

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on January 26, 2016, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Vern Halter.

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. George McKee, Assembly District No. 3
Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4
Mr. Dan Mayfield, Assembly District No. 5
Ms. Barbara Doty, Assembly District No. 6
Mr. Randall Kowalke, 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. Terrance Dolan, Public Works 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. Sara Jansen, Planner II

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Assemblymember Sykes requested that Resolution Serial No. 16-006 be removed from the agenda.

There was no objection noted.

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

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

Mr. Don Carney, Operations and Maintenance Assistant Director, introduced Mr. Dillon Busby, the high school student who was selected by his class to participate in the Alaska Close Up Democracy Program.

Mr. Dillon Buzby reported on his participation in the Alaska Close Up Democracy Program.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

(There was no report provided.)

2. Assembly Public Relations

(There were no reports provided.)

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation
2. Strategic Planning Issues
3. Executive Evaluation Process

Ms. Amy Petit, Alaska Farmland Trust Executive Director, reported on the funding status of the Mount McKinley Meat and Sausage processing plant.

Mr. Hays reported on funding and right-of-way issues regarding the Cottonwood Creek Elementary School Project.

(The meeting recessed at 6:32 p.m. and reconvened at 6:36 p.m.)

Mr. Moosey:

- reported that the Mat-Su Regional Medical Center is celebrating their five year anniversary tomorrow; and
- related that at 5 p.m. on February 11 at the Glenn Massey Theater, Neil Fried will be presenting on the economic projections for the state.

Mayor Halter:

- stated that he will be appointing an executive evaluation committee;
- related that he would like Assemblymembers Sykes, Doty, and Mayfield, as well as Ms. Conant and a staff member of her choice to be on the committee; and
- advised that the committee could set meetings and report back to the Assembly as they see fit.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke to concerns with Ordinance Serial No. 15-143: Mr. Lance Wilson, Houston City Deputy Mayor; Mr. Len Anderson, Houston City Planning and Zoning Committee; Mr. Ron Jones, Houston City Planning and Zoning Committee; Mr. Jim Faiks; and Mr. Roger Purcell.

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

The following persons spoke in support of the selected route in Ordinance Serial No. 15-143: Ms. Carol Kane, Big Lake Community Council President; Mr. Darren Zimmer; and Ms. Cindy Bettine.

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. 15-143.

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 15-143, by striking "corridor" and inserting "community" throughout the legislation and its attachments.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember McKee moved to postpone to a time certain of May 3, 2016.

VOTE: The motion to postpone failed with Assemblymembers Colligan, McKee and Kowalke in support.

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 15-143, by inserting the sentence "However, the Borough Assembly is not endorsing or selecting a route and further declares the Borough Staff will not seek to advance any route until the Assembly has selected a route" at the end of Section 3.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended with Assemblymembers McKee and Kowalke opposed.

(Assemblymember Mayfield exited the meeting.)

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-004:** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$151,000 From The United States Fish And Wildlife Service To Fund 410, Project No. 30114, For

The following person spoke to concerns with the public process for the legislation: 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 Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 16-006.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following persons spoke in opposition to approving an interim materials district for B&E Construction: Ms. Barbara Hrubesh, Ms. Rachel Morris, Ms. Samantha Davis, and Ms. Natasha Pope.

The following person spoke to the need for a regional wastewater and septage treatment facility: Ms. Helen Munoz.

The following person spoke to concerns with service area budget calculations: Mr. Ken Slauson.

The following person spoke to concerns with the Trapper Creek Community Council election: Ms. Kristie Parsons.

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

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

~~a. Resolution Serial No. 16-006: A Resolution Recognizing The Second Monday In October As Indigenous Peoples' Day. (Sponsored By Assemblymember Sykes)~~

~~(1) IM No. 16-010~~

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

a. **AM No. 16-003:** Acceptance Of Late Filed And Retroactive Senior Citizen And Disabled Veteran Exemption Applications.

b. **AM No. 16-004:** Award Of Bid No. 16-050B To Wirtanen Commercial, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$320,000 For Sutton Fire Station Water Storage Tank, Pump, Well, And Access Road Design/Build.

c. **AM No. 16-005:** Award Of Bid No. 16-071B To Contech Engineered Solutions For The Contract Amount Of \$144,214.30 To Purchase Fish Passage Culverts.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For public hearing – 02/02/16 Assembly Chambers)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-007:** An Ordinance Approving The Land Classification Of Borough Parcel Tax ID No. 16N04W36D005, Within Township 16 North, Range 4 West, Section 36, Seward Meridian, As Reserve Use Lands For A Future Park, Library, And Community Center (MSB007127).
 - a. IM No. 16-013

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-008:** An Ordinance Adopting Planning Commission Resolution 15-40(AM) And Other Reasons For Denying A Proposed Interim Materials District Known As B&E Construction, Located Within The Northeast 1/4 Of The Southeast 1/4 Of Section 24, Township 17 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian.
 - a. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-008(SUB):** An Ordinance Approving An Interim Materials District Known As B&E Construction, Located Within The Northeast 1/4 Of The Southeast 1/4 Of Section 24, Township 17 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian.
 - (1) IM No. 16-015

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-009:** An Ordinance Approving A Reappropriation Of \$100,000 From Fund 410, Project No. 30043, For Big Lake Road Service Area No. 21 Capital Projects To Big Lake Road Service Area No. 21 Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget, Fund 277.
 - a. IM No. 16-016

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearing for February 2, 2016.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Halter requested the following appointments for confirmation:

- Animal Care and Regulation Board
Sharon Sweeney
- Aviation Advisory Board
Norman Chance
- Borough Area Schools Site Selection Committee
Kristina Adamczak
- Emergency Medical Services Board

(There was no reconsideration presented.)

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection to taking up comments after the executive session.

There was no objection noted.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION *(For Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation And Character Of Any Person Provided The Person May Request A Public Discussion.)*

A. Interim Evaluation Of The Borough Manager

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to enter into executive session for subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person provided the person may request a public discussion, in particular, to conduct an interim evaluation of the Borough Manager. Those present during the executive session will be the Mayor, the members of the Assembly, and the Borough Manager.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the Assembly entered into executive session at 8:21 p.m.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to exit executive session.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the Assembly exited executive session at 9:04 p.m.

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved that an external audit be performed by the external auditing agency currently under contract with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough to audit all fire service area and road service area transactions for the last three years as related to inquiries made by the fire service area and road service area board of supervisors. The Borough Manager is to locate the funds for the audit and report to the Assembly by February 2, 2016, all formulas and methodologies used to calculate the fire service area and road service area budgets.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember Sykes:

- invited the public to attend the Assembly Planning Session on January 30; and
- spoke to his desire to set goals and objectives the public can understand.

Assemblymember Beck:

- thanked the public for their participation; and
- stated that he will be out of town for the February 2, meeting, but will attend the 6 p.m. telephonically.

Assemblymember Mayfield congratulated Cindy Bettine for her recent committee appointments.

Assemblymember Kowalke:

- stated that he looks forward to working with the state to determine the best route regarding Ordinance Serial No. 15-143; and
- thanked the public for their participation.

Mayor Halter thanked the body for the meeting.


XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.



VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 02/16/16