

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on April 6, 2004, at the Talkeetna Elementary School Gymnasium, 13798 E. Veterans Way, Talkeetna, Alaska. The meeting was also teleconferenced to the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Timothy L. Anderson.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. J. Bruce Bush, Assembly District No. 1
Mr. Bill Allen, Assembly District No. 2
Mr. Talis J. Colberg, Assembly District No. 3
Ms. Mary Kvalheim, Assembly District No. 4
Ms. Jody Simpson, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6 (*Deputy Mayor*)
Ms. Betty Vehrs, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Michelle M. McGehee, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Ms. Teresa S. Williams, Borough Attorney
Ms. Janice A. Case, Borough Clerk's Secretary
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Mr. Don Shiesl, Public Works Director
Mr. Dennis Brodigan, Emergency Services Director
Mr. Ron Swanson, Community Development Director
Mr. Murph O'Brien, Acting Planning and Land Use Director
Mr. Greg Goodale, Solid Waste Division Manager
Mr. Donald Bennett, Engineering Division Manager
Mr. Roger McRoberts, Land Management Agent

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Mayor Anderson:

- noted that Resolution Serial No. 04-057 would be pulled from the agenda; and
- inquired if there were any additional changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as amended.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms Rose Jenne, a member of the audience.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. Joint Assembly/School Board Meeting: March 9, 2004

Mayor Anderson inquired if there were any corrections to the minutes.

GENERAL CONSENT: The minutes of the March 9, 2004, joint Assembly/School Board meeting were approved without objection.

B. Regular Assembly Meeting: March 16, 2004

Mayor Anderson inquired if there were any corrections to the minutes.

GENERAL CONSENT: The minutes of the March 16, 2004, regular Assembly meeting were approved without objection.

C. Joint Assembly/Planning Commission/Platting Board Meeting: March 23, 2004

Mayor Anderson inquired if there were any corrections to the minutes.

GENERAL CONSENT: The minutes of the March 23, 2004, joint Assembly/Planning Commission/Platting Board meeting were approved without objection.

VI. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Recognition of the Talkeetna Community Ice Rink Volunteers

Mayor Anderson:

- thanked Ken and Mary Farina for their part in organizing the work on this project; and
- presented certificates to the following people: Jim Graupmann, R.G. Denny, Art Mannix, Chris Mannis, Doug Moore, Jeff Robinson, Pat Nelson, Robert Ambrose, Chip Faurot, John Timmers, John Langham, Harry Aulman, Dave Folk, Dieter Zepf, Jack MacDonald, and Kevin Foster in recognition of the improvements they have made to the outdoor hockey rink and in developing a year-round recreation center.

B. Presentation on Coal Bed Methane – Assemblymember Vehrs

Assemblymember Vehrs gave a presentation on coal bed methane in the Raton Basin and San Juan Basin in Colorado.

VII. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Reports from cities

Talkeetna Community Council

Ms. Ruth Woods, Talkeetna Community Council Chair:

- stated that the Talkeetna Community Council has been working hard on the Talkeetna Riverfront Plan and hoped that the Assembly would adopt the plan;
- noted that they have a very active trails community; and
- stated that they have received money from a Borough grant for road improvements to Main Street.

Assemblymember Vehrs asked if the Talkeetna Community Council has formed a committee to address coal bed methane.

Ms. Woods replied that they have recently formed a committee to address coal bed methane.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

(There were no reports presented.)

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

Mr. Duffy:

- stated that he and Ms. Clayton met with Mr. Doyle and the School Board committee members;
- noted that the School Board is assuming that that the Legislature will pass the legislation increasing the student allocation formula and will be addressing the Public Employee Retirement System/Teachers Retirement System issue;
- advised that the School Board will be asking for full funding; and
- reported on the status of the school site selection process.

Assemblymember Colver:

- commented that every year one of the schools from the Talkeetna area are on the list of potential budget cuts;
- stated that he will not let the taxes increase and then have schools cut;
- opined that Trapper Creek Elementary School needs to be removed from the list of potential budget cuts;

- stated that Trapper Creek is part of the Borough and all of the children deserve a good education;
- noted that the Borough has been fully funding the School District for the past several years;
- voiced concerns that even though the School District has been fully funded that they still may want to close Trapper Creek Elementary School or cut the custodians down to 75 percent; and
- requested that administration obtain a list of the School District Administration's salaries.

Mayor Anderson inquired how the Borough would address the School District funding in the budget.

Mr. Duffy:

- replied that the Borough would follow the funding procedure in code; and
- stated that it would be up to the Assembly to give additional funds to the School District.

2. Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Mayor Anderson stated that there has not been a meeting held since the last report.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

Mr. Duffy:

- reported that the Borough has received final approval from the Alaska State Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Environmental Health, for the operation of the extension of the public water system and wastewater disposal system for Houston High School;
- noted that the Alaska State Department of Natural Resources has notified the Borough that the proposed re-offer of the eastern portion of the Old Chase Remote staking area under a new staking program, Remote Recreational Cabin Sites;
- stated that the Planning Department will be notifying community councils of the proposal for this site;
- reported that the Alaska Supreme Court recently ruled that the Alaska Railroad Corporation is subject to local zoning laws;
- commented that the Borough is continuing to monitor the noise at Fishhead's Bar and Grill; and
- noted that the Borough has begun to take action on adult-oriented business activity at Fishhead's Bar and Gill.

1. State/Federal Legislation

Mr. Duffy:

- discussed his recent trip to Washington D.C.;
- stated that he reviewed the Borough projects and related issues with the new federal lobbyist;
- stated that he is scheduled to visit Juneau on April 15th and has meetings set with Representatives Stoltze, Harris, and Masek and Senators Green and Ogan; and

- noted that he recently had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Zimmerman and Mr. Ekstrom of Evergreen Resources, Inc., to discuss ways of improving communication between the Borough and Evergreen Resources, Inc.

Assemblymember Simpson inquired when the omnibus for federal appropriations will be coming forward.

Mr. Duffy replied that he has been told that the transportation bill will hopefully pass the first week of June and that the remainder of the bills will follow the regular process, with passage in September or October.

Assemblymember Simpson queried when the funding for the 2004 summer construction of substandard roads would be available.

Mr. Duffy:

- replied that the Borough is currently waiting for documents from the Alaska State Department of Transportation, which will hopefully be completed by the end of the month; and
- noted that once the Borough receives legislation will be brought to the assembly accepting and appropriating the funds.

Assemblymember Allen:

- stated that Senator Murkowski and Representative Young will be in the Borough next week;
- queried if the Borough had arranged a meeting with them; and
- stated that Lisa Sutherland will be in the Borough in May and that it is important that the Borough arrange a meeting with her.

Mr. Duffy replied that Administration has not received confirmation for meetings at this time.

Assemblymember Colver inquired if the Borough has received any information on the funding of trails.

Mr. Duffy:

- replied that he met with Senator Stevens on trail funding; and
- stated that Senator Stevens encouraged the Borough to develop a request for trails and destinations in the Palmer-Wasilla area that could be marketed to both guided tour groups and independent travelers.

Assemblymember Colver inquired if having a federal lobbyist is making a difference.

Mr. Duffy replied that the federal lobbyist has developed strong relationships with the delegation and will be very beneficial to the Borough.

Mayor Anderson stated that the Borough will benefit greatly with the assistance of the federal lobbyist.

(The regular meeting recessed at 6:55 p.m. and reconvened at 7:10 p.m.)

VII. SPECIAL ORDERS (to begin at 7 p.m.) *(The special orders will be teleconferenced to the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Ave., Palmer, Alaska)*

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. 04-028: AN ORDINANCE CREATING BARRA LOOP ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 390, 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.

- a. IM No. 04-042

Ms. Clayton recommended that the Assembly deny passage of this legislation, as it did not meet the requirements of code.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-028.

Assemblymember Colver spoke to the possibility of using a process for local improvement districts, similar to the city of Wasilla.

VOTE: The motion failed unanimously.

2. Ordinance Serial No. 04-029: AN ORDINANCE CREATING COUNTRY FIELD CIRCLE ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 392, 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.

- a. IM No. 04-047

Ms. Clayton recommended adoption of the legislation.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-029.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

3. Ordinance Serial No. 04-030: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE DISCOVERY BAY AREA ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 375 AND ESTABLISHING THE METHOD OF TERMINATING ASSESSMENTS AND MAKING REFUNDS TO PROPERTY OWNERS.
 - a. Ordinance Serial No. 04-031: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS FOR THE DISCOVERY BAY AREA ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 375, AND FIXING DETAILS OF SAID BONDS.
 - (1) IM No. 04-048

Ms. Clayton:

- reported that legislation is a confirmation of the assessment roll;
- noted that the construction of the improvements were recently completed; and
- stated that this is the final step in the process.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-030 and Ordinance Serial No. 04-031.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 04-031 to strike the interest rate of 5.439 percent and to insert 5.609 percent.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The motion as amended passed without objection.

4. Ordinance Serial No. 04-032: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE WEATHERVANE CIRCLE ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 376 AND ESTABLISHING THE METHOD OF TERMINATING ASSESSMENTS AND MAKING REFUNDS TO PROPERTY OWNERS.
 - a. Ordinance Serial No. 04-033: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS FOR THE WEATHERVANE CIRCLE ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 376, AND FIXING DETAILS OF SAID BONDS.
 - (1) IM No. 04-049

Ms. Clayton:

- reported that the legislation is a confirmation of the assessment roll;
- noted that the construction of the improvements were recently completed; and
- advised that this is the final step in the process.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bush moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-032 and Ordinance Serial No. 04-033.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bush moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 04-033 to strike the interest rate of 5.439 percent and to insert 5.609 percent.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The motion as amended passed without objection.

5. Ordinance Serial No. 04-034: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE WILLOW, CROWBERRY, AND BIRCH DRIVE AREA ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 377 AND ESTABLISHING THE METHOD OF TERMINATING ASSESSMENTS AND MAKING REFUNDS TO PROPERTY OWNERS.
 - a. Ordinance Serial No. 04-035: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$170,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS FOR THE WILLOW, CROWBERRY, AND BIRCH DRIVE AREA ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 377, AND FIXING DETAILS OF SAID BONDS.
 - (1) IM No. 04-050

Ms. Clayton:

- reported that the legislation is a confirmation of the assessment roll;
- noted that the construction of the improvements were recently completed; and
- advised that this is the final step in the process.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

The following person stated that the roads for this local improvement district were not constructed to Borough standards: Mr. William Saxton.

There being no others present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-034 and Ordinance Serial No. 04-035.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 04-035 to strike the interest rate of 5.439 percent and to insert 5.609 percent.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Assemblymember Colberg asked if the staff has a response to whether or not the roads meet Borough standards.

Mr. Duffy:

- replied that he would research the roads construction standard; and
- noted that roads in some of the older subdivisions may not have been able to meet certain requirements.

Assemblymember Colberg asked what would be the consequence of postponing action on this legislation.

Ms. Clayton:

- replied that the Borough would have to re-notice the residents, and
- stated that there could be a possible change in the interest rate.

Assemblymember Vehrs inquired into the Borough's course of action if the roads are substandard.

Mr. Duffy replied that the roads are under warranty.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 04-034 and Ordinance Serial No. 04-035 to a time certain of April 20, 2004.

VOTE: The motion to postpone to April 20, 2004, passed without objection.

6. Ordinance Serial No. 04-049: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE TALKEETNA LAKES RECREATION AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND OFFICIALLY NAMING THE AREA THE TALKEETNA LAKES PARK.
 - a. IM No. 04-055

Mr. Swanson reported that the plan involved extensive public input.

Mr. Chris Beck, representative of Agnew Beck Consulting/Land Design North:

- explained the process of developing the Talkeetna Lakes Recreation Area Management Plan;
- reviewed the main goals of the plan; and
- discussed the management and implementation of the plan.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 04-049: Ms. Pamela Robinson, Mr. Roger Robinson, Ms. Sandy Kogl, Ms. Cari Sayre, Mr. Chris Mannix, Mr. Dave Johnson, Mr. Jim Graupmann, Mr. Joe Page, Ms. Ruth Wood, Mr. Rick Ernst, Mr. Arthur Mannix Ms. Julia Crocetto, Ms. Karen Mannix, Ms. Meg Perdue, Mr. John Strassenburg, Ms. Ellen Wolfe, and Mr. Michael Wood.

There being no others present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-049.

Assemblymembers Vehrs and Colver spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 04-049.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

7. Ordinance Serial No. 04-050: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE TALKEETNA RIVERFRONT PARK LAND USE PLAN AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.
 - a. IM No. 04-078

Mr. Swanson reported that this plan was obtained by the community of Talkeetna and that the Talkeetna Community Council led the planning efforts for the project.

Mr. Chris Beck, representative of Agnew Beck Consulting/Land Design North:

- stated that the Talkeetna Riverfront Park Land Use Plan has a diverse set of users;
- explained the process of developing the plan; and
- reviewed the community goals for the riverfront.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 04-050: Ms. Sandy Kogl; Ms. Pamela Robinson; Mr. Dave Johnson; Mr. Roger Robinson; Ms. Ruth Wood, Ms. Rose Jenne; and Ms. Mandy Hartley.

There being no others present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-050.

Assemblymember Vehrs thanked all of those who worked on and supported the plan.

Assemblymember Bush spoke in support of the legislation.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

8. Ordinance Serial No. 04-051: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$36,117 OF INTEREST EARNINGS ON THE 2001 SERIES A GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS TO FUND 400, SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS, PROJECT NO. 40138 FOR PAVING NORTH GULKANA STREET AND EAST EAGLE AVENUE.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 04-045: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PALMER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$98,155.20 FOR THE PAVING OF NORTH GULKANA STREET, EAST EAGLE AVENUE, AND NORTH VALLEY WAY.
 - (1) IM No. 04-045

Mr. Duffy provided a staff report.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Allen moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-051 and Resolution Serial No. 04-045.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

9. Ordinance Serial No. 04-052: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$120,000 FROM THE NON-AREAWIDE FUND BALANCE, FUND 200, TO FUND 480, FOR A LANDFILL SEQUENCING PLAN AND EVALUATION OF CLOSURE COST OBLIGATIONS, PROJECT NO. 25045.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 04-046: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR PROJECT NO. 25045, LANDFILL SEQUENCING PLAN AND CLOSURE COST OBLIGATIONS EVALUATION.
 - (1) IM No. 04-066

Mr. Goodale reported that this legislation is to update the sequencing plan at the Central Landfill.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-052 and Resolution Serial No. 04-046.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

(The regular meeting recessed at 8:35 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m.)

10. Ordinance Serial No. 04-053: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING NEW PROCEDURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN AREAWIDE ROAD DUST CONTROL PROGRAM FOR AIR POLLUTION CONTROL.

a. IM No. 04-073

Mr. Duffy provided a staff report.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-053.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to subsection (C)(1)(b), end of the first sentence to add the phrase: “or is a main access route serving a single subdivision”, to read: “For purposes of this matrix, a collector is defined as serving or having the potential of serving more than one subdivision, or is a main access route serving a single subdivision.”

Assemblymember Colver spoke in support of the amendment.

Assemblymember Simpson inquired if administration supported the amendment.

Mr. Duffy acknowledged support of the amendment.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to subsection (F)(7), to insert the sentence, “Notwithstanding, if a paving LID has been approved prior to adoption of the project AM, the project will be added to the approved project list and provided with available matching funds.”

Assemblymember Colver stated that he would like to see these projects completed faster.

Assemblymember Simpson inquired if administration supported the amendment.

Mr. Duffy acknowledged support of the amendment.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to subsection (H), to insert paragraph (1), to read: “(1) If a cost overrun, delay, or other problem occurs with an approved project, the Public Works Department will notify, advise, and consult with the appropriate assembly member representing the area where the project is located before taking administrative action to delay or cancel a project.”

Assemblymember Colver stated that this amendment will require the Public Works Department to keep the appropriate Assembly members apprised of projects in their districts.

Assemblymember Colberg asked Assemblymember Colver to clarify the intent of the term “consult”.

Assemblymember Colver reiterated that the amendment is meant to keep Assembly members aware of the projects in their district.

Assemblymember Simpson inquired if administration supported the amendment.

Mr. Duffy replied that administration supported the increase in communication.

Discussion ensued regarding the amendment.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved a secondary amendment to strike “advise, and consult with the appropriate assembly member representing the area where the project is located.” If adopted, he amendment would read: “(1) If a cost overrun, delay, or other problem occurs with an approved project, the Public Works Department will notify the assembly before taking administrative action to delay or cancel a project.”

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved a secondary amendment to insert “immediately” before the word “notify”.

VOTE: The secondary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Colver, Allen, and Kvalheim in support.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved the previous question (stop debate).

VOTE: The motion to stop debate passed without objection.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed as amended without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to subsection (I), at the end of the subsection, to insert the language, “or additional funds may be provided from the service area, other sources, or dust control funds if available. The Public Works Department will notify the assembly before reducing funding for a project.”

Assemblymember Colver spoke to the amendment.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to subsection (C)(1)(d) to strike 25 percent and insert 50 percent.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion as amended passed without objection.

11. Ordinance Serial No. 04-054: AN ORDINANCE CLASSIFYING SIX PARCELS OF LAND AND APPROVING LANDS FOR SALE AND RETENTION IN THE UPPER SUSITNA AREA.

a. IM No. 04-075

Mr. Ron Swanson discussed the recommended classification for the six parcels.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in support of the classification of Parcel 04-066: Ms. Nancy Shellmore.

The following persons spoke in support of the classification of parcels 04-078, 04-079, 04-080, and 04-081 as “public recreation lands”: Ms. Becky Long, Ms. Pamela Robinson, Mr. Dave Johnson, Mr. John Strassenburg, and Mr. Rick Ernst.

The following person spoke in support of classifying parcels 04-078, 04-079, and 04-085 as “public recreation lands”: Ms. Ruth Wood, Talkeetna Community Council Chair.

The following persons spoke in support of parcel 04-085 being classified as “public recreation lands”: Mr. Billy Fitzgerald and Mr. Bill Holton.

The following person spoke in support of parcel 04-081 being classified as “public recreation lands”: Mr. Richard Leo.

The following person spoke in favor of classifying parcel 04-085 as public recreation lands: Mr. Joe Ripkin.

The following person spoke in support of classifying parcels 04-078, 04-079, 04-080, 04-081, and 04-085 as “public recreation lands”: Mr. Zak Plummer.

There being no others present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-054.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved a primary amendment to strike the title of section 2, “appropriation source”, and insert the title **Classification, sale, and retention** and to insert the words **sale and retention** to the section 2 language to read: “The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly hereby approves the classification, sale, and

retention of lands as follows:”

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to divide the question to address the six parcels of land separately.

VOTE: The motion to divide the question passed without objection.

MOTION: First segment of the motion: To approve the classification of parcel 03-066 as “general purpose lands.”

VOTE: The first segment, to approve the classification of parcel 03-066 as “general purpose lands,” passed without objection.

MOTION: Second segment of the motion: To approve the classification of parcel 03-078 and parcel 03-079 as “public recreation lands.”

VOTE: The second segment, to approve the classification of parcel 03-078 and parcel 03-079 as “public recreation lands,” passed without objection.

MOTION: Third segment of the motion: To approve the classification of parcel 03-080 as “public recreation lands.”

VOTE: The third segment of the motion, to approve the classification of parcel 03-080 as “public recreation lands,” passed without objection.

MOTION: Fourth segment of the motion: To approve the classification of parcel 03-081 as “private recreation lands.”

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved a primary amendment to strike “private recreation lands” and insert “public recreation lands”.

Assemblymember Bush spoke in opposition.

Assemblymember Vehrs stated that classification would be contiguous with the surrounding parcels.

VOTE: The amendment passed with Assemblymembers Bush, Allen, and Colberg opposed.

VOTE: The fourth segment of the motion, to approve the classification of parcel 03-081 as “public recreation lands,” passed as amended without objection.

MOTION: Fifth segment of the motion: To approve the classification of parcel 03-085 as “residential lands” and “public recreation lands.”

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved a primary amendment to strike “residential lands.”

VOTE: The primary amendment passed with Assemblymembers Bush, Allen, and Colberg opposed.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to reconsider Ordinance Serial No. 04-054.

VOTE: The motion to reconsider failed unanimously.

12. Ordinance Serial No. 04-055: AN ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$4,582.95 FROM FUND 420, LANDFILL CAPITAL PROJECTS, TO FUND 480, NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS, FOR THE CENTRAL LANDFILL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 25044.

a. Resolution Serial No. 04-047: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE CENTRAL LANDFILL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 25044.

(1) IM No. 04-077

Mr. Goodale provided a staff report.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-055 and Resolution Serial No. 04-047.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

13. Ordinance Serial No. 04-056: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$36,388 FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES FOR THE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) AND THE OFFICIAL STREETS AND HIGHWAYS PLAN (OSHP) UPDATE, FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 20280.

a. Resolution Serial No. 04-048: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND OFFICIAL STREETS AND HIGHWAY PLAN UPDATES, AND AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES FOR THIS PROJECT.

(1) IM No. 04-079

Mr. O’Brien provided a staff report.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-056 and Resolution Serial No. 04-048.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

14. Ordinance Serial No. 04-057: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 2.29.010 TO CHANGE THE COMPOSITION OF THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS.
 - a. IM No. 04-081

Ms. McGehee stated that this would increase the number of hearing officers from three to five.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-057.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following persons spoke in support of the community schools program: Ms. Kathleen Fleming, Ms. Cari Sayre, Mr. Dave Johnson, Mr. Jim Graupmann, Dr. Donna Dearman, Ms. Karen Mannix, Mr. Larry Dearman, Mr. Jack McDonald, and Ms. Ruth Wood.

The following person thanked the Mayor for taking documentation to Representative Young in support of veterans and asked Assembly write a resolution in support of United States House of Representatives Bill 303: Mr. James Skinner.

The following persons spoke in support of the community schools program and encouraged continued effort to protect the quality of life in regards to coal bed methane development: Ms. Sandy Kogl and Ms. Pamela Robinson.

The following person commended the assembly for seeking funds to do a culvert assessment on certain streams and spoke to other streams that need to be corrected: Mr. George Wagner.

The following persons spoke regarding ice time allocation for the ice rinks within the Borough: Ms. Margie Hall, Mr. Jess Seward, and Mr. Rich Ketterman.

The following person spoke in opposition of appointing Mark Masteller to the Planning Commission: Ms. Annette Harpster.

The following person spoke regarding Assemblymember Vehrs presentation on coal bed methane and discussed coal bed methane in the San Juan Basin: Ms. Cory Feige, representative for Evergreen Resources, Inc.

The following person asked that Assemblymember Vehrs give her presentation on coal bed methane at the next Assembly meeting and stated that the public should have been given the opportunity to testify for Resolution Serial No. 04-057: Ms. Jean Woods.

Mayor Anderson informed Ms. Woods that Resolution Serial No. 04-057 was pulled from the agenda.

The following persons spoke in support of a community schools program and addressed concerns regarding the potential impacts of coal bed methane: Mr. Allen Kingsburg and Mr. Zak Plummer.

The following person spoke in support of a community schools program and discussed changing borough procedures for classifying and selling public land: Mr. John Strassenburg.

(The regular meeting recessed at 10:40 p.m. and reconvened at 10:45 p.m.)

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Ms. Williams reported that she anticipated a draft noise and vibration ordinance will be brought before the Assembly by the May 4, 2004, regular Assembly meeting.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McGehee:

- reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule for April and May;
- stated that Ms. Case has continued to work on the Assembly webpage and that the Assembly agenda on the Internet now includes active links from the titles of the public hearings and introductions to the full text of each piece of legislation;
- noted that the records inventory and purge project is continuing with great success; and
- commented that a memorandum from Ms. Clayton regarding the Assembly use of licensed and insured commercial or charter aircraft carries has been included in the Clerk's report.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:
 - a. Animal Care and Regulation Board: 02/09/04

The citizen and other correspondence were presented and no comments were noted.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to extend the meeting past 11 p.m., but no later than 12 midnight.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(There was no unfinished business.)

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTION (For public hearing - 04/20/04, 7 p.m., Borough Assembly Chambers)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 04-069: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$1,679,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TO FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 45131, FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE SPRUCE BARK BEETLE WILDFIRE HAZARD MITIGATION PROJECT.

a. Resolution Serial No. 04-053: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, PROJECT NO. 45131, FUND 480, FOR SPRUCE BARK BEETLE WILDFIRE HAZARD MITIGATION PROJECT.

(1) IM No. 04-065

2. Ordinance Serial No. 04-070: AN ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$68,500 FROM FUND 277, BIG LAKE ROAD SERVICE AREA, TO FUND 410, PROJECT NO. 35273, ROAD SERVICE AREA NO. 21 PAVING THE SUSITNA PARKWAY AND BEAVER LAKE ROAD.

a. IM No. 04-092

3. Ordinance Serial No. 04-071: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE JORDAN LAKE PARCEL MANAGEMENT PLAN WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE BIG LAKE AREA.

a. IM No. 04-093

4. Ordinance Serial No. 04-072: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 24.30.040, ANIMAL CARE AND REGULATION BOARD HEARINGS.

(Sponsor: Assemblymember Vehrs)

a. IM No. 04-094

5. Ordinance Serial No. 04-073: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$25,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, AND \$13,000 FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, DIVISION OF WATER, TO FUND 410, PROJECT NO. 30086, CULVERT INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT PROJECT.

- a. Resolution Serial No. 04-054: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE CULVERT INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 30086.
 - (1) IM No. 04-095

- 6. Ordinance Serial No. 04-074: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$96,945 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, TO FUND 410, PROJECT NO. 30087, FISH PASSAGE CONSTRUCTION PHASE II PROJECT.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 04-055: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE FISH PASSAGE CONSTRUCTION PHASE II PROJECT, PROJECT NO. 30087.
 - (1) IM No. 04-098

- 7. Ordinance Serial No. 04-075: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB TITLE 25, ELECTIONS.
 - a. IM No. 04-099

- 8. Ordinance Serial No. 04-076: AN ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$35,000 FROM FUND 203, LAND MANAGEMENT FUND, ASSET MANAGEMENT DIVISION TO FUND 480, PROJECT NO. 45159 FOR THE STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION AND AMERICORPS SUMMER 2004 WORK PROJECTS.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 04-056: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION AND AMERICORPS CREWS FOR THE SUMMER 2004 WORK SEASON.
 - (1) IM No. 04-101
 - (2) AM No. 04-069: AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,485 WITH THE STUDENT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION FOR WORK ON THE PIONEER RIDGE KNIK RIVER TRAIL AND OTHER TRAIL PROJECTS WITHIN THE BOROUGH AND INCLUDED IN THE BOROUGH'S RECREATIONAL TRAILS PLAN.

- B. INTRODUCTION (For public hearing - 05/04/04, 7 p.m., Borough Assembly Chambers)
 - 1. Ordinance Serial No. 04-059: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE MCCORMICK LANE AND MCADOO WAY ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 372 AND ESTABLISHING THE METHOD OF TERMINATING ASSESSMENTS AND MAKING REFUNDS TO PROPERTY OWNERS.
 - a. Ordinance Serial No. 04-064: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$34,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS FOR THE MCCORMICK LANE AND MCADOO WAY ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 372, AND FIXING DETAILS OF SAID BONDS.
 - (1) IM No. 04-087

2. Ordinance Serial No. 04-060: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE DOWNWIND AND UPDRAFT CIRCLE ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 379 AND ESTABLISHING THE METHOD OF TERMINATING ASSESSMENTS AND MAKING REFUNDS TO PROPERTY OWNERS.
 - a. Ordinance Serial No. 04-065: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$42,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS FOR THE DOWNWIND AND UPDRAFT CIRCLE ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 379, AND FIXING DETAILS OF SAID BONDS.
 - (1) IM No. 04-088
3. Ordinance Serial No. 04-061: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE ALDER DRIVE/COTTONWOOD SHORES ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 381 AND ESTABLISHING THE METHOD OF TERMINATING ASSESSMENTS AND MAKING REFUNDS TO PROPERTY OWNERS.
 - a. Ordinance Serial No. 04-066: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS FOR THE ALDER DRIVE/COTTONWOOD SHORES ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 381, AND FIXING DETAILS OF SAID BONDS.
 - (1) IM No. 04-089
4. Ordinance Serial No. 04-062: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE LUTHER AVENUE ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 382 AND ESTABLISHING THE METHOD OF TERMINATING ASSESSMENTS AND MAKING REFUNDS TO PROPERTY OWNERS.
 - a. Ordinance Serial No. 04-067: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$28,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS FOR THE LUTHER AVENUE ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 382, AND FIXING DETAILS OF SAID BONDS.
 - (1) IM No. 04-090
5. Ordinance Serial No. 04-063: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE LANI DRIVE ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 384 AND ESTABLISHING THE METHOD OF TERMINATING ASSESSMENTS AND MAKING REFUNDS TO PROPERTY OWNERS.
 - a. Ordinance Serial No. 04-068: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$23,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS FOR THE LANI DRIVE ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 384, AND FIXING DETAILS OF SAID BONDS.
 - (1) IM No. 04-091

Ms. McGehee read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearings for April 20, 2004, and May 4, 2004, respectively.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. CONSENT AGENDA

(AM No. 04-038 was pulled from the consent agenda and addressed separately. *See pp. 23-24 of 25*)

1. RESOLUTIONS

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

- b. AM No. 04-053: THE VACATION OF THE NORTH 13 FEET OF THE 33-FOOT SECTION LINE EASEMENT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF LOT 1, HARDISTY'S WASILLA LAKE SUBDIVISION, LOCATED WITHIN SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, LOCATED OUTSIDE OF ANY COMMUNITY COUNCIL.
- c. AM No. 04-054: THE VACATION OF THE 33-FOOT SECTION LINE EASEMENT ON THE EAST SIDE OF LOT 1, HARDISTY'S WASILLA LAKE SUBDIVISION, LOCATED WITHIN SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, LOCATED OUTSIDE OF ANY COMMUNITY COUNCIL.
- d. AM No. 04-055: THE VACATION OF A 35-FOOT BY 6-FOOT KEYHOLE PORTION OF THE SECTION LINE EASEMENT AND AN 85-FOOT BY 19-FOOT PORTION OF AN ADJACENT PATENT RESERVATION EASEMENT LOCATED NEAR THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF GOVERNMENT LOT 6 (TAX PARCEL A8) LOCATED IN SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, IN THE BIG LAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.
- e. AM No. 04-056: THE VACATION OF THE 33-FOOT SECTION LINE EASEMENT OF SECTION 16 AS IT CROSSES LOT 1, 2, 3, AND 7, BLOCK 5 OF WELLINGFIELD EAST SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, IN THE GATEWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.
- f. AM No. 04-058: THE ELIMINATION OF A 15-FOOT UTILITY EASEMENT ALONG THE NORTHERLY AND EASTERLY BOUNDARY OF TRACT A BEST VIEW SUBDIVISION, LOCATED IN SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, IN THE GATEWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.

- g. AM No. 04-060: RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF DISABLED VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR ROGER C. TABOR ON TAX ACCOUNT NO. 9019000U007A FOR TAX YEARS 2002 AND 2003.
- h. AM No. 04-064: AWARD OF BID NO. 04-116 TO SERVICE OIL AND GAS, INC., IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$17,846.50 FOR THE LITTLE MEADOW CREEK MULTI-PLATE STRUCTURE SUPPLY AND PURCHASE CONTRACT.
- i. AM No. 04-065: AWARD OF BID NO. 04-086 TO PIERCE MANUFACTURING IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$108,052 FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE LIGHT DUTY RESCUE APPARATUS VEHICLE.
- j. AM No. 04-066: APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDED STAFF CHANGES TO THE GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) DIVISION.
- k. AM No. 04-067: AUTHORIZATION OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 OF CONTRACT NO. 04-057 TO ACUMEN INFORMATION SERVICES, INC., FOR THE TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$23,395 FOR THE DIGITAL REPRODUCTION OF MYLAR PLATS.
- l. AM No. 04-068: AWARD OF BID NO. 04-115 TO AEROMAP U.S. FOR THE CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$23,550 FOR AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY, MAPPING, AND VOLUME CALCULATIONS FOR THE CENTRAL LANDFILL.

Ms. McGehee read the consent agenda into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the Clerk.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

- a. AM No. 04-038: APPROVAL OF THE ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR CAPITAL PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR SUMMER 2004.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to approve AM No. 04-038.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to insert “Red Fox Dr., Scotwood Dr., Grizzly Bear Dr., Artic Fox Dr., Wards Rd., and Sands Dr. (apply to the entire length of Sands Dr.)” under Road Service Area No. 28, item 5.

Assemblymember Colver stated that this will make more specific the roads for the calcium chloride application.

Assemblymember Simpson inquired if the road service area board of supervisors approved the roads.

Assemblymember Colver stated that the road service area board of supervisors has not approved the roads and that he had the road references included in his notes.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The motion as amended passed without objection.

D. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Anderson made the following recommendations:

Board of Adjustment and Appeals

Patty Hurt

Andrew Robinson

Board of Equalization

Jerry Moses

Board of Ethics

Amanda Browne

Emergency Medical Services Board

John Akers

Historical Preservation Commission

Randall Lorenz

Bonnie Quill

Office of Administrative Hearings

Tara Logsdon

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board

Dewey Taylor

Planning Commission

Mark Masteller

Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Robert Stasco

Patty Hendrickson

Greater Talkeetna Road Service Area No. 29

George Wagner

Mayor Anderson requested the following confirmation of resignations:

Board of Equalization

Resignation of Vince Coan

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board

Resignation of Pam Sadloske

Site Selection Committee – Borough Area School

David Webster

Talkeetna Fire Service Area No. 24

Hans Tolber

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments and resignations up for confirmation this evening.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

E. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

1. PROCEDURES TO ACQUIRE LAND FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES

Assemblymember Colver:

- stated that the Borough has to go through a cumbersome process to acquire land;
- opined that the Borough needs a more simple process for acquiring land in certain instances , such as adjoining property; and
- asked administration to present the Assembly with some options.

Assemblymember Allen remarked that it would be a good idea to have a process in place for special circumstances.

XI. RECONSIDERATION

(There were no reconsiderations.)

XII. VETO

(There were no vetoes.)

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(There was no executive session.)

XIV. MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Assemblymember Simpson thanked Ms. Case for the interactive agenda on the website.

Assemblymember Allen:

- thanked the community of Talkeetna for hosting the meeting;
- stated that it is important for the community to be able to use the school, which is often the hub of the community in small areas,
- expressed his disappointment that the draft ordinance for coal bed methane was handed out before the Assembly had a chance to review the document; and
- asked that the Assembly hold work sessions to review this document.

Assemblymember Vehrs:

- stated that there is \$39,000 that the school district has not used to fund community schools;

- directed the manager to draft a resolution in support of United States House of Representatives Bill 303; and
- requested the Manager create a non-lapsing project fund for the FY04 community school's funding in the amount of \$ 39,000.

Assemblymember Kvalheim thanked the community of Talkeetna for hosting the meeting.

Assemblymember Colver:

- asked the Clerk to add the petition process for local improvement districts to the tracking report; and
- stated that at the joint Assembly/Planning Commission/Platting Board meeting he requested that a work session be scheduled to discuss development permits and policy directives.

Mayor Anderson:

- thanked the community of Talkeetna for being a great host;
- stated that Talkeetna is setting a good example for many areas of the Borough to follow;
- discussed his trip to Washington D.C. ; and
- noted that he will be attending the AML Spring Legislative Fly-in next week.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

/S/

TIMOTHY L. ANDERSON, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

/S/

SANDRA A. DILLON, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: April 20, 2004