

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on May 10, 2010, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Lynne Woods for the purpose of budget deliberations (Ordinance Serial No. 10-010).

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 (*via teleconference*)
Mr. Ron Arvin, Assembly District No. 3
Mr. Mark Ewing, Assembly District No. 4
Ms. Cindy L. Bettine, 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 Duffy, Borough Manager
Ms. Elizabeth Gray, Assistant Borough Manager
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Ms. Cheryl D. Marino, Deputy Borough Clerk
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Ms. Shaune O'Neil, Public Works Director
Mr. Dennis Brodigan, Emergency Services Director
Ms. Christine Nelson, Planning and Land Use Director
Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director
Mr. Dave Hanson, Economic Development Director
Ms. Sharon Huckins, Administrative Secretary
Ms. Joell Church, Records Management Officer

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. George Troxel, Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District Superintendent.

V. BUDGET DELIBERATIONS (Three minutes per person)

- A. Ordinance Serial No. 10-010: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONIES FROM THE CENTRAL TREASURY FOR THE BOROUGH OPERATING FUNDS, EDUCATION OPERATING FUND, ENTERPRISE FUNDS, AND CAPITAL FUNDS, AND ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF LEVY FOR ALL BOROUGH FUNCTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2010, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2011.

(CLERKS NOTE: Assemblymember Houston was in and out of the meeting via telephone)

Amendment No. 18

Port Enterprise Fund: Port (520.000.000) (Tab L)

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to the Port Enterprise Fund, by striking \$200,000 department wide, with the account cuts to be determined by Administration.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a secondary amendment by striking \$200,000 and inserting \$100,000 in its place.

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

VOTE: The motion to stop debate passed without objection.

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed as amended without objection.

Mr. Lewis Madden provided a presentation regarding the M/V Susitna.

(Assemblymember Colver exited the meeting at 8:31 p.m. and reentered the meeting at 8:34 p.m.)

(The meeting recessed at 8:35 p.m. and reconvened at 8:42 p.m.)

(Assemblymember Houston had exited the meeting by this time.)

Amendment No. 11

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Halter moved a primary amendment to the Areawide, Capital Projects, Community Development, Parks and Outdoor Recreation, by amending Hatcher Pass Nordic Ski Development (Phase I) by striking \$200,000 and inserting \$0 in its place.

WITHDRAW: Assemblymember Halter moved to withdraw primary amendment no. 11.

There was no objection noted.

Amendment No. 1

Areawide: Assembly (100.100.101.411.100 & 100.100.101.412.100 – 700) (Tab B, Assembly, Page 19)

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Woods moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Assembly, Permanent Wages and Benefits as follows to increase the Deputy Mayor's compensation:

- 100.100.101.411.100, Salaries, by striking \$94,900 and inserting in its place \$96,400, for an increase of \$1,500;
- 100.100.101.412.300, Medicare, by striking \$1,377 and inserting in its place \$1,398, for an increase of \$21;
- 100.100.101.412.400, Retirement Contribution, by striking \$26,535 and inserting in its place \$26,954, for an increase of \$419;
- 100.100.101.412.600, Workers Compensation, by striking \$1,087 and inserting in its place \$1,104, for an increase of \$17; and
- 100.100.101.412.700, SBS Contribution, by striking \$5,818 and inserting in its place \$5,910 for an increase of \$92.

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

VOTE: The motion to stop debate passed without objection.

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

Amendment Nos. 2 and 3

Areawide: Planning and Land Use and Platting (100.130.130.413.500 and 100.130.131.413.500) (Tab B, Page 67 and 69)

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Woods moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Planning, Meeting Compensation, by striking \$12,000 and inserting \$31,500, for an increase of \$19,500, for the Planning Commission's meeting compensation and to amend the Areawide Fund, Platting, Meeting Compensation, by striking \$10,000 and inserting \$17,500, for an increase of \$7,500, for the Platting Board's meeting compensation.

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

VOTE: The motion to stop debate passed without objection.

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

Amendment No. 14

Road Service Areas: Knik Road Service Area No. 17 (Tab H, Page 40)

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to Road Service Areas, Knik Road Service Area No. 17 by striking the mill rate 3.32 and inserting 2.75 in its place.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a secondary amendment to Road Service Areas, Knik Road Service Area No. 17:

- 274.000.000.311.100, Real Property Taxes, by striking \$2,197,800 and inserting \$1,877,000 in its place for a decrease of \$320,800;
- 274.000.000.311.200, Personal Property Taxes, by striking \$1,500 and inserting \$1,200 in its place for a decrease of \$300; and
- 274.000.000.446.400, Transfer to Capital, by striking \$930,000 and inserting \$855,194 in its place for a decrease of \$74,806.

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed as amended without objection.

Ms. McKechnie queried if the Assembly would like to schedule an additional budget meeting.

Deputy Mayor Woods asked if there was objection to scheduling a special meeting regarding the fiscal year 2011 budget on May 18, 2010, at 3 p.m.

There was no objection noted.

Deputy Mayor Woods queried if there was objection to continuing deliberations on Ordinance Serial No. 10-010 to May 12, 2010, at 6 p.m.

There was no objection noted.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following person spoke to the need to increase the pay of Emergency Services volunteers and in support of the proposed Animal Care and Regulation positions within the fiscal year 2011 budget: Ms. Rhonda Weinrick.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

(There were no comments provided.)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

ATTEST:


TALIS J. COLBERG, Borough Mayor


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 06/15/10