

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on May 13, 2003, at 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 for the purpose of holding the second public hearing on Ordinance Serial No. 03-003.

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) (*Arrived at 7:07 p.m.*)
Ms. Kelly Ladere, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Sandra A. Dillon, CMC, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Ms. Teresa Williams, Borough Attorney
Ms. Michelle M. McGehee, Deputy Borough Clerk
Mr. Jim Swing, Public Works Director
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Mr. Ron Swanson, Community Development Director

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

The agenda was approved as presented.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by School Board Member Robert Wells.

V. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. PUBLIC HEARING (Three minutes per person.)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 03-003: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONIES FROM THE CENTRAL TREASURY AND ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF LEVY FOR ALL BOROUGH FUNCTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2003, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2004.

The following persons spoke in favor of funding the Valley Center for Recycling Solutions to the same amount as funded in the previous fiscal year budget: Mollie Boyer, Rita McNeal, Janet Aslin, Michelle Church for Friends of Mat-Su, Charlotte Sartor, Ken Slauson, and Linda Sloan.

The following persons spoke in favor of funding for the Mat-Su Youth Court: Sandy Lane, Heather Sheldon, Lisa Albert Konecky, and Michelle Church.

The following persons spoke in favor of full funding to the school district: Sheila Dickman; Diane Morris, and Barbara Morris.

The following person spoke in favor of funding for the organization "Stop the Overpopulation of Pets": Lori Jo Oswald.

There being no others who wished to present testimony, the public hearing closed.

(The special meeting recessed at 7:50 p.m. and reconvened at 7 p.m.)

Mayor Anderson noted that the Legislature will adjourn on May 21, 2003, and that discussion of the FY04 budget would be addressed as unfinished business at the May 22, 2003, special assembly meeting at 6 p.m.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colberg moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 03-003 to a time certain of May 22, 2003.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

(There were no persons present who wished to testify.)

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Dillon:

- asked members of the Assembly to contact her if they had any amendments to the budget prior to May 21, 2003; and
- stated that she would be meeting with Ms. Clayton on May 21, 2003, to clarify the amendments.

Mr. Duffy:

- advised regarding a fire in Willow; and
- stated that the administration would be working with the Butte Community Council to come up with a multi-faceted approach to public safety concerns and an awareness campaign.

Assemblymember Simpson:

- spoke to the school district's emergency request for waiver of the site selection process for the Mid-Valley High School;
- noted that the district had not provided information regarding why the situation was an emergency; and
- stated that she would like to see a special meeting called on May 16, 2003, at 1 p.m., to address the request.

At this time, Mayor Anderson called a special meeting on May 16, 2003, at 1 p.m., to address the emergency request for waiver of the site selection process for the Mid-Valley High School.

Assemblymember Simpson stated that she would again ask the district for information previously requested.

(Assemblymember Colver entered the meeting at this time.)

Assemblymember Colberg noted that he would not be able to attend the May 16, 2003, special meeting.

Assemblymember Bush invited member of the Assembly to join him Saturday, May 17, 2003, for his plow day.

Assemblymember Colver spoke to funding the school district to the cap.

Mayor Anderson:

- asked for the results of the "Bumper Drag";
- noted his participation today at the military appreciation luncheon at Evangelos;
- informed that he signed a proclamation in honor of Military Appreciation Week;
- reminded that a celebration will be held this Saturday in Wasilla at the Veteran's Wall of Honor; and
- spoke to his and the administration's attendance in Juneau this coming week as the Legislature wraps up the session.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.