

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on May 13, 2004, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Timothy L. Anderson for the purpose of addressing Ordinance Serial No. 04-004, adoption of the budget.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. J. Bruce Bush, Assembly District No. 1
Mr. Bill Allen, Assembly District No. 2 (*arrived at 8:50 p.m.*)
Mr. Talis J. Colberg, Assembly District No. 3
Ms. Mary Kvalheim, Assembly District No. 4
Ms. Jody Simpson, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6 (Deputy Mayor)
Ms. Betty Vehrs, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Sandra A. Dillon, CMC, Borough Clerk
Ms. Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, Incoming Borough Clerk
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Ms. Teresa S. Williams, Borough Attorney
Mr. Don Shiesl, Public Works Director
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Mr. Ron Swanson, Community Development Director
Mr. Dennis Brodigan, Emergency Services Director
Ms. Susan Dickinson, Planning and Land Use Director

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Anderson inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kris Moore, a member of the audience.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance Serial No. 04-004: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONIES FROM THE CENTRAL TREASURY AND ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF LEVY FOR ALL

BOROUGH FUNCTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2004, AND
ENDING JUNE 30, 2005.

Mayor Anderson noted that Mr. Duffy would be presenting a status report of the FY05 budget.

Mr. Duffy:

- presented an overview of technical amendments to the budget to reduce the mill levy; and
- reviewed alternative sources of potential revenue.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-004, appropriating monies from the central treasury and establishing the rate of levy for all borough functions for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004, and ending June 30, 2005.

Amendment No. 1 - Technical Amendments:

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to approve the technical amendments as presented by the Administration. (*See attached list for technical amendments*)

Amendment No. 1A

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved a secondary amendment to fund 100, areawide reserves, to strike \$750,000 from the emergency response reserve and to insert \$250,000 for a total of \$500,000 in the reserve account.

VOTE: The secondary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Bush and Colberg in support.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 2 – Enhanced 911 (202-100-121) (Page E 2)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to amend the E911 operating budget (fund 202-100-121), by striking the proposed GIS Addressing Assistant position, line items 411-100/412), for a decrease of \$58,421, and make the appropriate corresponding changes to revenue.

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

Amendment No. 3 – Solid Waste Enterprise Fund (Page K 11)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to amend the Solid Waste Enterprise fund

operating budget (510-150-416), by striking the proposed Environmental Technician position, line items 411-100/412 for a decrease of \$56,720.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to postpone Amendment No. 3 until discussion of the non-areawide budget is complete.

VOTE: The motion to postpone to a time certain of after discussion of the non-areawide budget items passed with Assemblymembers Bush and Colberg in opposition.

Amendment No. 4 - Wasilla Lakes FSA (page G 3)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to amend the Wasilla Lakes FSA operating budget (fund 250), by striking the proposed Deputy District Chief position, line items 411-100/412 for a decrease of \$68,913.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Kvalheim and Simpson in opposition.

Amendment No. 5 – Meadow Lakes Fire Service Area 257-000-000 (page G-40)

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved a primary amendment to amend the Meadow Lakes Fire Service Area budget (fund 257-000-000) by increasing the transfer to capital projects (line item 446-400) from \$215,000 to \$320,000, for a total increase of \$105,000 and specifically as follows:

- Decrease the \$200,000 proposed for fire apparatus replacement to \$150,000, for a decrease of \$50,000;
- Strike the \$15,000 proposed for exterior paint and signage, for a decrease of \$15,000
- Increase the line item by \$170,000 to provide for:
 - Landscape, fencing, and signs for Stations 71 and 72
 - Helipad with lighting for Station 72
 - Interior and exterior painting, Stations 71 and 72
 - Seal pavement at Station 71
 - Epoxy seal and stripe bay floors
 - Build dry storage building extension at Station 71
 - Replace overhead doors at Station 71

These changes would result in a total increase of \$105,000, from \$215,000 to \$320,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Bush and Colberg in opposition.

(Proposed Amendment No. 6 was not moved and the Assembly continued deliberation with proposed Amendment No. 7.)

Amendment No. 7 - Road Service Area Administration (page H 2)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to amend the Road Service Administration operating budget (fund 265), by striking the proposed Supervisor/Construction Inspector position, line items 411-100/412 for a decrease of \$76,936; and the allocation from each road service area for administration; and the corresponding decreases in revenue from the service areas and/or service area projects.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Colberg, Kvalheim, and Bush in support and Assemblymembers Simpson, Colver, and Vehrs in opposition. (Tie vote)

Amendment No. 8 – Capital Projects/Grants/Pass (page N 1)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to amend the capital projects/grants budget (fund 100), Mat-Su Youth Court, from \$33,000 to zero, for a decrease of \$33,000; and make the appropriate corresponding changes to page B 7, line item 449.210.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Colberg, Bush, and Simpson in support and Assemblymembers Kvalheim, Colver, and Vehrs in opposition. (Tie vote)

Amendment No. 9 - Capital Projects/Grants/Pass (page N 1)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to amend the capital projects/grants budget (fund 100), Boys & Girls Club, from \$5,000 to zero, for a decrease of \$5,000; and make the appropriate corresponding changes to page B 7, line item 449.210.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Simpson, Bush, and Colberg in support and Assemblymembers Kvalheim, Colver, and Vehrs in opposition. (Tie vote)

Amendment No. 10 – Capital Projects/Grants/Pass (page N 3)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend the capital projects/grants budget (fund 100), Emergency Services, Rescue Division, snowmachines and snowmachine trailer, from \$12,500 to zero for a decrease of \$12,500; and make the appropriate corresponding changes to page B 7, line item 446-400.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 11 - Capital Projects/Grants/Pass (page N 4)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend the capital projects/grants budget (fund 100), Animal Care and Regulation Building upgrades, from \$100,000 to \$30,000, for a decrease of \$70,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

(Proposed Amendment No. 12 was not moved and the Assembly continued deliberation with proposed Amendment No. 13.)

Amendment No. 13 - Animal Care and Regulation (200-160-606 (page D 29))

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to amend the Animal Care operating budget (fund 200-160-606), by striking the proposed Office Assistant position, line items 411-100/412 for a decrease of \$47,126.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Ms. Clayton noted the areawide mill rate to be 11.87 and the non-areawide mill rate to be .383.

Amendment No. 14 - Animal Care and Regulation (200-160-606 (page D 31))

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend the Animal Care operating budget (fund 200-160-606), line item 433-200, medical supplies, from \$20,000 to \$15,000 for a decrease of \$5,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 15 - Assembly 100-100-101 (page B 8)

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to amend the Assembly operating budget (fund 100-100-101), line item 414.200, out of Borough expenses, from \$18,000 to \$14,700 for a decrease of \$3,300.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 16 - Assembly 100-100-101 (page B 8)

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to amend the Assembly operating budget (fund 100-100-101), line item 414.400, travel tickets, from \$20,000 to \$12,000 for a decrease of \$8,000.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a secondary amendment to strike \$12,000 and to insert \$14,000, for a decrease of \$6,000.

VOTE: The secondary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Colver and Vehrs in support.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 17 – Administration 100-100-101 (page B 9)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to amend the Assembly operating budget (fund 100-100-101), line item 426.300, dues and fees, from \$35,750 to \$30,750 for a decrease of \$5,000.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to amend the Assembly operating budget (fund 100-100-101), line item 426.300, dues and fees, from \$35,750 to \$34,950, for a decrease of \$800, which represents the elimination of the membership in NACo.

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The primary amendment as amended passed without objection.

Amendment No. 18 - Assembly 100-100-102 (page B 11)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend the Assembly reserve budget (fund 100-100-102), line item 429.900, other contractual, from \$80,000 to \$40,000, for a decrease of \$40,000.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bush moved a secondary amendment to strike “\$40,000” and to insert “\$20,000” for a decrease of \$60,000.

VOTE: The secondary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Bush and Colberg in support.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 19 - Election 100-100-105 (page B 16)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend the Election operating budget (fund 100-100-105), line item 426-900, other professional, from \$11,000 to \$8,000, for a decrease of \$3,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 20 - Records Management (100-100-106) (Page B 18)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to amend the Records Management operating budget (fund 100-100-106), by striking the proposed Records Technician position, line items 411-100/412), for a decrease of \$47,127.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Simpson and Kvalheim in

opposition.

Ms. Clayton reported the areawide mill levy to be 11.83.

Amendment No. 21 - Administration 100-100-110 (page B 22)

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to amend the Administration operating budget (fund 100-100-110), line item 426-200, legal, from \$20,000 to \$5,000 for a decrease of \$15,000 and to amend the Law Division (100-100-111) by increasing line item 426-200 by \$15,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 22 - Administration 100-100-110 (page B 22)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend the Administration operating budget (fund 100-100-110), line item 426-900, other professional, from \$160,000 to \$150,000, for a decrease of \$10,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 23 - Human Resources (100-100-115) (Page B 30)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to amend the Human Resources operating budget (fund 100-100-115), by striking the proposed Benefits Specialist position, line items 411-100/412), for a decrease of \$65,648.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 24 - Human Resources (100-100-115) (Page B 30)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to amend the Human Resources operating budget (fund 100-100-115), by increasing overtime and temp wages, line items 411-200/411-300 for an increase of \$18,389.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 25 - Human Resources 100-100-115 (page B 31)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend the Human Resources operating budget (fund 100-100-115), line item 426-900, other professional, from \$40,000 to \$30,000, for a decrease of \$10,000.

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

Amendment No. 26 - Information Technology (100-100-121) (Page B 35)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to amend the OIT operating budget (fund 100-100-121), by striking the proposed Programmer/Analyst position, line items 411-100/412), for a decrease of \$65,648.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Bush and Colberg in support.

Amendment No. 27 - Labor Relations Board 100-100-604 (page B 38)

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to amend the Labor Relations Board operating budget (fund 100-100-604), line item 426-200, legal, from \$1,225 to zero, for a decrease of \$1,225.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 28 - Senior Citizen Board 100-100-613 (page B 42)

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to amend the Senior Citizen Board operating budget (fund 100-100-613), line item 426-200, legal, from \$1,500 to zero, for a decrease of \$1,500.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 29 - Mayor 100-110-104 (page B 43)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend the Mayor's operating budget (fund 100-110-104), line item 414-100, mileage, from \$1,000 to \$600, for a decrease of \$400.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 30 - Mayor 100-110-104 (page B 43)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend the Mayor's operating budget (fund 100-110-104), line item 414-200, out of borough expenses, from \$4,200 to \$3,500, for a decrease of \$700.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 31 - Mayor 100-110-104 (page B 43)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend the Mayor's operating budget (fund 100-110-104), line item 414-400, travel tickets, from \$10,000 to \$6,000, for a decrease of \$4,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 32 - Mayor 100-110-104 (page B 44)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend the Mayor's operating budget (fund 100-110-104), line item 429-900, other contractual, from \$2,500 to \$2,000, for a decrease of \$500.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 33 - Mayor 100-110-104 (page B 44)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend the Mayor's operating budget (fund 100-110-104), line item 434-100, other equipment, from \$3,000 to \$2,000, for a decrease of \$1,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 34 - Common Contractual 100-120-113 (page B 46)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to amend the common contractual budget (fund 100-120-113), line item 422, advertising, from \$161,000 to \$131,000, for a decrease of \$30,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Bush and Colberg in support.

Amendment No. 35 - Common Contractual 100-120-113 (page B 46)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to amend the common contractual budget (fund 100-120-113), line item 425.300, equipment rental, from \$122,000 to \$112,000, for a decrease of \$10,000, which decrease represents the proposed funds for a new color copier.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 36 - Finance: Revenue & Budget (100-120-119) (Page B 49)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to amend the Revenue and Budget operating budget (fund 100-120-119), by striking the proposed Financial Analyst position, line items 411-100/412), for a decrease of \$80,312.

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

(Proposed Amendment No. 37 was not moved and the Assembly continued deliberation with proposed Amendment No. 38.)

Amendment No. 38 - Finance 100-120-120 (page B 51)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend the Finance operating budget (fund 100-120-120), line item 414.200, out of Borough expenses, from \$27,900 to \$23,000 for a decrease of \$4,900.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Ms. Clayton reported the areawide mill levy at 11.81 and the non-areawide mill levy at .38.

(Assemblymember Allen arrived at 8:50 p.m.)

(The regular meeting recessed at 8: 50 p.m. and reconvened at 9 a.m.)

Amendment No. 39 - Purchasing (100-120-128) (Page B 57)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to amend the Purchasing operating budget (fund 100-120-128), by striking the proposed Purchasing Assistant position, line items 411-100/412, for a decrease of \$52,573.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Bush and Colberg in support.

(Proposed Amendment No.40 was not moved and the Assembly continued deliberation with proposed Amendment No. 41.)

Amendment No. 41 - Assessment 100-120-140 (page B 61)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend the Assessment operating budget (fund 100-120-140), line item 429-900, other contractual, from \$35,000 to \$30,000, for a decrease of \$5,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 42 - Planning Department (page B 72)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to amend the Planning Department operating budget (fund 100-130-130), by striking the proposed Transportation/Environment Planner II position, line items 411-100/412 for a decrease of \$71,088, and make the appropriate corresponding changes to revenue (page B5, line item 368-300).

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Bush and Colberg in

support.

Amendment No. 43 - Planning 100-130-130 (page B 64)

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to amend the Planning Department/Planning Division operating budget (fund 100-130-130), line item 426-200, legal, from \$20,000 to zero, for a decrease of \$20,000 and to amend the Law Division (100-100-111) by increasing line item 426-200 by \$20,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 44 - Platting Division (page B66)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to amend the Platting Division operating budget (100-130-131), by striking the proposed Platting Technician position, line items 411-100/412 for a decrease of \$61,195.

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

Amendment No. 45 - Cultural Resources (100-130-132) (page B 70)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend the Cultural Resources operating budget (fund 100-130-132), line item 429-900, other contractual, from \$10,000 to \$8,000 for a decrease of \$2,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 46 - Planning Department (page B 72)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to amend the Planning Department operating budget (100-130-130), by striking the proposed Office Assistant position, line items 411-100/412 for a decrease of \$47,127.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 47 - Planning Department (page B 72)

MOTION: Assemblymember Kvalheim moved to amend the Planning operating budget (fund 100-130-130), by increasing overtime and temp wages, line items 411-200/411-300 for an increase of \$22,822.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 48 - Planning 100-130-133 (page B 72)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend the Planning Department/Planning Admin operating budget (fund 100-130-133), line item 414-200, out of borough expenses, from \$12,000 to \$9,000, for a decrease of \$3,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 49 - Planning 100-130-133 (page B 72)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend the Planning Department/Planning Admin operating budget (fund 100-130-133), line item 414-400, travel tickets, from \$12,000 to \$10,000, for a decrease of \$2,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 50 - Planning 100-130-133 (page B 73)

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to amend the Planning Department/Administration operating budget (fund 100-130-133), line item 426-200, legal, from \$2,040 to zero, for a decrease of \$2,040.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 51 - Water and Air Quality 100-130-137 (page B 79-80)

MOTION: Assemblymember Bush moved to strike the Water and Air Quality Division in its entirety, for a decrease of \$211,887.

Planning, 100-130-130 (page B63-65)

The corresponding motion would then be to make the following amendments in the Planning budget (100-130-130):

- Add the Water Shed Coordinator position for \$45,648
- Add \$50,000 in line item 426.900, which represents the matching grant funds previously in the Water/Air Quality budget, for an increase from \$20,000 to \$70,000
- Add \$40,000 in 429-900, for an increase from \$20,000 to \$60,000
- Add \$25,000 in 429-710 for an increase from zero to \$25,000
- Decrease 429-300 from \$100,000 to \$30,000 for a decrease of \$70,000

VOTE: The motion to divide the question passed without objection.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Bush and Colberg in support.

Amendment 51A – Planning Studies (B 64)

MOTION: Assemblymember Bush moved to decrease 429-300 from \$100,000 to \$30,000 for a decrease of \$70,000

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to strike \$30,000 and to insert \$90,000 for a decrease of \$10,000.

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed with Assemblymember Bush in opposition.

VOTE: The primary amendment as amended failed with Assemblymembers Bush, Colberg, and Simpson in support.

Amendment No. 52 - Emergency Services (100-160-341) (Page B 109)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to amend the Emergency Services, Ambulance Dist. No. 1 operating budget (fund 100-160-341), one Medic One position, line items 411-100/412, for a decrease of \$78,114.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Colberg and Bush in support.

(Proposed Amendment No.53 was not moved and the Assembly continued deliberation with proposed Amendment No. 54.)

(Proposed Amendment No. 54 was not moved and the Assembly continued deliberation with proposed Amendment No. 55.)

Amendment No. 55 - Community Pools (100-170-136) (Page B 153)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to amend the Community Pools operating budget (fund 100-170-136), by striking the proposed two Water Safety Instructors, line items 411-100/412, for a decrease of \$52,985.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Bush and Colberg in support.

Ms. Clayton reported the areawide mill levy to be 11.791 and the non-areawide mill levy to be .38.

Amendment No. 56 - Parks and Recreation (100-170-142) (page B 157)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend the Park and Recreation operating budget (fund 100-170-142), line item 425-300, equipment rental, from \$34,000 to \$30,000 for a decrease of \$4,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 57 - Parks and Recreation (100-170-142) (page B 158)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend the Park and Recreation operating budget (fund 100-170-142), line item 431-400, grounds maintenance, from \$38,000 to \$30,000 for a decrease of \$8,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 58 - Parks and Recreation (100-170-142) (page B 158)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend the Park and Recreation operating budget (fund 100-170-142), line item 433-900, other supplies, from \$12,700 to \$10,700 for a decrease of \$2,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

(The regular meeting recessed at 9:50 p.m. and reconvened at 10:15 p.m.)

Amendment No. 59 - Assembly 100-170-145 (page B 161)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to amend the Community Development budget (fund 100-170-145), line item 429.900, other contractual, from \$40,000 to \$10,000, for a decrease of \$30,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Bush and Colberg in support.

Amendment No. 60 – Economic Development (F 4)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend the Economic Development operating budget (fund 203-170-135), line item 429-900, other contractual, from \$140,500 to \$125,000 for a decrease of \$15,000.

The \$15,000 is specifically to reduce the small business development from \$140,500 to \$125,500.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 61 – Assembly (B 9)

MOTION: Assemblymember Allen moved to amend the Manager's Administration Budget (100-100-110) line item 429.900, other contractual, from \$10,000 to \$60,000 for an increase of \$50,000 to provide for a performance and efficiency study for the Borough.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a secondary amendment to strike “Manager’s Administration Budget (100-100-110)” and to insert “Assembly (100-100-101).”

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bush moved the previous question (to stop debate).

VOTE: The motion to stop debate failed with Assemblymember Bush in support.

VOTE: The primary amendment as amended passed with Assemblymembers Colberg, Bush, and Simpson in opposition.

[As a result of the passage of the primary amendment as amended, the 100-100-101-429-900 account increased from \$3,500 to \$53,500, with \$50,000 set aside specifically for a performance and efficiency study.]

(Assemblymember Bush exited the meeting at this time.)

(Proposed Amendment No. 62 was not moved and the Assembly continued deliberation with proposed Amendment No. 63.)

Amendment No. 63 – Planning (B 9)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend the planning budget (100-130-130) line item 426-900 from \$20,000 to \$15,000 for a decrease of \$5,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

(Assemblymember Bush re-entered the meeting via teleconference at this time.)

Ms. Clayton reported the areawide mill levy at 11.80 and the non-areawide mill levy at .38.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to approve Debt Service (Tab M).

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to approve E 911 (Tab E).

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

Amendment No. 3 – Solid Waste Enterprise Fund (Tab E) (Page K 11) (Continued from pp. 3 of 17)

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to amend the Solid Waste Enterprise fund operating budget (510-150-416), by striking the proposed Environmental Technician position, line items 411-100/412 for a decrease of \$56,720.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to extend the meeting past 11 p.m., and no later than 11:15 p.m.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: Assemblymember Colver moved to approve the Port Enterprise Fund (Tab L).

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to approve the Fire Service Areas (Tab G).

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to divide the question to discuss the Wasilla-Lakes Fire Service Area separately.

VOTE: The motion to divide the question failed with Assemblymembers Allen, Colver, and Vehrs in support.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to approve the Road Service Areas (Tab H).

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to approve the Other Service Areas (Tab I).

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Discussion ensued regarding:

- continuing budget deliberations on May 18, 2004;
- the notice of scheduling another meeting to continue budget deliberations on May 18, 2004; and
- extending the meeting beyond the fixed time to adjourn of 11:15 p.m. in order to finalize budget discussions this evening.

[After discussion on the issue of scheduling another meeting to continue budget deliberations, the meeting was scheduled for May 26, 2004.]

Assemblymember Colberg:

- spoke in regard to cutting reserves to reduce the mill levy; and
- expressed his desire to finalize the discussion on the budget this evening.

Assemblymember Vehrs queried the mill rate based upon the amendments made.

Ms. Clayton stated that the areawide mill rate was 11.80 and the non-areawide mill rate was .38.

Assemblymember Allen apologized to Mayor Anderson and the members of the Assembly for his late arrival to the meeting due to his late flight arrival in Anchorage.

Assemblymember Colver:

- spoke regarding the progress the Assembly has made this evening in reducing the overall mill levy and subsequent tax increases to property owners;
- spoke to the ability of tax payers to fund additional services and education; and
- noted his optimism in finding solutions to the rising costs of services.

Mayor Anderson:

- spoke to the need to determine if the real estate transfer ordinance was a fee or a tax; and
- stated that the transfer fee would have to be addressed prior to adoption of the budget if the fee would have an impact on the budget.

Mr. Duffy:

- clarified that if a distinction is made that the fee is actually a tax, it would then have to go before the voters;
- noted that if it is determined to be a fee, then the Assembly can set it; and
- stated that the ordinance would have to be introduced and adopted at the earliest possible time to be able to include the fee revenue in the FY05 budget.

Discussion ensued regarding introducing the ordinance on May 18 and setting a special meeting on May 26 for the public hearing.

Ms. Dillon advised the Mayor and the Assembly regarding the publication timeframes associated with scheduling a meeting in this regard.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

/s/

TIMOTHY L. ANDERSON, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/

MICHELLE M. MCGEHEE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: June 15, 2004