

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on May 12, 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. Brenda J. Henry, Executive Assistant to the 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. Shannon Shilman, OIT 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 Mr. Ken Slauson, West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors.

V. BUDGET DELIBERATIONS

- 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.

Amendment No. 19

Fire Service Area – Sutton FSA (253.000.000.311.100) (Tab G, Pages 42 and 43)

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to the Sutton Fire Service Area mill levy with a corresponding amendment to property tax revenues:

- Mill levy, by striking 3.71 and inserting in its place 3.55; and
- 253.000.000.311.100, Real Property Taxes, by striking \$154,300, and inserting in its place \$147,700, for a decrease of \$6,600.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 20, 21, and 23

Fire Service Area – Sutton FSA (253.000.000.424.100, 414.200, 414.400) (Tab G, Page 44)

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to the Fire Service Area Fund, Sutton FSA as follows:

- Electricity, by striking \$12,300 and inserting \$10,000, for a decrease of \$2,300;
- Expense Reimbursements Outside Borough, by striking \$1,000 and inserting \$0, or a decrease of \$1,000; and
- Travel Tickets, by striking \$2,000 and inserting \$0, for a decrease of \$2,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 23

Fire Service Area: Caswell FSA (248.000.000.311.100) (Tab G, Pages 6 & 7)

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved a primary amendment to the Caswell Fire Service Area mill levy with a corresponding amendment to property Tax revenues:

- Mill levy, by striking 3.19 and inserting in its place 3.00; and
- 248.000.000.311.100, Real Property Taxes, by striking \$223,600 and inserting its place \$210,300, for a decrease of \$13,300.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 24

Fire Service Area: West Lakes (249.000.000.411.400 and 412.100-700) (Tab G, Page 14)

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to the West Lakes Fire Service Area Fund, Nonemployee compensation and corresponding benefits as follows to decrease the total amount requested:

- 249.000.000.411.400, Nonemployee Compensation, by striking \$387,400 and inserting in its place \$206,400, for a decrease of \$181,000;
- 249.000.000.412.300, Medicare, by striking \$8,547 and inserting in its place \$5,923, for a decrease of \$2,624;
- 249.000.000.412.600, Workers Compensation, by striking \$45,118 and inserting in its place \$31,623, for a decrease of \$13,855 ; and
- 249.000.000.412.400, SBS Contribution, by striking \$36,132 and inserting in its place \$25,037 for a decrease of \$11,095.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 25

State Revenue Sharing Account (335.350)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to the State Revenue Sharing to increase it by \$1,800,000.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

Amendment No. 26, 27, and 28

Road Service Area –Alpine RSA (285.000.000) (Tab H, Pages 106 and 107)

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to the Road Service Area Fund, Alpine Road Service Area as follows:

- Mill levy, by striking 3.52 and inserting in its place 3.35;
- 285.000.000.311.100, Real Property Taxes, by striking \$212,000 and inserting in its place \$201,700, for a decrease of \$10,300;
- 285.000.000.425.300, Equipment Rental, by striking \$6,000 and inserting \$500 in its place, for a decrease of \$5,500; and
- 285.000.000.433.900, Other Supplies, by striking \$16,000 and inserting \$12,000 in its place, for a decrease of \$4,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 29

Road Service Area – Caswell Lakes RSA (272.000.000.311.100) (Tab H, Pages 28 & 29)

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved a primary amendment to the Caswell Lakes Road Service Area mill levy with a corresponding amendment to property tax revenues:

- Mill levy, by striking 4.37 and inserting in its place 4.11; and
- 272.000.000.311.100, Real Property Taxes, by striking \$477,800 and inserting in its place \$449,300, for a decrease of \$28,500.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 30

Road Service Area – South Colony RSA (273.000.000.311.100 & 273.000.000.311.200) (Tab H, Pages 34 & 35)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to the South Colony Road Service Area mill levy with a corresponding amendment to property tax revenues:

- Mill levy, by striking 1.87 and inserting in its place 1.50;
- 273.000.000.311.100, Real Property Taxes, by striking \$1,438,700 and inserting in its place \$1,154,100, for a decrease of \$284,600; and
- 273.000.000.311.200, Personal Property Taxes, by striking \$2,500 and inserting in its place \$2,000, for a decrease of \$500.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 31

Road Service Area – Gold Trails RSA (282.000.000.311.100 & 282.000.000.311.200) (Tab H, Pages 88 & 89)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to the Gold Trails Road Service Area mill levy with a corresponding amendment to property tax revenues:

- Mill levy, by striking 2.37 and inserting in its place 2.00;
- 282.000.000.311.100, Real Property Taxes, by striking \$1,536,200 and inserting in its place \$1,296,400, for a decrease of \$239,800; and
- 282.000.000.446.400, Personal Property Taxes, by striking \$533,000 and inserting in its place \$476,360, for a decrease of \$56,640.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 32

Road Service Area – Big Lake RSA (277.000.000.311.100 & 277.000.000.311.200) (Tab H, Pages 58 and 59)

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to the Big Lake Road Service area mill levy with a corresponding amendment to property tax revenues:

- Mill Levy, by striking 2.73 and inserting in its place 2.57;
- 277.000.000.311.100, Real Property Taxes, by striking \$1,075,700 and inserting in its place \$1,012,800, for a decrease of \$62,900; and
- 277.000.000.311.200, Personal Property Taxes, by striking \$700 and inserting in its place \$600, for a decrease of \$100.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 33

Areawide –Capital, Planning (Tab O, Page 1)

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Capital, Planning, Traffic Calming, by striking \$250,000 and inserting in its place \$0, for a decrease of \$250,000.

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved a secondary amendment by striking \$0 and inserting in its place \$50,000, for a decrease of \$200,000.

VOTE: The secondary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Halter and Arvin in favor.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a secondary amendment by striking \$0 and inserting in its place \$200,000, for a decrease of \$50,000.

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Halter, Ewing, and Arvin opposed.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed as amended with Assemblymembers Halter, Ewing, and Arvin opposed.

Amendment No. 34

Areawide –Capital, Public Works (Tab O, Page 3)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Capital, Public Works, by striking \$45,000 for Sport Utility Vehicle (Two).

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 35

Areawide –Capital, Public Works (Tab O, Page 3)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Capital, Public Works, by striking \$70,000 for F450 4-wheel Drive Extended Cab with Utility Box.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 36

Areawide – Capital, District 3 – Palmer Ambulance (Tab O, Page 5)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Capital, Palmer Ambulance, by striking \$100,000 for the facility improvement (Station 3-9).

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Colver, Ewing and Arvin in support.

Amendment No. 37

Areawide – Information Technology (100.115.121.411.100 & 100.115.121.100-700) (Tab B, Page 49)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to the Areawide fund, Information technology, permanent wages and benefits as follows to strike the new web developer position:

- 100.115.121.411.100, Salaries, by striking \$694,951 and inserting in its place \$634,819, for a decrease of \$60,132;
- 100.0115.121.412.100, Insurance Contribution, by striking \$217,250 and inserting in its place \$197,500 for a decrease of \$19,750;
- 100.115.121.412.200, Unemployment Contribution, by striking \$5,430 and inserting in its place \$5,069 for a decrease of \$361;
- 100.115.121.412.300, Medicare, by striking \$13,122 and inserting \$12,250 in its place for a decrease of \$872;
- 100.115.121.412.400, Retirement Contribution, by striking \$211,085 and inserting in its place \$194,272, for a decrease of \$16,813;
- 100.115.121.412.600, Workers Compensation, by striking \$10,358 and inserting in its place \$9,669, for a decrease of \$689; and
- 100.115.121.412.700, SBS Contribution, by striking \$55,474 and inserting in its place \$51,788 for a decrease of \$3,686.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Halter, Houston, and Woods in opposition.

Amendment No. 38

Areawide: Information Technology (100.115.121.429.900) (Tab B, Page 50)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to Areawide Fund, Information Technology, Other Contractual, by striking \$189,150 and inserting in its place \$118,335, for a decrease of \$70,815.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Bettine, Woods, and Houston opposed.

Amendment No. 39

Areawide: Information Technology (100.115.121.451.100) (Tab B, Page 50)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Information Technology, Equipment Over \$5,000, by striking \$346,800 and inserting \$242,500, for a decrease of \$104,300.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a secondary amendment by striking \$242,500 and inserting \$296,800, for a decrease of \$50,000.

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed as amended without objection.

(The special meeting recessed at 7:45p.m. and reconvened at 7:57p.m.)

Amendment No. 40

Areawide: Finance (100.120.120.411.100 & 100.120.120.412.100-700) (Tab B, Page 57)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to Areawide Fund, Finance, Permanent Wages and Benefits as follows to strike a total of \$76,505, the new financial analyst position:

- 100.120.120.411.100, Salaries, by striking \$223,890 and inserting in its place \$186,621, for a decrease of \$37,269;
- 100.120.120.412.100, Insurance Contribution, by striking \$55,300 and inserting in its place \$35,550, for a decrease of \$19,750;
- 100.120.120.412.200, Unemployment Compensation, by striking \$1,344 and inserting in its place \$1,120, for a decrease of \$224;
- 100.120.120.412.300, Medicare, by striking \$3,493 and inserting \$2,953 in its place, for a decrease of \$540;
- 100.120.120.412.400, Retirement Contribution, by striking \$64,557 and inserting in its place \$48,545, for a decrease of \$16,012;

- 100.120.120.412.600, Workers Compensation, by striking \$2,757 and inserting in its place \$426; and
- 100.120.120.412.700, SBS Contribution, by striking \$14,767 and inserting in its place \$12,483 for a decrease of \$2,284.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Colver and Ewing in support.

Amendment No. 41

Areawide: Purchasing (100.120.128.434.000) (Tab B, Page 62)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Purchasing, Computers under \$5,000, by striking \$8,000 and inserting in its place \$0, for a decrease of \$8,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 42

Areawide: Finance/Assessment (100.120.140.411.100 & 100.120.140.100-700) (Tab B, Page 63)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Finance/Assessment, Permanent Wages and Benefits as follows to strike a total of \$66,403, the new property conveyance record specialist position:

- 100.120.140.411.100, Salaries, by striking \$1,356,807 and inserting in its place \$1,322,824 for a decrease of \$33,983;
- 100.120.140.412.100, Insurance Contribution, by striking \$434,500 and inserting in its place \$414,750, for a decrease of \$19,750;
- 100.120.140.412.200, Unemployment Contribution, by striking \$8,648 and inserting in its place \$8,445, for a decrease of \$203;
- 100.120.140.412.300, Medicare, by striking \$20,899 and inserting in its place \$20,407 in its place, for a decrease of \$492;
- 100.120.140.412.400, Retirement Contribution, by striking \$389,010 and inserting in its place \$379,508, for a decrease of \$9,502;
- 100.120.140.412.600, Workers Compensation, by striking \$53,350 and inserting in its place \$52,961, for a decrease of \$389; and
- 100.120.140.412.700, SBS Contribution, by striking \$88,353 and inserting in its place \$86,269 for a decrease of \$2,084.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 43

Areawide: Planning (100.130.130.426.900) (Tab B, Page 68)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Planning, Other Professional, by striking \$80,000 and inserting in its place \$40,000 for a decrease of \$40,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 44

Areawide: Planning, Platting (100.130.131.411.300& 100.130.131.100-700) (Tab B, Page 69)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Planning/Platting, Overtime Wages and corresponding benefits for night meetings as follows:

- 100.130.131.411.300, Overtime Wages, by striking \$23,000 and inserting in its place \$5,000, for a decrease of \$18,000;
- 100.130.131.412.200, Unemployment Compensation, by striking \$2,613 and inserting in its place \$2,505, for a decrease of \$108;
- 100.130.131.412.300, Medicare, by striking \$6,315 and inserting in its place \$6,054 for a decrease of \$261;
- 100.130.131.412.400, Retirement Contribution, by striking \$121,763 and inserting in its place \$116,730, for a decrease of \$5,033;
- 100.130.131.412.600, Workers Compensation, by striking \$4,985 and inserting in its place \$4,779, for a decrease of \$206; and
- 100.130.131.412.700, SBS Contribution, by striking \$26,696 and inserting in its place \$25,592, for a decrease of \$1,104.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 45

Areawide: Planning/Cultural Resources (100.130.132) (Tab B, Page 71-73)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Planning/Cultural Resources, by striking 50,000 division wide, with the account cuts to be determined by administration.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Colver and Bettine in support.

Amendment No. 46

Areawide: Emergency Services (100.160.300.429.910) (Tab B, Page 102)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Emergency Services, Other Contractual Capital, by striking \$200,000 and inserting \$0 in its place, for a decrease of \$200,000 for building rental.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Woods and Houston opposed.

Amendment No. 47

Areawide: Emergency Services Administration (100.160.300.414.400)(Tab B, Page 101)

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Emergency Services Administration, Travel Tickets, by striking \$16,100 and inserting in its place \$13,000, for a decrease of \$3,100.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

(The special meeting recessed at 8:42 p.m. and reconvened at 8:50 p.m.)

Amendment No. 48

Areawide: Emergency Services – Ambulance District Nos. 1, 3, and 8 / Emergency Services Building / Community Development - Brett Memorial Ice Arena (Tab B, Pages 117, 122, 137, 139, and 144)

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Emergency Services and Community Development as follows:

- Emergency Services / Ambulance District No. 1, Electricity (100.160.341.424.100), by striking \$15,000 and inserting \$10,000, for a decrease of \$5,000;
- Emergency Services / Ambulance District No. 3, Electricity (100.160.343.424.100), by striking \$11,000 and inserting in its place \$9,000, for a decrease of \$2,000;
- Emergency Services / Ambulance District No. 3, Garbage Pickups (100.160.343.424.500), by striking \$3,000 and inserting \$1,500, for a decrease of \$1,500;
- Emergency Services / Ambulance District No. 8, Nonemployee Compensation (100.160.349.411.400), by striking \$20,000 and inserting \$7,500, for a decrease of \$12,500;
- Emergency Services / Emergency Services Building, Electricity (100.160.350.424.100) by striking \$29,601 and inserting \$27,000, for a decrease of \$2,601; and

- Community Development / Brett Memorial Ice Area, Electricity (100.170.124.424.100), by striking \$89,000 and inserting \$86,000, for a decrease of \$3,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 49

Areawide: Information Technology (100.115.121.414.400) (Tab B, Page 49)

Areawide: Finance/Common Contractual (100.120.113.424.100)(Tab B, Page 53)

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Information Technology and Finance/Common Contractual as follows:

- Information Technology, Travel Tickets, by striking \$14,400 and inserting \$10,000, for a decrease of \$4,400; and
- Finance/Common Contractual, Electricity, by striking \$190,000 and inserting \$175,000, for a decrease of \$15,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

(The special meeting recessed at 8:37p.m. and reconvened at 8:49 p.m.)

Amendment No. 50

MV Susitna Enterprise Funds: (Fund 530 Revenues & Expenditures) (Tab M, Pages 2 through 5)

Assemblymember Woods asked if there was any objection to replacing MV Susitna Enterprise Funds on the above-referenced pages with the following:

MV Susitna Enterprise Funds

- Revenue:

530.000.000.369.100 Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 100,000</u>
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- Expenditures:

530.000.000.411.100 Temporary Wages	\$292,952
530.000.000.412.200 Unemployment Contribution	1,758
530.000.000.412.300 Medicare	4,248
530.000.000.412.600 Workers Compensation	22,424
530.000.000.412.700 SBS	17,958
530.000.000.414.200 Expense Reimb-Outside Borough	66,660
530.000.000.421.100 Telephone	100
530.000.000.421.200 Postage	100
530.000.000.424.100 Electricity	52,313
530.000.000.424.600 Heating Fuel – Oil	5,500
530.000.000.425.500 Gangway Rental	5,500
530.000.000.427.100 Property Insurance	151,300

530.000.000.427.500 Liability Insurance	250,000
530.000.000.428.920 Other Maintenance	20,000
530.000.000.429.900 Other Contractual	65,180
530.000.000.430.100 Office Supplies	100
530.000.000.432.100 Oil & Lubricants	1,750
530.000.000.432.400 Fuel	135,353
530.000.000.433.900 Other Supplies	1,000
Total Expenditures excluding Depreciation	<u>\$1,094,196</u>
Estimated Deficit (Unrestricted Net Assets)	<u>(\$ 994,196)</u>
530.000.000.451.999 Depreciation	<u>\$3,500,000</u>

GENERAL CONSENT: There MV Susitna Enterprise Fund was replaced without objection as presented.

Amendment No. 51

Areawide, Non-areawide, RSA Administration, Solid Waste Enterprise and Port Enterprise Funds: (411.100 & 412.100 – 700)(Tabs B, D, H, K & L)

MOTION: Assemblymember Ewing moved a primary amendment to the Areawide, Non-areawide, RSA, Administration, Solid Waster Enterprise Fund and the Port Enterprise Fund, Permanent Wages and Benefits for the elimination of salary increases for Department Directors as follows in the total amount of \$52,720:

AREAWIDE

- 100.100.103.411.100 and 100.100.103.412.100 – 700, Borough Clerk, Permanent Wages and Benefits, for a decrease of \$3,606;
- 100.100.105.411.100 and 100.100.105.412.100- 700, Elections, Permanent Wages and Benefits, for a decrease of \$1,204;
- 100.100.110.411.100 and 100.100.110.412.100 – 700, Administration, Permanent Wages and Benefits, for a decrease of \$5,134;
- 100.100.111.411.100 and 100.100.111.412.100 – 700, Law, Permanent Wages and Benefits, for a decrease of \$6,488;
- 100.115.117.412.100 and 100.115.117.412.100 – 700, Information Technology Administration, Permanent Wages and Benefits, for a decrease of \$5,083;
- 100.120.120.412.100 and 100.120.120.412.100 – 700, Finance Administration, Permanent Wages and Benefits, for a decrease of \$6,881;
- 100.130.133.412.100 and 100.130.133.412.100 – 700, Planning Administration, Permanent Wages and Benefits, for a decrease of \$5,272;
- 100.150.150.412.100 and 100.150.150.412.100 - 700, Public Works Administration, Permanent Wages and Benefits, for a decrease of \$5,390; and
- 100.160.300.412.100 and 100.160.300.412.100 – 700, Emergency Services Administration, Permanent Wages and Benefits for a decrease of \$6,217.

NONAREAWIDE

- 200.100.114.412.100 and 200.100.114.412.100 – 700, Economic Development, Permanent Wages and Benefits, for a decrease of \$7,013.

RSA ADMINISTRATION

- 265.000.000.412.100 and 265.000.000.412.100 – 700, RSA Administration Fund, Permanent Wages and Benefits, for a decrease of \$303.

SOLID WASTE

- 510.150.401.412.100 AND 510.150.401.412.100 – 700, Solid Waste Enterprise Fund, Central Landfill, Permanent Wages and Benefits, for a decrease of \$304.

PORT

- 520.100.112.412.100 and 520.100.112.412.100 – 700, Port Enterprise Fund, Permanent Wages and Benefits, for a decrease of \$5,825.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to postpone the primary amendment to a time certain of May 18, 2010.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

Amendment No. 52

Non-areawide: Animal Care (200.100.606) (Tab C, Page 19)

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved a primary amendment to the Non-areawide Fund, Animal Care and Regulation as follows:

- Expense Reimbursements Outside Borough (200.100.606.414.200), by striking \$8,000 and inserting in its place \$4,000, for a decrease of \$4,000;
- Travel Tickets (200.100.606.414.400), by striking \$10,000 and inserting in its place \$5,000, for a decrease of \$5,000;
- Other Supplies (200.100.606.433.900), by striking \$88,000 and inserting in its place \$73,000, for a decrease of \$15,000;
- Other Equipment Under \$5,000 (200.100.606.434.100), by striking \$10,000 and inserting \$7,500, for a decrease of \$2,500; and
- Furniture under \$5,000 (200.100.606.434.300), by striking \$5,000 and inserting in its place \$4,000, for a decrease of \$1000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 53

Areawide: Emergency Services/Ambulance District No. 8 (100.160.349.433.200)(Tab B, Page 138

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Emergency Services/Ambulance District No. 8, Medical Supplies, by striking \$6,100 and inserting in its place \$1,300, for a decrease of \$4,800.

MOTION: Assemblymember Ewing moved a secondary amendment by striking \$1,300 and inserting in its place \$3,050, for a decrease of \$3,050.

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed as amended without objection.

(Assemblymember Houston exited the meeting at 9:10 p.m.)

Amendment No. 54

Areawide: Information Technology (100.115.121.429.200)(Tab B, Page 50)

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Information Technology, Training Reimbursement/Conference Fees, by striking \$71,620 and inserting in its place \$40,000, for a decrease of \$25,000.

MOTION: Assemblymember Ewing moved a secondary amendment by striking \$40,000 and inserting in its place \$46,620, for a decrease of \$25,000.

VOTE: The secondary amendment failed (tie vote). Assemblymembers Ewing, Halter, and Woods in support. Assemblymembers Colver, Bettine, and Arvin opposed.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Bettine and Woods opposed.

Amendment No. 55

Areawide: Clerks/Bid Appeals (Office of Administrative Hearings) (100.100.612.426.200) (Tab B, Page 32)

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Clerks/Bid Appeals, Legal, by striking \$24,000 and inserting \$18,000, for a decrease of \$6,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 56

Areawide: Clerks/Records Management to Information Technology (100.100.106.426.600 to 100.115.121.426.600) (Tab B, Page 27 and 50)

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Clerks/Records Management, Computer Software (100.100.106.426.600), by striking \$51,037.44 and inserting into the budget of Information and Technology, Computer Software (100.115.121.426.600).

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 57

Areawide: Community Development, Community Pools (100.170.136.411.100 & 100.170.136.412.100 – 700)(Tab B, Page 148)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Community Development, Community Pools, Temp Wages, and Benefits as follows:

- 100.170.136.411.200, Temp Wages, by striking \$304,042 and inserting in its place \$263,046, for a decrease of \$40,996;
- 100.170.136.412.200, Unemployment Contributions, by striking \$5,234 and inserting in its place \$5,078, for a decrease of \$246;
- 100.170.136.412.300, Medicare, by striking \$12,865 and inserting in its place \$12,271, for a decrease of \$594;
- 100.170.136.412.600, Workers Compensation, by striking \$105,830 and inserting in its place \$100,940, for a decrease of \$4,890; and
- 100.170.136.412.700, SBS Contribution, by striking \$54,388 and inserting in its place \$51,875, for a decrease of \$2,513.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 58

Areawide: Capital Project Fund (Tab O, Page 6)

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved a primary amendment to the Areawide, Capital Projects as follows:

- Response Vehicle, by striking \$120,000, leaving a balance of \$0; and
- Search & Rescue ATV (two) & Trailer (Trapper Creek), by striking \$35,000, leaving a balance of \$0.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a secondary amendment by striking the Search & Rescue ATV (two) & Trailer (Trapper Creek) in the amount of \$35,000 from the primary amendment.

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Bettine and Woods opposed.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Colver, Bettine and Woods in support. Assemblymembers Arvin, Ewing and Halter opposed (Tie vote).

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to continue deliberations on Ordinance Serial No. 10-010 to May 18, 2010, at 3 p.m.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to extend the meeting past 10 p.m. and not to exceed 10:30 p.m.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person)

The following person spoke to concerns regarding EMS responder wages: Ms. Sandy Hoeft, EMS responder.

MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember Halter:

- stated that the Assembly should look into providing pay raises to emergency responders; and
- requested that Administration assist him in creating an amendment for the budget.

Assemblymember Colver:

- stated that he is glad the Assembly heard testimony on the low pay rate for emergency responders; and
- noted that he would like to see budgetary items go toward benefiting employees, rather than buildings.

Assemblymember Ewing requested the figures on how many fully trained responders there are working for the Borough that work at least 36 hours per week.

Assemblymember Arvin:

- opined that road projects, emergency responders, and education are core to the budget;
- further added that there have been a lot of cuts with nothing being added;
- opined that it is shameful that an emergency responder is paid less than a librarian's helper; and
- stated that he is not an advocate for increasing government, but it is the duty of the government to provide emergency services, education, and road infrastructure.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- noted her agreement with Assemblymember Arvin;
- opined that it would be a major work session to look at increasing the pay of emergency responders;
- stated that she is apprehensive about budget amendments before the Assembly adopts the School District's budget; and
- opined that increasing the budget in core areas does not always provide better education or emergency responders.


VII. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

ATTEST:



TALIS J. COLBERG, Borough Mayor



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 06/15/10

