

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on April 24, 2008, at the Central Mat-Su Public Safety Building, 101 W. Swanson Avenue, Wasilla, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mayor Curtis D. Menard for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the budget.

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:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Ms. Amanda E. Charles, Executive Assistant to the Borough Clerk
Ms. Joell Church, Records Management Officer
Ms. Cheyenne Heindel, Financial Analyst
Ms. Marian Romano, Assistant Borough Manager
Mr. Bill Klebesadel, Project Management and Engineering Division Manager

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.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Cheryl Metiva, Executive Director of the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Ordinance Serial No. 08-008: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONIES FROM THE CENTRAL TREASURY FOR THE BOROUGH OPERATING FUNDS,

ENTERPRISE FUNDS, AND CAPTIAL FUNDS AND ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF LEVY FOR ALL BOROUGH FUNCTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2008, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2009.

Mayor Menard opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in favor of additional positions in the Assessments Division: Ms. Jennifer Carper.

The following person spoke in favor of additional positions for the Office of Information Technologies: Ms. Rhonda Zak.

The following person spoke regarding funding for Lake Lucille Park, the funding formula for the Mat-Su Visitors Bureau (MSCVB), in support of the Hatcher Pass Ski Area development, and in support of a Borough Convention Center: Ms. Cheryl Metiva, Executive Director of the Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau.

The following person spoke regarding full funding for the School District: Ms. Allison Wright.

The following person spoke in opposition to raising the mill levy: Mr. Bill Spencer.

The following person spoke regarding financial responsibility and decreasing the budget: Mr. Mark Greg.

The following person spoke regarding funding for the MSCVB: Ms. Bonnie Quill, Director of the MSCVB.

There being no others present who wished to testify, Mayor Menard continued the budget public hearing to April 29, 2008.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATIONS

(There was no one present who wished to speak.)

VIII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Duffy requested that all comments about the budget be directed to Administration so that they could be addressed.

Ms. McKechnie asked the Assembly if they would like to schedule a work session regarding bonding for roads.

Assemblymember Bettine requested the work session take place on May 20, 2008, at 4 p.m.

There was no objection noted.

Assemblymember Bettine requested a meeting be scheduled regarding Ordinance Serial No. 08-008 on May 8, 2008, at 6 p.m.

There was no objection noted.

MOTION: Assemblymember Church moved to bring AM No. 08-036 forward for action on May 1, 2008.

There was no objection noted.

Assemblymember Kvalheim thanked the public for their attendance.

Assemblymember Church:

- thanked the public for their attendance; and
- requested feedback from the public regarding the fiscal year 2009 budget.

Assemblymember Woods:

- expressed her appreciation for the public's comments;
- stated that the budget is online for the public's use; and
- asked the public to review the budget and to bring forward suggestions.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- thanked everyone for their attendance at the meeting;
- requested the list of the Assembly priorities, that was referred to in Mr. Duffy's budget presentation, be provided;
- spoke regarding the State's budget; and
- expressed her desire to fully evaluate the budget before adoption.

Assemblymember Wells:

- spoke regarding his attendance at the MSCVB meeting on April 24, 2008; and
- requested a briefing on the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund presentation from the Manager.

Mayor Menard thanked everyone for their attendance and input at the meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

ATTEST:

CURTIS D. MENARD, Borough Mayor

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 05/06/08