a primary amendment to the CIP (page 13) to insert item number 11, Wasilla High and Middle Schools Bogard Road Crossing Improvements, as number 4, and move all other projects down one number.

MOTION: Assemblymember Turner moved a secondary amendment to insert item number 11, Wasilla High and Middle Schools Bogard Road Crossing Improvements, as item number 8.

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Jansen and Simpson opposed.

VOTE: The primary amendment, as amended, passed with Assemblymembers Jansen and Simpson opposed.

Discussion continued.

.GENERAL CONSENT: The main motion, as amended, passed without objection.

XIII. MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Assemblymember DeVilbiss:

- Requested administration to write a letter to the state, with assembly concurrence, thanking them for extending the public comment period on the preference right to

purchase state land and offering to have a public hearing or open house with the Butte Community Council. There was no objection.

Assemblymember Jansen:

- Announced that she is looking forward to the next Knik ARM study draft.

Assemblymember Turner:

- Stated that the vote on the question of a sales tax should be held after the tax cap initiative vote in November.
- Commented that he is sympathetic to the reasons for the tax cap initiative and requested a comparison projection over several years between the full value assessment and limiting increases in valuation to a maximum of 2 percent per year as proposed in the initiative.

Discussion followed regarding the 2 percent provision in the initiative.

Assemblymember Kelly:

- Remarkd that the comprehensive plan appears to be a low priority, and stated that he believes the plan needs to be reviewed regularly.

Assemblymember Colberg:

- Commented that the MOA is discussing the possibility of restricting or eliminating the Turpin sanitary waste dump site because of new construction, which would affect this borough.
- Remarkd that the borough should allow people to subdivide without requiring roads and have the borough stipulate, on the recorded plat, that future roads in the subdivided area will not be constructed with public funds.

Assemblymember Simpson:

- Stated that she appreciates staff assistance.
- Requested that information items on special meeting agendas be available to the public.
- Expressed pleasure that the asset management plan is starting in the Big Lake area and that the trails plan passed.
- Suggested a joint meeting with the Anchorage assembly to discuss shared issues.
- Wished the assembly members a good trip to Juneau.

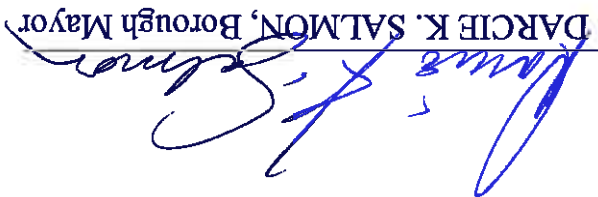
Mayor Salmon:

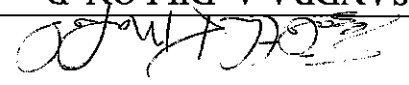
- Commented that he and the manager have strived to keep Anchorage mayoral candidates informed about port project activities.
- Congratulated the staff on the trails plan effort.
- Concurred that the borough comprehensive plan update should be a high priority.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular assembly meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

ATTEST:


DARCIE K. SALMON, Borough Mayor


SANDRA A. DILLON, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved April 4, 2000.