

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on January 29, 2008, at the Palmer Depot, 610 S. Valley Way, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 4:20 p.m. by Mayor Curtis D. Menard for the purpose of discussing the veto that was issued on Ordinance Serial No. 08-005.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Lynne Woods, Assembly District No. 1 (*Deputy Mayor*)
Mr. Pete Houston, Assembly District No. 2
Ms. Michelle R. Church, Assembly District No. 3
Ms. Mary Kvalheim, Assembly District No. 4
Ms. Cindy L. Bettine, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Robert Wells, Assembly District No. 6
Mr. Tom Kluberton, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC, Acting Borough Clerk

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Mayor Menard stated that he did not believe that enough notice was given to the residence of Anchorage in regards the ordinance.

MOTION: Assemblymember Wells moved to suspend the rules to take up audience participation prior to the veto.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by a member of the audience.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following persons spoke to not being a part of the original process, in favor of the veto, and wanting to help rewrite the ordinance: Mr. Tom Seims, President of Alaska Radio Control Society; and Mr. Fred Keller.

The following persons spoke in favor of the veto and in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 08-005: Mr. Reeve Lipincott; Mr. Gary Utt; Dr. Bill Resinger; Mr. Steve Colligan; Mr. John J. Smith; Mr. Tracy Moffitt; Mr. Matthew Schumaker; Mr. Lars Gleitsmann; Mr. Shawn Jensen; Mr. Ryan Rafusse, Anchorage House of Hobbies; Mr. Chris Chapman; Mr. Pat Martin; and Ms. Grace Shoemaker.

The following person spoke in favor of Ordinance Serial No. 08-005: Ms. Gerry Baker.

Mayor Menard requested that Mr. Tom Seims, President of Alaska Radio Control Society, be able to speak to the Assembly again.

There was no objection noted.

Mr. Tom Seims:

- opined that there are technical flaws in MSB 8.52.015(D) and (E);
- spoke to the language in MSB 8.52.015(C) and (D); and
- noted that 65 db(A) would be a reasonable level.

(The decibel level was tested with the timer.)

Discussion ensued regarding decibel levels.

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. VETO

1. Motion to override the Mayoral veto of Ordinance Serial No. 08-005 regarding amendments to MSB 8.52; Amplified Sound and Vibration, which was adopted by the Assembly on January 15, 2008.

MOTION: Assemblymember Church moved to override the Mayoral veto of Ordinance Serial No. 08-005.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- stated that she was glad that the people had an opportunity to be heard;
- noted that she would vote in favor of overriding the veto;
- requested that the Assembly consider a committee to work out the actual decibel level; and
- advised that she would like to see the regulations in place, as the noise level affects the residents.

Assemblymember Kvalheim:

- advised that she supports overriding the veto;
- noted that the Borough can work with the model plane community; and
- spoke to the need to protect the people who live in the neighborhoods.

Assemblymember Kluberton:

- spoke to flying model airplanes;
- noted that what used to be a rural areas is now residential;
- opined that the measures in the ordinance are good measures;
- commented on allowing occasional model airplane events; and
- spoke in favor of starting a committee to review this issue.

Assemblymember Houston:

- spoke if favor of overriding the veto;
- stated that the Borough is trying to protect the quality of life; and
- spoke in favor of having a committee look at the issue.

Assemblymember Wells:

- noted his support for a committee to look at the issues; and
- advised that he supports the Mayor's veto.

Assemblymember Woods:

- commented that the ordinance is the result of a conflict; and
- noted that people want to have peace and enjoy their homes.

VOTE: The motion passed with Assemblymember Wells opposed.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mayor Menard:

- spoke to the need for the Borough to work with the committee;
- stated that the Borough has 24,000 square miles to find a recreation spot; and
- thanked the audience for their attendance at the meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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CURTIS D. MENARD, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

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LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 02/19/08