

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on August 19, 2008, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Mayor Curtis D. Menard.

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
Ms. Mary Kvalheim, 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

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Ms. Amanda E. Charles, Executive Assistant to the Borough Clerk
Ms. Lisa Thomas, Assistant Borough Attorney
Ms. Cheyenne Heindel, Financial Analyst
Mr. Keith Rountree, Public Works Director
Mr. Dennis Brodigan, Emergency Services Director
Mr. Mark Mayo, Planning Director
Mr. Russ Kraft, Purchasing Officer
Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director
Mr. Dave Hanson, Economic Development Director
Mr. Dan Keyes, Division Manager of Recreational Services

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Menard 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. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. Special Assembly Meeting: 07/29/08

Mayor Menard inquired if there were any corrections to the special meeting minutes of July 29, 2008.

GENERAL CONSENT: The minutes were approved as presented without objection.

B. Regular Assembly Meeting: 08/05/08

Mayor Menard inquired if there were any corrections to the regular meeting minutes of August 5, 2008.

GENERAL CONSENT: The minutes were approved as presented without objection.

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Reports from cities

(There was no report provided.)

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

(There was no report provided.)

3. Alaska Family Services, Tobacco Prevention and Control - Claudia Dolfi

Ms. Claudia Dolfi, Alaska Family Services Tobacco Prevention and Control, Teens Against Tobacco Facilitator:

- spoke regarding the hazards of tobacco;
- stated that she was a member of Breathe Free Mat-Su; and
- spoke to the packet which was distributed to the Assembly.

Ms. Keslyn Anderson, Member of Teens Against Tobacco Use

- stated that she is an athlete;
- commented that smokers make it hard to breathe when she is competing; and
- requested the Assembly's support to make the ball fields smoke-free.

Ms. Dolfi:

- commented on discussions with the Parks and Recreation Manager;
- requested that no smoking signs be posted at all ball fields;
- stated that they would provide the signs; and
- requested that the Assembly support making the ball fields smoke-free.

Assemblymember Houston queried if the Borough had the legal authority to ban smoking at the ball fields.

Mr. Duffy:

- stated the attorney would comment on the legal aspect to the question; and
- advised that when alcohol was banned on Borough property that this is the same avenue that was taken.

Mr. Spiropoulos stated that the Borough can govern the use of smoking on their property.

Mayor Menard asked if there was any objection to posting the signs on the ball fields.

There was no objection noted.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

(There was no report provided.)

2. Assembly Public Relations

(There were no reports provided.)

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

Mr. Duffy:

- commented on the draft goal and mission statements; and
- requested that the Assembly provide feedback.

2. Hatcher Pass Ski Area Update

Mr. Duffy introduced Mr. Ron Swanson to provide an update regarding the Hatcher Pass Ski Area.

Mr. Ron Swanson, Consultant:

- addressed the handout provided to the Assembly;
- advised on phase one through four of the Hatcher Pass Ski Area project;
- spoke to the special components of the nordic and alpine ski areas;
- provided projected costs;
- discussed the suggested organization structure of the ski area;
- provided advice on the major decision points in the timeline of the project;
- advised that a conceptual plan should be created.

Assemblymember Kluberton asked if the possibility of debt service had been looked at.

Mr. Hanson:

- stated that he did a brief funding mechanism analysis for the Hatcher Pass Ski Area phase one;
- explained that the total cost is \$24.8 million minus \$6 million for funds that have already been expended; and
- provided a variety of funding possibilities, to include raising the bed tax or mil rate, initiating a sales tax, a liquor tax, or a severance tax.

Discussion ensued regarding funding options.

(The regular meeting recessed at 6:51 p.m. and reconvened at 7:11 p.m.)

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

A. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (MSB 2.12.081; Three minutes per person.)

(Requires 11 days advance notice and must otherwise be in compliance with the necessary code requirements. If no advance notice is given, persons wishing to speak may do so under the Audience Participation section of the agenda.)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three minutes per person.)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 08-120: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FISCAL YEAR 2008 OPERATING BUDGET FROM \$223,960,344 TO \$218,630,714.
 - a. IM No. 08-170

Ms. Heindel provided a staff report.

Mayor Menard opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 08-120.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

2. Ordinance Serial No. 08-121: AN ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$934,374 FROM FUND 410, PROJECT NO. 35245, POINT MACKENZIE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, TO FUND 430, PROJECT NO. 35187, HATCHER PASS SKI DEVELOPMENT ROAD.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 08-093: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED BUDGETS FOR PROJECT NO. 35245, POINT MACKENZIE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND PROJECT NO. 35035, SELDON ROAD EXTENSION

WEST, AMENDING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR PROJECT NO. 35187, HATCHER PASS SKI DEVELOPMENT ROAD, AND AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES FOR THE HATCHER PASS SKI DEVELOPMENT ROAD PROJECT.

(1) IM No. 08-191

Mr. Duffy provided a staff report.

Assemblymember Church:

- queried the amount of \$934,374; and
- noted that the amount looked familiar.

Mr. Duffy responded that the money was earmarked a number of years ago and appeared at that time before the Assembly.

Assemblymember Bettine queried the access routes.

Mr. Duffy:

spoke to the three options available which extend off of East Edgerton Park Road; and addressed the amp of the area.

Mayor Menard opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Wells moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 08-121 and Resolution Serial No. 08-093.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

3. Ordinance Serial No. 08-122: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A \$38,500 COASTAL MANAGEMENT (306 PROGRAM, REQUIRED TASKS) GRANT TO FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 20158, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 REQUIRED TASKS.

a. Resolution Serial No. 08-094: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT (306 PROGRAM, REQUIRED TASKS) GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009.

(1) IM No. 08-197

Mr. Mayo provided a staff report.

Mayor Menard opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 08-122 and Resolution Serial No. 08-094.

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved a primary amendment by striking the appropriation amount of “\$38,500” and inserting in its place “\$38,555” throughout the ordinance and resolution and striking the reference to the Borough match in the amount of “\$19,250” and inserting in its place “\$19,278” in the resolution.

Assemblymember Woods:

- advised that the grant amount was \$55 more than expected; and
- noted that this amendment would reflect the increase in the grant.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The motion passed as amended without objection.

4. Ordinance Serial No. 08-123: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$20,180 FROM THE ALASKA STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR THE BOROUGH LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE, FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 20259, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 OPERATIONS.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 08-095: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ALASKA STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT, PROJECT NO. 20259, FUND 480, FOR THE BOROUGH LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE.
- (1) IM No. 08-198

Mr. Brodigan provided a staff report.

Mayor Menard opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 08-123 and Resolution Serial No. 08-095.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

5. Ordinance Serial No. 08-124: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$120,000 OF INTEREST EARNINGS ON THE 2006 SERIES B, GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS TO FUND 400, SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS, PROJECT NO. 40162, FOR LEED CERTIFICATION OF SOUTH PALMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
 - a. IM No. 08-202

Mr. Rountree provided a staff report.

Assemblymember Woods asked if the price would have been less had this been incorporated into the beginning of the design phase.

Mr. Rountree:

- affirmed the query; and
- spoke to the cost savings that LEED will provide.

Assemblymember Houston asked if there were any changes needed to the current designs.

Mr. Rountree stated that this effected both design and construction.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the total cost of the project;
- the school bonds; and
- the amount of funds left for contingencies.

Mayor Menard opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Church moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 08-124

Assemblymember Bettine:

- stated that she would not support the ordinance;
- spoke to other types of certificates that meet the same goal for energy efficient facilities; and
- noted that the rating systems need to be incorporated into the bidding process.

Mr. Rountree provided the list of projects which would be effected.

Assemblymember Kluberton queried the lifecycle savings.

Mr. Rountree stated that it was approximately 4.6 years to recoup the costs.

Assemblymember Woods:

- spoke regarding a conference she attended which contained information on which areas local governments should concentrate on; and
- advised that energy efficient buildings was highly recommended.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- energy efficiency; and
- the need for projects not to have change orders.

VOTE: The motion passed with Assemblymembers Bettine and Wells in objection.

6. Ordinance Serial No. 08-125: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$328,956 FROM THE UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS IN THE SOLID WASTE ENTERPRISE FUND, FUND 510, TO FUND 510, FISCAL YEAR 2009 SOLID WASTE TRANSFER SITES OPERATING BUDGET, TO ALLOW FOR WAGE AND BENEFIT FUNDING FOR FIVE TRANSFER SITE POSITIONS FROM OCTOBER 1, 2008, TO JUNE 30, 2009.
 - a. IM No. 08-205

Mr. Rountree provided a staff report.

Mayor Menard opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 08-125.

Assemblymember Kluberton:

- noted previous conversations regarding increasing fees boroughwide to help the shortfall;
- stated that in a way it made sense to close the sunshine transfer site with the alternatives that were provided;
- spoke to how much the private contractor charges in the Sunshine area versus what other areas are charged;
- opined that Public Works should negotiate with the private contractor to lower the cost; and
- discussed the need to equalize costs throughout the Borough.

Assemblymember Church asked if this was a result of the audit.

Mr. Duffy affirmed the query.

Assemblymember Church queried if six positions were budgeted for.

Mr. Rountree:

- stated that six positions were funded; and
- elaborated that those six positions were only funded for three months.

Assemblymember Houston queried the business transactions at the solid waste transfer site.

Assemblymember Kluberton stated that there is a garbage service which also disposes of their trash at the facility.

Discussion ensued regarding equalizing charges throughout the Borough.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine called for the question (to stop debate).

VOTE: The motion (to stop debate) failed with Assemblymembers Wells, Bettine, and Woods in support.

Discussion ensued regarding equalizing prices at transfer sites.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

7. Ordinance Serial No. 08-126: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$120,000 OF INTEREST EARNINGS ON THE 2006 SERIES B, GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS TO FUND 400, SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS, PROJECT NO. 40164, FOR ASBESTOS ABATEMENT AND ASSOCIATED CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR THE WASILLA MIDDLE SCHOOL UPGRADE PROJECT.

a. IM No. 08-206

Mr. Rountree provided a staff report.

Mayor Menard opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Kvalheim moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 08-126.

Assemblymember Church spoke regarding the need for the work to be included within the bids.

Mr. Duffy:

- stated that sometimes it is like remodeling a house and when you peel back the walls you find issues; and
- advised that the funds will provide for items that were unforeseen when the project was bid.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

8. Ordinance Serial No. 08-127: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$157,674 OF INTEREST EARNINGS ON THE 2006 SERIES B, GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS TO FUND 400, SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS, PROJECT

NO. 40162, FOR THE UPGRADE AND PAVING OF THE ACCESS ROAD TO
SOUTH PALMER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND THE PARKING AREAS.

a. IM No. 08-207

Mr. Rountree provided a staff report.

Assemblymember Bettine asked if this paving project would be completed during the current construction season.

Mr. Kraft:

- stated that Collins Construction would procure the products now to lock in the prices; and
- advised that the construction would commence next year.

Mayor Menard opened the public hearing.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Church moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 08-127.

Assemblymember Church queried the interest earned on the school bonds.

Mr. Duffy:

- stated that there are limitations involved regarding how the funds can be expended; and
- noted that there is a set period of time that the interest earnings can be used.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following person spoke regarding progress made by the industry as it pertains to mining in the water table, specifically in reference to Ordinance Serial No. 08-017(SUB): Mr. Tom Healy, Executive Director of Alaska Rock Products Association.

The following person spoke regarding concerns with building practices in the Borough with regards to earth quakes: Mr. Todd Shay.

The following person spoke in support of Resolution Serial No. 08-098: Mr. Al Strawn, Alaska Rotary Club.

D. CONSENT AGENDA (AM No. 08-068 was pulled from the consent agenda and addressed separately. *See pp.11-12*)

1. RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution Serial No. 08-096: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT FEES FOR ALL GRANTS THAT ARE RECEIVED BY THE BOROUGH THAT ALLOW SUCH A FEE TO BE TAKEN.
(1) IM No. 08-208
- b. Resolution Serial No. 08-097: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR PROJECT NO. 20266, VEHICLE PURCHASE, TO ALLOW FOR THE PURCHASE OF A STEAM THAW TRUCK.
(1) IM No. 08-213
- c. Resolution Serial No. 08-098: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MAT-SU RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE WASILLA ROTARY CLUB IN ITS EFFORTS TO PARTNER WITH PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS AND DEVELOPERS TO CONSTRUCT A NON-MOTORIZED TRAIL FROM THE WASILLA MULTI-USE SPORTS COMPLEX TO LAKE LUCILLE PARK.
(1) IM No. 08-218

2. ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUMS

- b. AM No. 08-088: APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER TO L & N VENTURES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,201.50 FOR ADDITIONAL WORK ON SCHWALD ROAD UPGRADE PHASE IIII PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 30048.
- c. AM No. 08-091: AWARD OF BID NO. 09-022 TO ALASKA CONSTRUCTION AND PAVING, INC., IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,135,488 PER YEAR FOR THE CENTRAL LANDFILL ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS.
- d. AM No. 08-092: AWARD OF BID NO. 09-021 TO ARI CONTRACTING, LLC, FOR THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$122,490 FOR THE BIG LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RE-ROOF AND ASBESTOS ABATEMENT.
- e. AM No. 08-093: AWARDING BID NO. 09-019 TO HARDY HEATING, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$229,250 FOR THE DORTHY SWANDA JONES BUILDING NETWORK OPERATIONS CENTER AND UPS ROOM HVAC UPGRADES.

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the Clerk.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

- a. AM No. 08-068: AWARD OF ADDITIVE ALTERNATE B TO KLEBS MECHANICAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$209,581 FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF ADDITIONAL WINDOWS IN THE DOROTHY SWANDA JONES BUILDING, PROJECT NO. 10057.

Mr. Rountree provided a staff report.

Mayor Menard asked if the new windows were energy efficient.

Mr. Rountree stated that the windows were energy efficient.

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to adopt AM No. 08-068.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos:

- spoke to a \$10,000 arrest warrant for failure to clean up their junk and trash; and
- noted that the permanent fund dividends would be executed this year for judgments that would be collected for Animal Care and Regulation fines as well as Code Compliance fines.

Assemblymember Woods queried the applicability of the Open Meetings Act as it pertains to a Tourism Summit.

Mr. Spiropoulos:

- advised that the Assembly should hold a special meeting;
- stated that the meeting had to advertised;
- noted that there would need to be public comment at a special meeting; and
- noted that the Assembly could take action at a later date on the items discussed.

Discussion ensued regarding the requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie noted that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Convention and Visitors Bureau has requested that the Tourism Summit be rescheduled to October 11, 2008.

There as no objection noted.

Ms. McKechnie asked if the Assembly would like to reschedule the Clerk's Six-Month Evaluation.

Assemblymember Woods requested that the Clerk's Evaluation take place on September 16, 2008 at 4 p.m.

There was no objection noted.

Assemblymember Wells requested a special meeting on September 18, 2008, at 6 p.m. regarding the Hatcher Pass Ski Area.

There was no objection noted.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:
 - b. Platting Board: 06/19/08, 07/03/08
 - c. Senior Citizen Advisory Board: 04/21/08, 05/19/08
 - d. Transportation Advisory Board: 04/23/08, Resolution Serial Nos.: 08-05, 08-06, 08-07
2. Community Council Correspondence:
 - b. South Knik River Community Council: 02/07/08
 - c. Sutton Community Council: 03/05/08
 - d. Susitna Community Council (formerly the "Y"): 01/03/08, 02/07/08, 03/06/08, 04/03/08

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

1. IM No. 08-214: AN INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM REGARDING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE VALLEY COMMUNITY FOR RECYCLING SOLUTIONS TO ASSIST THEM WITH THEIR EFFORTS TO EDUCATE AND PROVIDE ONGOING AND EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY TO DIVERT RESOURCES FROM THEIR WASTE STREAM.

The informational memorandum was presented and no comments were noted.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(There was no unfinished business.)

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. INTRODUCTION (For public hearing – 09/02/08, 7 p.m., Talkeetna Elementary School.)
 1. Ordinance Serial No. 08-128: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$18,000 TO FUND 430, PROJECT NO. 35004, FOR THE WILLOW AIRPORT FLOAT PLANE ACCESS ROAD CHIP SEAL PROJECT.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 08-099: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE WILLOW AIRPORT FLOAT PLANE ACCESS ROAD CHIP SEAL PROJECT.
- (1) IM No. 08-204

2. Ordinance Serial No. 08-129: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A \$10,000 ALASKA STATE DIVISION OF FORESTRY VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT AND REQUESTING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$10,000 FROM THE BIG LAKE FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE, FUND 256, TO PROJECT NO. 20277, FUND 405, FOR FIRE TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT, AND PREVENTION ACTIVITIES RELATED TO WILDLAND FIRE.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 08-100: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ALASKA STATE DIVISION OF FORESTRY VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT AND MATCHING FUNDS FOR BIG LAKE FIRE SERVICE AREA, PROJECT NO. 20277, FUND 405.
 - (1) IM No. 08-209
3. Ordinance Serial No. 08-130: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A \$4,028.48 ALASKA STATE DIVISION OF FORESTRY VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT AND REQUESTING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$4,028.48 FROM THE SUTTON FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE, FUND 253, TO PROJECT NO. 20255, FUND 405, FOR FIRE TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT, AND PREVENTION ACTIVITIES RELATED TO WILDLAND FIRE.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 08-101: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ALASKA STATE DIVISION OF FORESTRY VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT AND MATCHING FUNDS FOR SUTTON FIRE SERVICE AREA, PROJECT NO. 20255, FUND 405.
 - (1) IM No. 08-210
4. Ordinance Serial No. 08-131: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A \$6,000 ALASKA STATE DIVISION OF FORESTRY VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT AND REQUESTING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$6,000 FROM THE BUTTE FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE, FUND 251, TO PROJECT NO. 20144, FUND 405, FOR THE FIRE TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT, AND PREVENTION ACTIVITIES RELATED TO WILDLAND FIRE.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 08-102: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ALASKA STATE DIVISION OF FORESTRY VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT AND MATCHING FUNDS FOR BUTTE FIRE SERVICE AREA, PROJECT NO. 20144, FUND 405.
 - (1) IM No. 08-211
5. Ordinance Serial No. 08-132: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A \$10,000 ALASKA STATE DIVISION OF FORESTRY VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT AND REQUESTING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$10,000 FROM THE MEADOW LAKES FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE FUND 257, TO PROJECT NO. 20257, FUND 405, FOR

FIRE TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT, AND PREVENTION ACTIVITIES RELATED TO WILDLAND FIRE.

- a. Resolution Serial No. 08-103: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ALASKA STATE DIVISION OF FORESTRY VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT AND MATCHING FUNDS FOR MEADOW LAKES FIRE SERVICE AREA, PROJECT NO. 20257, FUND 405.
(1) IM No. 08-212
6. Ordinance Serial No. 08-133: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$492,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TO FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 45131, FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE SPRUCE BARK BEETLE WILDFIRE HAZARD MITIGATION PROJECT.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 08-104: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATION, PROJECT NO. 45131, FUND 480, FOR CONTINUATION OF THE SPRUCE BARK BEETLE WILDFIRE HAZARD MITIGATION PROJECT.
(1) IM No. 08-215
7. Ordinance Serial No. 08-134: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$302,500 FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009 DESIGNATED LEGISLATIVE GRANTS FOR VARIOUS ROAD AND FACILITY PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 08-105: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009 DESIGNATED LEGISLATIVE GRANT PROJECTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FOR VARIOUS ROAD AND FACILITY PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE BOROUGH.
(1) IM No. 08-219
8. Ordinance Serial No. 08-135: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$10,745 FROM THE ALASKA STATE LIBRARY, INTERLIBRARY COOPERATION GRANT PROGRAM, TO FUND 440, PROJECT NO. 20373, AND APPROVE A SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET TO PROMOTE A BOROUGHWIDE LITERACY CAMPAIGN CALLED "MAT-SU READS TO SUCCEED."
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 08-106: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET TO PROMOTE A BOROUGHWIDE LITERACY CAMPAIGN CALLED "MAT-SU READS TO SUCCEED."
(1) IM No. 08-220

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearings for September 2, 2008.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Menard requested the following confirmations:

Citizens Advisory Committee on the Point MacKenzie Prison

Lynn Gattis

Gordon Attaliades

Historical Preservation Commission

Resignation of Bonnie Allen

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Resignation of Randal Hahn

Transportation Advisory Board

Henry Cottle

South Colony RSA No. 16

Jeff Nelles

Mayor Menard made the following recommendations:

Emergency Medical Services Board

Sandra Gehl

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Nils Monsen

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to confirm the Mayor's recommendations up for confirmation this evening.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. 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 Wells provided a report on the MidWest Ski Area Association 2008 summer meetings and trade show he attended.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- requested that the Manager speak with the Planning Staff regarding the Citizens Advisory Committee on Point MacKenzie;
- elaborated that she would like help provided to that committee as it begins its planning ventures; and
- noted the need for the Alaska State Department of Corrections to be involved.

Assemblymember Woods:

- noted that on August 8, 2008, she went to the Anchorage Assembly work session regarding energy;
- provided highlights from the work session;
- noted that the Municipality of Anchorage would like to have another joint meeting;
- stated that she would be attending the Alaska Municipal League summer meetings next week; and
- noted that the Alaska Municipal League's summer meetings would be held in Palmer in 2009.

Assemblymember Kluberton:

- noted that the Forest Lake residents have been extended their appreciation to Code Compliance for cleaning up the trash in their neighborhood; and
- commented on discussions regarding mass transit and the need for it to be extended north.

Mayor Menard:

- commented on the Alaska Farm Lands Trust Conservation Easement; and
- asked if the Assembly would be continuing the earlier meeting regarding the annual evaluation of the Borough Manager.

(The regular meeting recessed at 9:31 p.m. and reconvened at 9:42 p.m.)

Mayor Menard:

- spoke to discussions with the Borough Attorney and Borough Clerk; and
- stated that the Special Meeting regarding the annual evaluation of the Borough Manager would be continued at a later date;
- requested that the special meeting be continued to September 9, 2008, at 4 p.m.; and
- asked that the six-month evaluation of the Borough Clerk be added to that agenda.

There was no objection noted.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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CURTIS D. MENARD, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

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LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 09/02/08