

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on August 18, 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. Bill Gamble, Emergency Services Director
Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director
Mr. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director
Mr. Eric Wyatt, Information Technology Director
Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Borough Clerk
Ms. Benji Wood, Administrative Assistant I

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor DeVilbiss 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. Joe Hannam, Palmer City Manager.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

- A. Special Assembly Meeting: 07/21/15
- B. Regular Assembly Meeting: 08/04/15

Mayor DeVilbiss inquired if there were any changes/corrections to the special meeting minutes of July 21, 2015, or the regular meeting minutes of August 4, 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 Hannam, City Manager:

- updated the body on the new Fred Meyer location and construction;
- spoke to the number of new construction permits that have been issued within the last year;
- reported on sales tax figures for the City;
- reported on the number of architectural firms that are located within the Palmer City limits;
- noted that Mat-Su Regional is proposing a medical clinic within the city limits to potentially be located in the old Salvation Army building;
- related that the Salvation Army is looking to relocate their current facility to the old Palmer Senior Center;
- stated that there will be a meet and greet with potential new city manager candidates on September 9, 2015, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Palmer Depot; and
- spoke to the upcoming Alaska State Fair.

- 2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

Mr. Gene Stone, Assistant Superintendent:

- reported that School District student enrollment is at 17,800;
- related that they are making staffing adjustments at schools that are not making their projected enrollment;
- reported on how the School District is notifying parents of how to access schools that have construction occurring;
- noted that the Joe Redington, Sr. Junior/Senior High Schools have exceeded their projected enrollment;
- reported on the Career and Technical High School ribbon cutting that occurred yesterday;
- noted that there is a bus driver shortage but that is being addressed; and
- spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 15-093.

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 a public forum on federal policies on public lands that the Borough submitted comment on; and
- reported on a recent meeting with Senator Murkowski regarding the Matanuska River erosion and veteran's issues.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos:

- advised that there is nothing new to report regarding any current litigation;
- noted that at the last meeting, there was a request for a legal opinion on whether or not full signatures are required to be on informational and action memorandums;
- advised that State law does not require a signature on legislation;
- further advised that Borough code requires the Mayor and the Clerk to sign ordinances and resolutions; and
- stated that he has determined that informational and action memorandums are internal tracking documents and that full signatures are not required unless the Clerk or Administration finds it necessary.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie:

- spoke regarding the upcoming meeting schedule;
- stated that the city of Wasilla had requested a joint Borough and tri-cities meeting on October 29, at 6 p.m. at the Menard Sports Complex; and
- queried if that was a meeting the body wanted to schedule.

Mayor DeVilbiss queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

Mr. Moosey requested to schedule a meeting on September 29, 2015, at 4 p.m. to discuss strategic opportunities.

Mayor DeVilbiss queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

Ms. McKechnie:

- advised that administration had requested to schedule a meeting on December 15, 2015, at 4 p.m. for a Community Development Department overview; and
- queried if that was a meeting the body wanted to schedule.

Mayor DeVilbiss queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

Ms. McKechnie queried if there were any changes to the election brochure that was attached to the Clerk's report.

No changes were noted.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:

- a. Central Mat-Su FSA Board of Supervisors: 04/13/15
- b. Knik RSA Board of Supervisors: 01/14/15
- c. Planning Commission: 07/06/15, Resolution Nos. 15-24(AM), 15-25
- d. Platting Board: 06/04/15, 06/18/15
- e. Transportation Advisory Board: 05/27/15
- f. West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 05/18/15

2. Community Council Minutes:

- a. Chickaloon Community Council: 04/08/15, 05/13/15,
- b. Lake Louise Community Non-Profit Corporation: 01/10/15
- c. Meadow Lakes Community Council: 03/11/15, 04/09/15, 05/14/15
- d. Sutton Community Council: 01/28/15, 02/25/15, 03/25/15, 04/29/15, 05/27/15

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.)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three minutes per person.)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-098:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.30.200, Definitions, Excise Tax On Tobacco Products. *(Sponsored by Assemblymember Sykes)*
 - a. IM No. 15-141

Mayor DeVilbiss opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 15-098: Ms. Terry Snyder, Ms. Robin Menard, and Ms. Becky Stoppa.

The following person opined that more public hearings need to be conducted on Ordinance Serial No. 15-098: 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 Sykes moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 15-098.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 15-098 to a time certain of September 1, 2015.

VOTE: The motion to postpone failed with Assemblymember Colligan in support.

VOTE: The main motion passed with Assemblymember Colligan opposed.

Mayor DeVilbiss queried if there was any objection to taking up public hearing nos. 2 through 5 together.

There was no objection noted.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-099:** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A \$9,990 Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Requesting A Reappropriation Of \$1,110 From The Willow Fire Service Area Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget, Fund 258, To Project No. 20146, Fund 405, For Wildland/Fire Equipment.

- a. **Resolution Serial No. 15-075:** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Matching Funds For Willow Fire Service Area, Project No. 20146, Fund 405
(1) IM No. 15-158
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-100:** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A \$9,000 Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Requesting A Reappropriation Of \$1,000 From The Butte Fire Service Area Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget, Fund 251, To Project No. 20144, Fund 405, For Wildland/Fire Equipment.
 - a. **Resolution Serial No. 15-076:** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Matching Funds For Butte Fire Service Area, Project No. 20144, Fund 405.
(1) IM No. 15-159
4. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-101:** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A \$9,831.22 Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Requesting A Reappropriation Of \$1,092.35 From The Caswell Fire Service Area Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget, Fund 248, To Project No. 20150, Fund 405, For Wildland/Fire Equipment.
 - a. **Resolution Serial No. 15-077:** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Forestry Fire Assistance Grant And Matching Funds For Caswell Fire Service Area, Project No. 20150, Fund 405.
(1) IM No. 15-160
5. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-102:** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A \$10,000 Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Requesting A Reappropriation Of \$1,111 From The West Lakes Fire Service Area Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget, Fund 249, To Project No. 20151, Fund 405, For Wildland/Fire Clothing, Gear, And Equipment.
 - a. **Resolution Serial No. 15-078:** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant And Matching Funds For West Lakes Fire Service Area, Project No. 20151, Fund 405.
(1) IM No. 15-161

Mayor DeVilbiss opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke to concerns with the public hearing process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

The following person spoke to concerns with Ordinance Serial No. 15-100 being postponed: Ms. Patricia Rosnel.

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 Nos. 15-099, 15-100, 15-101, and 15-102 and Resolution Serial Nos. 15-075, 15-076, 15-077, and 15-078.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

(The meeting recessed at 7:04 p.m. and reconvened at 7:14 p.m.)

6. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-103:** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$14,343 From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management For The Local Emergency Planning Committee, Fund 480, Project No. 20259, For Fiscal Year 2016 Operations.
 - a. **Resolution Serial No. 15-079:** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management Grant, Project No. 20259, Fund 480, For The Borough Local Emergency Planning Committee.
 - (1) IM No. 15-162

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 Colligan moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 15-103 and Resolution Serial No. 15-079.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

7. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-104:** An Ordinance Providing For The Sale Of Certain Boroughwide Real Property Acquired Through Tax Foreclosure For Delinquent Real Property Tax Years 2006 And Prior, 2007 And Prior, 2008 And Prior, And 2009 And Prior; And Delinquent Special Assessment For The Year 2010 And Prior, And Not Needed For Public Purpose.
 - a. IM No. 15-166

Mayor DeVilbiss opened the public hearing.

The following persons requested additional time in which to pay their property taxes: Mr. Ralph Kermit Winterrowd, Mr. Michael Giffeli, Ms. Mary Pecak-Dennett, and Mr. Shane Nelson.

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. 15-104.

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 15-104, as follows:

- by striking Tax Account No. 50234000L003 - Mr. Ralph Kermit Winterrowd;
- by striking Tax Account Nos. 56070000L0036, 56070000L0037, 56070000L0038, 56070000L0067, 56070000L0069 - Mr. Michael A. Giffeli;
- by striking Tax Account No. 53154B01L014 – Scott Dennett and Mary Percak-Dennett; and
- by striking Tax Account No. 52939B01L001 - Tax Account No. – Mr. Shane Nelson.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 15-104, as follows:

- by striking Tax Account No. 52951B05L014 – Len E. Lamb; and
- by striking Tax Account No. 52838B03L002 – John Magee and Miranda Magee.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

8. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-105:** An Ordinance Approving A Less Than Fair Market Value Sale Of Borough Land In The Amount Of \$10 To The Petersville Community Nonprofit Corporation For Purpose Of Constructing A Warm Storage Building For The Petersville Search And Rescue To Store Emergency Equipment And Use As Staging For Remote Search And Rescue Operations, Said Parcel Identified As Lot 2, Block 16, Kenny Creek Subdivision (MSB007056).

a. IM No. 15-169

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 Halter moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 15-105.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

9. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-106:** An Ordinance Approving A Supplemental Appropriation Of \$11,000 From Willow Fire Service Area Fund Balance, Fund 258, To The Willow Fire Service Area Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget, Fund 258, To Reimburse For The Crystal Lakes Warm Storage Building Restroom Facility.

a. IM No. 15-170

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 Halter moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 15-106.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

Mayor DeVilbiss queried if there was any objection to taking up public hearing nos. 10 and 11 together.

There was no objection noted.

10. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-107:** An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$110,000 From Knik Road Service Area No. 17 Fund Balance, Fund 274, To Fund 410, Project No. 30040, For Knik Road Service Area No. 17 Capital Projects.

a. IM No. 15-171

11. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-108:** An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$70,000 From Fairview Road Service Area No. 14 Fund Balance, Fund 271, To Fund 410, Project No. 30037, For Fairview Road Service Area No. 14 Capital Projects.

a. IM No. 15-172

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 Mayfield moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 15-107 and 15-108.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following persons spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 15-110: Mr. Bill Brister, Mr. Glenn Sharpe, Mr. Tom Harris, and Mr. Clay Chapman.

The following persons spoke to concerns with the land fill fees: Mr. Barry Lowe and Mr. Loren Means.

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 15-093: Mr. Jesse Hale, Ms. Cathy Busbey, and Ms. Jeanne Troshynski.

The following person spoke to concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

The following person spoke to concerns with the Willow Fire Service Area Board of Supervisors: Ms. Brenda McCain.

(The meeting recessed at 8:14 p.m. and reconvened at 8:21 p.m.)

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

b. **Resolution Serial No. 15-081:** A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work For Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Project, Fireweed Building Purchase, Project No. 10178.

(1) IM No. 15-181

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

a. **AM No. 15-121:** Award Of Contract No. 16-027C To Braun Northwest, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$520,084 For Remount/Refurbish Four Ambulances.

b. **AM No. 15-129:** Authorization To Purchase Sodium Chloride From Bering Marine Corporation In The Amount Of \$328,601.50.

c. **AM No. 15-131:** Revising Approval Of Contract Amendment No. 11 to Lounsbury and Associates, Inc. In The Amount Of \$174,630 For Design Services Of Collector Road Access to Machetanz Elementary School, Project No. 35402, Which Will Correct AM No. 15-108 That Was Approved on July 21, 2015.

d. **AM No. 15-132:** Approve Costs To Matanuska Telephone Association In The Amount Of \$179,369 To Relocate Utilities For Sea Biscuit Lane, Project No. 30046.

e. **AM No. 15-133:** Approval Of Contract Amendment To Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. Proposal No. 13-115P In The Amount Of \$239,355 For Phase II Of The Seldon Road Extension Project, Project No. 35411.

f. **AM No. 15-134:** Approval For Change Order Authority For Contract No. 14-160B To Bristol Environmental Remediation Services, LLC. In The Amount Of \$150,000 For Mack Drive Extension/Clapp Street Improvements project.

g. **AM No. 15-135:** Award Of Bid No. 16-026B To Western Construction And Equipment, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$386,885 For The Purchase Of Winter Sand And Chips.

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.

- a. **Resolution Serial No. 15-080:** A Resolution Requesting That The Alaska State Department Of Transportation Accommodate A Larger Trailhead At The Trapper Creek Parking Lot Located At Mile 127 Of The Parks Highway. *(Sponsored By Mayor DeVilbiss)*
(1) IM No. 15-177

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 15-080.

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved to postpone Resolution Serial No. 15-080 to a time certain of October 20, 2015, and to request comment from the Trapper Creek Community Council and the Curry Ridge Riders.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved a primary amendment by striking “October 20, 2015” and inserting “September 1, 2015” in its place.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The motion to postpone passed as amended without objection.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **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)*
a. IM No. 15-144

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Halter moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 15-093.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

2. **Resolution Serial No. 15-073:** A Resolution Revising A Portion Of The Schedule Of Transfer Site Fees For The Collection And Disposal Of Solid Waste. *(Sponsored By Assemblymembers Mayfield And Halter)*
a. IM No. 15-167

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 15-073, as follows:

- in the title, by inserting the words “and Central Landfill” after the word “site,” to read: “A resolution revising a portion of the schedule of transfer site and Central Landfill fees for the collection and disposal of solid waste;”
- in the first whereas clause by inserting the words “and Central Landfill” after the word “site,” to read: “Whereas, the 2016 budget, as approved, increased the transfer site and Central Landfill fees;”

- in the Now, therefore, be it resolved clause, by inserting the words “and Central Landfill” after the word “site,” to read: “Now, therefore, be it resolved, the transfer site and Central Landfill rates will now be:” and
- to insert a new table of fees for the Central Landfill as follows:
 - 0-200 pounds - \$11;
 - 201-400 pounds - \$22;
 - 401-600 pounds - \$33;
 - 601-800 pounds - \$44
 - Over 800 pounds - \$100 per ton; and
 - Construction and Demolition Debris - \$100 per ton.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Mayfield, Halter and Beck in support.

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 15-073, as follows:

- by inserting a new 8th whereas clause that reads: “Whereas, two free residential dumps days, one in the fall and one in the spring, would benefit all Borough residents;” and
- by inserting into the rates table “two free residential dump days, one in the spring and one in the fall shall be provided to the public.”

WITHDRAWAL: Assemblymember Mayfield moved to withdraw his primary amendment.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved to postpone Resolution Serial No. 15-073 to a time certain of September 1, 2015.

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

VOTE: The motion failed with Assemblymembers Colligan, Doty, Halter, and Mayfield in support. (requires five votes).

VOTE: The motion to postpone passed with Assemblymembers Mayfield, Halter and Colligan opposed.

IX. VETO

(There were no vetoes presented.)

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For public hearing – 09/01/15 Assembly Chambers)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-109:** 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. 15-082:** A 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

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-110:** An Ordinance Approving A Less Than Fair Market Value Sale And Subdivision Of Boroughowned Property Containing 240 Acres, More Or Less, Identified As The South Half Of The Northwest Quarter, The Southwest Quarter Of The Northeast Quarter, And Government Lots 1, 2, And 3, Section 1, Township 16 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian; And Authorization For The Manager To Negotiate The Sale (MSB006977).
 - a. IM No. 15-173

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-111:** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$279,486 From The Alaska State Department Of Health And Social Services, To Fund 475, Project No. 20390, For The Human Services Community Matching Grant.
 - a. **Resolution Serial No. 15-083:** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Participation In The Human Services Community Matching Grant Program.
 - b. **Resolution Serial No. 15-084:** A Resolution Allocating Human Services Community Matching Grant Funds To Non-Profit Human Service Agencies Within The Community And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into Grant Agreements With The Sub-Grantee Agencies.
 - (1) IM No. 15-174

4. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-112:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.28.090(A), Adding An Interim Materials District Known As Dirtworks, Located At 15715 E. Barwood Avenue; MSB Tax No. 17N02E26C002; Within Township 17 North, Range 2 East, Section 26, Seward Meridian.
 - a. IM No. 15-178

5. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-113:** An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$40,000 From The Talkeetna Fire Service Area Fund Balance, Fund 254, To Fund 405, Project No. 10136, To Allow For The Completion Of The Drafting Tank Installation Project At Station 11-3 And To Provide Road Access To The Tank.
 - a. **Resolution Serial No. 15-085:** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Project No. 10136, To Allow For The Completion Of The Drafting Tank Installation Project At Station 11-3 And To Provide Road Access To The Tank.
 - (1) IM No. 15-182

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 September 1, 2015.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor DeVilbiss requested the following appointments and resignation for confirmation:

Agriculture Advisory Board
Kenneth Marsh
Norman Harris
Lee Hecimovich
James Skinner
Ken Peltier
Erik "Moe" Johnson
Board of Adjustment and appeals
Larry Schmidt
Board of Ethics
Diana Straub
Emergency Medical Services Board
Alaina Anderson, resignation
Knik RSA No. 17
Deb Foster
Lazy Mountain RSA No. 19
Jay Van Diest

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

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:

- stated that Matanuska Electric Association sponsored flyers informing the public about the Drug Take Back event; and
- noted that the flyers were included with over 59,000 electric bills mailed out to residents.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- thanked the body for their support of Ordinance Serial No. 15-098;
- opined that there will not be significant cost incurred to collect the tax; and
- spoke to looking forward to discussion regarding how to increase revenue.

Assemblymember Halter:

- spoke to attending the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Career and Technical High School;
- commented on the beauty of the facility;
- stated that he is looking forward to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Joe Redington, Sr. Junior/Senior High School;
- stated that the new Seldon Road Extension from Pittman Road to Church Road is open and is very nice;
- commented that it is nice to see bond projects that the Assembly has worked so hard on, come to fruition;
- stated that he would like to see Phase II of the Seward-Meridian Extension be completed; and
- thanked the body for their support of the property tax exemption for charter schools.

Assemblymember Beck:

- spoke in support of finding land for the Alaska Scholastic Clay Target Shooting program;
- opined that it would be a good service; and
- directed Management to include a plan for a free dump day in the spring and the fall for residents.

Assemblymember Doty:

- spoke to having attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Career and Technical High School;
- stated that she is looking forward to attending the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Joe Redington, Sr. Junior/Senior High Schools;
- spoke in support of the tax exemption for charter schools;
- spoke in opposition to the property chosen for the proposed shooting range; and
- noted she would rather see it moved further north.

Assemblymember Arvin:

- reminded the body that acreage for the shooting program was specifically designated at the Joe Redington, Sr. Junior/Senior High School prior to its construction;
- opined that the body will be able to find some common ground in order to move forward with the landfill fees;
- stated that he is looking forward to that discussion at the next meeting.

Mayor DeVilbiss:

- opined that this is an exciting time in Borough history with all the new construction occurring;
- related that he saw three men alongside the road with a sign that read “We need weed;” and
- spoke to concerns with marijuana within the Borough.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(There was no executive session held.)

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.



LARRY DEVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 09/01/15