

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on May 13, 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 for the purpose of deliberating Ordinance Serial No. 15-015.

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 J. 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
- Ms. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
- Ms. Jamie Newman, Deputy Borough Clerk
- Mr. Mike Brown, 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. Michael Brown, Capital Projects Director
- Mr. Eric Wyatt, Information Technology Director
- Ms. Sonya Content, Human Resources Manager
- Ms. Cheyenne Heindel, Financial Analyst
- Mr. Hugh Leslie, Recreation and Library Services Manager

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor DeVilbiss 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 Mr. Doyle Holmes, a member of the audience.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following persons thanked the Assembly for funding the Sexual Assault Response Team and Mat-Su Youth Court: Mayor Bert Cottle of Wasilla and Ms. Pat Hogan.

The following persons thanked the Assembly for supporting education through an increase in funding to the School District: Ms. Brenda Reintsma, Ms. Andrea Everett, and Ms. Lucy Hope.

The following persons thanked the Assembly for funding the Sexual Assault Response Team: Ms. Deb Giedosh and Ms. Michelle Overstreet.

The following person thanked the Assembly for funding Mat-Su Youth Court: Mr. Michael Carson.

The following persons spoke in support of a mill rate increase for the Willow Fire Service Area: Ms. Tamara Boeve and Mr. Ken Slauson.

The following person spoke to the new Iditarod School: Mr. Garvan Bucaria.

The following person spoke to the history of the Borough's revenue cap and the proposed mill rate increase for the Willow Fire Service Area: Mr. Doyle Holmes, Chair of the Willow Fire Service Area Board of Supervisors.

The following person spoke to meetings of the Willow Fire Service Area Board of Supervisors: Mr. Ed McCain.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION *(For Matters, Which The Immediate Public Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Borough; And Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Kept Confidential; And Discussion Of Matters Subject To The Attorney Client Privilege.)*

A. Financial Impacts Of Various Disposal Options Of The M/V Susitna Including Revenue Potential and Federal Transit Administration Liability

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to enter into executive session for matters, which the immediate public knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the borough; and matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be kept confidential; and discussion of matters subject to the attorney client privilege. In particular to discuss financial impacts of various disposal options of the M/V Susitna including revenue potential and federal transit administration liability. Those present in the executive session will be the Mayor, the members of the Assembly, the Attorney, the Manager, the Clerk, the Finance Director, and the Port Director.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the Assembly entered into executive session at 6:26 p.m.

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to exit executive session.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the Assembly exited executive session at 7:21 p.m.

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved to hold another executive session on the M/V Susitna on August 18, 2015.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VII. DELIBERATIONS AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET

A. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-015:** An Ordinance Appropriating Monies From The Central Treasury For The Borough Operating Funds, Enterprise Funds, Education Operating Fund, And Capital Funds; Establishing The Rate Of Levy For All Borough Functions For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2015, And Ending June 30, 2016, And Setting The Surcharge Rate For The Wireline And Wireless Enhanced 911 Systems For The Period Of July 1, 2015, Through June 30, 2016.

PENDING MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 15-015.

Amendment No. 10

Areawide – Emergency Services (Tab B, page 99) (100.160.334.411s and 412s)

PENDING MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund by increasing the Permanent Wages and Benefits (100.160.334 411's and 412's) by \$905,036 to add the following permanent full time positions:

- 3 Paramedics at \$122,687 each, totaling \$368,061;
- 2 EMT III at \$113,460 each, totaling \$226,920;
- 2 EMT II at \$105,907 each, totaling \$211,814; and
- 1 EMT I at 98,241.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

Amendment No. 11

Areawide and Non-areawide

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved a primary amendment to the revenue line items as noted in the 6 page attachment to raise fees and charges and add a new Section 16 to Ordinance Serial No. 15-015, to read:

- Section 16. Rates, Fees, and Charges. Amendments to various fees and charges to begin in fiscal year 2016 are approved accordingly to the schedule attached and incorporated into this ordinance.

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to postpone the primary amendment to a time certain of May 20, 2015.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

Amendment No. 12

Ordinance Serial No. 15-015

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 15-015 by adding a new Section 10 and renumber the following sections as follows:

- Section 10. Notwithstanding the 75 percent provisions of MSB 3.04.110(c) and provisions of Ordinance Serial No. 14-014, the School District may carry over 100 percent of their unassigned fund balance for fiscal year 2015 (ending June 30, 2015) not exceeding the amount allowed by AS 14.17.505. All other provisions of MSB 3.04.110(c) will remain in effect.

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to postpone the primary amendment to the last motion (amendment) to be acted on.

VOTE: The motion to postpone passed with Assemblymember Beck opposed.

Amendment No. 13

Road Service Areas (Tab H)

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment to Road Service Areas, funds 265 through funds 285 and adjusting 265.000.000.368.220 and funds 270 through fund 285.000.000.443.130 to adjust the administrative and audit fee accordingly by:

- Adding 4 full time Road Maintenance Technicians in the amount of \$385,373; and
- Reducing Temp Wages in the amount of \$286,162 for the 12 summer crew employees that would no longer be needed in Fund 265 though Fund 285.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved a secondary amendment by reducing to 2 full time Road Maintenance Technicians in the amount of \$192,687 and to put back in 6 temporary seasonal crew employees in the amount of \$143,081, to read:

- Adding 2 full time Road Maintenance Technicians in the amount of \$192,687; and
- Reducing Temp Wages in the amount of \$143,081 for the 6 seasonal crew employees that would no longer be needed in Fund 265 though Fund 2856.

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed as amended with Assemblymember Arvin opposed.

Amendment No. 14

Solid Waste Enterprise Fund (Tab O, page 3)

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved a primary amendment to amend the title from “Skwentna Landfill Closure” to “Skwentna Landfill Updates to Meet DEC Requirements.”

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved a secondary amendment by striking the word “Upgrades” and inserting in its place the word “Service” to read: “Skwentna Landfill Service to Meet DEC Requirements.”

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved a secondary amendment by inserting the words “Solid Waste” before the word “Service” to read: “Skwentna Landfill Solid Waste Service to meet DEC requirements.”

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed as amended without objection.

Amendment No. 15

Areawide, Capital Projects (Tab O)

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Capital Projects, by inserting \$500,000 for the Remount of Four Ambulances.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved a secondary amendment by striking “\$500,000” and inserting in its place “\$260,000” and by striking “Four” and inserting in its place “Two” to read:

- Areawide Fund, Capital Projects, by inserting \$260,000 for the Remount of Two Ambulances.

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Sykes and Colligan opposed.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed as amended with Assemblymembers Halter, Colligan, and Arvin opposed.

(The meeting recessed at 9:02 p.m. and reconvened at 9:12)

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to reconsider Amendment No. 15.

VOTE: The motion to reconsider passed with Assemblymember Mayfield opposed.

[Clerk Note: Assemblymember Doty was out of the room when the vote took place.]

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to postpone Amendment No. 15 to a time certain of May 20, 2015.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

Amendment No. 16

Areawide – Capital Projects (Tab O, page 2)

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Capital Projects, Community Development, by inserting the following projects:

- Alcantra Field Repair in the amount of \$40,000;
- Parks & Recreation Vehicle Replacement in the amount of \$30,000; and
- Birch Harbor Estates in the amount of \$20,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to continue Ordinance Serial No. 15-015 to May 20, 2015, at 6 p.m. in Assembly Chambers.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VIII. VETO

A. Motion To Override Any Possible Mayoral Veto On Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Items (Ordinance Serial No. 15-015)

(There were no vetoes presented.)

IX. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos:

- related that he was approached by the Wasilla Youth Soccer Organization to do some legal work for them on a joint use agreement with the city of Wasilla for soccer field improvements;
- added that he approached Mayor Cottle about the matter;

- further added that Mayor Cottle did not express concern; and
- queried if there was objection from the Assembly.

There was no objection noted.

Ms. McKechnie:

- reported that she will be out of the office next week attending the International Institute of Municipal Clerks Conference representing Alaska as President of the Alaska Association of Municipal Clerks; and
- added that annual evaluations of the Manager, Attorney, and Clerk need to be scheduled and proposed the following schedule: the Manager's annual evaluation on May 27, at 4 p.m.; the Attorney's annual evaluation on June 2, at 4 p.m.; and the Clerk's annual evaluation on June 16, at 4:30 p.m.

There was no objection noted.

Assemblymember Halter:

- spoke to the need for additional ambulances; and
- spoke his intent to acquire more ambulances.

Assemblymember Mayfield:


- expressed condolences to the Cuddy family on the recent loss of Mr. Dan Cuddy;
- added that Mr. Cuddy presided over First National Bank of Alaska for more than six decades; and
- spoke to concerns about the meeting minutes of the Willow Fire Service Area Board of Supervisors and the lack of community presence at the meetings as reflected in the meeting minutes.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- thanked staff for assisting him with the budget; and
- spoke to future budget challenges and operational needs.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting recessed at 9:53 p.m. to be reconvened on May 20, 2015, at 6 p.m. .


LARRY DeVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 06/16/15