I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on June 3, 2003, 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.

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
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) *(Arrived at 6:16 p.m.)*
Ms. Kelly Ladere, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Sandra A. Dillon, CMC, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Ms. Teresa Williams, Borough Attorney
Mr. David Germer, Assistant Borough Manager
Ms. Michelle M. McGehee, Deputy Borough Clerk
Mr. Jim Swing, Public Works Director
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Mr. Jack Krill, Emergency Services Director
Mr. Ron Swanson, Community Development Director
Ms. Susan Dickinson, Interim Planning 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 Ms. Jean Krause, a member of the audience.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

(There were no minutes presented.)

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORT

1. Reports from cities

Wasilla City

Councilmember Colleen Sullivan-Leonard:

- reported that the city passed its final operating budget on June 2;
- spoke regarding increases to the city's water and sewer prices;
- spoke regarding a $40,000 grant associated with a land transaction between the city and the Wasilla Area Seniors; and
- stated that the city is discussing a lake management plan for Lake Lucille.

Assemblymember Kvalheim requested that she be informed when meetings regarding the Lake Lucille Lake Management Plan are scheduled.

Brief discussion ensued regarding the boundaries of a potential lake management plan and boat access to the lake.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

Michael Chmielewski, School Board President:

- spoke regarding commencement ceremonies that took place this week and the number of students graduating from high school and junior high school;
- advised that the district is waiting to see if the Governor will veto Senate Bill (SB) 202 regarding the foundation formula and pupil transportation funding *(Governor signed into law on June 6, 2003)*; and
- stated that a veto of SB 202 would result in approximately $4.8 million in additional reductions to the district.

Assemblymember Simpson inquired regarding the status of a site for the Mid-Valley Alternative School.

School Board President Chmielewski stated that the Houston location appears to be the most accessible to all persons involved.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

Assemblymember Colver:

- reported that the committee met on Monday, June 2;

- stated that no one is sure at this time regarding school funding issues;
- noted that the district does not have any budget amendments planned until after the Governor acts;
- advised that the district is moving out of their administration building and will be relocated to the Sherrod site;
- commented that the school board members are comfortable with the packaging of the school bond propositions;
- stated that the district advised that they are in favor of a maintenance sinking fund and are interested in using the borough's share of lapsed funds for this purpose;
- advised that today is the last day of school for the district; and
- stated that the committee will not meet again until after the second week of the new school year.

2. Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO)

Mayor Anderson:
- stated that a tentative meeting of the RTPO is scheduled for July 21, 2003;
- commented that the Alaska Municipal League (AML) conference in Girdwood is scheduled for the same date and advised that the RTPO meeting be rescheduled; and
- noted that AML will be looking at fiscal policy.

Assemblymember Ladere asked Mayor Anderson to invite the Municipality of Anchorage Assembly to meet with the Borough Assembly when their new administration takes office.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Duffy:
- congratulated Finance Director Tammy Clayton for obtaining the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting;
- reported that the Planning Commission met and held a public hearing on the city of Houston's amendment to their zoning ordinance;
- advised that the Planning Commission postponed action until August and that he obtained the information regarding what the Planning Commission was looking for in amendments;
- stated that he will be bringing something forward to the Assembly in this regard;
- noted that there is approximately $10.6 million in grant funds available for terminal facilities for the Upper Cook Inlet dual-use vessel and environmental assessment;
- spoke regarding a wildfire in Tok and noted that Borough Emergency Medical Services is on hand to assist;
- reported that the Borough continues to progress with the trails project, noting that the Flat Lake Connector Trail has been recorded;
- noted that a financial report from the school district attached to his report; and
- spoke regarding public meetings held to gain input on an update to the Core Area Comprehensive Plan.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

(There were no comments presented.)

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. Dillon:

- encouraged members of the Assembly to forward any agenda items to her for the June 24, 2003, joint meeting with the Planning Commission; and
- noted that the Planning Commission has requested that the Platting Board be invited to the joint meeting on June 24.

Assemblymember Ladere:

- stated that she would be in favor of inviting the Platting Board to the June 24 joint meeting; and
- asked that the Platting Board take into consideration secondary and primary roads leading into subdivisions when considering the rewrite of Title 16.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:
a. Greater Talkeetna Road Service Area No. 29 Board of Supervisors: 02/13/03, 05/09/03
b. Mat-Su Fire Chiefs Association: 04/23/03
c. Willow Fire Service Area No. 35 Board of Supervisors: 02/05/03, 03/05/03, 04/02/03

2. Community Council Correspondence:
a. Meadow Lakes Community Council: 04/09/03

The citizen and other correspondence was presented and no comments were noted.

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

(There were no informational memorandums presented.)

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Ordinance Serial No. 03-049: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 16.05.030, PENALTIES AND REMEDIES, BY REPEALING SUBSECTION (E). *(Postponed from 04/01/03, Motion pending)*
1. IM No. 03-040

Mr. Duffy:

- advised that the issues associated with MSB 16.05.030(E) will be addressed when the Title 16 revision is addressed; and
- recommended that the ordinance be postponed indefinitely.

MOTION: Assemblymember Ladere moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 03-049 indefinitely.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTION (For public hearing - 06/17/03, 7 p.m., Borough Assembly Chambers)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 03-094: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REAPPROPRIATION OF $2,000 FROM THE AREAWIDE FUND, FUND 100, EMERGENCY SERVICES SUTTON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION, TO PROJECT NO. 45132, FUND 480, TO PURCHASE RESPONDER RECOGNITION JACKETS.

a. Resolution Serial No. 066: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR PROJECT NO. 45132, FUND 480, FOR THE AMOUNT OF $2,000, TO PURCHASE SUTTON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES RESPONDER RECOGNITION JACKETS.

(1) IM No. 03-137

2. Ordinance Serial No. 03-095: AN ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING $14,900 FROM THE AREAWIDE FUND, FUND 100, FISCAL YEAR 2003 RECORDS MANAGEMENT OPERATING BUDGET (100-100-106), TO FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 45124, IN THE AMOUNT OF $9,900 AND TO FUND 435, PROJECT NO. 10117, IN THE AMOUNT OF $5,000, FOR PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT AUDIT AND PROVIDE FOR TRAINING ON THE SQL SERVER/SOFTWARE.

a. IM No. 03-138

3. Ordinance Serial No. 03-096: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REAPPROPRIATION OF $35,000 FROM THE PORT AREAWIDE FISCAL YEAR 2003 OPERATING BUDGET, FUND 100 TO FUND 480, PROJECT 70005, FOR THE FUNDING OF A MORE COMPREHENSIVE SAMPLING, LABORATORY ANALYSIS, AND RESERVE ANALYSIS TO DEFINE THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF SAND, GRAVEL, AND OTHER MATERIAL IN THE PORT DISTRICT.

a. IM No. 03-140

4. Ordinance Serial No. 03-097 : AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING $5,000 FROM U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE'S ALASKA COASTAL PROGRAM TO FUND 480, PROJECT 20337, FOR DESIGN OF THE KNIK RIVER WATERSHED MAP/POSTER.

a. Resolution Serial No. 03-067: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE KNIK RIVER WATERSHED MAP/POSTER.

(1) IM No. 03-142

5. Ordinance Serial No. 03-098: AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TIME LIMIT FOR COMPLETION OF BOROUGH CAPITAL PROJECTS.
   a. IM No. 03-143

6. Ordinance Serial No. 03-099: AN ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING $15,000 TO FUND 480, PROJECT 45135, FROM THE FY03 PLANNING DIVISION'S OPERATING BUDGET (100-130-133-429-900) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MEADOW LAKES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.
   a. IM No. 03-144

7. Ordinance Serial No. 03-100: AN ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING $13,434 FROM FUND 203, LAND MANAGEMENT FUND, LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION TO FUND 480, PROJECT 45136, FOR THE WETLANDS ASSESSMENT PROJECT.
   a. IM No. 03-145

8. Ordinance Serial No. 03-101: AN ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING $30,000 FROM THE FY03 CLERK'S OPERATING BUDGET (100-100-103), TO FUND 480, PROJECT 45007, FOR RECODIFYING THE BOROUGH'S CODE OF ORDINANCES.
   a. IM No. 03-147

9. Ordinance Serial No. 03-102: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REAPPROPRIATION OF $10,000 FROM THE PORT AREAWIDE FISCAL YEAR 2003 OPERATING BUDGET, FUND 100 TO FUND 480, PROJECT 45133, FOR THE BOROUGH'S PARTICIPATION IN, AND A CONTRIBUTION TO, THE NORTHERN ZONE COOK INLET GEOGRAPHIC RESPONSE STRATEGIES WORKGROUP.
   a. IM No. 03-148

10. Ordinance Serial No. 03-103: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REAPPROPRIATION OF $85,000 FROM THE PORT AREAWIDE FISCAL YEAR 2003 OPERATING BUDGET, FUND 100, TO FUND 430, PROJECT 35008, FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG BURMA ROAD.
   a. IM No. 03-149

11. Ordinance Serial No. 03-104: AN ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING $50,000 FROM THE AREAWIDE FUND, FUND 100, TO FUND 480, FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY PURPOSES.
   a. IM No. 03-150

Ms. Dillon read the introductions into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the clerk and set the public hearings for June 17, 2003.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

(There were no resolutions presented.)

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

(AM Nos. 03-092, 03-096, and 03-111 were pulled from the agenda and discussed separately. ***See pp. 8-9 of 15***)

c. AM No. 03-097: THE VACATION OF PORTIONS OF EAST CHICKALOON ROAD ADJACENT TO LOTS 3, 4, 5, AND 6, BLOCK 10, WILLIWAW NO. 2 SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA; LOCATED OUTSIDE OF ANY COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.

d. AM No. 03-100: AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR $17,790 WITH THE STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION TO PROVIDE HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION FOR THE CREW TO WORK ON THE PIONEER RIDGE KNIK RIVER TRAIL.

e. AM No. 03-105: RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF DISABLED VETERAN'S EXEMPTION FOR JOHN R. ALLISON ON TAX ACCOUNT NOS. 6563000L124, 6563000L125, 6563000L126, AND 6563000L127 FOR TAX YEAR 2002.

f. AM No. 03-106: AWARD OF BID NO. 03-103 TO STEPPERS CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,516,013 FOR THE CENTRAL LANDFILL CELL 2B CONSTRUCTION.

h. AM No. 03-112: AWARD OF BID NO. 03-179 TO ALCO CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF $124,976 FOR FAIRVIEW ROAD SERVICE AREA NO. 14 AND SOUTH COLONY ROAD SERVICE AREA NO. 16 GRAVEL OVERLAY PROJECT.

i. AM No. 03-113: AWARD OF BID NO. 03-171 TO KOPPERUD TRANSPORTATION FOR A YEARLY AMOUNT OF $113,000 FOR MIDWAY ROAD SERVICE AREA NO. 9 ANNUAL ROAD MAINTENANCE.

j. AM No. 03-114: AWARD OF BID NO. 03-173 TO JA SPAIN FOR A YEARLY AMOUNT OF $163,928.32 FOR GREATER WILLOW ROAD SERVICE AREA NO. 20 ANNUAL ROAD MAINTENANCE.

k. AM No. 03-115: AWARD OF BID NO. 03-174 TO JA SPAIN FOR A YEARLY AMOUNT OF $193,438 FOR BOGARD ROAD SERVICE AREA NO. 25 ANNUAL ROAD MAINTENANCE.

l. AM No. 03-116: AWARD OF BID NO. 03-175 TO NECHESTA GENERAL FOR A YEARLY AMOUNT OF $225,998.98 FOR GOLD TRAILS ROAD SERVICE AREA NO. 28 ANNUAL ROAD MAINTENANCE.

m. AM No. 03-117: AWARD OF BID NO. 03-177 TO ALL-WRIGHT CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF $99,800 FOR BIG LAKE ATHLETIC FIELD IMPROVEMENTS.

Ms. Dillon read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the clerk.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

a. AM No. 03-092: APPROVING THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS FOR THE DESIGN OF A DUAL-USE VESSEL FOR USE IN THE UPPER COOK INLET INCLUDING PORT MACKENZIE.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to approve AM No. 03-092.

Assemblymember Colberg queried the manager regarding matching funds for the project and if the issue would be brought back to the Assembly for final approval.

Mr. Duffy:
- responded that the funding is from a federal transit administration grant and that it requires 100 percent matching funds; and
- advised that legislation would be brought back to the Assembly for final approval.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

b. AM No. 03-096: APPROVAL TO ALLOW THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH MANAGER TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH ALASKA AIR TAXI, LLC, FOR A LONG-TERM LEASE WITHIN THE PORT DISTRICT.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to approve AM No. 03-096.

Assemblymember Colberg queried the manager if the issue would be brought back to the Assembly for final approval once negotiations on a lease are established.

Mr. Duffy responded that the lease would be brought back to the Assembly for approval after it goes to the Port Commission for review.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

g. AM No. 03-111: AWARD OF BID NO. 03-114 TO PRUHS CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $464,784 FOR SELDON ROAD CHANNELIZATION.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Colver declared a conflict on interest, as Pruhs Corporation is a client, and asked to be recused from voting.

RULING: Mayor Anderson ruled that Assemblymember Colver had a conflict of interest and was recused from voting on the issue.

(Assemblymember Colver exited chambers at this time.)

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to approve AM No. 03-111.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

(Assemblymember Colver returned to chambers at this time.)

(The regular meeting recessed at 6:51 p.m. and reconvened at 7:08 p.m.)

VII. SPECIAL ORDERS (to begin at 7 p.m.)

A. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (Three minutes per person.)

(There were no persons to be heard.)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three minutes per person.)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 03-090: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A $100,000 GRANT TO FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 20322, FROM THE ALASKA COASTAL IMPACT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PHASE II OF THE STREAM BANK RESTORATION AT WILLOW CREEK.

a. Resolution Serial No. 03-057: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR CONTINUING A STREAM BANK RESTORATION PROJECT ALONG WILLOW CREEK.

(1) IM No. 03-124

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

There being no one who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Ladere moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 03-090 and Resolution Serial No. 03-057.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

2. Ordinance Serial No. 03-091: AN ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING $31,000 FROM FUND 203, LAND MANAGEMENT FUND, LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION TO FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 45128 FOR THE BUTTE MASTER PLAN.

a. IM No. 03-127

Mr. Duffy provided a brief staff report and noted that the ordinance will allow the Borough to continue work on the Butte Master Plan.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 03-091: Mr. Penny Nixon, President of the North Lake Community Council.

The following person requested a copy of the Butte Master Plan: Ms. Lucille Frey.

There being no others who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bush moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 03-091.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bush moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 03-091 to strike “Talkeetna Lakes Recreation Plan” and to insert “Butte Master Plan.”

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Assemblymember Bush stated that he would like to see a copy of the Butte Master Plan.

Assemblymember Ladere queried the manager regarding the definition of a master plan.

Mr. Duffy responded that a master plan addresses the retention or disposition of borough-owned properties.

VOTE: The motion, to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 03-091, as amended, passed without objection.

3. Ordinance Serial No. 03-092: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $250,000 FROM THE DENALI COMMISSION TO FUND 450, PROJECT NO. 70001, PORT MACKENZIE NATURAL GAS LINE DESIGN PROJECT.

a. Resolution Serial No. 03-058: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE DENALI COMMISSION GRANT, PROJECT NO. 70001, FOR THE PORT MACKENZIE GAS LINE PROJECT.

(1) IM No. 03-128

Mr. Duffy provided a brief staff report regarding the natural gas line.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in favor of Ordinance Serial No. 03-092 and Resolution Serial No. 03-058: Ms. Jean Woods and Mr. Penny Nixon.

There being no others who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 03-092 and Resolution Serial No. 03-058.

Assemblymember Simpson:

- stated that this is the first step to bringing the last utility that merchants and customers would like to see at port; and
- commented that she is looking forward to the engineering design on the gas line.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

4. Ordinance Serial No. 03-093: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING $994,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 45131, FOR SPRUCE BARK BEETLE WILDFIRE HAZARD MITIGATION.

a. Resolution Serial No. 03-059: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, PROJECT NO. 45131, FUND 480, FOR SPRUCE BARK BEETLE WILDFIRE HAZARD MITIGATION.

(1) IM No. 03-134

Mr. Duffy reported that $994,000 has been received from the United States Department of Agriculture, United States Forest Service, for spruce bark beetle mitigation and fire safety purposes.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Allen declared a conflict of interest, as his employer was involved with the funding of the grant.

(Assemblymember Allen exited chambers at this time.)

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

There being no one who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 03-093 and Resolution Serial No. 03-059.

Assemblymember Colver stated that this is good use of federal grant funds.

Assemblymember Simpson spoke to work done by a previous Borough employee supporting the grant and recommended the use of the work.

Discussion ensued regarding the process and timeline associated with the mitigation project.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

(Assemblymember Allen returned to chambers at this time.)

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following persons spoke regarding public meetings held on the update to the Core Area Comprehensive Plan and voiced concerns regarding equal representation of all core area residents: Ms. Annette Harpster and Mr. Penny Nixon.

The following person spoke regarding the issue of zoning and nonconformities: Ms. Lucille Frey.

C. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Anderson made the following recommendations:

- Local Emergency Planning Committee
  - Lee Ann Wetzel
  - Timothy J. Straub
- Transportation Advisory Board
  - Dick Stoffel
- Lazy Mountain Road Service Area No. 19
  - Lucy Klebesadel

Mayor Anderson requested the following confirmations:

- Evaluation Team for Horizon Charter School
  - Bill Allen

Talis Colberg
Lebron McPhail
Scott Schwald
Yolanda Paez
Joy Vaughn

Historical Preservation Commission

Paul Dauphinais

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Marc Peterson

Site Selection Committee – Mid-Valley Pathways Alternative School

Jody Simpson
Kelly Ladere
Robert Johnson
Larry DeVilbiss
Rose Jenne
David Webster

Site Selection Committee – Nutrition Services Facility

Mary Kvalheim
Bruce Bush
Robert Wells
Mike Chmielewski
Lee Sharp
Gary Wolf

Lazy Mountain Road Service Area No. 19

Patrick W. Larrabee

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to confirm the mayor's appointments up for confirmation this evening.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

Mayor Anderson advised the Assembly regarding open positions on Borough boards and committees and requested input on bringing names forward for confirmation.

D. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

X. RECONSIDERATION

(There were no reconsiderations presented.)

XI. VETO

(There were no vetoes presented.)

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(There was no executive session held.)

XIII. MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Assemblymember Bush:
- commented that he is concerned with the comments made this evening regarding an update to the Core Area Comprehensive Plan; and
- encouraged expanding the range of public questioning on the issue.

Assemblymember Ladere:
- concurred with Assemblymember Bush's comments;
- queried administration regarding the Meadow Lakes Elementary School turnout and access;
- spoke to the memorial service for Kelly Mahoney that was held in Talkeetna; and
- recognized the number of people in attendance at the service and the sense of community in that area.

Assemblymember Simpson:
- appreciated the support for the port legislation;
- spoke regarding the survey process and the difficulties in structuring survey questions;
- commented regarding the Borough being on the leading edge in the state in the design of a dual-use vessel for the Upper Cook Inlet area; and
- noted that the capabilities of the vessel are applicable statewide.

Assemblymember Colver:
- expressed that he was pleased that the contract to build turn lanes on Seldon Road was approved;
- spoke to the difficulties in the process of upgrades when Borough roads are transferred to the Alaska State Department of Transportation; and
- queried Public Works Director Jim Swing regarding the status of turn lanes at the Meadow Lakes Elementary School.

Mr. Swing advised that the project has been closed out by the Department of Education and that no more funds can be spent at this time.

Discussion ensued regarding:
- finding alternate funds for the project; and
- placing a new category in the State Transportation Improvement Projects list (STIP) for next year to address intersection improvements and school improvements.

Mayor Anderson queried Mr. Swing regarding the timeline for paving the road to the port.

Mr. Swing:

- stated that calcium chloride would be applied to the road this summer;
- noted that there are no funds for paving the road at this time; and
- commented that there are many upgrades that are necessary before paving can occur.

Mayor Anderson spoke regarding his attendance at local commencement ceremonies during the week.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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TIMOTHY L. ANDERSON, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

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SANDRA A. DILLON, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: June 17, 2003