

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on December 1, 2009, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The special meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Mayor Talis J. Colberg for the purpose of receiving a Bogard Road Extension update.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

- Mr. Pete Houston, Assembly District No. 2
- Mr. Ronald Arvin, Assembly District No. 3
- Mr. Mark Ewing, Assembly District No. 4 (*Arrived at 5:23 p.m.*)
- Ms. Cindy L. Bettine, Assembly District No. 5
- Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6 (*via telephone*)
- Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Assembly members absent and excused were:

- Ms. Lynne Woods, Assembly District No. 1 (*Deputy Mayor*)

Staff in attendance were:

- Ms. Cheryl D. Marino, Deputy Borough Clerk
- Ms. Elizabeth Gray, Assistant Borough Manager
- Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
- Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
- Ms. Shaune O'Neil, Public Works Director
- Ms. Christine Nelson, Planning and Land Use Director
- Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director
- Mr. Jim Rowland, Civil Engineer

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Colberg 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. Jim Rowland, Civil Engineer.

## **V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **A. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

#### **1. BOGARD ROAD EXTENSION UPDATE**

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Arvin moved to enter into the Committee of the Whole.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection and the Assembly moved into the Committee of the Whole at 5:05 p.m.

Mr. Rowland provided an update on the Bogard Road extension.

*(Assemblymember Ewing entered the meeting at 5:23 p.m.)*

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Arvin moved to exit the Committee of the Whole.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection and the Assembly exited the Committee of the Whole at 5:49 p.m.

## **VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

The following person spoke to the need to have detailed information and large diagrams for the Bogard Road Extension, concerns regarding medians, the need to have an eight foot path, and the need for a sound barrier for the homes close to the corridor: Mr. Joel Stefanski.

## **VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Assemblymembers Arvin and Bettine stressed the need to have more detailed information regarding the Bogard Road Extension.

Assemblymember Colver:

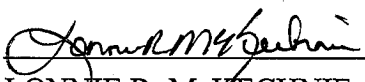
- spoke to the need to have a eight foot wide pathway at a minimum for the Bogard Road Extension;
- commented that the median could be an issue;
- spoke to the need for staff to hold a public meeting west of the Wasilla Fishhook, so that the public could be involved before the Phase II Corridor Access Management Plan goes to the Planning Commission;
- requested the following information from staff: how much of the design budget has been used for the right-of-way acquisitions, or if it has been paid, how was it acquired and procured, and the cost of what has been spent on the Access Management Plan;
- spoke to concerns regarding the change order; and
- stated that resources have been used on the Access Management Plan that may have been better spent on wrapping up the final design.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The special meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

  
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TALIS J. COLBERG, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 12/15/09