

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on May 9, 2009, at the Majestic Valley Wilderness Lodge. The meeting was called to order at 10:26 a.m. by Deputy Mayor Lynne Woods.

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. Cindy L. Bettine, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Robert Wells, Assembly District No. 6 (*arrived at 10:35 a.m.*)
Mr. Tom Kluberton, Assembly District No. 7

Assembly members absent and excused were:

Mr. Mark Ewing, Assembly District No. 4

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Ms. Brenda J. Henry, Executive Assistant to the Borough Clerk

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Woods inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

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

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Rick Brenden, President of the Glacier View Community Council.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following person spoke regarding the Hicks Creek trail system: Mr. Rick Brenden, President of the Glacier View Community Council.

The following person spoke regarding her work with the Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority: Ms. Anna Von Reitz

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- A. ASSEMBLY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
- B. REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PLAN
- C. TRAILS AND TRAIL MANAGEMENT

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to enter into the Committee of the Whole.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the Assembly moved into the Committee of the Whole at 10:38 a.m.

(The Assembly recessed as following times during the Committee of the Whole: recessed at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12:03 p.m. and recessed at 12:40 p.m. and reconvened at 1:13 p.m.)

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to exit the Committee of the Whole.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the Assembly exited the Committee of the Whole at 2:16 p.m.

MOTION: Assemblymember Wells moved to direct staff to provide a technical amendment to the bed tax allocation during budget deliberations.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

(There was no one present who wished to speak.)

VIII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember Woods thanked the members of the Assembly for attending the meeting in her Assembly District.

Assemblymember Kluberton:

- spoke to the budget deliberations and the way that fund 265 gets allocated to the road service areas;
- spoke to the need for the road service area funds to be more equitable; and
- noted the funding issues for Caswell Lakes Road Service Area.

Mr. Duffy advised that he will review possible funding solutions for road service areas and provide to the Assembly during budget deliberations.

Discussion ensued regarding issues with funding road service areas and the mill rate.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- noted that the reason she has asked for a copy of the capital projects list was to find funds for projects that are completed; and
- stated that if the projects are completed they can be closed and those funds can be rolled into the budget.

Mr. Duffy stated that when a project is closed and there are funds remaining that those funds roll into the fund balance.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- noted that her intent for closing out projects that are complete is to put the funds remaining back into the budget to lower the mill rate;
- advised that she had heard that there is \$2 million in potential stimulus funds for the Borough; and
- queried if there were any other stimulus funds coming to the Borough.

Mr. Duffy:

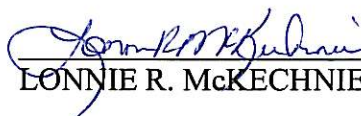
- stated that he was unaware of any stimulus funds coming to the Borough; and
- advised that he would look into this and get back with the Assembly.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.


LYNNE WOODS, Deputy Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 06/16/09