

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on December 20, 2010, at the Central Mat-Su Public Safety Building, 101 W. Swanson, Wasilla, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Deputy Mayor Ronald Arvin.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

- Mr. Warren Keogh, Assembly District No. 1
- Mr. Noel Woods, Assembly District No. 2
- Mr. Ronald Arvin, Assembly District No. 3
- Ms. Cindy L. Bettine, Assembly District No. 5
- Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6
- Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Assemblymembers absent and excused were:

- Mr. Mark Ewing, Assembly District No. 4

Staff in attendance were:

- Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk
- Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
- Ms. Elizabeth Gray, Acting Borough Manager
- Ms. Brenda J. Henry, Executive Assistant to the Borough Clerk
- Mr. Brad Sworts, Transportation Division Manager
- Mr. Mike Weller, Traffic Technician

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Arvin inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

Assemblymember Colver requested to hear Item "C", which is discussion of priorities with the state lobbyist as the first item of business.

There was no objection noted.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Mike Weller, Traffic Technician.

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

C. DISCUSSION OF PRIORITIES WITH STATE LOBBYIST

Mr. Gillespie:

- stated that the Rail Extension project has been included in the Governor's budget; and
- stated that he is not sure why there are not more of the Borough's road projects included.

Assemblymember Colver stated that the next phase of Trunk Road should be included.

Mr. Sworts:

- stated that Trunk road is included in the Alaska State Transportation Improvement Plan; and
- noted that he has not spoken to the Alaska State Department of Transportation to see where it is located on the schedule.

Assemblymember Halter queried if the Glenn and Parks Highways corridor has been included.

Mr. Gillespie stated that he is not familiar with that project.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- categories of funds in the Governor's Budget;
- how the legislature may or may not fund the Governor's entire budget;
- the projects that are included within the Governor's budget;
- possible funding for Trunk Road, which is not included in the Governor's Budget; and
- federal highway funds.

[Clerk's note: Clerk's staff exited the meeting at 9:25 a.m. to prepare for the joint meeting with local legislators.]

A. INTRODUCTION (For public hearing – 01/18/11 – Borough Assembly Chambers)

1. Resolution Serial No. 11-007: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2017.
 - a. IM NO. 11-009

Mr. Spiropoulos read the 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 January 18, 2011.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. VACANCY REPORT

Deputy Mayor Arvin requested the following confirmations:

Animal Care and Regulation Board
Mary Crowley, removal
Aviation Advisory Board
Archie Giddings
Board of Equalization
Thomas Healy
Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues
Sarah Welton
Lynn Gattis
Library Board
Beverly Horner, resignation
Port Commission
Paul Campbell
Transportation Advisory Board
Henry Cottle
Willow FSA No. 35
John Anderson, resignation
Apline RSA No. 31
Jed Workman
Meadow Lakes RSA No. 27
Stephen Edwards
Trapper Creek RSA No. 30
Sylvan (Hal) Morgan

Deputy Mayor Arvin made the following recommendations:

Aviation Advisory Board
Norman Wakeman
Board of Equalization
Timothy Vereide
Board of Ethics
Frank Muncy
Emergency Medical Services Board
Lisa Behrens
Cliff Silvers
Cheri Day
Brian Anderson
Joseph Kiren
Brian Wallace
Glori Strickler
Patricia Stewart
Delores "Jo" Pendleton
Deborah Bloom

Enhanced 911 Advisory Board

Jeffery Laughlin
Charley McAnally
Thomas Hood
Thomas Remaley
Diana Campbell
Kelly Swihart
Joel Butcher

Health and Social Services Board

Reba Brady

Library Board

Nicole Barker
Virginia Robson

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Glenn Stevens
Bea Adler

Office of Administrative Hearings

Karen Jennings

Planning Commission

Karen Harris
Tom Adams

Platting Board

Kurt MacKenzie
Terry Nicodemus

Port Commission

Dave Cruz

Wasilla-Lakes FSA No. 130

Carol Christiansen
Daniel Tucker

West Lakes FAS No. 136

Gerard Billinger

Big Lake RSA No. 21

Gerard Billinger

Caswell Lakes RSA No. 15

Henry Olson

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to approve the Mayor's recommendations, resignations and removals up for confirmation this evening.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION: *(for subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person provided the person may request a public discussion or matters immediate public knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse impact upon the finances of the Borough.)*

1. HIRING OF THE BOROUGH MANAGER
2. CONTRACT TERMS FOR THE BOROUGH MANAGER

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to enter into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person provided the person may request a public discussion. Specifically to discuss the hiring of and contract terms for the Borough Manager Those present during the executive session were the members of the Assembly, the Attorney, the Acting Borough Manager, and the Human Resources Manager.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the Assembly moved into executive session at 10:20 a.m.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to exit executive session.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the Assembly exited executive session at 10:50 a.m.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

(There was no one present who wished to testify.)

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

(There were no comments provided.)


VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.



RONALD ARVIN, Deputy Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 01/18/11