

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on June 16, 2015, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Larry DeVilbiss.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Jim Sykes, Assembly District No. 1
Mr. Matthew Beck, Assembly District No. 2
Mr. Ronald Arvin, Assembly District No. 3 (*Deputy Mayor*)
Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4
Mr. Dan Mayfield, Assembly District No. 5
Ms. Barbara Doty, Assembly District No. 6
Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Moosey, Borough Manager
Mr. George Hays, Assistant Borough Manager
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Ms. Brenda J. Henry, Assistant Clerk
Mr. Brad Sworts, Acting Capital Projects Director
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Mr. Terrance Dolan, Public Works Director
Ms. Eileen Probasco, Planning and Land Use Director
Mr. Dennis Brodigan, Emergency Services Director
Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director
Mr. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director
Mr. Eric Wyatt, Information Technology Director
Ms. Debra Wetherhorn, Administrative Assistant II

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Assemblymember Mayfield requested to remove Ordinance Serial No. 15-069 from the agenda and to take no action.

Mayor DeVilbiss queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

Assemblymember Sykes requested to remove Ordinance Serial No. 15-001 from the agenda and to take no action.

Mayor DeVilbiss queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

Mr. Moosey requested to remove Ordinance Serial No. 15-091 and accompanying Resolution Serial No. 15-066 from the agenda and to take no action.

Mayor DeVilbiss queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved to have the Clerk read only the ordinance and resolution numbers of introductions rather than the entire title.

VOTE: The motion passed with Assemblymembers Doty, Sykes, and Colligan opposed.

Mayor DeVilbiss inquired if there were any additional changes to the agenda.

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

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ron Harvey, a member of the audience.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

- A. Special Assembly Meeting: 05/11/15
- B. Special Assembly Meeting: 05/13/15
- C. Special Assembly Meeting: 05/20/15

Mayor DeVilbiss inquired if there were any changes/corrections to the special minutes of May 11, 2015, May 13, 2015, or May 20, 2015.

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

VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS

- 1. Reports from cities

Palmer City

Mr. Joe Hannan, City Manager:

- spoke to the city of Palmer contributing resources to the Sockeye Fire;
- spoke in support of the positive partnership between the cities and the Borough;
- related that city of Palmer is ensuring that the Palmer Airport has the resources it needs to continue to operate as needed in order to provide fire support;
- advised that if there is a need for additional equipment or for the MTA Events Center as resources for the fire effort to let the city know; and
- spoke to the record breaking attendance at Colony Days.

Wasilla City

Mayor Bert Cottle:

- related that the city of Wasilla is ready to contribute any necessary resources to the fire effort;
- spoke to the upcoming Relay for Life event on June 25, 2015, at 6 p.m. at the Menard Center;
- noted that July 3, 2015, is the opening day for Wasilla Summerfest at the Menard Center;
- spoke to the many activities and vendors that will be present at the event;
- stated that on July 3, 2015, at 11:50 p.m. there will be the annual fireworks display, weather permitting;
- spoke to the annual July 4th parade that will be followed by the Mayor's Picnic; and
- advised that if more information is needed regarding the upcoming events to visit the city of Wasilla's website.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

(There was no report provided.)

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

(There was no report provided.)

2. Joint MSB Assembly/MOA Assembly Transportation Subcommittee

(There was no report provided.)

3. Assembly Public Relations

(There were no reports provided.)

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation
2. Strategic Planning Issues

Mr. Moosey:

- spoke to the Governor Walker's recent conference in Fairbanks regarding the state of the State;
- noted that Mr. James Wilson, Internal Auditor for the Borough, attended that conference; and
- related that any recent Assembly priorities have been included;
- advised that items from the planning session in February have also been included in the draft strategic plan he was directed to bring forward;
- stated that he has questions regarding farming and agriculture, administrative restructure, tax shift, fiscal solvency, energy efficiency and resources, and healthy community initiatives; and
- requested direction on how the Assembly would like to move forward on those six topics.

Mayor DeVilbiss requested a list of the topics.

Discussion ensued regarding how to take up discussion of those six topics.

3. Road Construction Update

Mr. Terry Dolan, Public Works Director and Mr. Brad Sworts, Acting Capital Projects Director provided an update regarding road construction projects within the Borough.

4. Septage and Leachate Site Selection – CH2M Hill

Mr. Cory Hinds, P.E. with CH2M Hill, provided a presentation regarding the site selected for the septage and leachate facility.

Mr. Moosey:

- noted that there has been a burn ban initiated within the Borough;
- stated that the Emergency Operations Center has been turned over to the Type 1 incident team;
- spoke to how the hot dry weather is impacting the fire negatively;
- spoke to numerous other fires Statewide; and
- commented that citizens need to be cautious.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

(There was no report provided.)

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie:

- spoke regarding the upcoming meeting schedule; and
- summarized the agenda items for the June 24, 2015, special meeting.

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved to schedule a special meeting for July 21, 2015, at 6 p.m.

VOTE: The motion failed with Assemblymembers Doty, Halter, and Beck in support.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:

- a. Board of Adjustment and Appeals: 04/13/15
- b. Gold Trail RSA Board of Supervisors: Resolution Serial No. 15-01
- c. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board of Supervisors: 03/19/15, Resolution Serial No. 15-03
- d. MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission: 03/19/15
- e. Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board: 03/23/15
- f. Planning Commission: 05/04/15, Resolution Serial Nos. 15-17, 15-22, 15-23
- g. Platting Board: 03/05/15, 03/19/15, 04/16/15
- h. West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 03/09/15

2. Community Council Minutes:

- a. Big Lake Community Council: 03/10/15
- b. Trapper Creek Community Council: 03/19/15

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

(There were no informational memorandums presented.)

VII. SPECIAL ORDERS

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

(There were no persons to be heard.)

the meeting recessed at 7:12 p.m. and reconvened at 7:20 p.m.)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three minutes per person.)

1. ~~**Ordinance Serial No. 15-069:** An Ordinance Amending Title 25, By Repealing Provisions For A Runoff Election For The Office Of Mayor To Mirror The Way Assembly Members Are Elected. (Sponsored By Assemblymember Mayfield)~~
 - a. ~~IM No. 15-116~~
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-063:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 15.24.031, Initiating And Amending Lake Management Plans, By Placing A Temporary Moratorium On Initiation And Amendments To Lake Management Plans.
 - a. IM No. 15-104

Mayor DeVilbiss opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in opposition to conducting the public hearing due to the fire emergency: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

The following person spoke in support of the Planning Commission's recommendation for a moratorium of one year rather than three years: Ms. Beth Fread.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 15-063.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 15-063, by striking "36 months" and inserting in its place "12 months."

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended with Assemblymembers Halter, Colligan, and Arvin opposed.

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-083:** An Ordinance Authorizing A Fair Market Value Lease Of Borough-Owned Real Property To WestPac Logistics, LLC. For Marine And Surface Transportation, Logistics, And Terminal Operator Services (MSB006891).
 - a. IM No. 15-115

Mayor DeVilbiss opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke to concerns that the Port Commission had not weighed in on the lease and in opposition to conducting the public hearing due to the fire emergency: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 15-083.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

4. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-084:** An Ordinance Reappropriating \$194,800 From The Planning Division Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget, Fund 100, To Fund 480, For The Build-Out Analysis Project, The U-Med District Project, The Artifact Inventory And Relocation Project, The Planning Department Records Management Project, The Cab/Lab Relocation Project, The Planning Office Modification Project, And The Housing Analysis Project.
 - a. **Resolution Serial No. 15-059:** A Resolution Amending The Budgets For Project Nos. 45005, 20384, 23087, 47036, And 47011, And Extending The Time Of Completion For Project Funding And Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Build-Out Analysis Project, The U-Med District Project, The Artifact Inventory And Relocation Project, The Planning Department Records Management Project, The Cab/Lab Relocation Project, The Planning Office Modification Project, And The Housing Analysis Project.
 - (1) IM No. 15-131

Mayor DeVilbiss 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 Arvin moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 15-084 and Resolution Serial No. 15-059.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

5. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-085:** An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$114,000 From Gold Trail Road Service Area No. 28 Fund Balance, Fund 282, To Fund 410, Project No. 30048, For Gold Trail Road Service Area No. 28 Capital Projects.
 - a. IM No. 15-134

Mayor DeVilbiss 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 Doty moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 15-085.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

6. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-086:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.04.095, General Fund Balance Policy And Reservations. *(Sponsored By Assemblymember Halter)*
 - a. IM No. 15-138

Mayor DeVilbiss opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in opposition to conducting the public hearing due to the fire emergency and to concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 15-086.

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed with Assemblymember Sykes opposed.

7. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-087:** An Ordinance Reappropriating \$70,000 From The Finance Department Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget Fund 100, To Project No. 10057, Fund 435, For Upgrades And Furnishings For The Dorothy Swanda Jones Phase II Capital Project For The Finance Section.
 - a. IM No. 15-139

Mayor DeVilbiss 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 Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 15-087.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following person thanked all of the emergency responders, Borough staff, and the Assembly for their response to the Sockeye fire emergency: Mr. Randall Kowalke.

The following persons spoke in support of a septage and leachate facility: Mr. Tom Munoz and Ms. Helen Munoz.

The following person spoke to concerns with illegal fireworks in the Borough: Mr. Charles Griffin.

The following person spoke in opposition to conducting the meeting due to the fire emergency: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

The following person spoke to concerns regarding possible revisions to Title 43 and in support of the joint efforts of the Borough, the State, and the cities regarding the Sockeye Fire: Ms. Beth Fread.

(The meeting recessed at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened at 8:31 p.m.)

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

a. **Resolution Serial No. 15-060:** A Resolution Identifying The Central Landfill As The Site For A New Septage And Leachate Facility.

(1) IM No. 15-137

b. **Resolution Serial No. 15-061:** A Resolution Approving The Financial Responsibility For The M/V Susitna For July, August, And September 2015.

(1) IM No. 15-146

c. **Resolution Serial No. 15-062:** A Resolution Supporting The Importance Of Backcountry Travel Safety For The Citizens Of Alaska And Supporting The Alaska Avalanche Information Center Efforts To Develop A Mobile Application Designed To Reach Youth Ages 8 To 18 With Training And Practice Opportunities To Prepare Them For Safe Snowmobile Travel. *(Sponsored By Assemblymember Mayfield)*

(1) IM No. 15-147

d. **Resolution Serial No. 15-063:** A Resolution Approving The Amended Budgets And Transfer Of Funds From Vine Road Upgrade, Project No 35410, To Big Lake And South Big Lake Road Intersection Improvements, Project No. 35404, In The Amount Of \$1,500,000.

(1) IM No. 15-148

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

a. **AM No. 15-081:** Vacate Any Public Interest In A 50-Foot Wide Right-Of-Way Known As West Elva's Court In Mana Naen Subdivision, Plat No. 2010-84 (Bureau Of Indian Affairs Plat) Located Within Section 6, Township 17 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian.

b. **AM No. 15-082:** Extension Of Contract No. 04-098 With North Star Group In An Amount Not To Exceed \$75,000 For Federal Lobbyist Services.

c. **AM No. 15-083:** Award Of Bid No. 15-147B To Western Construction And Equipment, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$340,979 For Federal Emergency Management Repairs Not Limited To E-1 Placement, Pit Run Placement, Class II Rip Rap Placement, Ditching, And Removing And Replacing Culverts At Various Locations.

d. **AM No. 15-084:** Approval Of Contract Amendment To Purchase Order No. 2015-2787 With Enstar Natural Gas Company In The Amount Of \$97,433 For Big Lake Intersection Improvement.

- e. **AM No. 15-085:** Approve Utility Relocation Costs For Matanuska Telephone Association In The Amount Of \$111,918 For Brass Ring Road, Easy Street, Cozy Circle, And Carousel Way, Project No. 30047.
- f. **AM No. 15-086:** Award Of Bid No. 15-157B To Bristol Prime Contractors, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$905,350.70 For Lu Young Lane Upgrade.
- g. **AM No. 15-087:** Award Of Bid No. 15-131B To Taylor Fire Protection In The Contract Amount Of \$142,324.50 For Fire Alarm And Security Systems Monitoring At Various Borough Locations
- h. **AM No. 15-088:** Award Of Bid No. 15-154B To Alaska Earthworks, LLC In The Contract Amount Of \$266,322 For South Elizabeth Drive Improvements.
- i. **AM No. 15-089:** Award Of Bid No. 15-159B To Western Construction And Equipment, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$197,280 For Larose Road Upgrades.
- j. **AM No. 15-090:** Award Of Bid No. 15-151B To Haakenson Electric In The Contract Amount Of \$675,640 For School District Lighting Upgrades At 14 Schools.
- k. **AM No. 15-091:** Approve Utility Relocation Costs For Matanuska Telephone Association In The Amount Of \$146,656 For Utility Relocation For Twilight Drive, New Moon Road, And Ogard Street.
- l. **AM No. 15-092:** Award Of Bid No. 15-135B To Electric International, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$575,925 For Fire Alarm Replacement At Big Lake Elementary, Palmer High, Wasilla High, Teeland Middle, And Burchell High Schools.
- m. **AM No. 15-093:** Award Of Bid No. 15-162B To Alaska Earthworks, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$352,076 For Upgrades To Happy Drive, Satisfied Drive, And Gentry Drive.
- n. **AM No. 15-094:** Award Of Bid No. 15-160B To Western Construction And Equipment, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$172,102 For Reeve, Bartlett, Mitzie, And Begich Circles Upgrades.
- o. **AM No. 15-095:** Award Of Bid No. 15-166B To Jolt Construction And Traffic Maintenance In The Contract Amount Of \$103,865 For Settler's Bay Drive Guardrail Upgrade.

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. ~~Ordinance Serial No. 15-001: An Ordinance Approving The Less Than Fair Market Value Sale Of Borough Owned Property Containing 80 Acres, More Or Less, Identified As Tax Parcels A012 And D008, Section 4, Township 16 North, Range 4 West, And Authorization For The Manager To Negotiate The Sale (MSB006977).~~
1. ~~IM No. 15-001~~

IX. VETO

(There were no vetoes presented.)

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. INTRODUCTIONS (For public hearing – 08/04/15 Assembly Chambers)
1. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-072:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 1.45.100, Schedule Of Fines For Infractions; Standardizing Fines And Adding Fines For Code Infractions Where None Are Listed.
- a. IM No. 15-080
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-089:** An Ordinance Reappropriating \$230,181 From Fiscal Years 2014 And 2015 Areawide Capital Appropriations, Fund 480, Project Nos. 15035 And 15099, Tourism Infrastructure, To Fund 440, Project Nos. 15039, 15040, And 10157.
- a. **Resolution Serial No. 15-064:** A Resolution Amending The Budgets For Project Nos. 15035 And 15099; And Approving The Scopes Of Work And Budgets For Project Nos. 47032 And 47026, Fund 480; And Project Nos. 15040, 10157, And 15039, Fund 440.
- (1) IM No. 15-136
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-090:** An Ordinance Reappropriating \$30,000 From The Fiscal Year 2016 Areawide Ambulance Operations Budget, Fund 100, To Project No. 10179, Fund 425, For The Sutton Ambulance Building Renovation.
- a. **Resolution Serial No. 15-065:** A Resolution Amending The Budget For Project No. 10179 To Allow For Additional Funding To Continue With Phase I Of The Sutton Ambulance Building Redesign Project.
- (1) IM No. 15-140
4. ~~Ordinance Serial No. 15-091: An Ordinance Appropriating \$250,000 From The Enhanced 911 Fund Balance, Fund 202, To Fund 480, Project No. 45283, For The E-911 System Hardware And Software Refresh.~~
- a. ~~Resolution Serial No. 15-066: Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Project No. 45283 For The E-911 System Hardware And Software Refresh.~~
- (1) ~~IM No. 15-142~~

5. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-092:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 5.25.012(A) And Placing On The Ballot Of The October 6, 2015, Regular Election, The Annexation Of Certain Properties Into The Talkeetna Flood Control Service Area No. 7.
 - a. **Resolution Serial No. 15-067:** A Resolution Finding The Annexation Of Property In The East Talkeetna Area (Northeast Of The Railroad Tracks, Between The Talkeetna River And The Twister Creek Ridge Line, To The Talkeetna River's Edge Just North Of Mercedes Drive) Into The Talkeetna Flood Control Service Area No. 7 Serves The Public Interest Without The Circulation Of A Petition Among The Residents In Said Area, As Allowed By MSB 5.10.015, Initiation By The Assembly; And Placing It Before The Voters In The October 6, 2015, Regular Borough Election. *(Sponsored By Assemblymember Halter)*
 - (1) IM No. 15-143
6. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-093:** An Ordinance Adopting MSB 3.15.035(H) To Provide A Real Property Tax Exemption For Privately Owned Real Property Rented Or Leased For Use As A Charter School. *(Sponsored By Assemblymember Halter)*
 - (1) IM No. 15-144
7. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-094:** An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$320,000 From The West Lakes Fire Service Area Fund Balance, Fund 249, To Fund 405, Project No. 45244, To Allow For The Repair Of Tanker/Pumper Apparatus.
 - a. **Resolution Serial No. 15-068:** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Project No. 45244 To Allow For The Repair Of Tanker/Pumper Apparatus For The West Lakes Fire Service Area.
 - (1) IM No. 15-145
8. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-095:** An Ordinance Reappropriating \$90,000 From The Administration Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget, Fund 100, To Project No. 45195-4200-4202, Fund 480, For The Classification And Compensation System Redesign Project, And Authorizing The Manager To Issue A Sole Source Contract.
 - a. **Resolution Serial No. 15-069:** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Project No. 45195-4200-4202 For A Classification And Compensation System Redesign Project, And Authorizing The Manager To Issue A Sole Source Contract.
 - (1) IM No. 15-150

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearing for August 4, 2015.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor DeVilbiss requested the following removals and appointments for confirmation:

Emergency Medical Services Board
Brian Wallace, removal
Brooke Dager, removal
Historical Preservation Commission
Lisa Schwarzburg
Marijuana Advisory Committee
Alyssa Farrar

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved confirm the Mayor's removals and appointments.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

(There was no other new business.)

D. REFERRALS (For referral to the Planning Commission for 90 days or other date specified by the Assembly)

(There were no referrals presented.)

XI. RECONSIDERATION

(There was no reconsideration presented.)

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Moosey requested Ms. Probasco to speak to the concerns expressed regarding Title 43 revisions.

Ms. Probasco:

- assured the body that the concerns that were expressed that Title 43 is being rewritten are unfounded;
- advised that she is following through on direction she received at the Joint Assembly/Planning Commission meeting;
- stated that the direction was that a review of Title 43 would occur to address issues that have come up after Title 43 was adopted;
- noted that the focus is to bring items to the attention of the Assembly and seek direction on how to proceed; and
- noted that some of the issues being compiled are transportation related.

Mr. Moosey advised that a public relations campaign regarding the use of fireworks will be put together.

Assemblymember Sykes opined that education would lead to less need for enforcement.

Mr. Moosey:

- stated that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has declared the Sockeye fire an emergency;
- summarized how fire related expenses would be paid;
- advised that while the meeting has been going on, there have been lightning strikes that have started several new fires;
- advised that there have been four legitimate offers made on the M/V Susitna; and
- noted that staff are doing their regular jobs while contributing support to the Emergency Operations Center and everything is going well.

Mr. Spiropoulos:

- advised that as of today, there is no update from the Federal Transit Administration regarding the ferry; and
- related that if there is no response from them by June 24, there is no need for an executive session.

Ms. McKechnie thanked the body for her evaluation and the kind words.

Assemblymember Doty:

- spoke in support of the hard work and timely fire updates;
- spoke in support of fireworks education;
- noted that her office partner has lost her house to a fire two weeks ago;
- spoke in support of the septage and leachate facility; and
- stated that she appreciates the hard work of the Planning Commission.

Assemblymember Colligan:

- thanked staff and the emergency responders for their hard work on the fire;
- thanked Ms. McKechnie for her hard work; and
- spoke in support of the use of social media updates regarding the fire, which have been timely.

Assemblymember Beck:

- thanked everyone for their hard work on the fire;
- expressed his concerns for the residents impacted by the fire;
- thanked Ms. Amy Bohmbach of the Clerk's Office for her service in fighting the fire;
- expressed pleasure that people are beginning to apply for the Agriculture Advisory Board; and
- spoke in support of a new septage and leachate facility.

Assemblymember Halter:

- apologized for missing Ms. McKechnie's evaluation;
- noted that he thinks very highly of her and her professionalism;
- stated that he appreciates her work and that of her staff;
- spoke to the response that has occurred regarding the fire;
- spoke to the weather conditions and how they are impacting the fire;
- stated that he is pleased with response times;
- spoke against those with negative comments regarding emergency responders;
- noted friends of his who had lost their house to a fire six months ago, who had just rebuilt only to lose the house to the Sockeye fire, which is a sad occurrence; and
- spoke in support of the increased mill rate for the Willow Fire Service Area.

Assemblymember Mayfield:

- noted that although there is a fire emergency, it is important for the Assembly to continue to do the public business;
- spoke in support of all Borough employees who have risen to the occasion to provide service and support to the fire;
- opined that the Willow Fire Service Area mill rate should have been increased several years ago;
- expressed his thoughts and prayers for residents who have lost their homes or been displaced by the fire; and
- acknowledged Ms. McKechnie for an excellent job in providing support and direction.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- echoed the sentiments expressed for the emergency responders and staff;
- noted his concerns for those who lost their homes in the fire;
- stated that defensible space is a good thing to have around your home, although it may not always help;
- spoke to the need for a fire wise plan;
- encouraged that the body express their wants and need for the strategic plan;
- spoke in support of a septage and leachate facility;
- spoke in support of how quickly Governor Walker declared the fire a disaster;
- opined that the Marijuana Advisory Committee will do a good job making a recommendation to the body;
- spoke in opposition to the marijuana ballot initiatives; and
- requested that when expressing support of the prohibition of commercialization of marijuana, that Mayor DeVilbiss be very clear that he is not representing the Assembly.

Assemblymember Arvin:

- thanked Ms. McKechnie for all the help she has provided him over the years; and
- echoed the comments regarding the efforts of responders and of those residents who have lost their homes.

Mayor DeVilbiss;

- spoke to his pleasure with the way a community comes together during times of crisis;
- noted that he did a flyover of the fire with Governor Walker;
- stated that he enjoys working with Ms. McKechnie as he went to school with her father;
- noted that he appreciates her service;
- related that he is not campaigning for or against marijuana;
- opined that Borough voters need to be able to express their voice; and
- opined that if the marijuana initiatives make it on to all four ballots he will feel his work is done.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(There was no executive session held.)

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



LARRY DeVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 08/04/15