

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on December 4, 2007, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 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
Ms. Mary Kvalheim, Assembly District No. 4 (via teleconference)
Ms. Cindy L. Bettine, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Robert Wells, Assembly District No. 6
Mr. Tom Kluberton, Assembly District No. 7

Assembly member absent and excused was:

Ms. Lynne Woods (Deputy Mayor)

Staff in attendance were:

Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Deputy Borough Clerk
Ms. Amanda E. Charles, Executive Assistant to the Borough Clerk
Ms. Marian Romano, Assistant Borough Manager
Mr. Keith Rountree, Public Works Director
Mr. Dennis Brodigan, Emergency Services Director
Mr. Linda Brenner, Community Development Director
Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Information Manager
Mr. Dave Hanson, Economic Development Director
Ms. Elizabeth Hartley, Comptroller
Ms. Eileen Probasco, Acting Chief of Planning

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by School Board President Welton.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. Regular Assembly Meeting: 11/13/07

Mayor Menard inquired if there were any corrections to the regular meeting minutes of November 13, 2007.

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

B. Regular Assembly Meeting: 11/20/07

Mayor Menard inquired if there were any corrections to the regular meeting minutes of November 20, 2007.

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

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Reports from cities

(There were no reports provided.)

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

School Board President Welton:

- welcomed the Mayor back;
- spoke regarding the School Board retreat on Saturday, December 1, 2007;
- reported that there would be an assessment regarding how primary age students are performing in the classroom;
- added that this assessment is a benchmark test; and
- summarized the December 5, 2007, School Board meeting items.

Mayor Menard queried when the student count would be available.

School Board President Welton stated that the exact number would be available at the next joint meeting.

Assemblymember Wells:

- noted that the Borough's student enrollment exceeded Fairbanks' student enrollment;
- spoke regarding incorporating art designs into the original design of the schools;
- added that there were discussions at the last meeting regarding reauthorization of bonding authority; and

- reported that the Borough has one of the few growing populations.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

(There were no reports provided.)

2. Assembly Public Relations

(There was no report provided.)

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Duffy:

- welcomed the Mayor back;
- stated that the last Manager's Report contains the exact enrollment number for the student body;
- spoke regarding a meeting with Mr. Babcock and Ms. Carter of Matanuska Electric Association (MEA);
- reported that MEA had asked if the Borough would be willing to work together regarding amendments to the existing power plant ordinance; and
- summarized that there were discussions regarding a natural gas power plant.

Assemblymember Bettine asked if all Assembly Members were provided with the Shaw report.

Assemblymember Church advised that the report was emailed on Monday, December 3, 2007.

Mr. Duffy stated that the report is also available on the MEA website.

Assemblymember Church opined that the current power plant ordinance should be applicable to all power plants.

Mr. Duffy:

- stated that MEA could initiate the proposal and bring it forward to the Planning Commission or the Assembly; and
- spoke regarding the SHAW report.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- requested that the Manager start working on the rest of the sections for the power plant ordinance;
- asked the Clerk to add it to the tracking report;
- noted that she is agreeable to a separate ordinance;
- reminded the body that MEA had requested a joint meeting for discussions; and
- opined that the Borough should initiate the discussions.

Assemblymember Kvalheim asked Assemblymember Bettine to clarify if she wanted to meet with the Board members or the management team.

Assemblymember Bettine clarified that she wished to meet with both parties.

Assemblymember Houston asked the Manager if discussions had initiated regarding a meeting date.

Mr. Duffy stated that discussions had not begun.

Assemblymember Houston reported that he had met with MEA, and that his discussions with them were the same as reported by the Manager.

Assemblymember Kluberton:

- requested that MEA's report be analyzed;
- opined that the current power plant ordinance was applicable to all types of power plants; and
- noted that a thorough knowledge of their report would help discussions and negotiations with MEA when the meeting occurs.

1. State/Federal Legislation

Mr. Duffy:

- reported on his trip to Washington D.C.;
- added that he spoke with National Association of Counties (NACo) regarding the cell tower ordinance; and
- spoke regarding a fish partnership program.

Assemblymember Bettine asked if the NACo office was continuing to look for information that would work for the Borough.

Mr. Duffy affirmed the query.

Assemblymember Bettine requested that any conditional use permit issued in the future comply with Title 27.

Mr. Duffy:

- responded that is what currently occurs with the permitting process; and
- spoke regarding challenges that exist after the paperwork has been submitted to the Borough.

Discussion ensued regarding fairness during the public process when a conditional use permit is being sought.

Assemblymember Kluberton asked that a working group be created between the cell tower industry, the Assembly and staff in order to develop a program that will satisfy all parties.

Mr. Duffy:

- agreed that it made good sense to create this working group; and
- spoke to recent studies in counties with similar situations.

Assemblymember Church:

- offered her support for the working group and creating a “master plan;”
- noted that she would like to see a map and standards that could be applied throughout the Borough; and
- spoke regarding the Hatcher Pass Special Land Use District (SPUD).

Mr. Duffy reported that Hatcher Pass SPUD will be before the Assembly at the December 18, 2007, regular meeting.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- requested that Administration come back with a sample community, that is not within the Borough, to provide the Assembly with better information; and
- asked if there was any report on the Governor’s Supplemental budget or the Knik Arm Crossing announcement.

Mr. Duffy:

- noted that Knik Arm Bridge and Toll Authority will announce a request for proposals from the two previous applicants who are qualified to create the financing package; and
- explained that the Governor’s supplemental budget is due out on December 5, 2007.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Aschenbrenner welcomed the Mayor back.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie:

- spoke regarding the upcoming meeting schedule;
- noted corrections to the meeting schedule;
- noted several meetings that needed to be rescheduled; and
- asked the Manager if the joint meeting with the Boy Scouts had been rescheduled.

Mr. Duffy stated that the meeting would not be rescheduled until the Boy Scouts provide the information that is required.

Ms. McKechnie asked if the Assembly would like to reschedule the joint meeting with the Denali Borough Assembly.

Mr. Duffy reported that Mayor Fredrico, of the Denali Borough, invited the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly to attend during the Winter Carnival in February 2008.

Mayor Menard requested that the joint meeting be postponed until a later date.

Ms. McKechnie:

- noted that the meeting regarding Animal Care and Regulation has been cancelled; and
- asked if the Assembly would like to reschedule this meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the topics of discussion for the meeting.

Assemblymember Bettine requested that the meeting be set for January 8, 2008, at 4 p.m.

There was no objection noted.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:
 - a. Greater Butte RSA No. 26: 06/14/07
 - b. Greater Talkeetna RSA No. 29: 09/13/07
 - c. Mayor's Blue Ribbon Sportsmen's Committee: 02/21/07
 - d. Platting Board: 09/20/07
2. Community Council Correspondence:
 - a. Knik-Fairview Community Council: 03/21/07, 04/18/07, 05/16/07, 06/20/07, 07/18/07, 08/15/07

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

(There were no informational memorandums presented.)

(The regular meeting recessed at 7:03 p.m. and reconvened at 7:12 p.m.)

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

- A. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (MSB 2.12.081; Three minutes per person.)
(Requires 11 days advance notice and must otherwise be in compliance with the necessary code requirements. If no advance notice is given, persons wishing to speak may do so under the Audience Participation section of the agenda.)
- B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three minutes per person.)
 1. Ordinance Serial No. 07-143: AN ORDINANCE CREATING MOUNTAIN CREST DRIVE ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 428, 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.
(Public hearing continued from: 11/20/07)

- a. IM No. 07-287
- b. IM No. 07-250

Ms. Hartley 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 Wells moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-143.

MOTION: Assemblymember Wells moved to amend exhibit A and change the legal description to read as follows:

“Lots 1 through 6, Block 2, Lots 1 through 6, Block 3, RAVENVIEW, according to Plat No. 82-62, located in the Palmer Recording District, Third Judicial District, State of Alaska.”

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

- 2. Ordinance Serial No. 07-177: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$7,500 FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 DESIGNATED LEGISLATIVE GRANTS FOR SUSITNA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES, PROJECT NO. 40160, FUND 400.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 07-132: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 DESIGNATED LEGISLATIVE GRANT PROJECTS FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FOR THE SUSITNA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES, PROJECT NO. 40160, FUND 400.
- (1) IM No. 07-298

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. 07-177 and Resolution Serial No. 07-132.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

3. Ordinance Serial No. 07-178: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$20,000 FROM THE WILLOW AREA SENIORS INC., FOR CHIPSEAL AT THE WILLOW AREA SENIOR CENTER TO FUND 430, PROJECT NO. 35004.
- a. Resolution Serial No. 07-133: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR CHIPSEALING AT THE WILLOW AREA SENIOR CENTER, PROJECT NO. 35004, AND AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WILLOW AREA SENIORS INC., FOR THE COMPLETION OF THIS WORK.
- (1) IM No. 07-299

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 Kluberton moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-178 and Resolution Serial No. 07-133.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

4. Ordinance Serial No. 07-179: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$685.26 FROM THE MATANUSKA TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION TO FUND 440, PROJECT NO. 20323, REAPPROPRIATE \$41,824 FROM FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 20312, TO FUND 440, PROJECT NO. 20323, FOR UPGRADING AND ENHANCING THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SERVICES WITHIN THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA LIBRARY NETWORK.
- a. Resolutions Serial No. 07-134: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,680.05 FOR PROJECT NO. 20323 TO UPGRADE THE PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTERS WITHIN THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA LIBRARY NETWORK.
- (1) IM No. 07-300

Ms. Brenner provided a staff report.

Mr. Duffy added it is Federal Statute which allows for the e-rate funds.

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 moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-179 and Resolution Serial No. 07-134.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

5. Ordinance Serial No. 07-180: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 17.73; MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT DESIGN STANDARDS.
 - a. IM No. 07-301

Mr. Duffy

- provided a staff report; and
- asked for the public hearing to be heard and further continued to a later date to allow for amendments.

Mayor Menard opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 07-180: Mr. Pio Cottini, Mr. Kevin Sorrenson, and 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. 07-180.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to continue the public hearing for Ordinance Serial No. 07-180 to a time certain of January 15, 2008.

VOTE: The motion to continue the public hearing to January 15, 2008, passed without objection.

6. Ordinance Serial No. 07-181: AN ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$150,000 FROM THE AREAWIDE FUND, FUND 100, RESERVE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE SPACE OR FOR TAX RELIEF IN FISCAL YEAR 2009, TO FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 47001, FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE SPACE ANALYSIS.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 07-135: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE SPACE ANALYSIS, PROJECT NO. 47001.
 - (1) IM No. 07-302

Mr. Duffy:

- provided a staff report; and
- recommended opening the public hearing then postponing the item indefinitely.

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. 07-181 and Resolution Serial No. 07-135.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 07-181 and Resolution Serial No. 07-135 indefinitely.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following person spoke regarding public notice no. 005022: Mr. Phillip D.J. Smith.

The following person spoke regarding former Assemblymember. Bill Allen: Mr. John Leiner.

The following person spoke regarding MSB 17.28.060 and noise mitigation: Mr. Kevin Sorenson.

D. CONSENT AGENDA (Resolution Serial No. 07-138 was pulled from the consent agenda and addressed separately. *See pp. 11-13*)

1. RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution Serial No. 07-136: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FEES FOR APPLICATIONS, VARIANCES, CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS AND APPEALS UNDER TITLE 17, ZONING.

(1) IM 07-306

b. Resolution Serial No. 07-137: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS POLICY FOR BUILDINGS OWNED AND OCCUPIED BY THE BOROUGH.

(1) IM 07-310

2. ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUMS

a. AM 07-141: AWARDING BID NO. 08-058 TO UNIVAR USA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$232,055 FOR THE PURCHASE OF CALCIUM CHLORIDE.

b. AM 07-142: AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF BALLOTS FOR THE OCTOBER 2, 2007, REGULAR BOROUGH ELECTION.

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 Deputy Borough Clerk.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

- c. Resolution Serial No. 07-138: A RESOLUTION APPROVING STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH FOR THE YEAR 2008.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 07-138.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- noted previous discussions on this topic and changes since the last meeting;
- spoke regarding the three most dangerous roads in the Borough not being called out within the resolution; and
- asked if Administration and the Assembly had enough information to adequately discuss substantial funding for bridges and roads with the State Delegation.

Mr. Duffy:

- stated that he could add the names of the roads to the resolution;
- added that the names of the bridges are silent because he felt that it needed further discussions; and
- noted that the school funding reimbursement could be suggested at a 70/30 split.

Assemblymember Bettine requested that we add the language “at a minimum of a 70/30 split school reimbursement.”

Assemblymember Kvalheim queried an 80/20 split.

Mr. Duffy responded that if the 80/20 split amount was put in the resolution the discussions would stick to that amount versus the real topic of reimbursement.

Assemblymember Church asked if another resolution could be drafted after the joint meeting with the State Legislative Delegation on December 6, 2007.

Mr. Duffy stated that the State Delegation will not issue a resolution in this matter.

Assemblymember Kluberton spoke regarding his concerns with placing an amount on the bridges.

Mr. Duffy:

- offered that a minimum could be placed at \$2 million; and
- noted that the number of bridges had to be concrete when the legislative session begins.

Assemblymember Bettine queried when the priority list would be discussed.

Mr. Duffy:

- stated that the priority list would be provided before the Legislative Session begins;
- recommended that the Assembly hear from staff before going down to Juneau; and
- added that after those discussions the priority list would be established.

(The regular meeting recessed at 8:07 p.m. and reconvened at 8:14 p.m.)

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 07-138 as follows:

By inserting the words, to the first bullet, “The funding for the property tax relief should be based upon 6 percent of resource revenue.” to appear as follows:

- Property Tax Relief in the form of Sustainable Municipal Revenue Sharing/Community Dividends Assistance.
 - Funding of these two programs will allow the Borough to provide necessary services and capital purchase at reasonable property tax levels. The funding for the property tax relief should be based upon 6 percent of resource revenue.

By inserting the words, to the seventh bullet, “...the Parks Highway from Wasilla to Big Lake, the Palmer – Wasilla Highway, and the Knik-Goose Bay Road...” to appear as follows:

- Full funding of the Borough’s STIP projects and the required match for all federal transportation improvements in the Borough.
 - Borough roads continue to suffer from congestion due to above average population growth rates. Moreover, three of Alaska’s most dangerous roads; the Parks Highway from Wasilla to Big Lake, the Palmer – Wasilla Highway, and the Knik-Goose Bay Road; are in the borough and need immediate attention in order to save lives and reduce injuries.

By inserting the words, to the ninth bullet, “...at a minimum of 70 percent State/30 percent local contribution” to appear as follows:

- Re-Authorization of the School Construction Debt Reimbursement program at a minimum of 70 percent State/30 percent local contribution.

Discussions ensued regarding postponing the resolution and the associated amendments.

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Assemblymember Bettine requested that Resolution Serial No. 07-138 be added to the agenda for the December 18, 2007, regular meeting, for any amendments that may need to be made.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance Serial No. 07-151: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$150,000 FROM FUND 203, LAND MANAGEMENT FUND BALANCE, TO FUND 430, FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION TO REPLACE THE COTTONWOOD CREEK AND TWINS II BRIDGES ON OILWELL ROAD IN TRAPPER CREEK, PROJECT NO. 35014.
 - 1. Resolution Serial No. 07-117: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE COTTONWOOD CREEK AND TWINS II REPLACEMENT BRIDGES, PROJECT NO. 35014.
 - a. IM No. 07-253

Assemblymember Kluberton explained that a funding source could not be changed within the same ordinance.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kluberton moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 07-151 and Resolution Serial No. 07-117 indefinitely.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

- B. Ordinance Serial No. 07-170: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING MSB 8.70, PROHIBITION AGAINST UNAUTHORIZED USE OF PARKING RESERVED FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; AND AMENDING MSB 1.45.100, SCHEDULE OF FINES FOR INFRACTIONS. (*Sponsor: Assemblymember Kvalheim*)
 - 1. IM No. 07-283

Assemblymember Kvalheim asked for the Assembly's support on this ordinance.

MOTION: Assemblymember Church moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 07-170 as follows:

- MSB 8.70.030(A), by inserting the phrase "stop or leave standing an attended or unattended" in between the words "park" and "motor."
- MSB 8.70.030(A)(1):
 - o By inserting the word "valid" before the word "special;"
 - o Inserting the words "of administration" after the word "department;" and
 - o Inserting the phrase "the permit is displayed on the vehicle, and the person who was issued the permit actually enters or exits the vehicle" at the end of the subsection.
- MSB 8.70.030(A)(2):
 - o By inserting the word "valid" before the word "special" throughout the subsection;
 - o Inserting the phrase "the permit is displayed on the vehicle" after the reference to "AS 28.10.495;" and

- o Inserting the phrase “and the person who was issued the special license plate actually exits or enters the vehicle” at the end of the subsection.
- MSB 8.70.030(A)(4)
 - o By inserting the word “valid” before the word “special;” and
 - o Inserting the phrase “and the person who was issued the special license plate or permit actually exits or enters the vehicle” at the end of the subsection.

Assemblymember Church:

- requested the Assembly’s support; and
- noted that by making the amendments the ordinance will closely resemble the city of Wasilla’s code.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed as presented.

VOTE: The motion passed as amended without objection.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTION (For public hearing - 12/18/07, 7 p.m., Borough Assembly Chambers)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 07-182: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 5.25.056, TO ANNEX PROPERTIES IN AND AROUND THE JANA ESTATES SUBDIVISION INTO THE BIG LAKE FIRE SERVICE AREA WITHOUT THE PLACEMENT OF THE QUESTION ON THE BALLOT, PER MSB 5.10.025(B).
- a. IM 07-309

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 December 18, 2007.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Menard requested the following confirmations:

Animal Care and Regulation Board

James Chesbro

Board of Ethics (term begins 1/1/08)

Ed Manning
Emergency Medical Services Board
Patricia Stewart
Lisa Behrens
Cheri Day
Christian Hartley
Enhanced 911 Advisory Board
Dennis Casanovas
A. Lee Himes
Historical Preservation Commission
John Stuart
Jill Reese
Library Board
Carmen Summerfield
Julia Ede
Local Emergency Planning Committee
David Harbour
Beatrice Adler
Randal Hahn (term begins: 1/1/08)
R. Scott Simmons
Office of Administrative Hearings
Ross Kopperud
Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board
Jack Campbell
Daniel Elliott
Planning Commission
Mark Masteller
William Bruu (1/1/08)
Dick Zobel
Wasilla-Lakes FSA # 130
George Boatright

Mayor Menard made the following recommendations:

Board of Equalization
DanaLyn Dalrymple
Borough Area Schools Site Selection Committee
Cindy Bettine
Colleen Hamblen

Emergency Medical Services Board
Kara Boothby
Enhanced 911 Advisory Board
David Tracy
Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues
Jim Colver
Local Emergency Planning Committee

Daniel Deedy
Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Forming a Health and Social Services Board
Sherry Whitstine
Planning Commission
Mark Ewing
Platting Board
Terry Nicodemus
Port Commission
Paul Campbell
Bishop Buckle
David Cruz
Real Property Asset Management Board
Wayne Bouwers
John Strassenburgh
Janice Strong
Transportation Advisory Board
Christopher Remick
Daniel Elliott
Big Lake FSA # 33
Bruce babcock
Greater Palmer FSA # 132
Danny Allison
Meadow Lakes FSA # 34
Rex Hunter
Wasilla-Lakes FSA # 130
Carol Christiansen
Daniel Tucker
Bogard RSA # 15
Gary Hessmer
Caswell Lakes RSA # 15
Henry Olson
Greater Butte RSA # 26
Arthur Quaas
Greater Talkeetna RSA # 29
John Strassenburgh
Meadow Lakes RSA # 27
Stephen Edwards

North Colony RSA # 23
Julie Real
Trapper Creek RSA # 30
Sylvan Morgan
Talkeetna Sewer & Water Service Area # 36

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

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 Kvalheim welcomed the Mayor back.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- expressed concerns regarding public notification during the cell tower ordinance process; and
- noted areas for concern in the upcoming budget cycle.

Assemblymember Wells

- welcomed the Mayor back;
- noted that he would be out of town January 11, 2008, through January 16, 2008; and
- mentioned that he may try to join meetings telephonically.

Assemblymember Houston welcomed the Mayor back.

Assemblymember Kluberton:

- stated that he would be gone December 8, 2007, through December 13, 2007;
- reported that the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Sportsmen's Committee meets on Thursday, December 6, 2007; and
- expressed his desire to move forward with the cell tower ordinance.

Assemblymember Church:

- welcomed the Mayor back;
- thanked everyone for their support on the handicap parking ordinance; and
- expressed her desire for a successful meeting with the State Delegation.

Mayor Menard asked Assemblymember Kluberton when the Board of Fish meets.

Assemblymember Kluberton stated that they would be meeting February 1, 2008, through February 12, 2008.

Mayor Menard:

- thanked Assemblymember Kluberton for his vigilance;
- spoke regarding previous discussions on the cost of public notices;
- estimated that it costs approximately \$250,000 annually to publish public notices; and
- asked if a quote had ever been obtained for the exact amount.

Mr. Duffy:

- stated that the Mayor was correct in his estimation; and
- explained that he has been having discussions with Ms. Sullivan regarding this subject.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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CURTIS D. MENARD, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

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LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, Acting Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 01/15/08