

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on November 4, 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
Ms. Betty Vehrs, Assembly District No. 7

Assembly members absent and excused were:

Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6 (Deputy Mayor)

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Sandra A. Dillon, CMC, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Ms. Teresa S. Williams, Borough Attorney
Ms. Janice Case, Borough Clerk's Secretary
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Mr. Don Shiesl, Public Works Director
Mr. Jack Krill, Emergency Services Director
Mr. Ron Swanson, Community Development Director
Ms. Susan Dickinson, 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 Senator Lyda Green.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

Mayor Anderson referenced the minutes of the October 20, 2003, special Assembly meeting and asked if there were any corrections thereto.

GENERAL CONSENT: The minutes of the October 20, 2003, special Assembly meeting were approved as presented without objection.

Mayor Anderson referenced the minutes of the October 21, 2003, regular meeting and asked if there were any corrections thereto.

GENERAL CONSENT: The minutes of the October 21, 2003, regular meeting were approved as presented without objection.

Mayor Anderson referenced the minutes of the October 27, 2003, special Assembly meeting and asked if there were any corrections thereto.

GENERAL CONSENT: The minutes of the October 27, 2003, special Assembly meeting were approved as presented without objection.

VI. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Proclamation in Honor of Avalanche Awareness Month

Mayor Anderson presented a proclamation in honor of Avalanche Awareness Month to Ms. Patsy Coyne.

Ms. Coyne:

- discussed the importance of avalanche safety and awareness; and
- informed the Assembly of upcoming events regarding avalanche safety.

VII. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Reports from cities

Wasilla City

Councilmember Diana Straub:

- informed that an initiative to abolish term limits will be on the next Wasilla City election ballot;
- noted that the water main is currently being laid for the sports complex and that they have put a gate up at the Lake Street access;
- stated that the Wasilla City Council recently passed an ordinance regarding parking around the sports complex; and

- noted that she would see the Assembly at the Alaska Municipal League (AML) conference in Nome.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

Mr. Mike Chmielewski:

- noted that the National Geographic presentation, Life or Death on Denali, would be rebroadcast on November 8 and 11, 2003;
- stated that in October the Alaska Association of Career and Technical Education recognized Colony High School's Ellen Long as Business Teacher of the Year;
- informed that the School Board would be holding a series of meetings to start the budget process;
- commented that the School Board would be hosting town meetings on December 4 and 11, 2003, to discuss the quality of education for students in the school district;
- noted that on December 8 and 10, 2003, the School Board would host a meeting to discuss the overcrowding of Wasilla area elementary schools;
- stated that the School Board would be attending the Association of Alaska School Boards Annual Conference in Anchorage;
- discussed the resolutions that would be discussed at the conference; and
- stated that he would provide the Assembly with a copy of the resolutions.

3. State Lobbyist – Ray Gillespie

Mr. Ray Gillespie:

- discussed several major issues that occurred at the last legislative session;
- reviewed the Assembly's priorities listed for next year: education, transportation, and community and economic development; and
- recommended that the Assembly adopt a mechanism to provide the Manager and Lobbyist with direction to address last-minute state legislation.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

Assemblymember Allen:

- applauded the efforts of the school board to work with a citizen review committee as they work with the budget; and
- commented on the town meetings the School Board would be holding to discuss the aspects of education in our community.

2. Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO)

Mayor Anderson stated that next meeting for the RTPO was scheduled for November 17, 2003, at the Alaska State Department of Transportation and Public Facilities in Anchorage.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Duffy:

- reported that the Borough has received four bids in response to the long lead items for Port MacKenzie;
- stated that a public hearing has been scheduled for December 4, 2003, on the bond authorization package;
- informed that the Code Compliance Division has issued a citation to the Funny Farm for failing to comply with MSB 17.70.200(B) and a court date is now being scheduled;
- complimented Mr. Swanson on successful land and tax sales;
- thanked Senator Green for providing the latest information on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP);
- proposed scheduling work sessions on Coal Bed Methane (CBM) topics before the regular meetings on November 18, 2003, December 16, 2003, and January 6, 2004, dealing with hydrology, geology, and local government;
- asked if the Assembly would like to invite the Planning Commission to the CBM work sessions;
- suggested scheduling bi-monthly work sessions with the Assembly to discuss management and other projects to improve communication; and
- referred to the memorandum listing the options available to the Assembly for providing direction to the Manager and Lobbyist on legislative issues during times when the Assembly is not meeting, or will not meet in time to make comments.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Ms. Williams:

- referenced Assemblymember Colver's request on pending coal bed methane leases;
- stated that these leases have been put on hold indefinitely; and
- reported that the Houston High School claim has converted itself into a lawsuit.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. Dillon:

- noted that she would meet with the Manager to schedule the CBM work sessions and bi-monthly meetings;
- reviewed the upcoming Assembly meetings; and
- referred to the records management report included in the Clerk's report.

Assemblymember Simpson asked to schedule a work session to discuss the state legislative priorities.

Ms. Dillon stated that she would work with the Manager to schedule a work session.

Assemblymember Allen requested that the Assembly schedule a meeting with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Legislative Delegation.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:
 - a. Animal Care and Regulation Board: 09/08/03, 09/22/03
 - b. Historical Preservation Commission: 05/02/03, 06/06/03, 07/11/03
 - c. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School Board: 09/17/03
 - d. Planning Commission: 10/06/03, 10/20/03
2. Community Council Correspondence:
 - a. Meadow Lakes Community Council: 09/10/03
 - b. North Lakes Community Council: 08/27/03, 10/22/03

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

(The regular meeting recessed at 6:50 p.m. and reconvened at 7 p.m.)

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

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

1. Jean Krause Re: Title 16 and the Platting Board

Ms. Jean Krause:

- spoke in support of Resolution Serial No. 03-111;
- discussed the Title 16 rewrite meetings;
- asked the Assembly to establish clear and comprehensive guidelines for site visits by Borough staff and Platting Board members;
- discussed site visits that occurred by Borough staff and Platting Board members in her neighborhood; and
- requested the Assembly establish clear and comprehensive prohibitions regarding the receipt, distribution, consideration, and/or incorporation of anonymous prepared or ex parte documents for use by Platting Board members and platting staff.

2. Mick Nolan Re: Title 16 Rewrite

Mr. Mick Nolan:

- spoke in support of Resolution Serial No. 03-111; and

- discussed the importance of public input.

3. John Robertson Re: Title 16 Rewrite

Mr. John Robertson spoke in support of Resolution Serial No. 03-111.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three minutes per person.)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 03-164: AN ORDINANCE CLASSIFYING LANDS AND APPROVING LANDS FOR SALE OR RETENTION.
 - a. IM No. 03-229

Mr. Swanson reported on the recommended classifications of parcels for sale or retention.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing

The following persons spoke regarding concern of maintaining access to Mulchitna Lake in Alder Subdivision: Mr. George Oliver and Mr. Donald Oliver.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Allen moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 03-164.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

2. Ordinance Serial No. 03-165: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A \$38,250 ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT (306 PROGRAM REQUIRED TASKS) GRANT AND APPROPRIATING \$38,250 TO FUND 480, FOR THIS PROGRAM DURING FY04.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 03-103: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT (306 PROGRAM REQUIRED TASKS) GRANT FOR FY04.
 - (1) IM No. 03-236
 - (2) IM No. 03-253

Ms. Dickinson reported that the grant funds would help fund enforcement of the coastal management program.

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 Colberg moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 03-165 and Resolution Serial No. 03-103.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

3. Ordinance Serial No. 03-166: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$2,312,500 FROM THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION THROUGH THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES TO FUND 430, FOR THE LITTLE SUSITNA RIVER ACCESS ROAD AND BRIDGE, PROJECT NO. 35264.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 03-104: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE LITTLE SUSITNA RIVER ACCESS ROAD AND BRIDGE PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 35264.
 - (1) IM No. 03-239

Mr. Duffy:

- reported that this project was on the federal priorities list; and
- noted that funds would provide for the engineering and design of the Little Susitna River access road and bridge, which should result in construction rate documents.

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 Vehrs moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 03-166 and Resolution Serial No. 03-104.

Assemblymember Bush spoke in support of the legislation.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

4. Ordinance Serial No. 03-167: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$27,959 FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM 306, TO FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 20342, TO CONDUCT A SURVEY, EVALUATION, AND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC SITES IN THE MIDDLE SUSITNA COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND ADJACENT CORRIDORS.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 03-105: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$27,959 TO CONDUCT A SURVEY, EVALUATION, AND INVENTORY OF HISTORICAL SITES IN THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT ZONE AND ADJACENT CORRIDOR OF THE MIDDLE SUSITNA RIVER REGION.
 - (1) IM No. 03-248

Ms. Dickinson reported that the grant funds would be used to conduct a survey, evaluation, and inventory of historical sites in the Middle Susitna Coastal Zone Management District.

Assemblymember Simpson inquired as to the location of the Middle Susitna Coastal Zone Management District.

Mr. Duffy replied that he would distribute a map of the area to the Assembly.

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 Vehrs moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 03-167 and Resolution Serial No. 03-105.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following person spoke regarding a resolution of the Sutton Community Council on coal bed methane: Mr. Dan Dryden.

The following person spoke regarding coal bed methane in the Gateway Community Council area: Mr. Mark Masteller.

The following person spoke in opposition to Resolution Serial No. 03-112: Ms. Jay Nolfi.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

A INTRODUCTION (For public hearing - 11/18/03, 7 p.m., Borough Assembly Chambers)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 03-168: AN ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$10,000 FROM THE GREATER WILLOW ROAD SERVICE AREA CAPITAL PROJECTS, FUND 410, PROJECT NO. 30042, TO FUND 276, GREATER WILLOW OPERATING BUDGET, TO PAY OFF THE REVOLVING LOAN.
 - a. IM No. 03-254
2. Ordinance Serial No. 03-169: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$7,280 FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OFFICE OF HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY, TO FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 20325, FOR OLD KNIK TOWNSITE INTERPRETIVE SIGNS PROJECT.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 03-110: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$7,280 FOR RESEARCH, DESIGN, AND PRODUCTION OF THREE INTERPRETIVE PANELS AT KNIK MUSEUM FOR THE OLD KNIK TOWNSITE.

- (1) IM No. 03-255
- 3. Ordinance Serial No. 03-170: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE RECLASSIFICATION AND APPROVAL FOR SALE OR RETENTION OF FOUR BOROUGH-OWNED TRACTS OF LAND IN THE TRAPPER CREEK, SUSITNA RIVER BRIDGE, AND WILLOW AREAS.
 - a. IM No. 03-256
- 4. Ordinance Serial No. 03-171: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$300,000 OF INTEREST EARNINGS ON THE 1998 SERIES A, GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS TO FUND 400, SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS, PROJECT NO. 40128, TO FUND THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF TURN LANES ON PITTMAN ROAD TO MEADOW LAKES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. *(Sponsor: Assemblymember Vehrs)*
 - a. IM No. 03-257
- B. INTRODUCTION (For public hearing - 12/02/03, 7 p.m., Borough Assembly Chambers)
 - 1. Ordinance Serial No. 03-161: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE BAR-BAR-A NO. 2 NATURAL GAS LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 378 AND ESTABLISHING THE METHOD OF TERMINATING ASSESSMENTS AND MAKING REFUNDS TO PROPERTY OWNERS.
 - a. Ordinance Serial No. 03-162: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$31,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS FOR THE BAR-BAR-A NO. 2 NATURAL GAS LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 378, AND FIXING DETAILS OF SAID BONDS.
 - (1) IM No. 03-247
- C. INTRODUCTION (For public hearing - 12/16/03, 7 p.m., Borough Assembly Chambers)
 - 1. Ordinance Serial No. 03-163: AN ORDINANCE CREATING MCADOO WAY ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 386, APPROVING THE IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT, AND ASSESSING EQUALLY AMONG THE PROPERTIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT THE COSTS OF THE IMPROVEMENT.
 - a. IM No. 03-252

Ms. Dillon read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearings for November 18, 2003, December 2, 2003, and December 16, 2003, respectively.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

(Resolution Serial Nos. 03-111 and 03-112 and AM No. 03-200 were pulled from the consent agenda and addressed separately. See pp. 11-12 of 15)

1. RESOLUTIONS
2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS
- b. AM No. 03-201: THE VACATION OF THE WEST 600 FEET OF WEST WAYNE STREET LOCATED IN THE SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SECTION 28, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, LOCATED IN THE KNIK-FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.
- c. AM No. 03-202: THE VACATION OF 260 SQUARE-FOOT PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ON THE EAST SIDE OF SOUTH MT. BROOKS DRIVE IN FRONT OF LOT 3, BLOCK 4, MOOSE MEADOWS FIRST ADDITION, LOCATED IN SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 24 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, IN THE Y COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.
- d. AM No. 03-203: THE VACATION OF OLD KNIK GOOSE BAY ROAD THROUGH LOTS 3A AND 3B, OF UNITED STATES LOT 3, SUBDIVISION OF S $\frac{1}{2}$ OF UNITED STATES LOT 3 LOCATED IN SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, IN THE KNIK-FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.
- e. AM No. 03-214: RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR JOHN D. WARD ON TAX ACCOUNT NO. 18N01W32A003 FOR TAX YEARS 2002 AND 2003.
- f. AM No. 03-216: THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF WEST KELLEY CIRCLE IN FRONT OF LOT 10, BLOCK 3, DENEKI MEADOWS AND ALSO VACATING A PORTION OF THE 15-FOOT UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED IN SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 19 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, LOCATED IN THE WILLOW COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.
- g. AM No. 03-217: RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CORY B. JOHNSON ON TAX ACCOUNT NO. 2917B02L017 FOR TAX YEAR 2003.
- h. AM No. 03-219: RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR MARY LOU GERHARDT ON TAX ACCOUNT NO. 2376B01L016 FOR TAX YEAR 2003.
- i. AM No. 03-221: APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER TO AMC ENGINEERS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,124 FOR THE DISTRICT WIDE COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 40139.

- j. AM No. 03-224: AWARD OF BID NO. 04-034 TO PIERCE MANUFACTURING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$234,301 FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW PUMPER TANKER FOR THE BUTTE FIRE SERVICE AREA.

Ms. Dillon read the consent agenda into the record.

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

- a. Resolution Serial No. 03-111: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE TITLE 16 (SUBDIVISIONS) REWRITE.
(Sponsor: Assemblymember Colberg)
(1) IM No. 03-258

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 03-111.

Mayor Anderson asked Mr. Duffy to explain the public process that would take place for the Title 16 rewrite.

Mr. Duffy:

- stated that the proposed draft and comments would be sent to the community councils for review; and
- explained that after the community council had reviewed the document it would be sent to the Platting Board for public hearings and review, then to the Planning Commission for public hearings and review, and finally to the Assembly for public hearings and review.

Assemblymember Simpson spoke in opposition to the resolution.

Assemblymember Vehrs spoke in support to the resolution.

Assemblymember Colberg;

- stated that under normal circumstances the process in place would address the Title 16 rewrite;
- commented that the process started off on the wrong foot; and
- opined that it is important to form this committee to give the public an opportunity to give input.

Discussion ensued regarding the Title 16 rewrite and public input.

VOTE: The motion passed with Assemblymembers Simpson and Bush in opposition.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved for reconsideration of Resolution Serial No. 03-111.

VOTE: The motion to reconsider failed unanimously.

- b. Resolution Serial No. 03-112: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION MANDATING THAT FISCAL NOTES CONSIDERING IMPACT ON LOCAL TAXPAYERS BE REQUIRED FOR ALL STATE OF ALASKA LEGISLATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS THAT COULD HAVE ECONOMIC IMPACTS ON SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. *(Sponsor: Assemblymember Colver)*
- (1) IM No. 03-260

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 03-112.

Mayor Anderson noted that this was an AML request.

Assemblymember Colberg spoke in opposition to the resolution.

Mayor Anderson explained that AML wants the Legislature to address the fiscal impacts of state legislation on the local governments.

VOTE: The motion failed unanimously.

- a. AM No. 03-200: THE VACATION OF APPROXIMATELY 3,960 FEET OF THE SECTION LINE EASEMENT COMMON TO SECTIONS 25 AND 26, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, LOCATED IN THE Y COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to approve AM No. 03-200.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

D. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Anderson made the following confirmations:

Animal Care and Regulation Board

Resignation of Betty Vehrs

Library Board

Resignation of Stephanie Toundas

Resignation of Kelly Marre

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Walter Gilmour

James Moody

Platting Board

Resignation of Roger Anderson

Big Lake Road Service Area No. 21
Jim Clemensen
Greater Butte Road Service Area No. 26
Mike Whitlach

Mayor Anderson made the following recommendations:

Library Board
Amy Epple
Dave McLaughlin
Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Police Powers
Joseph Masters
Chase Trail Special Service Area No. 134
Beth Pike
Peg Foster

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments and resignations up for confirmation this evening.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

E. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

XI. RECONSIDERATION

(There were reconsiderations.)

XII. VETO

(There were no vetoes.)

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(There was no executive session.)

XIV. MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Assemblymember Allen:

- thanked Senator Green for attending the meeting tonight; and
- expressed appreciation for the state lobbyist, Ray Gillespie, updating the Assembly.

Assemblymember Vehrs:

- voiced concern regarding the Platting Board and ex parte comments from Ms. Krause; and
- requested the Attorney issue a memorandum to the Assembly regarding this issue.

Ms. Williams stated that she would issue a memorandum to the Assembly regarding the Platting Board and ex parte issue.

Assemblymember Bush stated that he would give a presentation on his recent trip to Colorado at the November 18, 2003, work session.

Assemblymember Colberg expressed concern regarding delegating Assembly power to an individual or a subcommittee to act on state legislation.

Assemblymember Kvalheim:

- stated that the Assembly needs to address state legislation in some manner; and
- noted that 332 people recycled during the last weekend and encouraged others to recycle.

Assemblymember Simpson:

- reminded the Assembly that the Mid-Valley Pathways Alternative School is still seeking a permanent location;
- noted that she would be attending the School Board meeting regarding the budget tomorrow;
- thanked Mr. Swanson for working with the Alaska State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on the trails adjudication contract; and
- agreed with Assemblymember Colberg regarding delegating Assembly power to an individual or group.

Mayor Anderson:

- asked the Manager to research the liability of the Borough when, for instance, an Assembly member flies in a small aircraft on Borough business;
- stated that he attended the CBM meetings at DNR in Anchorage; and
- noted that the next meeting would be on Thursday, November 6, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. in the Attwood building in Anchorage.

Assemblymember Colberg inquired as to a timetable for when regulations would be drafted as a result of the CBM meetings.

Mr. Duffy replied that the goal of the task force is to have something for the Legislature during this session.

Mayor Anderson:

- reminded the Assembly that AML would be held in Nome next week;
- commented that he attended a presentation at the Willow Community Council on CBM; and
- stated that he attended an awards ceremony at Meadow Lakes Elementary School during which Jan May and Lauri Zimmer won an award from the Alaska State Department of Fish and Game for a project where their students and volunteer parents constructed a walkway over wetlands near the school.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

TIMOTHY L. ANDERSON, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

SANDRA A. DILLON, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: November 18, 2003