

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on October 21, 2008, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 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
Mr. Mark Ewing, Assembly District No. 4
Ms. Cindy L. Bettine, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Tom Kluberton, Assembly District No. 7

Assembly members absent and excused were:

Mr. Rob Wells, Assembly District No. 6

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Ms. Cheryl D. Marino, Deputy Borough Clerk
Mr. Keith Rountree, Public Works Director
Mr. Dennis Brodigan, Emergency Services Director
Ms. Linda Brenner, Community Development Director
Mr. Mark Mayo, Planning and Land Use Director
Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director
Ms. Elizabeth Gray, Assistant Borough Manager
Mr. Russ Krafft, Purchasing Officer
Mr. Bill Klebesedel, Project Management/Engineering Division Manager

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Mr. Duffy requested that AM No. 08-106 be removed from the agenda for further review.

There was no objection noted.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Helen Munoz, a member of the audience.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. Special Meeting Minutes: 09/09/08

Mayor Menard inquired if there were any corrections to the special meeting minutes of September 9, 2008.

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

B. Joint Assembly/School Board Meeting: 09/09/08

Mayor Menard inquired if there were any corrections to the Joint Assembly/School Board meeting minutes of September 9, 2008.

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

C. Regular Assembly Meeting: 09/16/08

Mayor Menard inquired if there were any corrections to the regular meeting minutes of September 16, 2008.

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

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Reports from cities

Houston City

Deputy Mayor Lance Wilson:

- stated that Houston City Mayor Roger Purcell wanted to send his thanks to Mayor Menard, Assemblymembers, and Borough staff for their continued support;
- reported on the newly elected officials from their October 7, 2008, election;
- advised that the Houston City Police Department will increase their patrols during school hours due to complaints regarding speeding in the Big Lake Elementary School vicinity;
- stated that they are finishing their work on the Parks Highway public rest stop;
- commented that the Little Su Campground/Houston Visitor Center office will be open to promote parks;
- reported that the city is planning on plowing Firebrick Road for winter access;

- spoke to roads in the Meadow View and Forest View Subdivisions; and
- stated that they would like to work with the Borough to connect some of the roads.

Assemblymember Bettine queried the location of Airola Road and Forest Road.

Deputy Mayor Wilson noted the location of the roads.

Discussion ensued regarding the city of Houston's report.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

(There was no report provided.)

3. Anchorage Economic Development Corporation – Bill Popp

(There was no report provided.)

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:

- stated that the blood bank drive was successful and thanked Ms. Char Taranto-Avril, Human Resources Specialist, for its coordination;
- reported that the Borough currently has over 500 volunteer fire responders;
- noted that Ms. Sally Leatherman, Volunteer Coordinator, is doing a great job recruiting volunteers, as this is the highest number of responders the Borough has had;
- reported that the Prison bond may be delayed by two to three weeks, due to the bond market; and
- spoke to the discussions that the directors have had regarding organizational changes, which would need to be enacted in order to stay on top of all of the projects.

Assemblymember Bettine queried the staffing for the road projects and noted her concern regarding the timelines of the projects.

Mr. Duffy:

- advised that he will have a transportation projects proposal that will include staffing information to the Assembly at the November 18, 2008, meeting;
- spoke regarding a Dispute Resolution Board which could decrease the number of construction claims;
- explained that any dispute between the Borough and the contractor would be sent directly to this Board for resolution;
- elaborated that this avenue has been a huge success throughout the nation;
- congratulated the Assembly for creating the 70/30 split program, as it carried a lot of weight when the package was presented in Juneau; and
- reported on the Rail Extension Project.

Assemblymember Woods:

- queried the reason that having a road in the corridor for the rail extension was not a good plan; and
- queried if it would cause delays, since the environmental work would already be complete.

Mr. Duffy:

- noted that the issue is that Environmental Impact Study (EIS) process would become much larger;
- reported that many more agencies would have to be involved; and
- stated that it would take approximately five to seven years which is a standard EMS timeline for a road of that length.

Assemblymember Woods queried if the process is different for rail than it is for roads.

Mr. Duffy responded that the process is different for rail than it is for roads.

Discussion ensued regarding the processes for the road.

Mr. Duffy:

- stated that the new Chief Animal Care and Regulation Officer is Mr. George Hasco and expanded on his background;
- introduced Ms. Elizabeth Gray, the new Assistant Borough Manager and provided a brief history on her background;
- requested that Mr. Krafft provide a Purchasing Division update; and
- stated he would like to schedule two meetings, the first regarding the rail extension and the second regarding revenue diversification.

Assemblymember Woods requested an update on when the next meeting regarding Strategic Planning will occur.

Mr. Duffy:

- explained where the staff was in the drafting of the Strategic Plans; and
- stated that there would be an update provided by the end of November.

Mr. Krafft:

- stated that he has received calls from different organizations for the larger contract awards; stated that Anchorage is running out of land to develop;
- noted that the contractors are moving from the Anchorage area into the Matanuska-Susitna Borough;
- provided an update of the purchasing awards over the past year.

Assemblymember Church queried the change orders.

Mr. Krafft:

- stated that the dollar amounts are monitored very closely; and
- noted that the majority of change orders are due to external changing conditions or that the Borough has decided to add something to the project.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- contract awards;
- contract change orders; and
- local bid preference;

Assemblymember Ewing:

- requested a copy of the Best Value Grading System; and
- queried if profit margins are realistic at five percent.

Mr. Krafft stated that 5 percent is above the market for profit

Assemblymember Bettine queried the Bogard Road Extension East Project.

Assemblymember Kluberton explained that the project is the preliminary engineering stage.

Mr. Duffy:

- provided a brief update on the Bogard Road Extension;
- stated that he would follow-up with the Assembly with more information;
- requested a work session on November 18, 2008, with the Local Road Service Area Advisory Board to discuss items such as:
 - road service area roads;
 - recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Task Force;
 - financing of roads; and
 - impact fees.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos:

- spoke to the injunction list on the tracking report; and
- explained that four of the cases had been closed.

Assemblymember Ewing noted his preference for special meetings to take place in the evening.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie:

- spoke regarding the upcoming meeting schedule; and
- noted the request to have a joint meeting in November with the Local Road Service Area Advisory Board.

Assemblymember Bettine requested that the meeting be held on November 18, 2008, at 4 p.m.

There was no objection noted.

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

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

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three minutes per person.)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 08-142: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$20,000 FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 20369, FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN FOR THE NORTHERN ALASKA RAILROAD/PARKS HIGHWAY CORRIDOR.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 08-116: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET, AND AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO THE NECESSARY GRANT AGREEMENTS FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN FOR THE NORTHERN RAILROAD/PARKS HIGHWAY CORRIDOR.
 - (1) IM No. 08-172

Mr. Mayo provided a staff report.

Assemblymember Woods queried the land involved.

Assemblymember Kluberton noted that the land involved is in the Trapper Creek area to the South Denali 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 Kluberton moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 08-142 and Resolution No. 08-116.

Assemblymember Kluberton:

- noted that he and Mr. Duffy visited the proposed location of the South Denali Visitor's Center;
- spoke to the State and National Park employees recommendations to the Borough; and
- stated that he is in favor of approval.

Assemblymember Church queried if the site location for the South Denali Visitor's Center has been changed.

Assemblymember Kluberton:

- noted that the Parks Service hired interpretive planners to look at the area;
- stated that the interpretive planners encouraged the Parks Service to move the visitor center structure closer to Lake 1787, with the intent of providing a more varied pedestrian access to types of terrain;
- stated that the Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board are considering a resolution regarding the concept of moving the visitors center; and
- noted that the State and Federal Parks Service's opined that the structure is in the same ridge system and it is not being moved that far.

Discussion ensued regarding the site location.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

2. Ordinance Serial No. 08-143: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A FISCAL YEAR 2009 DESIGNATED LEGISLATIVE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,500,000 FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FOR THE SOUTH CENTRAL RAIL EXTENSION FROM PORT MACKENZIE TO THE MAINLINE, TO FUND 490, PROJECT NO. 75001.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 08-117: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO THE NECESSARY AGREEMENTS WITH THE ALASKA RAILROAD CORPORATION FOR THE SOUTH CENTRAL RAIL EXTENSION FROM PORT MACKENZIE TO THE MAINLINE PROJECT.
 - (1) IM No. 08-190

Mr. Duffy 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 Bettine moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 08-143 and Resolution Serial No. 08-117.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

3. Ordinance Serial No. 08-144: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$20,000 TO FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 20368, TO CREATE A GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN NETWORK FOR THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 08-118: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET TO CREATE A GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK DESIGN FOR THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH.
 - (1) IM No. 08-231

Mr. Mayo provided a staff report.

Assemblymember Woods queried if the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) mapping was to include the entire Borough.

Mr. Mayo stated that the GIS mapping is Boroughwide.

Assemblymember Woods queried if the grant was to produce the maps, or would it also include the creation of a green infrastructure network.

Mr. Mayo noted that the implementation would occur later and that there would be a public process to determine the spending of the grant.

Assemblymember Bettine queried if the project manager was in-house.

Mr. Mayo stated that the project manager was in-house.

Assemblymember Bettine queried if the brochure that Friends of Mat-Su presented to the Assembly was a part of the project.

Mr. Mayor confirmed that the brochure was part of the project.

Assemblymember Bettine queried if the Friends of Mat-Su were going to be a part of this portion of the project.

Mr. Mayo stated that the Friends of Mat-Su were not going to be a part of this portion of the project.

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. 08-144 and Resolution Serial No. 08-118.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

4. Ordinance Serial No. 08-145: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$10,100,800 FOR A PORTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2009 DESIGNATED LEGISLATIVE GRANT PROJECTS FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

a. Resolution Serial No. 08-119: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,100,800 FOR A PORTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2009 DESIGNATED LEGISLATIVE GRANT PROJECTS FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

(1) IM No. 08-235

Mr. Rountree provided a staff report.

Assemblymember Kluberton queried the timeline involved with spending the funds.

Mr. Rountree:

- advised that they are looking at how to staff the grant projects; and
- stated that he is unsure on the timeline for spending the grant funds.

Assemblymember Bettine queried if the projects allow for management fees.

Mr. Rountree noted that management fees are included within the project.

Assemblymember Ewing queried the two projects that were not identified.

Mr. Rountree reported that there are 14 bridges and four connector roads.

Discussion ensued regarding the connector roads.

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. 08-145 and Resolution Serial No. 08-119.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

5. Ordinance Serial No. 08-146: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$810,000 FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FISCAL YEAR 2009 DESIGNATED LEGISLATIVE GRANT PROJECTS.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 08-120: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPES OF WORK AND BUDGETS FOR THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GRANTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES PROJECTS.
 - (1) IM No. 08-237

Mr. Brodigan provided a staff report.

Assemblymember Woods queried the 16 foot by 30 foot addition for the Sutton Fire Hall.

Mr. Brodigan:

- stated that the training room currently houses exercise equipment; and
- noted that the annex will serve a dual purpose in that it will house the compressor and the exercise equipment.

Assemblymember Ewing:

- noted the low staffing levels of the mechanics; and
- queried if these monies could be used to hire additional mechanics.

Mr. Brodigan stated that these monies could not be used to hire more mechanics.

Mr. Duffy noted that they would recommend mechanic positions in the fiscal year 2010 budget proposal.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- queried the ambulance replacement; and
- inquired if the Knik-Goose Bay area would be receiving an ambulance.

Mr. Brodigan:

- stated that the new ambulance is specifically designated for the Big Lake Ambulance Service;
- reported that the existing Big Lake ambulance will be available to the fleet to deploy;
- stated that soon they will initiate the EMS System Management Plan for the Borough; and
- elaborated that the plan includes ambulance deployment times, which will cover the Knik-Goose Bay area during the day and the evening; and
- advised that the ambulance will be stored at Station 6-1 for overnight housing.

Assemblymember Bettine requested a shed be placed at Station 6-3 to house an ambulance.

Mr. Duffy stated that they would provide a response to the Assembly on how they would cover the Knik-Goose Bay area.

Assemblymember Ewing:

- stated that there are a large number of accidents on the Knik-Goose Bay Road; and
- noted that this area needs ambulance coverage.

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. 08-146 and Resolution Serial No. 08-120.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

6. Ordinance Serial No. 08-147: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A FISCAL YEAR 2009 DESIGNATED LEGISLATIVE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$550,000 FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; \$50,000 FROM THE CITY OF WASILLA; AND \$50,000 FROM THE CITY OF PALMER; TO FUND 415, PROJECT NO. 25013, CENTRAL AREA MAT-SU WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 08-121: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE CENTRAL AREA MAT-SU WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN, PROJECT NO. 25013, AND AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF PALMER AND THE CITY OF WASILLA.
 - (1) IM No. 08-241

Mr. Rountree provided a staff report.

Assemblymember Bettine queried the content of the agreement regarding reimbursement to the parties for per diem and travel.

Mr. Rountree:

- stated that the city of Palmer has incurred some expenses through their contract with HDL for the consultant's study and have requested reimbursement; and
- noted that the grant allows reimbursement up to \$25,000 for the cities of Palmer and Wasilla.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- queried if the city of Wasilla had a representative; and
- inquired who was taking the lead in regards to the contract.

Mr. Rountree:

- stated that the Borough is taking the lead on the contract; and
- noted that there are representatives from the cities of Palmer and Wasilla, the Borough, and a representative from the Municipality of Anchorage.

Assemblymember Kluberton queried if the city of Palmer could pay \$25,000 of the \$50,000 required contribution, instead of receiving reimbursement of \$25,000 for their expenses.

Mr. Rountree responded that the city of Palmer could do this, as it would work out to be the same amount of money.

Discussion ensued regarding the contract agreement.

Mayor Menard opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke regarding the need for pre-treatment for septage and the importance of doing it the right way the first time: Ms. Helen Munoz.

The following person spoke regarding pollution in his home town on the east coast and the importance of acting now to eliminate the expenses of cleaning up pollution in the future: Mr. Mike Chmielewski.

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

(The regular meeting recessed at 7:57 p.m. and reconvened at 8:11 p.m.)

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 08-147 and Resolution Serial No. 08-121.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to amend the agreements with the cities of Palmer and Wasilla, Jurisdiction; Choice of Law Venue sections, by striking "Anchorage" and inserting "Palmer" in its place to read: "Any civil action arising from the Agreement shall be brought in the superior court for the Third Judicial District of the State of Alaska at Palmer. The laws of the State of Alaska shall govern the rights and obligations of the parties."

VOTE: The amendment to the contracts passed without objection.

Assemblymember Church queried if the design study was for a regional facility.

Mr. Duffy noted that the study is not for a regional facility, but the study is looking at the best regional solution.

Assemblymember Ewing queried if the study included the Knik and the Pt. MacKenzie area.

Mr. Duffy:

- stated that the Knik and Pt. MacKenzie area are not included in this study; and
- noted that the Knik and Pt. MacKenzie area will need this study as well.

Discussion ensued regarding the study.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following persons spoke in opposition to the current route of the Nelson Road Extension:
Ms. Monica Swan and Mr. Randy Dellar.

D. CONSENT AGENDA (Resolution Serial Nos. 08-125 and 08-126 were pulled from the consent agenda and addressed separately. (See pp. 14-15)

1. RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution Serial No. 08-123: A RESOLUTION RENAMING THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE POINT MACKENZIE PRISON TO THE CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE GOOSE CREEK CORRECTIONAL CENTER.

(1) IM No. 08-248

b. Resolution Serial No. 08-124: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGETS FOR THE DOROTHY SWANDA JONES BUILDING AS-BUILT DRAWING, NEW FLOOR COVERING MAIN, GYM, AND WEST ENTRY, REPLACEMENT STORAGE SHED WITH ELECTRICITY, CLEAN DUCTS, AND ELECTRICAL WORK PROJECTS, PROJECT NO. 10057, AND APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE DOROTHY SWANDA JONES BUILDING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WALL DEMOLITION, PROJECT NO. 10057, FUND 435.

(1) IM No. 08-258

2. ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUMS

a. ~~AM No. 08-106: AUTHORIZING CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO AGNEW::BECK AND ASSOCIATES, UNDER SOLICITATION NO. 08-020, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,030 FOR THE UPDATE TO THE BIG LAKE COMPREHENSIVE STUDY.~~

b. AM No. 08-107: AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE FOR THE COORDINATION OF A REGIONAL VANPOOL PROGRAM.

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.

c. Resolution Serial No. 08-125: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE HUMAN SERVICES TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION PLAN.

(1) IM No. 08-261

MOTION: Assemblymember Kluberton moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 08-125.

Assemblymember Kluberton queried if the scope of work included transportation for the "Y" and Talkeetna communities.

Mr. Duffy:

- advised that the Borough is attempting is to coordinate all travel funds; and
- stated that the idea is to pool the resources, which would include the Talkeetna and Sunshine areas.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

d. Resolution Serial No. 08-126: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EXEMPTION OF STATE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND CANDIDATES. *(Sponsored by: Assemblymember Woods)*

(1) IM No. 08-263

MOTION: Assemblymember Ewing moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 08-126.

Assemblymember Ewing:

- stated that he agrees with the intent of the resolution;
- stated that he disagrees with eliminating the disclosure statements until there is a vehicle in place to protect the public; and
- spoke to concerns with some of the information that the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) requires in their Financial Disclosure Statement.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- spoke in favor of the resolution;
- spoke to acquiring petitions at the 2007 Alaska Municipal League's conference to get the resolution on the floor;
- stated that another option is to opt out of APOC's requirements; and
- stated that she would be in favor of placing the "opting out" question on the next ballot if the State Legislature does not change the law.

Assemblymember Woods:

- stated that the resolution is in support of the Alaska Municipal League's efforts; and
- noted that all of the municipalities will be looking at this at the annual meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the APOC financial disclosure statements.

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

VOTE: There was no objection noted.

VOTE: The motion passed with Assemblymember Ewing in opposition.

B. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:
 - a. Emergency Medical Services Board: 04/02/08
 - b. Enhanced 911 Advisory Board: 06/10/08
 - c. Greater Talkeetna Road Service Board of Supervisors: 07/10/08, 08/14/08
 - d. Local Emergency Planning Committee: 05/21/08, 06/18/08
 - e. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: 06/19/08
 - f. Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board: 05/19/08, 07/28/08
 - g. Planning Commission: 08/18/08, Resolution Serial Nos: 08-024(AM), 08-032, 08-033, 08-034(AM), 08-037(AM)
 - h. Port Commission: 07/21/08
 - i. Real Property Asset Management Board: 05/14/08, 06/11/08, 08/13/08
 - j. Transportation Advisory Board: 07/23/08, Resolution Serial No. 08-08
2. Community Council Correspondence:
 - a. Glacier View Community Council: 05/20/08

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

C. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

1. IM No. 08-249: AN INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM REGARDING THE EXTENSION OF CONTRACT NO. 08-043 TO GILLESPIE & ASSOCIATES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$73,000 FOR STATE LOBBYIST SERVICES.
2. IM No. 08-256: AN INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM ADVISING OF THE MONTHLY REPORTING OF AMENDED CONTRACTS AND NEW AWARDS UNDER \$100,000, ALONG WITH SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENTS, FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2008, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2008.

The informational memorandums were presented and no comments were noted.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(There was no unfinished business presented.)

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTION (For public hearing – 11/18/08, 7 p.m., Borough Assembly Chambers)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 08-148: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$800,000 FROM VALLEY COMMUNITY FOR RECYCLING SOLUTIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW REGIONAL RESOURCE RECOVERY AND TRAINING FACILITY, FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 47013.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 08-127: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR A NEW REGIONAL RESOURCE RECOVERY AND TRAINING FACILITY, AND AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VALLEY COMMUNITY FOR RECYCLING SOLUTIONS FOR THE COMPLETION OF THIS WORK.
 - (1) IM No. 08-246
2. Ordinance Serial No. 08-149: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A FISCAL YEAR 2009 DESIGNATED LEGISLATIVE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR FUND 400, PROJECT NO. 40098, PALMER HIGH SCHOOL FIELD TURF PROJECT.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 08-128: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR PALMER HIGH SCHOOL FIELD TURF PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 40098.
 - (1) IM No. 08-251
3. Ordinance Serial No. 08-150: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 17.28, INTERIM MATERIALS DISTRICT, BY REPEALING MSB 17.28.060(A)(5)(b) IN ITS ENTIRETY.
 - a. IM No. 08-253
4. Ordinance Serial No. 08-151: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 27.05, DEFINITION OF TERMS; MSB 27.15, PLAT APPROVAL, ABBREVIATED PLAT SUBDIVISIONS AND VACATIONS; MSB 27.20, SUBDIVISION DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS; AND MSB 27.35, SUBDIVISION AGREEMENTS.
 - a. IM No. 08-254

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 November 18, 2008.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Menard requested the following confirmations:

Library Board

Amanda Stossel

Planning Commission

Resignation of Mark Ewing

Platting Board

Kurt MacKenzie

Real Property Asset Management Board

Resignation of Dulce Ben-East

Mayor Menard made the following recommendations:

Board of Adjustment and Appeals

Deborah Retherford

Emergency Medical Services Board

Brian J. Anderson

Health and Social Services Board

R. Scott Harrison

Library Board

Nicole Barker

Planning Commission

Gary LoRusso

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

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Ewing declared a conflict of interest on the vacancy report, as he is listed as being removed the Planning Commission since he has become an Assembly Member.

RULING: Mayor Menard ruled that Assemblymember Ewing had a conflict of interest and would be recused from voting on the vacancy report.

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 Woods

- stated that her travel budget is increasing due to her involvement with the Alaska Municipal League (AML) and related travel expenses; and
- invited other Assembly Members to take her place on the AML Board; and
- noted that should she need to be the representative on the AML Board she would need additional travel funds.

Assemblymember Church stated that Assemblymember Woods could use some of her out of Borough funds.

Discussion ensued regarding the Assembly's out of Borough budget.

Assemblymember Bettine requested the Assembly budget be in the Clerk's report for the next regular meeting.

Assemblymember Woods:

- stated that she forwarded a copy of sustainable living to the Assembly;
- noted that there were several items with the handout that they should all keep in mind; and
- spoke to actions that the Assembly and Administration has taken in the past that are leading the Borough forward with progressive solutions to the problems that will be facing the communities.

Assemblymember Church:

- stated that she regrets missing the tourism summit; and
- requested a copy of the summit report.

Mr. Duffy stated that Mr. Hanson was compiling the comments from the tourism summit and once completed would be provided to the Assembly.

Assemblymember Church:

- noted that she attended the cell tower meeting; and
- reported that the participants at the meeting were unaware that they were supposed to be looking at more than just cell towers.

Mr. Duffy stated that co-locating is supposed to be reviewed.

Assemblymember Church queried if it will be tied into the flex zoning coordination effort.

Mr. Duffy responded that he will ensure that the consultants communicate.

Assemblymember Church queried the timeline involved with drafting the flex zoning ordinance.

Mr. Duffy

- stated that the timeline will exceed March 2009; and
- noted that he will forward a chart to the Assembly.

Assemblymember Church queried the meetings that will be held with regards to the South Palmer Elementary School road issues.

Mr. Duffy stated that there will be Assembly meetings and neighborhood meetings.

Assemblymember Ewing:

- thanked the Mayor and the Assembly; and
- stated his appreciation to Ms. McKechnie and Mr. Spiropoulos for preparing him for the meeting.

Assemblymember Kluberton:

- reported that he has heard differing comments with regards to the one percent for art competition for the Susitna Valley School;
- spoke to the condition of the Trapper Creek refuse facility and the need for construction of a ramp;
- requested that the Assembly look at the criteria for community council membership;
- spoke the possible issues that could arise with the current community council membership eligibility; and
- noted the need to move slowly and carefully on the South Palmer Elementary School road issues.


Assemblymember Houston:

- noted that this is his one-year anniversary for serving on the Assembly;
- stated that he looks forward to serving on the Assembly for another couple of years; and
- welcomed Assemblymember Ewing.

Mayor Menard welcomed Assemblymember Ewing.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.


CURTIS D. MENARD, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 12/02/08