

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on July 9, 2013, at the Borough School District Administration Building, 501 N. Gulkana Street, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Larry DeVilbiss for the purpose of introducing Ordinance Serial No. 13-095.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

- Mr. Warren Keogh, Assembly District No. 1
- Mr. Noel Woods, Assembly District No. 2
- Mr. Ronald Arvin, Assembly District No. 3 (*Deputy Mayor*)(*arrived at 6:12 p.m.*)
- Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4
- Mr. Darcie K. Salmon, Assembly District No. 5 (attended telephonically)
- 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 Moosey, Borough Manager
- Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor DeVilbiss 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. Patricia Rosnel, a member of the audience.

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For public hearing – 07/16/13, Borough School District Administration Building)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 13-095: An Ordinance Appropriating \$65,000 from the Areawide School Site Acquisition Reserve, Fund 100, to Fund 400, Project No. 40188, and Approving the Land Acquisition of Lot 19, Block 1, Palmer West, for Purpose of Expanding the City of Palmer Water Line Utility From Helen Drive to Valley Pathways School.

(1) IM No. 13-170

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to introduce the legislations as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearing for July 16, 2013.

Assemblymember Keogh requested a synopsis of code regarding school site selection funds, the vote that is needed, and what the funds can be used for.

Mr. Spiropoulos:

- advised that MSB 3.04.110, says that the School District holds half the funds and lapse the other half to the Borough, which goes into the reserve for school site selection; and
- stated that code also states that if using the funds for another purpose, other than school site selection, it would require a two-thirds vote of the Assembly.

Mr. Moosey:

- inquired if it would require five votes of the Assembly; and
- further inquired what would happen if only four members were present.

Ms. McKechnie:

- advised that a two-thirds vote of the Assembly would be five; and
- noted that should only four members be present at a vote that required a two-thirds vote, the motion would fail.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

VIII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Moosey:

- spoke to the possibility of holding a special meeting to introduce a road bond package for safe roads to schools;
- advised that the proposition would be a 50 percent match with the State;
- spoke to the projects for the road bond package; and
- noted that any propositions need to be adopted by August 9, 2013.

Assemblymember Salmon:

- stated that he is facinated that we need special meetings to conduct business, as there are a lot of meetings as it is; and
- queried the reason that the meeting cannot be held the same night as the regular meeting.

Ms. McKechnie:

- advised that to have this legislation be introduced on July 16, 2013, we need a title to advertise for the public, which we do not have at this time;
- noted should a title be finalized in time for advertising that the legislation could be placed on the July 16, 2013, meeting agenda; and
- stated that legislation needs to be introduced at least five days prior to the public hearing.

(Assemblymember Arvin entered the meeting.)

Assemblymember Colver:

- spoke to the issues that have arisen with the Field of View Subdivision local improvement district;
- advised that the local improvement district sponsor has provided the amended covenants, which show that a community well can be provided;
- spoke to concerns with the construction of the road through Government Peak; and
- spoke to the lack of leadership in the Public Works Department at this time and the need to have to follow up to make sure there is follow through by the Department.

Assemblymember Colligan:

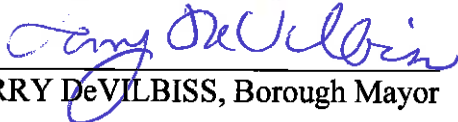
- spoke to the memorial service for Wasilla City Councilmember Steve Lovell;
- noted the hardships the family has experienced lately;
- advised that he has concerns of the run-away costs for road design and right-of-way acquisitions; and
- stated that we might need to get external help to review these issues and the policies before the costs escape us.

Assemblymember Keogh:

- expressed concerns with the job description for the internal auditor position;
- noted that it is not clear in the description whether this position would work for the Manager or the Assembly, which it should be the Manager; and
- advised that he was less than pleased with the response he received from the budget analyst.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.


LARRY DeVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 08/06/13