

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2016, at the Central Mat-Su Public Safety Building, 101 West Swanson, Wasilla, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Vern Halter for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget ordinance, Ordinance Serial No. 16-016.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Jim Sykes, Assembly District No. 1
Mr. Dan Mayfield, Assembly District No. 5
Ms. Barbara Doty, Assembly District No. 6
Mr. Randall Kowalke, Assembly District No. 7

The following Assembly members absent and excused were:

Mr. Matthew Beck, Assembly District No. 2 (*Deputy Mayor*)
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. Jessica Kilborn, Deputy Borough Clerk
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Mr. Bill Gamble, Emergency Services Director
Ms. Eileen Probasco, Planning and Land Management Director
Mr. Stefan Hinman, Media Design Specialist
Mr. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director
Mr. Ken Barkley, Fire Service Area Deputy Director
Ms. Lisa Behrens, Emergency Medical Services Deputy Director
Mr. Joe Miner, Brett Ice Arena Manager

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 Mr. Stu Graham, City of Wasilla Councilmember.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following person spoke in opposition of increasing ice rink fees: Ms. Jennifer Hagel.

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

The following person spoke in support of Resolution Serial No. 16-042: Ms. Rourke Spatz.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- A. **Resolution Serial No. 16-042:** A Resolution Establishing The Minimum Level Of Funding For The Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017.
1. IM No. 16-088

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 16-042.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. PUBLIC HEARING (Three Minutes Per Person)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-016:** 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, 2016, And Ending June 30, 2017, And Setting The Surcharge Rate For The Wireline And Wireless Enhanced 911 Systems For The Period Of July 1, 2016, Through June 30, 2017.

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons thanked the Assembly for its support of the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) program and spoke in support of funding for the areawide Drug Task Force: Mr. Stu Graham and Ms. Michelle Overstreet.

The following person thanked the Assembly for its support of the SART program, spoke in support of the Youth Court funding, and urged the Assembly to consider funding the areawide Drug Task Force: Mayor Bert Cottle, City of Wasilla.

The following person spoke in support of funding and personnel for the areawide Drug Task Force: Chief Gene Belden, Wasilla Police Department.

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

The following person spoke in support of a Boroughwide grant program, spoke to public services, and spoke in support of the Palmer Public Library: Ms. Patricia Rosnell.

The following person thanked the Assembly for its support of Resolution Serial No. 16-042 and spoke to the School District enrollment increases: Dr. Deena Paramo, School District Superintendent.

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MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved to continue the public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 16-016, to Monday, May 2, 2016, at 6 p.m. at the Mat-Su College Glenn Massay Theater.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Moosey:

- reminded the public of the scheduled budget public hearings; and
- noted there was a link on the Borough webpage to email comments regarding the budget.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- queried about the tax funds listed for the cities of Houston, Palmer, and Wasilla;
- spoke to the School District's request for full funding; and
- requested a budget projection for the general fund.


Assemblymember Kowalke thanked everyone who came to testify.

Assemblymember Mayfield thanked everyone who came to testify and invited more public participation.

Assemblymember Doty inquired about the additional Parks and Recreation Shop funding request.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.


VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 05/17/16