

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on November 21, 2000, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Sara Jansen.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Larry DeVilbiss, Assembly District No. 1  
Ms. Sara Jansen, Assembly District No. 2  
Mr. Talis J. Colberg, Assembly District No. 3  
Mr. Dan Kelly, Assembly District No. 4  
Ms. Jody Simpson, Assembly District No. 5  
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6  
Ms. Kelly Lankford Ladere, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Sandra Dillon, Borough Clerk  
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager  
Mr. Michael Gatti, Borough Attorney  
Ms. Michelle M. McGehee, Borough Clerk's Secretary  
Mr. Jim Swing, Public Works Director  
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director  
Ms. Cindy Gilder, Planning Director  
Mr. Ron Swanson, Community Development Director  
Mr. Kevin Koechlein, Public Safety Director

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Assemblymember Kelly pulled Ordinance Serial No. 00-139 from (A) *Introduction* on the agenda for further discussion during the November 28, 2000, work session.

There was no objection to the agenda as presented.

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Assemblymember Colberg.

Deputy Mayor Jansen read a Proclamation in honor of Mr. Rick Brown, plating officer and valued employee of the borough, who passed away earlier this month. Members of the assembly paused for a moment of silence.

## V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

- A. Regular Assembly Meeting: November 7, 2000
- B. Special Assembly Meeting: November 7, 2000

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved for approval of the November 7, 2000, regular assembly meeting minutes and the November 7, 2000, special assembly meeting minutes.

Assemblymember DeVilbiss noted a correction on page 18 of the November 7, 2000, regular assembly minutes. *[After clerk's research, the following statement was amended to read: "voiced concern that borough staff had not visited Marion Lake prior to, or at any time, during the development of the Marion Lake Plan."]*

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection and the November 7, 2000, regular assembly meeting minutes and the November 7, 2000, special assembly meeting minutes were approved pending the clerk's research.

## VI. ORDERS OF THE DAY

Deputy Mayor Jansen read a Proclamation in honor of Karl Schleich, principal of Snowshoe Elementary School, as Alaska's National Distinguished Principal. Mr. Schleich accepted the proclamation and received assembly appreciation.

## VII. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

### A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Report from Cities

(There were no representatives in attendance.)

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

(There were no representatives in attendance.)

3. Julie Saupe and Steve Mahay; Mat-Su Convention and Visitors Bureau: Update on MSCVB projects

Ms. Saupe (Executive Director of MSCVB):

- commented that Mr. Mahay could not be present;
- recognized Ms. Janet Kincaid and Ms. Bonnie Quill;
- stated that the MSCVB had printed 100,000 copies of the 2001 Mat-Su Explorers Guide and that distribution is underway;

- spoke to the Mat-Su Valley Meeting Planner Guide which encourages instate visitors to schedule meetings and conferences in the Mat-Su Valley;
- commented regarding aspects of the MSCVB annual report including: marketing, print and radio advertising, group tour markets, increased visitation to the MSCVB, and improvements to the MSCVB;
- reported the election of five new directors;
- announced that the MSCVB annual planning retreat will be held January 2001.

Assemblymember Kelly commented that during the Resource Development Council (RDC) meeting that he attended on November 16-17, 2000, NANA tourism stated that over 1,200,000 people visited the state of Alaska last year and that Alaska could expect to see a two to three percent growth in tourism this year.

#### 4. Larry Crawford, Anchorage Economic Development Corporation: Joint Strategic Marketing/Economic Development Plan

Mr. Crawford:

- gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Anchorage Economic Development Corporation (AEDC) Joint Strategic Marketing/Economic Development Plan;
- explained that a more specific marketing plan is needed;
- stated that our communities are contiguous;
- assumed that a joint strategic marketing plan would be more cost effective;
- spoke to the goals and objectives of the proposed plan;
- remarked that the project would identify business development targets;
- commented that the plan would develop focused competitive marketing strategies and a coordinated marketing plan;
- stated that the project would consist of a joint project team that utilizes professional consultants, a joint steering committee, and a technical committee;
- proposed that the project would compile community profiles and would find ways for existing businesses to expand their operations;
- spoke to the schedule and costs of the proposed project;
- stated that the AEDC is looking at the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA) to help fund the project in the amount of \$200,000;
- remarked that AIDEA is positive toward the project; and
- conveyed a need for existing personnel to help manage the project.

Discussion followed regarding the AEDC joint strategic/marketing proposal, the application to AIDEA for funding, how funds would be distributed between AEDC and the borough, and continued talks regarding the proposed plan.

#### B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

(The assembly currently has no committees.)

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Duffy:

- spoke to the EMS incident summary;
- remarked that the library amnesty program is doing well and that food donations will go out to a number of local food banks;
- presented an update regarding the 911 mapping system and commented that progress is being made with regard to the accuracy of the borough's addressing database;
- commented that the Corps of Engineers has reviewed the Port MacKenzie dock and has identified some issues regarding the dock's performance during earthquakes that warrant additional review;
- stated that the borough is bringing in on-call surveyors due to the backlog in platting;
- reported that the Hatcher Pass Action Plan will be presented in IM form and included in the December 5, 2000, assembly packet;
- spoke to a construction program for Port MacKenzie that addresses how funds will be spent; and
- announced an award presented by AML for effective government and specifically regarding the electronic public opinion message established by the clerk's office and Clean-up 2000.

Discussion followed regarding the funds for Port MacKenzie and the inclusion of financial amounts in the Hatcher Pass Action Plan.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

(There were no attorney comments.)

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. Dillon:

- spoke to the award presented by AML and commented that it is the clerk's office goal, on behalf of the assembly, to reach the public;
- reported that the proposed December 8, 2000, meeting with the Anchorage assembly and their legislators had not been scheduled as of this time; and
- noted a list of assembly meetings for November and December 2000.

The regular assembly meeting recessed at 6:50 p.m. and reconvened at 7:00 p.m.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:
  - a. Planning Commission - 10/16/00, 10/23/00
  - b. Platting Board - 11/02/00
  - c. Road Service Area Midway No. 9 - 10/31/00
  - d. Road Service Area Trapper Creek No. 30 - 10/12/00
  - e. Transportation Advisory Board - 10/31/00

2. Community Council Correspondence:
  - a. Big Lake Community Council - 08/09/00, 09/13/00, 10/11/00
  - b. Point MacKenzie Community Council - 08/26/00
  - c. Talkeetna Community Council - 10/02/00

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

**VIII. SPECIAL ORDERS (to begin at 7 p.m.)**

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. 00-189: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 15.39.090 (MEETINGS; QUORUM), REQUIRING THAT ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS BE ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY OF ITS AUTHORIZED MEMBERSHIP. (Sponsor: J. Simpson) IM No. 00-170

Deputy Mayor Jansen opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 00-189.

Discussion ensued regarding the quasi-judicial nature of the Board of Adjustment and Appeals and the effect of less than a majority of the membership present required for voting purposes at the time of hearing.

Assemblymember Colberg expressed a concern that if only three members were in attendance at a meeting, they would be required to act unanimously to complete any quasi judicial matters of the board.

Ms. Dillon

- stated that the hearings are scheduled based upon each members' availability; and
- reminded the assembly that an alternate is also available should a member foresee non-attendance at a hearing.

VOTE: The motion to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 00-189 passed with Assemblymember Colberg opposed. Deputy Mayor Jansen voted in favor of the motion.

2. Ordinance Serial No. 00-190: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$65,000 FROM THE MEADOW LAKES FIRE SERVICE AREA FUND BALANCE, FUND 257, TO THE MEADOW LAKES FIRE SERVICE AREA FISCAL YEAR 2001 OPERATING BUDGET, FUND 257, TO UPGRADE THE SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) AND REPLACE A CASCADE SYSTEM AND FIRE FIGHTING PROTECTIVE GEAR. IM No. 00-234

Deputy Mayor Jansen opened the public hearing.

The following spoke in favor of Ordinance Serial No. 00-190: Ms. Betty Veers.

There being no others wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Lankford Ladere moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 00-190.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

3. Ordinance Serial No. 00-191: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 5.25.142(A), SERVICE AREA NO. 132: GREATER PALMER CONSOLIDATED FIRE SERVICE AREA, BY ADJUSTING THE BOUNDARY TO INCLUDE AN 80-ACRE PARCEL OF LAND ORIGINALLY IN THE WASILLA- LAKES FIRE SERVICE AREA.
  - a. Ordinance Serial No. 00-192: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 5.25.140(A), SERVICE AREA NO. 130: WASILLA-LAKES FIRE SERVICE AREA, BY ADJUSTING THE BOUNDARY TO REFLECT THE REMOVAL OF AN 80-ACRE PARCEL OF LAND AND INCLUDING IT IN THE GREATER PALMER CONSOLIDATED FIRE SERVICE AREA. IM No. 00-237

Deputy Mayor Jansen opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 00-191 and 00-192.

Discussion followed regarding the language of the legal descriptions for borough-owned land.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

4. Ordinance Serial No. 00-193: AN ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$19,230 FROM THE LAND MANAGEMENT FUND, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FY 2001 OPERATING FUND, TO FUND 480, BOROUGHWIDE PARKS AND RECREATION ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDING THE BUDGET AND SCOPE OF WORK.
  - a. Resolution Serial No. 00-076: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE BOROUGHWIDE PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN.
1. AM No. 00-136: AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH LAND DESIGN NORTH REGARDING THE PARKS AND RECREATION ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN TO INTEGRATE TRAIL MAPPING AND ATTRIBUTE INFORMATION.

Deputy Mayor Jansen opened the public hearing. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public hearing was closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved for adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 00-193, Resolution Serial No. 00-076, and AM No. 00-136.

Assemblymember Colver commented that he would like to see included in the Parks and Recreation Asset Management Plan the proposed trail connection from Lucille Road eastward to Bogard Road.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person)

Mr. Jim Herman:

- voiced concerns regarding zoning in the Mat-Su Borough.

Ms. Anne Kilkenny:

- spoke to the removal of language in Resolution Serial No. 00-081 regarding a "separated grade" crossing at the Wasilla High/Middle Schools.

Mr. Mark Miller (Program Coordinator, MASCOT)

- introduced himself to the members of the assembly; and
- spoke briefly regarding the MASCOT transit program.

Assemblymember DeVilbiss requested a report from Mr. Miller regarding participation in the MASCOT program.

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Ordinance Serial No. 00-181: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS, 2000 SERIES B, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$14,143,000 TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR SCHOOL AND RELATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOROUGH, FIXING CERTAIN DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS, AND AUTHORIZING THEIR SALE. IM No. 00-224 [*Postponed to November 21, 2000: Main motion pending.*]

B. Ordinance Serial No. 00-182: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH TO ISSUE GENERAL OBLIGATION PARK BONDS, 2000 SERIES C, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,400,000 TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR BALLPARKS, INDOOR AND OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, TRAILS AND RELATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOROUGH, FIXING CERTAIN DETAILS OF SUCH BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THEIR SALE. IM No. 00-225 [*Postponed to November 21, 2000: Main motion pending.*]

Ms. Clayton:

- presented a staff report on Ordinance Serial No. 00-181 and 00-182;
- stated that the issuance of bonds was postponed pending the outcome of a vote on the tax cap initiative;
- commented that the issuance of bonds will be delayed until March 2001;
- suggested that rather than bringing substitutes forward with amendments for action, it would be preferable to bring new ordinances to the assembly;
- reported that the administration will go back to the rating agencies to make presentations in an effort to improve the bond rating;
- believes that the rating on the bonds can be upgraded and that the borough will save substantial money in issuance costs and in payments over the subsequent years; and
- remarked that postponing the issuance of the bonds will not delay the construction schedule.

Discussion followed regarding the interest rate of the bonds.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 00-181 and 00-182 indefinitely.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

(Ordinance Serial No. 00-139 was pulled from the introduction, see page 1 for assembly action.)

### **A. INTRODUCTION (Suggested public hearing - 12/05/00)**

1. Ordinance Serial No. 00-139: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A TAX ON A NATURAL RESOURCE WHENEVER THE NATURAL RESOURCE IS SEVERED FROM PROPERTY WITHIN THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO PAY TAXES DUE BY ADOPTING MSB 3.55, NATURAL RESOURCE DEPLETION TAX. (Sponsor: D. Kelly)  
IM No. 00-098

### **B. INTRODUCTION (Suggested public hearing – 01/16/00)**

1. Ordinance Serial No. 00-194: AN ORDINANCE CREATING PROSPECT PARK ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 332, APPROVING THE IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE DISTRICT, AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT, AND ASSESSING EQUALLY AMONG THE PROPERTIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT THE COSTS OF THE IMPROVEMENT.  
IM No. 00-242

Ms. Dillon read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved for introduction of the above-referenced legislation and set for public hearing on January 16, 2001.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

The items presented under the consent agenda were taken up separately.

1. RESOLUTIONS

- a. Resolution Serial No. 00-081: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE GARVEE BOND PACKAGE INCLUDING THE PALMER-WASILLA HIGHWAY EXPANSION, THE SEWARD MERIDIAN ROAD UPGRADE, THE BOGARD ROAD WASILLA HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL SEPARATED GRADE CROSSING, THE BOGARD ROAD EXTENSION TO THE GLENN HIGHWAY, THE GLENN HIGHWAY FROM THE PARKS TO OLD GLENN HIGHWAY UPGRADE, OLD GLENN HIGHWAY REHABILITATION, PALMER'S EAGLE AVENUE AND GULKANA STREET UPGRADES, WASILLA SOUTHERN CORRIDOR ROUTE, AND THE WASILLA LOCAL GRAVEL TO ASPHALT PROGRAM. IM No. 00-244

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved for approval of Resolution Serial No. 00-081.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kelly moved a primary amendment to strike the language "separated grade" and to insert "pedestrian" where appropriate in Resolution Serial No. 00-081.

Discussion followed regarding the "separated grade" language.

Assemblymember Simpson inquired if a change in scope would take place based upon the amendment to Resolution Serial No. 00-081.

Mr. Duffy commented that it would not.

GENERAL CONSENT: The primary amendment to strike the wording "separated grade" and insert "pedestrian" where appropriate passed unanimously.

Assemblymember Colver referenced the staff recommendation project list on page 165 of the assembly packet and inquired if Trunk Road would be included in the list of projects in Resolution Serial No. 00-081.

Deputy Mayor Jansen clarified that there are two project lists in regard to the proposed GARVEE bond package; a staff recommendation project list appears on page 165 of the packet and the second list appears in the body of the resolution on page 185 of the assembly packet.

Mr. Duffy:

- stated that the borough had worked with the Department of Transportation and the cities of Wasilla and Palmer in order to develop a project list for the GARVEE bond package that would cover a number of projects boroughwide; and
- believes the staff recommendations on page 165 of the assembly packet does a good job of distributing the funds throughout the borough and upgrading the borough's transportation system.

Discussion followed regarding the use of the staff recommendations on page 165 of the assembly packet.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Simpson moved a primary amendment to strike the list of projects and associated costs on page 185 of the assembly packet and to insert the project list on page 165 of the assembly packet, to include the previous amendment to the "separated grade" language regarding the Wasilla High/Middle Schools project.

Assemblymember DeVilbiss requested clarification on the projects that would now be included in Resolution Serial No. 00-081.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Assemblymember Colberg requested a conflict of interest ruling regarding a proposed project in Resolution Serial No. 00-081 as he is currently the President of the Alaska State Fair.

Mr. Gatti:

- stated that the proposed project would not solely benefit the Alaska State Fair.

**RULING:** Deputy Mayor Jansen declared that Assemblymember Colberg did not have a conflict of interest based upon his position as President of the Alaska State Fair.

Discussion continued regarding the amendment to Resolution Serial No. 00-081.

**GENERAL CONSENT:** The primary amendment, to strike the list of projects and associated costs on page 185 of the assembly packet and to insert the project list on page 165 of the assembly packet, to include the previous amendment to the "separated grade" language for the Wasilla High/Middle Schools project, passed without objection.

**MAIN MOTION:** The main motion to approve Resolution Serial No. 00-081 passed as amended.

b. Resolution Serial No. 00-082: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A NOMINATION TO THE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (STIP) OF A TRAIL

IN THE VICINITY OF LUCILLE CREEK FROM WASILLA TO BIG LAKE. (Sponsor:  
J. Simpson) IM No. 00-245

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved for approval of Resolution Serial No. 00-082.

Assemblymember Simpson presented background information regarding Resolution Serial No. 00-082, discussed how the resolution would affect the cities, referenced supporting documentation, and thanked Mr. Swanson for his help on the resolution.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

D. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Deputy Mayor Jansen made the following recommendations:

Equalization Board

Kim Robinson

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board

Ms. Lucille McSorley, Assembly District 2 position

Midway RSA No. 9

Mr. Walter T. Williams, primary position

Caswell RSA No. 15

Mr. Gary Brandon, alternate position

Deputy Mayor Jansen recommended the following confirmations:

Animal Control Board

Ms. Betty Vehrs

Emergency Medical Services Board

Mr. Andrew F. Good, dispatch center position

Ethics Board

Ms. Joan Hope

Mr. Bill Siedler

Library Board

Ms. Caroline McRoberts, Trapper Creek position

Mr. Gregory Hope, Wasilla position

Local Emergency Planning Commission

Mr. Joseph LeBeau, Environmental/Business/Technical position

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board

Mr. Ed Strabel, at-large position

Ms. Kathy Wells, Assembly District 3 position

Planning Commission

Mr. Gerald L. Sharp, Assembly District 3

Platting Board

Ms. Rose M. Jenne, Assembly District 7 position

School Site Selection Committee, Academy Charter School

Ms. Sara Jansen, assembly member position

Mr. Larry DeVilbiss, assembly member position

Ms. Helene Antel Brooks, school board member position

Mr. Mike Chmielewski, school board member position

Ms. Cynthia Payne, planning commission member position

Ms. Mary Kvalheim, planning commission member position

Ms. Barbara Girard, general public position

Mr. Ed Zedzdryn, general public position

School Site Selection Committee, Sherrod Replacement

Ms. Sara Jansen, assembly member position

Mr. Jim Colver, assembly member position

Mr. Dan Contini, school board member position

Mr. Rob Wells, school board member position

Ms. Cynthia Payne, planning commission member position

Mr. Steve Rowland, planning commission member position

Ms. Rhonda Stark, general public position

Ms. Jacqueline Whitstine, general public position

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to accept and confirm the mayor's confirmations as presented by Deputy Mayor Jansen.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

E. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

**XI. RECONSIDERATION**

**XII. VETO**

**XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**XIV. MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

Assemblymember Kelly:

- stated that he had attended a Resource Development Council meeting on November 9, 2000, and spoke to some of the issues;
- commented that during the recent Alaska Municipal League (AML) conference he was assigned as co-chair on the Economic Development and Resource committee;

- remarked that he was appointed to serve on the National Association of County Officials' (NACO) Western Interstate Regions (WIR) subcommittee;
- stated that his assignment on the committee is contingent upon assembly approval for the fund expenditure that will be associated with travel; and
- requested that the assembly create a budget item to cover the travel costs which is estimated somewhere between \$4,000-\$5,000.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kelly moved to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$5,000 from the assembly reserves in order to allow him to serve on the NACO WIR subcommittee.

Discussion ensued regarding the requested fund expenditure and the borough's previous participation in national organizations and NACO.

Assemblymembers DeVilbiss and Simpson stated their opposition to the motion as travel that is associated with this type of organization can get excessive and can be viewed negatively by the public.

Discussion continued.

Ms. Dillon:

- stated that there is approximately \$2,000 allocated in the assembly operating budget per assembly member for out-of-borough travel; and
- clarified that the pending motion requested allocation for travel from the assembly reserves.

Assemblymember Lankford Ladere stated her support for the motion based upon the representation that Assemblymember Kelly would provide to the borough.

Discussion continued regarding the requested funds.

Assemblymember Kelly stated that the funds necessary for participation in NACO could be minimized and that representation is important in order to lobby for funds at a national level.

Assemblymember Colberg also stated his opposition to the motion based on the potential public response to this type of expenditure.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved the previous question.

VOTE: The motion to stop debate passed with Assemblymember Kelly opposed.

VOTE: The motion to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$5,000 from the assembly reserves in order to allow Assemblymember Kelly to serve on the NACO WIR subcommittee failed with Assemblymembers Lankford Ladere and Kelly in favor.

Assemblymember Kelly (comments continued):

- commented that he also attended an RDC meeting on November 16-17, 2000;
- spoke to a proposed gas line and to the impact that a gas pipeline could have on the state; and
- remarked regarding a letter written by Assemblymember Colver to the Department of Transportation and requested that the administration in turn write a letter to the Department of Transportation explaining the assembly's position on the matter.

Assemblymember Colver stated that his letter to the Department of Transportation was written in his official capacity as the assemblymember for District 6 concerning a transportation project and further stated that the letter did convey his personal opinions and his intent to bring the issue to the assembly for action.

The regular assembly meeting recessed at 8:43 p.m. and reconvened at 8:48 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Jansen recommended that the clerk and the manager draft a policy regarding individual assemblymember correspondence to be brought to the assembly during the December 19, 2000, meeting.

Assemblymember Colver:

- expressed his condolences regarding the passing of borough employee, Rick Brown;
- stated that the AML conference was very informative;
- supported public relations regarding borough issues;
- spoke to the borough transportation plan and the scoring of projects specifically in regard to Seward Meridian Road;
- opined that the assembly should look at recommending the entire Trunk Road project for a separated pathway;
- spoke to the project description and the alignment of Trunk Road;
- believes that the assembly should reiterate to the Department of Transportation their chosen alignment for Trunk Road (decided in 1998) to set aside four lanes of right-of-way with the construction of two;
- recommended that the assembly move up the right-of-way acquisition to FY 2002; and
- supported upgrades for Palmer-Fishhook Road before the year 2005.

Discussion followed regarding the order of business for assembly meetings and the appropriateness of making motions under item *XIV. Mayor and Assembly Comments*.

Members of the assembly agreed that the manager should provide additional information to the Department of Transportation and should correct misinformation that the state has in association with their capital improvement program list.

Assemblymember Colver (comments continued):

- spoke to the importance of committees; and
- requested a resolution be brought forward at the next regular assembly meeting to create a temporary public works committee for a one-year period of time.

Assemblymember DeVilbiss:

- requested follow-up on Farm Loop Community Council's request to be removed from the CORE area boundary;
- stated his desire to make arrangements for a borough employee's luncheon and inquired if Deputy Mayor Jansen would be available to coordinate this luncheon; and
- requested a resolution from the administration, addressed to each member of our congressional delegation, conveying the assembly's concerns regarding PILT funding.

Assemblymember Lankford Ladere:

- supported a temporary public works committee;
- supported Assemblymember DeVilbiss' proposed resolution regarding assembly concerns over PILT funding;
- expressed concern regarding snowmachine activity in the Petersville area and safety issues that arise from this activity;
- recognized the public safety programs in the Meadow Lakes and Talkeetna areas;
- thanked everyone for active participation in the borough's board and commissions;
- spoke to mining issues in the Petersville area in regard to mine closures; and
- believed she benefitted from her participation at the AML conference.

Assemblymember Simpson:

- thanked Assemblymember Lankford Ladere for bringing information back to her from the AML conference; and
- expressed thanks for support regarding Resolution Serial No. 00-082.

Assemblymember Colberg:

- felt that the best presentations given at the AML conference came from the borough attorney and the borough clerk.

Deputy Mayor Jansen:

- expressed condolences to the family of Rick Brown and commented that a celebration of life will be held on December 1, 2000, from 5-8 p.m. at the Fairview Restaurant;
- stated that she is excited about holding a staff luncheon;
- appreciated Assemblymember Colver's remarks regarding public relations; and
- looks forward to the November 28, 2000, work session to discuss the assembly's goal and priorities.

## XV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular assembly meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

  
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 TIMOTHY L. ANDERSON, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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 SANDRA A. DILLON, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: December 5, 2000