

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on November 18, 2008, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Mayor Curtis D. Menard.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

- 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. Robert Wells, Assembly District No. 6
- Mr. Tom Kluberton, Assembly District No. 7

Assembly members absent and excused were:

- Ms. Lynne Woods, Assembly District No. 1

Staff in attendance were:

- Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk
- Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
- Ms. Elizabeth Gray, Assistant Borough Manager
- Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
- Ms. Cheryl D. Marino, Deputy Borough Clerk
- Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
- 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
- Mr. Dave Hanson, Economic Development Director

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 Mr. Bill Popp.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

- A. Special Assembly Meeting: 09/18/08
- B. Special Assembly Meeting: 10/10/08
- C. Special Assembly Meeting: 10/11/08

Mayor Menard inquired if there were any corrections to the special meeting minutes of September 18, 2008, October 10, 2008, and October 11, 2008.

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

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

- A. Presentation of the Borough Seal to former Assistant Borough Manager, Marian Romano.

Mayor Menard:

- thanked Ms. Romano for all of her years of dedicated service; and
- stated that it was a pleasure to work with her.

Mayor Menard presented an Alaska Community Award of Excellence to Mr. Rountree for the Public Works Department, honoring the best in local government innovation, for the household hazardous waste facility.

VII. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS

- 1. Reports from cities

Houston City

Ms. Rosemary Burnett, Council member:

- stated that the city of Houston has a number of new council members that were elected in October;
- noted that they would like to work with the Borough on trails;
- reported that their Parks and Visitors Center including the restroom, is open year-round for travelers;
- stated that they recently hired a new police officer, which will begin employment in December;
- noted that they purchased a new fully equipped plow truck and a new fire command vehicle; and
- stated that the city looks forward to working with the Borough.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

Mr. Jim Colver, School Board President:

- stated that they are 249 students above enrollment projections;
- noted that ten new teachers have been hired;
- commented that they have projected approximately 100 more students for next year;
- stated that the minimum enrollment for Mid-Valley High School was not met, which will decrease the budget by \$800,000;
- provided an update regarding drop out rates;
- stated that they are working hard to identify kids at risk;
- spoke to the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing;
- provided an update on the program based budgeting;
- requested input from the Assembly regarding improving the budget process;
- stated that the School Board passed a resolution requesting the Assembly allow the School District to maintain a five percent reserve;
- spoke to the reasons why it is important to maintain a five percent reserve;
- spoke to the Fronteras Charter School lease; and
- requested that members of the School Board and Assembly form a task force to look at improving facility use by reducing paperwork and fees.

3. Anchorage Economic Development Corporation – Mr. Bill Popp:

Mr. Popp:

- thanked the Mayor and the Assembly for the opportunity to report;
- provided a presentation of the new web search tool project for site selectors;
- noted that the search tool will help promote the South Central Region of Alaska as a place to make new investments, to establish new business facilities, to look for new locations, to establish new satellite branches, and to start up new facilities;
- noted that the tool was based on trends identified through research that will help them to compete with other areas;
- spoke to the need for a strong web presence;
- noted that the project is focused on a regional approach;
- spoke to the Memorandum of Agreement which allows the Municipality of Anchorage to represent the Borough by promoting interest in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.
- spoke to the importance of the online search tool located at the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation website; and
- provided a demonstration of the online search tool capabilities.

Assemblymember Church queried if there was a tracking device to identify what the site selectors are searching.

Mr. Popp noted that the tool has tracking and reporting capabilities that will identify areas of interest as well as the interested party.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

Assemblymember Wells spoke to the demographic committee's report which listed the possible reasons that the district had surpassed their enrollment.

2. Assembly Public Relations

(There were no reports provided.)

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

Mr. Duffy:

- spoke to the handouts provided for the Assembly to review;
- noted that a strategic plan draft had been provided;
- spoke to the proposed state and federal legislation priorities;
- commented that he has provided sample evaluation forms for the Assembly to review;
- noted that a Hatcher Pass public scoping meeting will be held on December 11, 2008, at Colony Middle School;
- thanked Mr. Spiropoulos and Ms. Clayton for their work on the prison leases and construction contracts;
- noted that the prison lease is 95 percent complete;
- stated that the construction contract is moving forward;
- reported that the bonds sales and closing are scheduled for December;
- spoke to the organizational matters memorandum submitted for Assembly review;
- noted his concern with possible delays, due to the high number of large capital projects;
- recommended that the Borough hire separate project directors for the duration of the large capital projects like the Municipality of Anchorage;
- proposed that the Borough expand the transportation section of the Planning Department to deal with the environmental permitting; and
- recommended consolidating the right-of-way acquisition and land management, which would help improve the acquisition and free up time for drive-way permitting.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

(There was no report provided.)

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie:

- spoke regarding the upcoming meeting schedule; and
- stated that there is a request to schedule a work session for January 6, 2009, at 4:30 p.m., for Chris Rose, Renewable Energy Alaska Project, to provide a presentation regarding energy efficient programs.

Assemblymember Ewing requested that outside organizations provide topic outlines prior to the Assembly scheduling the meeting.

There was no objection noted.

Assemblymember Bettine queried the meeting date with the delegation.

Ms. McKechnie:

- noted that the delegation meeting was requested to be scheduled for January 5, 2009; and
- queried whether the Assembly would like to schedule the retreat for January 17, 2009.

Assemblymember Ewing suggested that the retreat start at 10:00 a.m.

There was no objection noted.

Ms. McKechnie asked if the Assembly would like to schedule the joint meeting with the State Delegation for January 5, 2009, at 12 noon.

There was no objection noted.

Ms. McKechnie asked the Assembly if they would like their budget expense sheets to be provided at the December 16, 2008, meeting, when Assemblymember Woods was present.

There were no objections noted.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

1. IM No. 08-276: AN INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM ADVISING OF A PURCHASE ORDER INCREASE FOR EQUIPMENT RENTAL AT CENTRAL LANDFILL FOR GREENSTREET GENERAL CONTRACTING, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,225, BRINGING THE TOTAL AMOUNT TO \$103,350 UNDER MSB 3.08.290.

Assemblymember Bettine queried who is operating the leased equipment.

Mr. Rountree:

- noted that no one is currently operating the equipment because the contractor that supplies the equipment is also operating the equipment under the new contract;
- stated that the lease change order was to cover the time period up to when the new contract was awarded; and
- commented that employees were operating the equipment that we were leasing from Greenstreet General Contracting prior to the award of the new contract.

Assemblymember Bettine queried if Greenstreet General Contracting is now the contractor that handles the landfill.

Mr. Rountree advised that Greenstreet General Contracting is not the contractor at the landfill.

Assemblymember Bettine asked why the information memorandum was submitted after the fact.

Mr. Rountree noted that there was no time to get the legislation in front of the Assembly, as they needed to keep the landfill going during the interim period.

Assemblymember Church queried if this was when the other contractor could not fulfill the contract.

Mr. Rountree advised that it was when the contractor could not fulfill the contract.

VIII. 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. 08-148: 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

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 Houston moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 08-148 and Resolution Serial No. 08-127.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

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 TO 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

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 Houston moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 08-149 and Resolution Serial No. 08-128.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

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

Mr. Mayo provided a staff report.

Mayor Menard opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 08-150: Mr. Tom Healy, Executive Director of the Alaska Rock Products Association; and Mr. Reed Dilley.

The following person submitted a letter from Attorney Ross Kopperud and asked the Assembly to not repeal this section of code: Ms. Tiny DePriest.

The following person spoke in favor of Ordinance Serial No. 08-150: Mr. Kevin Sorenson.

The following person requested that the Assembly modify the code and not repeal it: Mr. Mark Cotini.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 08-150.

Assemblymember Ewing advised that he had heard testimony regarding this while on the Planning Commission, but was not a part of the Planning Commission's decision.

Mr. Spiropoulos advised since Assemblymember Ewing did not participate in the decision at the Planning Commission, he would not have a conflict of interest.

Assemblymember Houston queried what type of situation at a gravel pit would not need noise mitigation prior to development.

Mayor Menard:

- stated that a developer pays the expense when a residential property owner has their land first; and
- noted that the expenses would be shared with a subdivider.

Assemblymember Church:

- noted that it sounds fair to split cost;
- stated that if a subdivider comes in next to existing pit, that 20 feet does not seem like it would mitigate the noise;
- commented that it would be a greater burden on a residential developer;
- noted that it is in the hands of the developer to move equipment that is causing noise away from the property line; and
- spoke in support of removing language from code.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- noise mitigation;
- public notice issues;
- legalities;
- non-conforming use;
- Planning Commission decision; and
- the compromise that was before the Planning Commission from Mr. Cotini.

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

VOTE: The motion to stop debate failed with Assemblymembers Houston, Church, Bettine, and Kluberton in support (requires five members in the affirmative to pass).

Discussion ensued regarding:

- sound decibel levels; and
- people having to protect themselves from action of neighbor.

VOTE: The main motion passed with Assemblymembers Ewing and Wells in opposition.

MOTION: Assemblymember Church moved to reconsider Ordinance Serial No. 08-150.

Assemblymember Wells spoke to his concern regarding the use of reconsideration.

VOTE: The motion to reconsider failed with Assemblymember Ewing in support.

(The regular meeting recessed at 8:09 p.m. and reconvened at 8:23 p.m.)

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

Mr. Paul Hulbert and Mr. Mark Mayo provided a staff report.

Mayor Menard opened the public hearing.

The following person stated that the amendments were supported at the Platting Board level, noted that most of the amendments are housekeeping and some are for public protection, stated that he would like to determine what accesses are needed, and noted that the proper place to discuss access issues is during the public hearing at the Platting Board level: Mr. Patrick Johnson, Platting Board Chair.

The following person cautioned the Assembly on the access issue within Ordinance Serial No. 08-151, and noted the importance of adequate notification: Mr. Jim Sykes.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 08-151.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 08-151, by inserting a new subsection, MSB 27.15.125(A), Borough Trail Relocations, to read: "When an existing Borough trail is shown on the Borough's Recreational Trails Plan and where the Borough has an existing property interest in the trail, any proposed right-of-way improvement, road improvements or traffic management improvement which will result in a lost of such trail may not be approved until an alternate and equal trail is provided. In addition, if any proposed right of way improvement, road improvement or traffic management improvement crosses such a trail, provisions shall be made for a safe crossing".

Assemblymember Bettine:

- spoke in favor of the amendment;
- stated that the Assembly adopted a resolution last year to take care of this; and
- noted that this is the time to include it in code.

Assemblymember Ewing stated his support for the amendment.

Assemblymember Kluberton:

- spoke in favor of the amendment;
- noted that the Borough is popular for its abundance of trails; and
- stated that this amendment will give protection to the trails.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 08-151, MSB 27.05.005, by striking the changes to the definition of "subdivision" in its entirety.

Assemblymember Kluberton:

- spoke in favor of the amendment;
- noted that it would be better to have the cell tower issue resolved before making this move; and
- spoke to the need for more time on the definition.

Assemblymember Ewing:

- spoke to the telephone companies leasing portions of property; and
- stated that by not subdividing a big portion of land, when all is needed is a small portion, will help keep services affordable.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Assemblymember Ewing in opposition.

Assemblymember Church queried if the land use permits are taken into consideration when processing a plat.

Mr. Hulbert:

- noted that the plat would have already been created;
- stated that the Planning Department determines how many dwelling units are put on that piece of property when they bring in their land use permit; and
- commented that the Planning Department can require the road to be upgraded to a specific standard based on the amount of traffic that is generated by that dwelling unit.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- dwelling units;
- road upgrades;

- development permits; and
- master plans.

MOTION: Assemblymember Ewing moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 08-151, MSB 27.20.020(C), by adding the phrase “Where appropriate” and striking “proposed” to read as follows: “Where appropriate, subdivisions shall provide through connecting rights-of-way of residential collector standard minimum (as defined in the MSB Construction Manual) to all adjoining stub rights-of-way and unsubdivided parcels, where feasible, to improve interconnectivity and public safety. If it is shown by the applicant to be unnecessary for future development and is unnecessary for public safety, then a reduction to a lesser road right-of-way standard or an elimination of the requirement to provide access shall be applied to all of (or a portion of) the right-of-way that is being considered for a reduced standard.”

Assemblymember Houston spoke to his concern regarding corridors that are not reserved and there is no room to build a road.

Mr. Hulbert:

- stated that the proposed alignments have a great tendency to change; and
- spoke to the 300 foot wide corridor issue.

Discussion ensued regarding corridors.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Wells moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 08-151, MSB 27.35.005(A), by striking “10” and inserting “20” in the last sentence to read: (A) *Agreement*. Only where the construction of [ROADS, DRAINAGES, DITCHES, SIGNAGE, AND CUT/FILL SLOPES] final road toppings, final road shaping, fore slopes, ditches and back slope cleanup, driveway approach(es) is required under this title as a condition of approval, the subdivider may enter into a subdivision agreement with the borough in accordance with this chapter. Subdivision agreements will not be issued unless road access is available to all lots for emergency vehicles and improvements are at least 85 percent complete. Minimum subdivision agreement amount is 20 percent of the total estimated cost of improvements as approved in the construction plans.”

VOTE: The primary motion passed without objection.

Discussion ensued regarding the cost overrun percentages.

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

VOTE: The main motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kluberton moved to extend the meeting past 10 p.m. and not to exceed 10:30 p.m.

VOTE: There was no objection noted.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following persons spoke to concerns regarding safety issues with the proposed Nelson Road intersection for the new South Palmer Elementary School: Ms. Theresa Armitstead and Mr. Randy Owen.

The following person spoke in favor of the Susitna-Valley High wood boiler proposal: Mr. Arthur Mannix

The following person spoke regarding American Education Week, noted that Mr. Bob Williams was given the Alaska State Teacher of the Year Award, and Ms. Lori Minor was given the Education Support Personnel of the Year Award: Ms. Jill Showman, Mat-Su Education Association President.

D. CONSENT AGENDA (Resolution Serial No. 08-130 and AM No. 08-105 were pulled from the consent agenda and addressed separately. *See pp. 13-15*)

1. RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution Serial No. 08-129: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING DATES CERTAIN FOR PAYMENT, DELINQUENCY, PROTEST, AND APPEAL OF 2009 REGULAR ASSESSMENT AND TAX ROLLS, BUSINESS INVENTORY FILING, AND FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF HEARINGS BEFORE THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

(1) IM No. 08-268

c. Resolution Serial No. 08-131: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR PROJECT NO. 20266, TO ALLOW FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FORD 450 4X4 SUPER CAB TRUCK AND A SERVICE BOX FOR FACILITY MAINTENANCE AND A ONE-TON SERVICE VAN FOR PARKS AND RECREATION.

(1) IM No. 08-277

2. ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUMS

b. AM No. 08-106: AUTHORIZING CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. I 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.

- c. AM No. 08-108: AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF BALLOTS FROM THE OCTOBER 7, 2008, REGULAR BOROUGH ELECTION.
- d. AM No. 08-109: ACCEPTING LATE FILED AND RETROACTIVE SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS.
- e. AM No. 08-110: VACATION OF PORTIONS OF A 33 FOOT ROAD AND UTILITY EASEMENT (PATENT RESERVATION) ON THE NORTH SIDE OF GOVERNMENT LOT 52, SECTION 19, LOCATED WITHIN THE SOUTHEAST ¼ SOUTHWEST ¼ SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, SEWARD MERIDIAN.
- f. AM No. 08-111: AWARD OF BID NO. 09-028 TO VALLEY GENERAL CONSTRUCTION IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$183,400 FOR THE MEADOW LAKES ROAD SERVICE AREA NO. 27, GRAVEL OVERLAY PROJECT.
- g. AM No. 08-112: APPROVING THE 2009 ASSEMBLY MEETING SCHEDULE.
- h. AM No. 08-113: AWARD OF BID NO. 09-043 TO BRENNTAG PACIFIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$329,800 FOR THE PURCHASE OF CALCIUM CHLORIDE.
- i. AM NO. 08-114: AWARD OF BID NO. 09-044 TO PIERCE MANUFACTURING, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$614,252 FOR THE PURCHASE OF WILDLAND FIRE ENGINES.
- j. AM No. 08-115: APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER TO GR BROWN ENGINEERING, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,502 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE TALKEETNA WARM STORAGE BUILDING, BID NO. 08-076.

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

- b. Resolution Serial No. 08-130: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 AREAWIDE CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 70001.
- (1) IM No. 08-269

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved Resolution Serial No. 08-130.

Assemblymember Bettine spoke to the terminal buildings within the scope of work of Resolution Serial No. 08-130.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 08-130, scope of work, by deleting the words “two terminal buildings (at Anchorage and Port MacKenzie)” to read as follows: “Port development to include construction of a ferry vessel, ferry landings and related facilities between Anchorage and Port MacKenzie, and a deep-water passenger dock extension at Port MacKenzie.”

Assemblymember Church queried if this would reduce the budget.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- stated that this is not all of the money that will be needed for the federal match; and
- noted that this expense comes out of the federal match which is set aside at budget time.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the ferry landing;
- the deep water dock; and
- the construction costs.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

- a. AM No. 08-105: AWARD OF PROPOSAL NO. 09-034 TO RWS CONSULTING IN THE CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$106,772 FOR THE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN PHASE TWO.

MOTION: Assemblymember Church moved AM No. 08-105.

Assemblymember Church queried if consultants were used throughout the Forest Management Plan phases one and two.

Ms. Brenner noted that Mr. Swanson has been the consultant for both phases.

Assemblymember Church asked if the plan was coming back to staff for the final phase.

Ms. Brenner noted that is was.

Assemblymember Church queried if phase two is more technical.

Ms. Brenner:

- stated that it will take approximately 13 months to complete phase two;

- noted that is going to be very involved; and
- commented that they are looking at each management unit and the multiple uses best served for those units.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTION (For public hearing – 12/02/08, 7 p.m., Borough Assembly Chambers)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 08-152: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING VALLEY COMMUNITY FOR RECYCLING SOLUTIONS, INC., FOR A LONG-TERM MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT OF BOROUGH-OWNED REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, TRI-CENTRAL SUBDIVISION, TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND USED FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF A RECYCLING CENTER KNOWN AS THE REGIONAL RESOURCE RECOVERY AND TRAINING PARK, LOCATED IN THE GATEWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA (MSB003430).
 - a. IM No. 08-250
2. Ordinance Serial No. 08-153: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 3.32, TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX TO AMEND SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY.
 - a. IM No. 08-252
3. Ordinance Serial No. 08-154: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$5,000 FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 20364, FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANTS AT THE BIG LAKE, SUTTON, TALKEETNA, TRAPPER CREEK, AND WILLOW PUBLIC LIBRARIES.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 08-132: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANTS FOR THE BIG LAKE, SUTTON, TALKEETNA, TRAPPER CREEK, AND WILLOW PUBLIC LIBRARIES.
 - (1) IM No. 08-262
4. Ordinance Serial No. 08-155: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$45,000 FROM THE ALASKA STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM, TO FUND 425, PROJECT NO. 45158, FOR EMERGENCY PLANNING AND EXERCISE EXPENSES.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 08-133: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ALASKA STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND

SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, PROJECT NO. 45158, FUND 425, FOR EMERGENCY PLANNING AND EXERCISE EXPENSES.

(1) IM No. 08-266

5. Ordinance Serial No. 08-156: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 FROM THE ALASKA STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, TO FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 45126, TO ALLOW FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE CITIZEN CORPS PROGRAM.

a. Resolution Serial No. 08-134: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ALASKA STATE DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 45126, TO EMPLOY A CITIZEN CORPS COORDINATOR, PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, PLANNING, AND TRAINING AND EXERCISES.

(1) IM No. 08-267

6. Ordinance Serial No. 08-157: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$12,858.13 FROM THE MATANUSKA TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION TO FUND 440, PROJECT NO. 20323, FOR UPGRADING AND ENHANCING THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SERVICES WITHIN THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA LIBRARY NETWORK.

a. IM No. 08-270

7. Ordinance Serial No. 08-158: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 FROM THE ALASKA ENERGY AUTHORITY TO FUND 400, PROJECT NO. 40169, FOR THE SU-VALLEY WOOD BOILER ASSESSMENT.

a. Resolution Serial No. 08-135: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE SU-VALLEY WOOD BOILER ASSESSMENT, FUND 400, PROJECT NO. 40169.

(1) IM No. 08-274

8. Ordinance Serial No. 08-159: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$1,000,000 FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FOR THE REPAIR AND PAVING OF ENGSTROM ROAD, FUND 430, PROJECT NO. 35015.

a. Resolution Serial No. 08-136: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE REPAIR AND PAVING OF ENGSTROM ROAD, FUND 430, PROJECT NO. 35015.

(1) IM No. 08-275

9. Ordinance Serial No. 08-160: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 4.65, COMMISSION ON SALARIES AND EMOLUMENTS, TO ADD THE SCHOOL BOARD. *(Sponsored by: Assemblymember Wells)*

a. IM No. 08-278

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearings for 12/02/08.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Menard requested the following confirmations:

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

Mayor's Blue Ribbon Sportsmen's Committee

Resignation of Tony Russ

Lazy Mountain RSA No. 19

Resignation of Shannon Rochelle

Mayor Menard made the following recommendations:

Board of Equalization

William Gamel

Planning Commission

Gary LoRusso

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

XI. RECONSIDERATION

(There were no reconsiderations presented.)

XII. VETO

(There were no vetoes presented.)

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(There was no executive session held.)

XIV. MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Assemblymember Wells announced the scoping meeting for the Environmental Impact Statement regarding Hatcher Pass Transportation is scheduled for December 11, 2008, at 5:30 p.m., at Colony Middle School.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 10:17 p.m.



LYNNE WOODS, Deputy Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 12/16/08