

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on October 28, 2014, at the Borough Assembly Chamber, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Arvin for the purpose of taking up Resolution Serial Nos. 14-073 and 14-099.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Jim Sykes, Assembly District No. 1
Mr. Matthew Beck, Assembly District No. 2
Mr. Ronald Arvin, Assembly District No. 3 (*Deputy Mayor*)
Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4 (*arrived at 3:12 p.m.*)
Mr. Dan Mayfield, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6
Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7 (*arrived at 3:04 p.m.*)

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Moosey, Borough Manager
Mr. George Hays, Assistant Borough Manager
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Ms. Brenda Henry, Assistant Clerk
Ms. Eileen Probasco, Planning and Land Use Director
Ms. Mary Miller, Executive Assistant to the Borough Manager
Ms. Ali Little, Human Resources Generalist
Mr. Brad Sworts, Transportation and Environmental Manger
Mr. Casey Cook, Emergency Manager
Mr. Mike Brown, Capital Projects Director
Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director
Mr. Stefan Hinman, Media Design Specialist
Ms. Sara Jansen, Planner II

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Arvin inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

Assemblymember Sykes requested to take up audience participation prior to unfinished business.

Deputy Mayor Arvin inquired if there was any objection.

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

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. John Harris, State Lobbyist for the Borough.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following person spoke to concerns with the proposed Southcentral Foundation Community Health Center in Sutton: Mr. Mark Bartels.

The following person spoke to concerns with the scheduling of public meetings: Mr. Eugene Haberman.

The following person advised that the city of Wasilla is in support of the proposed Southcentral Foundation Community Health Center in Sutton: Mr. David Wilson, Wasilla City Councilmember.

The following person requested that support for an expansion center of the Valley Performing Arts Center be added to the Borough's State Legislative Priorities: Mr. Gary Forrester, Valley Performing Arts Executive Director.

The following person apologized for not getting information to the public in a timely manner regarding the proposed Southcentral Foundation Community Health Center in Sutton: Mr. Lee Olson, Chief Financial Officer for the Southcentral Foundation.

The following persons spoke in support of the proposed Southcentral Foundation Community Health Center in Sutton: Ms. Melissa Caswell, Administrator for the Southcentral Foundation; Ms. Lisa Wade, Chickaloon Traditional Village; and State Representative Bill Stoltz.

The following person thanked the body for making progress in securing a regional wastewater and septage treatment facility: Ms. Helen Munoz.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. **Resolution Serial No. 14-099:** A Resolution Approving Up To \$9,500,000 Of City Of Wasilla, Alaska Variable Rate Demand Revenue Bonds (Southcentral Foundation Project), Series 2014 To Finance A Primary Care And Wellness Center In Sutton, And To Finance And Refinance Health Care Facilities In Anchorage.

1. IM No. 14-238

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Colligan moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 14-099.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

- B. **Resolution Serial No. 14-073:** A resolution approving the state legislative priorities for 2015.
1. IM No. 14-138

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Arvin moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 14-073.

(Mayor DeVilbiss entered the meeting and assumed the duties of the chair.)

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 14-073 and IM No. 14-138, by inserting the following project: “West Lakes Fire Service Area - Station 7-3 - Parks Highway Station - \$3.5 Million. Construction of a new 24,000 square foot fire station at milepost 51.3 of the Parks Highway, with facilities for 24-hour staffing of responders, centralized administrative offices, rooms for training and meetings, and several bays to stage emergency response apparatus. The strategic location sits at the confluence of three communities, Big Lake, Meadow Lakes, and the City of Houston. Sited adjacent to the Parks Highway it will provide for a more rapid response to emergencies in the primary fire service area of West Lakes, as well as the other communities that we provide mutual and automatic aid to. Currently the West Lakes Fire Service Area has a very limited ability to provide 24-hour staffing out of any fire station. Office space is converted closets and storage rooms at three stations and two stations do not have any office space at all. Training has to be split between stations because the training rooms are too small to hold all of the responders. During winter months vehicles must be parked outdoors.”

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 14-073 and IM No. 14-1387, by inserting the following project: “Wasilla-Lakes Fire Service Area - Southcentral Regional Emergency Services Training Center - \$3 Million. This project will complete Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Southcentral Regional Emergency Services Training Center Development Plan. This project includes the construction of a road system and a water system - including burying water lines and installing hydrants on the property, site clearing for the relocation of two training towers, the development of an emergency helicopter landing pad, the installation of utilities, the design and construction of a warehouse, the construction of a paved vehicle extrication site, a hazmat training site, and the purchase of training site equipment. The training and certification of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Department of Emergency Services on-call responders is critical in developing and maintaining an effective emergency response system. The current 501 on-call responders answer the emergency calls within their respective communities. The community relies on their level of training to mitigate all types of situations. The total price for the facility is \$5.7 Million.”

- VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Colver, Halter, and Arvin opposed.
- MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 14-073 and IM No. 14-138, by striking “Interchange for Port MacKenzie access - \$13 Million.”
- VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.
- MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 14-073 and IM No. 14-138, by striking “Brett Memorial Ice Arena Renovations - \$3.5 Million.”
- VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.
- MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 14-073 and IM No. 14-138, that the first five priorities in Resolution Serial No. 14-073 will mirror those as adopted in Resolution Serial No. 14-092.
- MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a secondary amendment to prioritize “Seward Meridian Parkway Extension North, Phase 2 (Palmer-Wasilla Highway to Seldon Road) - \$30 million” prior to “South Gateway visitor Center - \$5 million.”
- MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin called for the question (to stop debate).
- VOTE: The motion passed without objection.
- VOTE: The secondary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Colver and Colligan in support.
- VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Assemblymember Colver opposed.
- MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 14-073 and IM No. 14-138, by striking “Palmer and Wasilla Swimming Pool Renovation - \$12 Million.”
- VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Arvin and Halter in support.
- MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 14-073 and IM No. 14-138, by inserting “Bald Mountain Motorized Use Parking Area and Trailhead Development – Sitze Road Parking and Trail - \$1.25 Million. These funds will be used to enhance recreational opportunities for snowmobile use (motorized use) in the Hatcher Pass Management Area. The funds will be used to construct or improve parking and trailheads. \$125,000 will be allocated for trail grooming.”

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a secondary amendment by striking the words “\$125,000 will be allocated for trail grooming.”

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved a secondary amendment by inserting “Bald Mountain Motorized Use Parking Area and Trailhead Development – Sitze Road Parking and Trail - \$1.25 million” immediately following “Government Peak Recreation Area - \$6.65 million.”

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed as amended without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 14-073 and IM No. 14-138, by inserting “Valley Performing Arts - \$4 million for matching grant funds - project total \$8.6 million.”

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Sykes, Colligan, and Beck in support.

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 14-073 and IM No. 14-138, after the first five priorities to insert the following priorities in the following order:

- Seward Meridian Parkway Extension North, Phase 2 (Palmer-Wasilla Highway to Seldon Road) - \$30 million;
- MSB Substandard Road and Bridge Improvements - \$10 million; and
- Museum Drive Extension (Parks Highway Connector) - \$4 Million.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 14-073 and IM No. 14-138, by striking “Parks Highway Wasilla Alternative Corridor - Advance Row Acquisition - \$10 million.”

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 14-073 and IM No. 14-138, Consolidated Fleet Services Complex - \$10 Million, by striking “\$10 million” and inserting “\$1 million” in its place.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Sykes and Colligan opposed.

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 14-073 and IM No. 14-138, South Denali Visitor Center - \$28 million, by striking "\$28 million" and inserting "\$8 million in State funds with \$20 million in Federal Matching Funds."

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 14-073 and IM No. 14-138, Port MacKenzie Rail Extension - \$116 million, by striking "116 million" and inserting "\$120 million" in its place.

Mr. Moosey requested to provide some updated language for the second paragraph of that project when the legislation is being finalized.

Mayor DeVilbiss queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

VIII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos advised that his email on his phone is not working at this time, so should anyone need to reach him, please call his office.

Ms. McKechnie noted for a concerned member of the public that both meetings of the Assembly for this evening have been advertised and are on the Borough's webpage.

Assemblymember Colver:

- opined that Helen Munoz is the most effective lobbyist in history of the Borough;
- summarized some of Ms. Munoz' accomplishments; and
- stated that he would not be available for the 6 p.m. meeting due to a concurrently scheduled meeting.

Mayor DeVilbiss:

- apologized for arriving late; and
- stated that his tire changeover took longer than anticipated.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.



LARRY DeVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 11/19/14