

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
ASSEMBLY**

**REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2000**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on December 19, 2000, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Chambers, 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. Larry DeVilbiss, Assembly District No. 1
Ms. Sara Jansen, Assembly District No. 2 (Deputy Mayor)
Mr. Talis J. Colberg, Assembly District No. 3
Mr. Dan Kelly, Assembly District No. 4
Ms. Jody Simpson, Assembly District No. 5
Ms. Kelly Lankford Ladere, Assembly District No. 7

Assemblymember absent and excused:

Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Sandra Dillon, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Duffy, Acting Borough Manager
Mr. Michael Gatti, Borough Attorney
Ms. Elizabeth Manfred, Borough Deputy Clerk
Mr. Jim Swing, Public Works Director
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Mr. Karl Borglum, Borough Assessor
Ms. Sandy Garley, Planning Director
Mr. Kevin Koechlein, Public Safety Director

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Anderson noted the following changes to the agenda:

- administration requested that AM No. 00-138: WEST SELDON ROAD PUBLIC USE EASEMENT PURCHASE be pulled.

There was no objection to the agenda as amended.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Leo Kay, a member of the audience.

V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Proclamation for Leo Kaye: Governor's Veteran Advocacy Award

Mayor Anderson read his proclamation honoring Mr. Leo Kay as recipient of the Governor's Veteran Advocacy Award. Mr. Kay accepted the award and spoke to his participation in veterans' issues.

2. Proclamation for Patricia Truman: Alaska's 2000 Teacher of the Year

Mayor Anderson read a proclamation honoring Ms. Patricia Truman as recipient of the Alaska's 2000 Teacher of the Year Award. Ms. Truman accepted the award and spoke to her experiences in the field of education.

VI. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. Regular Assembly Meeting: December 5, 2000

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved for approval of the December 5, 2000, regular assembly meeting minutes.

Assemblymember DeVilbiss noted corrections to Mr. Duffy's comments on page 3 of the December 5, 2000, minutes. *[After clerk's research, Mr. Duffy's first comment was corrected to read: "addressed the school district audit provided in the packet." Mr. Duffy's seventh comment was corrected to read: "spoke about a data table distributed . . ."]*

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection and the December 5, 2000, regular assembly meeting minutes were approved pending the clerk's research.

VII. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Report from cities

Wasilla Council Member Keller:

- reported that the city has changed zoning requirements in a portion of the city to allow development of low income housing; and
- requested that library issues be addressed during any future Joint assembly/city of Wasilla meeting; and
- congratulated Mr. Kay on his accomplishments; and
- spoke to the Alaska's Path of Freedom project which is co-sponsored by the city of Wasilla and will be a garden honoring Alaska's armed forces; and
- requested the assembly sponsor 50 percent of a brick in honor of Mr. Kay and stated that she will ask the city of Wasilla to sponsor the other half of the brick.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

School Board Member Mr. Wells:

- expressed appreciation of the joint assembly/school district meeting held last week.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

(There was no report from the Joint Assembly/School Board Committee.)

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Duffy:

- stated that the borough auditors will present their annual audit report on January 2, 2001, at 4 p.m.; and
- shared recent compliments of borough staff received from the public; and
- announced Ms. Sandra Garley's appointment as borough planning director; and
- reported on the trip to Skwentna and that community's concerns regarding their landfill and closure of the local school; and
- spoke to the proposed spring training schedule for borough fire services personnel; and
- complimented Mr. Koechlein for expanding fire services training to include volunteers; and
- addressed information included in the red folders which lists state funding for borough projects; and
- spoke to an administrative budget message distributed to borough department heads requesting that department heads prepare three-year budgets which will aid in planning for future major projects; and
- commented on an appeal filed concerning a right-of-way acquisition on the Parks Highway.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Gatti:

- congratulated Ms. Garley on her appointment as borough planning director.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. Dillon:

- addressed the schedule presented for future assembly meetings; and
- announced that the most recent code supplement has arrived and requested that assembly members bring their code books to the clerk's office for updating; and
- invited comments and suggestions from assembly members regarding items appearing on the tracking report; and
- congratulated Ms. Garley on her new position with the borough; and

- stated that Houston was conducting a special election for a local property tax mil levy with the revenue generated dedicated to road maintenance.
- F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:
 - a. Greater Willow Road Service Area No. 20 - 09/28/00
 - b. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board - 11/16/00
 - c. Local Road Service Area Supervisory Board Knik No. 17 - 11/19/00
 - d. Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board - 09/19/00
 - e. Planning Commission - 11/20/00

Assemblymember DeVilbiss questioned the notation in the planning commission minutes that a Big Lake Library site had been made.

Mr. Duffy stated a site had been approved by the planning commission and the proposed site would be presented for assembly approval in January.

- f. Senior Citizens Advisory Board - 11/21/00
- g. Sherrod School Site Selection Committee - 11/29/00

2. Community Council Correspondence:

- a. Meadow Lakes Community Council - 10/11/00
- b. North Lakes Community Council - 09/22/00, 11/08/00
- c. South Knik River Community Council - 09/23/00, 11/18/00
- d. Y Community Council - 09/07/00, 10/05/00, 11/02/00

The citizen and other correspondence was presented and no other comments were given except as noted.

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

1. IMNo. 00-256: MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH WILLOW AREA COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION COVERING THE COMMUNITY CENTER, LIBRARY, OLD COMMUNITY CENTER PICNIC SHELTER AND GROUNDS.

Assemblymember DeVilbiss expressed his opinion that in the future the borough should avoid co-owning and maintaining similar structures.

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

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

(There were no persons to be heard.)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three minutes per person.)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 00-185: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE BEAVER LAKES AREA NATURAL GAS LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 313 AND ESTABLISHING THE METHOD OF TERMINATING ASSESSMENTS AND MAKING REFUNDS TO PROPERTY OWNERS.
 - a. Ordinance Serial No. 00-186: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$540,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS FOR THE BEAVER LAKES AREA NATURAL GAS LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 313, AND FIXING DETAILS OF SAID BONDS.
IM No. 00-231

Ms. Clayton explained that the total number of lots assessed was decreased by one due to an illegal split requiring an amendment to the ordinance.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

The following spoke in opposition of the ordinance as written: Mr. Frank Huber.

There being no others wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial Nos. 00-185 and 186.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 00-185 to strike the total assessed per lot amount of "\$2,149.26" and insert the amount "\$2,157.23." This correction would be found in the second "Whereas" clause and Section 1, "Confirmation of roll" clause.

GENERAL CONSENT: The primary amendment passed without objection.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion, as amended, passed without objection.

2. Ordinance Serial No. 00-195: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 FROM ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES FOR A TALKEETNA TRANSPORTATION STUDY.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 00-083: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET OF \$30,000 FOR THE TALKEETNA TRANSPORTATION STUDY.
IM No. 00-246

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 00-195 and Resolution Serial No. 00-083.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

3. Ordinance Serial No. 00-196: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 8; HEALTH AND WELFARE, BY ADDING CHAPTER 8.33, AIR ALERTS AND EMERGENCIES.
IM No. 00-248

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 00-196.

Discussion followed concerning the need for air alerts and the agencies to receive an alert.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

4. Ordinance Serial No. 00-197: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ROAD SERVICE AREA FISCAL YEAR 2001 FUND BALANCES TO FUND 410, ROAD SERVICE AREA CAPITAL PROJECTS. IM No. 00-249

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 00-197.

Assemblymember Lankford Ladere requests a listing of appropriations for service areas in her district.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

5. Ordinance Serial No. 00-198: ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$100,000 FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION FOR THE DESIGN OF CENTRAL LANDFILL EXPANSION AND LONG RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 00-084: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE CENTRAL LANDFILL EXPANSION AND LONG RANGE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING. IM No. 00-252

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 00-198 and Resolution Serial No. 00-084.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

(There was no audience participation.)

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(There was no unfinished business.)

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTION (Suggested public hearing - 01/02/01)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 01-001: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$4,677,470 FROM LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL SOURCES TO FUND 204, EDUCATION OPERATING FUND, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001. IM No. 01-002
2. Ordinance Serial No. 01-002: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,528.75 FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, OFFICE OF HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY, TO FUND TRAVEL FOR A HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONFERENCE IN PENNSYLVANIA.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 01-001: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET OF \$1,528.75 FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF TRAVEL TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION FORUM "PITTSBURGH 2000" CONFERENCE. IM No. 01-003
3. Ordinance Serial No. 01-003: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING MSB 4.56, ESTABLISHING THE SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD. (Sponsor: Mayor Anderson) IM No. 01-005
4. Ordinance Serial No. 01-004: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A \$16,500 GRANT FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES FOR COMPLETION OF A VISUAL PREFERENCE STUDY.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 01-002: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR A VISUAL PREFERENCE SURVEY. IM No. 01-007

Ms. Dillon read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved for introduction of the above-referenced legislation and set the public hearing for January 2, 2001.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

B. CONSENT AGENDA

(AM Nos. 00-147 was pulled from the consent agenda, see pages 8 and 9 for assembly action.

1. RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution Serial No. 00-088: A RESOLUTION REVISING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET AS ADOPTED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2001 BUDGET, CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 45064, FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$8,500 TO PURCHASE MOBILE AND PORTABLE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT. IM No. 00-254
- b. Resolution Serial No. 00-089: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH-MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE INTERGOVERNMENTAL LIAISON COMMITTEE IM No. 00-257
- c. Resolution Serial No. 00-090: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH'S FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR 2001. IM No. 00-258

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

- b. AM No. 00-146: AWARD OF PROPOSAL 01-037: TO ARCHITECTS ALASKA FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES TO REMODEL WASILLA HIGH SCHOOL.

Ms. Dillon read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved for approval of the above-referenced consent agenda items.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

- c. AM No. 00-147: EXTEND THE CONTRACT FOR ONE YEAR TO ROBERTSON, MONAGLE AND EASTAUGH FOR FEDERAL LOBBYIST SERVICES

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved for approval of AM No. 00-147.

Discussion followed concerning methods used to determine contract amount and award of a contract without specific deliverables or measurables.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved a primary amendment to strike "land management" and insert "port commission and community development" to the final paragraph which will then read: "For this coming year, funding will be provided from the areawide, non-areawide, port commission, and community development funds."

GENERAL CONSENT: The primary amendment passed without objection.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion, as amended, passed without objection.

The regular meeting recessed at 6:53 p.m. and reconvened at 7 p.m.

C. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Anderson made the following recommendations:

Board of Adjustment and Appeals

Mr. Steve Rowland

Agricultural and Forestry Board

Mr. Arthur J. Petersen, Upper Su Soil Conservation District

Ms. Vicki L. Trytten, Wasilla Soil Conservation District

Animal Control Board

Ms. Judith Masteller, Licensed Veterinarian

Mr. Rod Hutchinson, Animal Trainer

Ms. Peri Tharp, Animal Owner

Ms. Sandy Petal, At-Large

Ms. Joan S. Westall, Alternate

Emergency Medical Services Board

Mr. Roger Swingle, M.D., Medical Director

Mr. John L. Akers, Butte Ambulance

Enhanced 911 Advisory Board

Mr. Kevin Koechlein, Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Mr. Jerry Nelson, City of Houston

Equalization Board

Ms. Traci J. Barickman

Ethics Board

Mr. Gilbert Lucero

Mr. David D. Church

Historical Preservation Commission

Mr. Robert Tucker

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Mr. Ken Slauson, Fire Service
 Ms. JoAnne M. Fine, Environmental/Business/Technical
 Ms. Ester Gilmore, Environmental/Business/Technical
 Mr. Carl E. Luchsinger, Environmental/Business/Technical
 Mr. James J. Rogers, Environmental/Business/Technical
 Ms. Taunnie L. Boothby, National Guard
 Parks, Recreation and Trails Advisory Board
 Mr. Ricardo Ernst, Assembly District No. 7
 Planning Commission
 Mr. Chris Rose, Assembly District No. 1
 Ms. Mary Kvalheim, Assembly District No. 4
 Port Commission
 Mr. Mike Janecek, Seat No. 1
 Mr. Darrell E. Korman, Seat No. 7
 Senior Citizens Advisory Board
 Ms. Ruby Church, Wasilla Senior Center
 Ms. Dolores Kohring
 Mr. William Larkin
 Transportation Advisory Board
 Mr. George Williams, Transportation Industry
 North Colony Road Service Area No. 23
 Ms. Barbara Gerard
 Big Lake Fire Service Area No. 34
 Ms. Joan L. Estes
 Wasilla/Lakes Fire Service Area No. 130
 Mr. Ken Slauson
 Mr. Frederick Snodgrass
 Circle View and Stampede Estates Flood and Erosion Control SSA No. 131
 Mr. Doyle R. McCombs
 Greater Palmer Consolidated Fire Service Area No. 132
 Mr. Charles Akers

Mayor Anderson requested the following confirmations:

Labor Relations Board
 Mr. Timothy J. McKeown
 School Site Selection Committee, Academy Charter School
 Mr. Tony Pippel
 School Site Selection Committee, Sherrod Replacement
 Ms. Carol Oberg Kenley
 School Board Issues-Joint Assembly/School Board Commission
 Mr. Mike Chmielewski, School Board
 Mr. Rob Wells, School Board
 Ms. Sara Jansen, Assembly
 Mr. Talis Colberg, Assembly
 Mr. John Duffy, Borough Staff

Ms. Patricia Chesbro, School District Staff
South Colony Road Service Area No. 16
Mr. David Esch
Knik Road Service Area No. 17
Mr. Henry L. Corbin
Big Lake Road Service Area No. 21
Mr. Jim Clemensen
Meadow Lakes Road Service Area No. 27
Mr. Roy J. Bowe

Mayor Anderson recommended acceptance of the following resignations:

Animal Control Board
Mr. Bill Siedler
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Mr. John Lettow
Caswell Lakes Road Service Area No. 15
Mr. Ronnie Standridge

Mayor Anderson recommended the following removal:

Local Emergency Planning Committee:
Mr. Ted Lammot, National Guard (*moved from the area*)

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to confirm the mayor's appointments and to accept the resignations of Mr. Bill Siedler, Mr. John Lettow, and Mr. Ronnie Standridge and the removal of Mr. Ted Lammot.

Assemblymember DeVilbiss noted for the record that the recommendation of the mayor for the Planning Commission, district 1 position, was not his recommendation. He further noted that Steve Rowland, the mayor's recommendation for the board of Adjustment and Appeals, had applied for the Planning Commission and not the BOAA.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

D. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

XI. RECONSIDERATION

(There was no reconsideration pending.)

XII. VETO

(There was no veto pending.)

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(There was no executive session.)

XIV. MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Assemblymember Simpson:

- reported that animal control did not euthanize any animals at the shelter this week due to the successful adoption program; and
- congratulated Ms. Garley on her appointment as planning director.

Assemblymember DeVilbiss:

- questioned a personal expense for a platting CD.

Mr. Duffy stated that borough information is provided without expense to assembly members and he will arrange for Assemblymember Devilbiss to be reimbursed.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kelly moved to contribute half the cost of the \$75 brick from the assembly reserve account, for the Alaska Path of Freedom project on behalf of Leo Kay and make the purchase contingent upon the city of Wasilla purchasing the corresponding half.

Discussion followed regarding the use of public funds to support honoring a private citizen and the precedent such honor sets for future requests.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved a primary amendment to strike "assembly reserves" and purchase the brick from assembly funds allocated to District 5.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Jansen and Colberg opposed.

VOTE: The motion, as amended, passed with Assemblymembers Jansen and Colberg opposed.

Assemblymember Kelly:

- spoke to the importance of the items removed from the state and federal priority lists; and
- discussed issues to be addressed by the federal lobbyist.

Assemblymember Jansen:

- thanked the audience for attending the meeting and supporting municipal government; and
- stated that municipal government actions affect local issues.

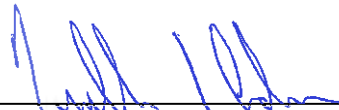
Mayor Anderson:

- commented on the success of a community visit to Skwentna to become better aware of that areas concerns; and
- related that he and Mr. Duffy will present information to the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce on development plans and trails information; and

spoke to a letter from Kenai Borough Mayor Begley requesting borough appointments to the Cook Inlet pipeline terminal group and shared his plan to appoint a port commissioner, Mr. Duffy, and himself to the group.

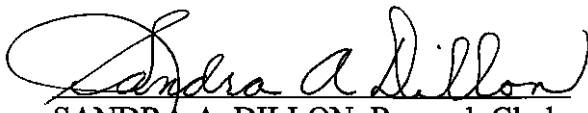
XV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular assembly meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



TIMOTHY L. ANDERSON, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



SANDRA A. DILLON, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: January 2, 2001