

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on May 16, 2011, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The special meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Larry DeVilbiss for the purpose of budget deliberations and possible adoption.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

- Mr. Warren Keogh, Assembly District No. 1
- Mr. Noel Woods, Assembly District No. 2
- Mr. Ron Arvin, Assembly District No. 3 (*Deputy Mayor*) (*entered telephonically at 8:59p.m.*)
- Mr. Mark Ewing, Assembly District No. 4
- Ms. Cindy Bettine, Assembly District No. 5 (*entered telephonically at 6:02 p.m. and arrived at 6:25 p.m.*)
- Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6
- Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

- Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC, Borough Clerk
- Mr. John Moosey, Borough Manager
- Ms. Brenda J. Henry, Executive Assistant to the Borough Clerk
- Ms. Elizabeth Gray, Assistant Borough Manager
- Mr. Nick Spiropoulos, Assistant Borough Attorney
- Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
- Mr. Dennis Brodigan, Emergency Services Director
- Ms. Christine Nelson, Planning and Land Use Director
- Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director
- Mr. Chuck Braun, Acting Public Works Director
- Ms. Shannon Post, Chief Information Officer
- Ms. Sonya Conant, Human Services Director
- Ms. Cheyenne Heindel, Financial Analyst
- Mr. James Wilson, Assistant to the Borough Manager's Office
- Ms. Cathy Mayer, Solid Waste Division Manager

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

Mayor DeVilbiss advised that he will have to exit the meeting briefly at 6:30 p.m. in order to present a proclamation at the Palmer Senior Center.

## **I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Ms. Nicole Coulson, Purchasing Office Assistant.

## **II. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **A. DELIBERATIONS AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET**

1. Ordinance Serial No. 11-011: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONIES FROM THE CENTRAL TREASURY FOR THE BOROUGH OPERATING FUNDS, ENTERPRISE FUNDS, EDUCATION OPERATING FUND, AND CAPITAL FUNDS AND ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF LEVY FOR ALL BOROUGH FUNCTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2011, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2012.

**MOTION PENDING:** Assemblymember Bettine moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 11-011, appropriating monies from the central treasury for the Borough operating funds, enterprise funds, education operating fund, and capital funds and establishing the rate of levy for all Borough functions for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012.

### **Amendment No. 14**

**Areawide: (100.120.120.429.200) (Tab B, Page 109)**

**MOTION:** Assembly Ewing moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Finance Administration, Training Reimbursement/Conference Fees, by striking \$40,000 and inserting \$28,000, for a decrease of \$12,000.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Ewing moved a secondary amendment to strike "\$28,000" and inserting in its place "\$30,000" for a decrease of \$10,000.

**VOTE:** The secondary amendment passed without objection.

**VOTE:** The primary amendment passed without objection.

### **Amendment No. 15**

**Areawide: (100.100.110.413.200) (Tab B, Page 69)**

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Ewing moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Administration, Expense Reimbursements within Borough, by striking \$2,500 and inserting \$2,000, for a decrease of \$500.

**VOTE:** The primary amendment passed without objection.

**Amendment No. 16**

**Areawide: (100.100.110.426.900) (Tab B, Page 70)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Ewing moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Administration, Other Professional Charges, by striking \$310,000 and inserting \$200,000, for a decrease of \$110,000.

MOTION: Assemblymember Ewing moved a secondary amendment to strike \$200,000 and insert in its place \$275,000 for a decrease of \$35,000.

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed without objection.

*(The mayor exited the meeting at 6:25 p.m. and the duties of the chair passed to Assemblymember Colver.)*

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

*(Assemblymember Bettine entered the meeting at 6:25 p.m.)*

**Amendment No. 17**

**Areawide/Capital: (100.000.000.446.400/Capital) (Tab B, page 16 and Tab 0, Page 1)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund and Capital Projects, by inserting \$15,000 into the Capital Projects Transfers and under Parks and Outdoor Recreation for the Rabbit Slough Access/Parking Lot Expansion, to expand the existing parking lot to accommodate additional vehicles during busy summer and fall periods.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

**Amendment No. 18**

**Areawide/Capital: (100.000.000.446.400/Capital) (Tab B page 16 and Tab 0, Page 1)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund and Capital Projects, by inserting \$23,000 into the Capital Projects Transfers and under Parks and Outdoor Recreation for Cottonwood Creek Access/Parking Lot Expansion, to expand the existing parking lot to accommodate overflow parking.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Keogh moved to reconsider Amendment No. 13.

VOTE: The motion to reconsider Amendment No. 13 passed with Assemblymember Halter opposed.

MOTION: Assemblymember Keogh moved secondary amendment by reinserting \$1,300 for the Board of Ethics, 100.100.611, as follows:

- 413.100 Mileage - \$500;
- 429.900 Other Contractual - \$300; and
- 433.900 Other Supplies - \$500.

MOTION: Assemblymember Ewing called for the question (to stop debate).

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The secondary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Keogh, Bettine, and Colver in support and Assemblymembers Halter, Ewing, and Woods opposed (tie vote. The Mayor was not present to break the tie).

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to postpone voting on Amendment No. 13 to the end of the meeting.

VOTE: The motion to postpone failed with Assemblymember Bettine in support.

*(The meeting recessed at 6:41 p.m. and reconvened at 6:50 p.m.)*

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

### **Amendment No. 19**

#### **Areawide/Capital: (100.000.000.446.400/Capital) (Tab B, page 16 and Tab 0, Page 1)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment by inserting \$15,000 into the Capital Projects Transfers and under Parks and Outdoor Recreation for Reflections Lake Viewing Tower, for installation of an elevated viewing tower.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Assemblymember Woods opposed.

MOTION: Assemblymember Ewing moved for reconsideration of Amendment No. 3.

VOTE: The motion for reconsideration passed with Assemblymember Bettine opposed.

MOTION: Assemblymember Ewing moved to strike the mill rate for the Wasilla-Lakes Fire Service Area of 1.83 and insert its place 1.92.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Assemblymember Bettine opposed.

**Amendment No. 20**

**Non-Areawide/Capital: (200.100.114/Capital) (Tab D, Page 18-19 / Tab O, Page 1)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Ewing moved a primary amendment to the Non-Areawide Fund, Economic Development, by striking \$349,668 leaving a balance of \$0 and transferring the funds to Capital, Community Development, for grants to the city of Palmer in the amount of \$174,834 and the city of Wasilla in the amount of \$174,834 for libraries.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a secondary amendment to strike \$174,834 for each city and insert in its place \$75,000, leaving a balance of \$199,068 in the Non-Areawide Fund, Economic Development.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine called for the question (to stop debate).

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The secondary amendment failed with Assemblymember Colver and Ewing in support.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Ewing and Woods in support.

**Amendment No. 21**

**Areawide/Capital: (100.000.000.446.400/Capital) (Tab B page 16 and Tab O, Page 1)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund and Capital Projects Transfers, by striking \$50,000 from Capital Project Transfers and under Community Development for the Willow Community Center Playground and Safety Upgrades and insert in its place \$42,500 for Willow Community Center – New Ranges, Continued Upgrade of Drain Field, and Door Repair/Replacement, for a total decrease of \$7,500.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

**Amendment No. 22**

**Fire Service Areas: West Lakes FSA (Tab G, page 14)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to the West Lakes Fire Service Area mill rate by striking 1.65 and insert in its place 1.56.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

**Amendment No. 23**

**Special Service Areas: Talkeetna Flood Control District (Tab I, page 2)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved a primary amendment to the Talkeetna Flood Control District mill rate by striking 1.42 and insert in its place 1.32.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

**Amendment No. 24**

**Road Service Areas: Talkeetna Road Service Area No. 29 (Tab H, page 94)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved a primary amendment to the Talkeetna Road Service Area No. 29 by striking the mill rate of 2.91 and insert in its place 2.73.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

**Amendment No 25**

**Fire Service Areas: Caswell Lakes Fire Service Area No. 135 (Tab G, page 6)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved a primary amendment to the Caswell Lakes Fire Service Area No. 135 by striking the mill rate of 3.12 and insert in its place 3.00.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

**Amendment No. 26**

**Road Service Areas: Caswell Lakes Road Service Area No. 15 (Tab H, page 28)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved a primary amendment to the Caswell Lakes Road Service Area No. 15 by striking the mill rate of 4.31 and insert in its place 4.11.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

**Amendment No. 27**

**Fire Service Areas: Talkeetna Fire Service Area No. 24 (Tab G, page 48)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved primary amendment to Talkeetna Fire Service Area No. 24 by striking the mill rate of 1.94 and insert in its place 1.84.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

**Amendment No. 28**

**Road Service Areas: Meadow Lakes Road Service Area No. 27 (Tab H, page 82)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved a primary amendment to Meadow Lakes Road Service Area No. 27 by striking the mill rate of 3.43 and insert in its place 3.24.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

**Amendment No. 29**

**Service Areas operating expenses adjustment**

MOTION: Assemblymember Halter moved a primary amendment that operating expenses be adjusted to meet the mill rates and the fund balances not to be adjusted in regard to the service areas mill rate adjustments.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

**Amendment No. 30**

**Road Service Areas: South Colony Road Service Area No. 16 (Tab H, page 34)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to South Colony Road Service Area No. 16 by striking the mill rate of 1.60 and insert in its place 1.5.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Halter and Woods opposed.

**Amendment No. 31**

**Road Service Areas: Gold Trail Road Service Area No. 28 (Tab H, page 88)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to Gold Trail Road Service Area No. 28 by striking the mill rate of 2.09 and insert in its place 2.00.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

**Amendment No. 32**

**Solid Waste/Capital: (510.150.401 and 402/Capital) (Tab K, page 5 and 8, and Tab 0, Page 3)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to Capital Projects, by eliminating the capital projects in the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund in the amount

of \$335,000 and create a Solid Waste Contract Administrator position to be funded 75 percent Central Landfill and 25 percent Transfer Sites:

- 510.150.401.411.100, Permanent Wages, \$54,009 (75 percent);
- 510.150.401.412s, Benefits, \$44,524.50 (75 percent);
- 510.150.402.411.100, Permanent Wages, \$18,003 (25 percent); and
- 510.150.402.412s, Benefits, \$14,841.50 (25 percent).

**VOTE:** The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Keogh, Halter and Bettine in support and Assemblymembers Colver, Ewing and Woods opposed (tie vote). The motion fails with the Mayor invoking his voting privilege in the negative.

*(The special meeting recessed at 8:08 p.m. and reconvened at 8:18 p.m.)*

### **Amendment No. 33**

#### **Fire Service Areas: Butte Fire Service Area No. 2 (Tab G, page 34)**

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Keogh moved a primary amendment to Butte Fire Service Area No. 2 by striking the mill rate of 3.13 and insert in its place 2.94.

**VOTE:** The primary amendment passed without objection.

### **Amendment No. 34**

#### **Road Service Areas: Fairview, Knik, and Big Lake Road Service Areas (Tab H, pages 22, 40, and 58)**

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to the Road Service Area Fund, by reducing the road service area mill rates as follows:

- Fairview Road Service Area– strike 1.73 and insert 1.66;
- Knik Road Service Area – strike 2.99 and insert 2.75; and
- Big Lake Road Service Area – strike 2.74 and insert 2.57.

**VOTE:** The primary amendment passed without objection.

### **Amendment No. 35**

#### **Other Service Areas: (295.000.000.429.900) (Tab I, page 28)**

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Keogh moved a primary amendment to Other Service Areas, Circle View and Stampede Estates Special Service Area No. 131, by adding Other Contractual, in the amount of \$2,500.

**VOTE:** The primary amendment passed without objection.

## **Amendment No. 36**

### **Capital/Areawide: (Tab O, page 1)**

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to Capital Projects, Grant/Pass Through, by adding the following from the areawide fund:

- City of Palmer Block Grant for \$59,227; and
- City of Wasilla Block Grant for \$72,089.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Halter moved a secondary amendment to insert city of Houston Block Grant for \$45,000.

**VOTE:** The secondary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Colver, Halter, and Woods in support and Keogh, Ewing, and Bettine opposed (tie vote). The motion failed with the Mayor invoking his voting privilege in the negative.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Colver moved a secondary amendment to waive the automated library charges for the cities of Wasilla and Houston.

**VOTE:** The secondary amendment passed without objection.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Halter moved a secondary amendment to Capital Projects, Grant/Pass Through areawide, by striking:

- City of Palmer Block Grant for \$59,227; and
  - City of Wasilla Block Grant for \$72,089;
- and inserting it its place:
- City of Palmer Block Grant for \$177,679; and
  - City of Wasilla Block Grant for \$216,266.

**VOTE:** The secondary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Colver, Keogh, and Bettine in support and Assemblymembers Halter, Ewing and Woods opposed (tie vote). The motion failed with the Mayor invoking his voting privilege in the negative.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Keogh moved secondary amendment to insert the city of Houston block grant in the amount of \$25,000.

**VOTE:** The secondary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Ewing and Bettine opposed.

**VOTE:** The primary amendment passed without objection.

## **Amendment No. 37**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Assemblymember Keogh declared a conflict of interest on Amendment No. 37, as his son works at the Central Public Safety Building.

**RULING:** The Mayor ruled that Assemblymember Keogh had a conflict of interest and would be recused from voting.

*(Assemblymember Keogh exited the meeting at 8:41 p.m.)*

**Areawide: Emergency Services (100.160.341, 100.160.337, and 100.160.344) (Tab B, page 127, 134, and 137) (Tab B, page 14)**

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Emergency Services, by adding six full-time paramedic positions and eliminating wages and benefits for six on-call responders for a net increase as shown below:

- West Lakes/Houston Ambulance – two positions
  - Increasing 411.100s, Wages, by \$22,124;
  - Increasing 411.412s, Benefits, by \$50,289;
- Ambulance District No. 1 – two positions
  - Increasing 411.100s, Wages, by \$22,124;
  - Increasing 411.412s, Benefits, by \$50,289;
- Ambulance District No. 3 – two positions
  - Increasing 411.100s, Wages, by \$22,124;
  - Increasing 411.412s, Benefits, by \$50,289; and
- Increase fees to Ambulance revenues (342s) by adding \$156,200.

**VOTE:** The primary amendment passed without objection.

*(Assemblymember Keogh re-entered the meeting at 8:52 p.m.)*

### **Amendment No. 38**

**Areawide: Office of Information Technology (100.115.116) (Tab 8, page 98)**

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to Office of Information Technology by:

- reducing 434.100, Other Equipment Under \$5,000, by \$9,567; and
- increasing 451.100, Equipment Over \$5,000, by \$9,567, for monitors and project screens in Assembly chambers.

**VOTE:** The primary amendment passed without objection.

*(Assemblymember Arvin entered the meeting telephonically at 8:59 p.m.)*

### **Amendment No. 39**

#### **Capital: (Tab O, Page 1)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to the Capital, by inserting intent language in order of priority under Parks and Outdoor Recreation, PH II – Hatcher Pass Nordic Ski Development, \$750,000:

- Additional 15 Kilometers or more of trails;
- Lighted Trail Loop;
- Warm-up Hut; and
- Amphitheater start/Finish area.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

### **Amendment No. 40**

#### **Capital: (Tab O, Page 2)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to Capital, Brett Memorial Ice Arena, by striking the rink Divider System, in the mount of \$20,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

### **Amendment No. 41**

#### **Capital: (Tab O, Page 1)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to Capital, Parks and Outdoor Recreation, by inserting the following project: Snow Machine Trailhead Hatcher Pass Management Area Ph I, in the amount of \$250,000.

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved a secondary amendment to strike \$250,000 and insert \$350,000 in its place.

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed with Keogh, Halter, and Bettine opposed.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

## **Amendment No. 42**

### **Areawide: Reserves (Tab B, Page 1)**

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Reserves, to transfer the following funds to the DSJ Building Annex, project no. 10063:

- Reserve for Administration Office Space - \$1,700,000;
- Reserve for Dispatch Services - \$22,945; and
- Reserve for EMS Lease/Purchase Facility - \$200,000.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Bettine moved a secondary amendment to strike “DSJ Building Annex, project no. 10063” and transfer the funds to the “Reserve for Administration Office Space.”

**VOTE:** The secondary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Colver and Arvin opposed.

**VOTE:** The primary amendment passed with Assemblymember Ewing opposed.

## **Amendment No. 43**

### **Areawide: Capital (Tab 0, Page 1 and 2)**

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Capital, to transfer the following funds to the DSJ Building Annex, project no. 10063:

- Grants/Pass Through
  - \$500,000 from the Grant Match for FHWA, leaving \$500,000;
  - \$700,000 from the Grant Match for FTA, leaving \$700,000;
  - \$500,000 from the Grant Match for USFWS/State, leaving \$500,000; and
- Public Works
  - \$575,000 from the Administration Building (HVAC, Security Hardware Replacement, A/C Units, Elevator in IT), leaving \$0.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Bettine moved a secondary amendment to strike “DSJ Building Annex, project no. 10063” and transfer the funds to “Reserve for Administration Office Space.”

**VOTE:** The secondary motion passed without objection.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Keogh moved a secondary amendment to strike the removal of the following fund:

- Grants/Pass Through
  - \$500,000 from the Grant Match for Federal Highway Administration, leaving \$500,000;

- \$700,000 from the Grant Match for Federal Transportation Administration, leaving \$700,000; and
- \$500,000 from the Grant Match for United States Fish and Wildlife/State, leaving \$500,000.

VOTE: The secondary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Keogh, Ewing, and Woods in support.

MOTION: Assemblymember Keogh moved to extend the meeting past 10 p.m. and not to exceed 10:30 p.m.

VOTE: The motion passed with Assemblymembers Ewing and Woods opposed.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Keogh and Ewing opposed.

**Amendment No. 44**

**Areawide: Reserves (Tab B, Page 1)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Reserves, to transfer \$1,500,000 from Major Repairs and Renovation to the Reserve for Administrative Office Space.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

**Amendment No. 45**

**Areawide: Public Works (100.150.159.411s and 412s) (Tab B, page 25)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to Areawide Fund, Public Works, by adding a full-time Administrative Secretary and eliminating two 1,000 hour on-call positions for a net increase as indicated below:

- increasing 411s wages by \$1,919.01; and
- increasing 412s benefits by \$32,432.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine called for the question (to stop debate).

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Arvin and Ewing opposed.

**Amendment No. 46**

**Areawide: Capital – Emergency Services (Tab O, page 5)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to Capital, Emergency Services, by striking Water Rescue, Airboat, in the amount of \$100,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Keogh, Ewing, and Woods opposed.

**Amendment No. 47**

**Capital – Road Service Areas (Tab O, page 5)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to a primary amendment to Capital, Road Service Areas, by striking one of the two superintendent replacement vehicles for a decrease of \$30,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Keogh and Woods opposed.

**Amendment No. 48**

**Capital Projects (Tab O, Page 1)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to Capital, to include a capital project to complete emergency west end access on to Big Lake for an increase of \$90,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Colver, Bettine and Arvin in support.

*(The special meeting recessed at 10:12 p.m. and reconvened at 10:17 p.m.)*

**Amendment No. 49**

**Areawide: Revenue Sharing**

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to use the \$5,300,000, set aside for revenue sharing, to reduce property taxes for fiscal year 2012, by giving a rebate and showing the rebate on the tax bills.

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved a secondary amendment to insert the language, “subject to gubernatorial approval” at the end of the sentence.

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Ewing moved to extend the meeting past 10:30 p.m. and not to exceed 10:45 p.m.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

### **Amendment No. 50**

MOTION: Assemblymember Ewing moved to amend section six of Ordinance Serial No. 11-011 appropriation for reservation of Fund Balance, to decrease the reservation by \$356,226, from \$21,750,964 to \$21,394,738, which is the amount equal to a minimum of 25 percent of all budgeted operating expenditures of the fiscal year 2011 budget, excluding the budgeted operating expenditures of the school district.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Ewing moved to set the areawide mill rate at 10.085 with a rebate of .724 mills equaling a mill rate of 9.361 for areawide and .425 for non-areawide.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

### **III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

The following person spoke to concerns with budget cuts: Ms. Vickie Lee Fenster.

### **IV. VETO**

A. MOTION TO OVERRIDE ANY POSSIBLE MAYORAL VETO ON FISCAL YEAR 2012 BUDGET ITEMS (ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 11-011)

*(There were no vetoes presented.)*

### **V. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Assemblymember Ewing:

- thanked the Assembly and staff for the hard work put into the budget; and
- stated that he is looking forward to Assemblymember Arvin's return.

Assemblymember Keogh queried why the agenda included item IV. Veto and no action was taken.

Mayor DeVilbiss stated that this is always on the agenda when the budget is being deliberated so that a veto may be issued at any time and the Assembly can take action on that veto.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- stated that Nana Corporation is expanding again by building a fourth warehouse; and
- stated that the Assembly needs to get legislation regarding industrial zoning taken care of so that this is not happening in multiple areas within the Borough.

Assemblymember Halter thanked staff for rising to the challenge of the numerous Assembly requests regarding the budget.

Assemblymember Woods thanked everyone for the hard work put into the budget process.

Assemblymember Arvin:

- thanked members of the Assembly for their cooperation while he is out of town;
- thanked the Clerk's office for emailing the documents required to participate in the budget process;
- stated that he will be returning to Alaska on June 3; and
- noted that he is looking forward to the June 4 Planning Session.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The special meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

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LARRY DeVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

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LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 06/07/11