

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on May 9, 2013, at the Borough School District Administration Building, 501 N. Gulkana Street, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 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*)
Mr. Steve 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
Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Borough Clerk
Ms. Brenda J. Henry, Assistant Clerk
Mr. George Hays, Assistant Borough Manager
Mr. Dennis Brodigan, Emergency Services Director
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Mr. Stefan Hinman, Media Design Specialist
Ms. Cheyenne Heindel, Financial Analyst
Ms. Eileen Probasco, Planning and Land Use Director
Ms. Shannon Post, Chief Information Officer
Mr. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director
Mr. Don Dyer, Economic Development Director

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor DeVilbiss queried 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. George Hayes, Assistant Borough Manager.

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. DELIBERATIONS AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET

- A. Ordinance Serial No. 13-013: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONIES FROM THE CENTRAL TREASURY FOR THE BOROUGH OPERATING FUNDS, ENTERPRISE FUNDS, EDUCATION OPERATING FUND, AND CAPITAL FUNDS AND ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF LEVY FOR ALL BOROUGH FUNCTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2013, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2014.

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to postpone budget deliberations to a time certain of May 14, 2013, at 6 p.m.

Assemblymember Arvin:

- stated that he moved for postponement because the budget analyst is not present;
- spoke to the work he has been doing with the analyst with respect to the budget;
- stated that his work is far reaching and has implications as to where the funds are coming from and where they are to be committed;
- noted that there are impacts to other amendments being proposed; and
- requested support of the body for postponement.

Assemblymember Keogh:

- stated that he does not oppose postponement; and
- requested more information as to what might be expected.

Assemblymember Arvin:

- noted that it would take the entire Assembly to postpone a meeting;
- stated that it was his wish to postpone the meeting without everyone having to appear this evening;
- stated that could not be accomplished without violating the Open Meetings Act;
- advised that there are capital improvement funds that date back to 2004 and 2010, that need to be reviewed;
- related that there appears to not be a lot of attention at this time as to how to expend those funds;
- advised that he is looking to allocate those funds, which could be up to \$1,000,000;
- noted that there are a number of different accounts within a number of different departments that are being looked at;
- stated his desire to have the analyst present when those items are explained in order to ensure the intent is properly communicated;
- spoke to other amendments that are technical in nature that he would also like to have the analyst present to explain; and
- noted that the analyst was hired as a technical advisor and he would like him present.

Assemblymember Woods:

- stated that he would appreciate moving the meeting to Tuesday;
- agreed that he would like to have the budget analyst present; and
- spoke in support of postponing the meeting.

VOTE: The motion to postpone passed without objection.

VI. VETO

A. MOTION TO OVERRIDE ANY POSSIBLE MAYORAL VETO ON FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET ITEMS (ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 13-013)

(There were no vetoes presented.)

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following person spoke regarding the need for advance information for the public regarding the budget: Ms. Patricia Rosnel.

The following person spoke regarding the ways the Mat-Su Convention and Visitors Bureau is promoting tourism: Ms. Bonnie Quill.

VIII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Moosey:

- spoke to an upcoming meeting at the Legislative Information Office with the Valley Delegation and other professionals to discuss fish issues for 2013;
- related that that at the meeting there will be discussion as to how funds from the Legislature will be allocated;
- stated that the meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2013, at 9 a.m.; and
- noted that the meeting has been advertised that there may be a quorum of the Assembly present.

Assemblymember Keogh:

- stated that he was surprised, but understands the rationale for postponing the meeting;
- spoke to the two amendment packets that are before the Assembly; and
- requested that the packets and future amendments be combined into a single packet for the next meeting.

Mayor DeVilbiss noted his agreement.

Ms. McKechnie:

- advised that it would not be a problem to combine them into a single packet;
- spoke to how the packets are compiled; and
- stated that she would paginate the packet in order for the members to move the amendments easily.

Assemblymember Halter stated that the Trapper Creek Community Center does not need to be funded, as the project is well on its way.


Assemblymember Arvin:

- thanked the body for supporting postponement;
- spoke to the efforts made to not bring everyone to the meeting this evening; and
- opined that Tuesday will be productive.

Mr. Spiropoulos related that Deputy Borough Attorney John Aschenbrenner turns 50 tomorrow.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.


LARRY DeVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 05/21/13