

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by Mayor Vern Halter for the purpose of discussing a septage and leachate facility.

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 (*Deputy Mayor*)
Mr. Dan Mayfield, Assembly District No. 5
Ms. Barbara Doty, Assembly District No. 6 (*arrived at 4:22 p.m.*)
Mr. Randall Kowalke, Assembly District No. 7

Assemblymembers absent and excused:

Mr. George McKee, Assembly District No. 3
Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4

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. Jude Bilafer, Capital Projects Director
Mr. Terry Dolan, Public Works Director
Mr. Mike Campfield, Environmental Engineer
Mr. Eric Wyatt, Information Technology Director

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Halter 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 Mayor Halter.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following persons spoke to the need for a regional wastewater and septage facility: Mr. Tom Stoelting; Ms. Arlene Stoelting; Mr. Tom Healy, Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board Chair; Mr. Steven Linkhart; Mr. Tom Munoz; and Ms. Helen Munoz.

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

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Septage And Leachate Facility

Mr. Mike Campfield, Matanuska-Susitna Borough Environmental Engineer; and Mr. Tom Wolf and Mr. Cory Hinds, of CH2M Hill Engineering, provided a project overview, rate analysis, and funding options for a septage and leachate facility.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember Beck:

- noted that a septage and leachate facility is at the top of the Assembly's priority list;
- thanked the Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board for their hard work; and
- opined that it is time to keep the issue moving forward.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- spoke in appreciation of the presentation; and
- spoke in support of exploring alternative funding options.

Assemblymember Doty:

- spoke in support of exploring green options;
- stated that she would like to see a public informational campaign for the public;
- opined that the general public does not understand what septage and leachate are; and
- noted that it is an important issue that needs to be addressed.

Mayor Halter spoke in appreciation of the presentation.


VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.



VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 02/16/16