

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on May 11, 2009, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Lynne Woods for the purpose of continued budget deliberations (Ordinance Serial No. 09-009).

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
Mr. Mark Ewing, Assembly District No. 4
Ms. Cindy L. Bettine, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Robert Wells, Assembly District No. 6
Mr. Tom Kluberton, Assembly District No. 7 (*arrived at 6:08 p.m.*)

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Mr. Nick Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Ms. Brenda J. Henry, Executive Assistant to the Borough Clerk
Mr. Keith Rountree, Public Works Director
Mr. Dennis Brodigan, Emergency Services Director
Ms. Linda Brenner, Community Development Director
Mr. Mark Mayo, Planning and Land Use Director
Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Ms. Cheyenne Heindel, Financial Analyst
Mr. Robert Haskell, Chief Animal Care and Regulation Officer
Mr. Dave Hanson, Economic Development Director

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 Ms. Karen Harris, President of the Board for Mat-Su Convention and Visitors Bureau.

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS (budget deliberations)

A. ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2010 BUDGET

1. Ordinance Serial No. 09-009: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONIES FROM THE CENTRAL TREASURY FOR THE BOROUGH OPERATING FUNDS, ENTERPRISE FUNDS AND CAPITAL FUNDS AND ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF LEVY FOR ALL BOROUGH FUNCTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2009, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2010.

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Bettine moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 09-009, appropriating monies from the central treasury for the Borough operating funds, enterprise funds, and capital fund and establishing the rate of levy for all Borough functions for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved the technical amendments as presented by Administration.

- Page B-13, 100-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$1,069,824, (increase) for an adjusted amount of \$1,069,824.
- Page D-9, 200-000-000-449-200, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$115,102 (increase), for an adjusted amount of \$115,102.
- Page E-3, 202-00-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$8,021 (increase), for an adjusted amount of \$8,021.
- Page F-7, 203-00-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$53,962 (decrease), for an adjusted amount of \$53,962.
- Page G-13, 249-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$7,864 (increase), for an adjusted amount of \$7,864.
- Page G-21 250-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$56,819 (increase), for an adjusted amount of \$56,819.
- Page G-33, 251-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$1,185 (increase), for an adjusted amount of \$1,185.
- Page G-41, 253-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$768 (increase), for an adjusted amount of \$768.
- Page G-47, 254-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$526 (increase), for an adjusted amount of \$526.
- Page G-67, 258-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$480 (increase), for an adjusted amount of \$480.
- Page H-6, 265-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$56,894 (increase), for an adjusted amount of \$56,894.
- Page I-7, 291-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$1,039 (increase), for an adjusted amount of \$1,039.
- Page K-3, 510-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$72,725

(increase), for an adjusted amount of \$72,725.

- L-3, 520-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$14,152 (increase), for an adjusted amount of \$14,152.
- B-15, 100-000-000-348-100, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$1,050,000, amended by \$(262,500) (decrease), for an adjusted amount of \$787,500.
- N-1, 100-000-000-446-400, Transfer to – Fund 480 (MSCVB): proposed at \$735,000, amended by \$(223,125) (decrease), for an adjusted amount of \$511,875.
- N-1, 100-000-000-446-400, Transfer to – Fund 480 (Tourism Infrastructure): proposed at \$315,000, amended by \$(39,375) (decrease), for an adjusted amount of \$275,625.
- G-13, 249-000-000-342-400, Building Rental: proposed at \$7,600, amended by \$12,200 (increase), for an adjusted amount of \$19,800.
- B-19, 100-100-101-412-400, Retirement Contribution – DB Plan: proposed at \$13,412, amended by \$15,647 (increase), for an adjusted amount of \$29,059.
- B-41, 100-110-104-412-400, Retirement Contribution – DB Plan: proposed at \$7,616, amended by \$2,794 (increase), for an adjusted amount of \$10,410.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 1a

Education Operating - (204.000.000)(Tab J, Page 2)

MOTION: Assemblymember Church moved a primary amendment to accept the Manager's proposed budget for the School District, for education funding in the amount of \$46,108,048.

(This special meeting recessed at 6:55 p.m. and reconvened at 7:04 p.m.)

MOTION: Assemblymember Houston moved a secondary amendment to strike \$46,108,048 and insert in its place \$45,097,365.

VOTE: The secondary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Houston, Ewing, and Bettine in favor.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 1b

Capital Projects - Wasilla-Lakes FSA (250-000-000-446.400) (Tab N, page 5)

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Training Complex Water Lines Tower Pad Preparation, by striking the amount of \$830,000 and insert \$0, for a decrease of \$830,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 2

Road Service Areas – Fairview RSA No. 14 (Fund 271) (Tab H, Page 22-26)

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to Fairview RSA No. 14, as follows:

- by striking the mil levy 1.66 and inserting 1.51, for a decrease of .15;
- (311-100), by striking \$629,000 and inserting \$572,200 for a decrease of \$56,800; and
- (446-400), by striking \$195,941 and inserting \$139,141 for a decrease of \$56,800.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 3

Road Service Area - Knik RSA No. 17 (Fund 274) (Tab H, Page 40-43)

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to the Knik RSA No. 17, as follows:

- by striking the mill levy 3.02 and inserting 2.75, for a decrease of .27;
- (311.100), by striking \$2,015,100 and inserting \$1,835,000 for a decrease of \$180,100;
- (311.200), by striking \$1,400 and inserting \$1,200 for a decrease of \$200; and
- (446.400), by striking \$655,816 and inserting \$475,516 for a decrease of \$180,300.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 4

Road Service Area – Big Lake RSA No. 21 (Fund 277) (Tab H, Page 58-61)

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to the Big Lake RSA No. 21 as follows:

- by striking the mill levy 2.86 and inserting 2.57, for a decrease of .29;
- (311.100), by striking \$1,111,200 and inserting \$998,500, for a decrease of \$112,700;
- (311.200), by striking \$600 and inserting \$500 for a decrease of \$100; and
- (446.400), by striking \$40,116 and inserting \$0 for a decrease of \$46,116.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kluberton moved a primary amendment to change the allocations for road service areas (fund 265) to 50 percent maintenance and 50 percent capital (striking allocation by road miles).

MOTION: Assemblymember Houston moved a secondary amendment to strike “50 percent of capital and insert in its place “50 percent mileage.”

VOTE: The secondary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Houston, Kluberton, and Church in favor.

(The special meeting recessed at 9:00 p.m. and reconvened at 9:13 p.m.)

MOTION: Assemblymember Kluberton moved to postpone the amendment to change allocation of road funding to the end of the budget deliberations.

VOTE: The motion to postpone passed with Assemblymembers Ewing and Wells opposed.

Amendment No. 5

Capital Projects - Road Service Area Capital Projects (265-000-000-446-500) (Tab N, Page 2)

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Skid Steer with Attachments, by striking the amount of \$125,000 and insert \$0, for a decrease of \$125,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 6a

Road Service Areas - Administration (265-000-000) (Tab H, Page 7-9)

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to amend the Road Service Areas, Administration, by reducing the budgeted expenditures in fund 265 by \$37,803.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Wells, Ewing, and Bettine in support.

Amendment No. 6b

Non-Areawide – Economic Development (200.100.114.429.900)(Tab D, Page 15)

MOTION: Assemblymember Ewing moved a primary amendment to the non-areawide fund, Economic Development, by striking \$85,000 and insert in its place \$75,000, for a

decrease of \$10,000, to eliminate funding for Mat-Su Resource Conservation and Development Council.

MOTION: Assemblymember Wells moved a secondary amendment by striking \$75,000 and insert in its place \$80,000, for a increase of \$5,000.

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Ewing and Church opposed.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed as amended with Assemblymember Church opposed.

MOTION: Assemblymember Ewing moved to continue the budget deliberations (Ordinance Serial No. 09-009 to a time certain of May 13, 2009.

VOTE: The motion to postpone to a time certain of May 13, 2009, passed without objection.

VIII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie:

- queried if the Assembly would like to cancel the May 19, 2009, meeting due to the lack of a quorum; and
- spoke to AM No. 09-036, regarding a vacation that would be automatically approved due to the meeting being cancelled.

There was no objection noted.

Assemblymember Wells noted that he is committed to a meeting on May 13, and will have to leave for a period of time, but stated that he plans to return to the Assembly meeting.

Assemblymember Ewing stated that he will be late for the May 13 meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

TALIS J. COLBERG, Borough Mayor

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 07/21/09