

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on May 23, 2007, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Lynne Woods for the purpose of addressing Ordinance Serial No. 07-007 and Ordinance Serial No. 07-054, adoption of the budget.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Lynne Woods, Assembly District No. 1 (*Deputy Mayor*)  
Mr. Bill Allen, Assembly District No. 2  
Ms. Michelle Church, Assembly District No. 3  
Ms. Mary Kvalheim, Assembly District No. 4  
Ms. Cindy Bettine, Assembly District No. 5  
Mr. Rob Wells, Assembly District No. 6  
Mr. Tom Kluberton Assembly District No. 7 (*arrived at 6:28 p.m.*)

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, Borough Clerk (*teleconferenced*)  
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager  
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney  
Ms. Amanda Charles, Executive Secretary to the Borough Clerk  
Ms. Sharon Huckins, Administrative Assistant I  
Ms. Marian Romano, Assistant Borough Manager  
Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director  
Mr. Dave Hansen,  
Mr. Marc Van Dongen, Port Director  
Mr. Dave Allison, Chief Animal Care and Regulation Officer  
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director  
Ms. Cheyenne Heindel, Revenue and Budget Manager  
Mr. Dennis Brodigan, Emergency Services Director  
Mr. Murph O'Brien, Planning and Land Use Director  
Mr. Ron Swanson, Community Development Director  
Mr. Keith Rountree, Public Works Director

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Deputy Mayor Woods inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved without objection.

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Mary Ann Cockle, a member of the audience.

## **V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

A. Ordinance Serial No. 07-007: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONIES FROM THE CENTRAL TREASURY OF THE BOROUGH OPERATING FUNDS, ENTERPRISE FUNDS, AND CAPITAL FUNDS AND ESTABLISHING RATE OF LEVY FOR ALL BOROUGH FUNCTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2007, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2008.

B. Ordinance Serial No. 07-054: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING MONIES FROM THE CENTRAL TREASURY FOR THE EDUCATION OPERATING FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2007, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2008.

MOTION: Assemblymember Allen moved to lay Ordinance Serial No. 07-007 on the table.

VOTE: The motion to lay Ordinance Serial No. 07-007 on the table passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Allen moved adopt Ordinance Serial No. 07-054.

*(The special meeting recessed at 6:32 p.m. and reconvened at 6:33 p.m.)*

### **Amendment A -**

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to the Education Operating Fund (Fund 204-000-000) to increase the transfer from the Areawide Fund (367-110) by \$1,218,872 from \$40,763,422 to \$41,982,294 shown on page J2, increase the Education Operating expenditures (406-100) in the Education Operating Fund (Fund 204-000-000) by \$1,218.872 from \$221,090,767 to \$222,309,639 shown on page J3 and increase the transfer to Education Operating (445-220) in the Areawide Fund (100-000-000) by \$1,218,872 from \$40,763,442 to \$41,982,294 to increase the funding for education.

### **Amendment B -**

MOTION: Assemblymember Wells moved a secondary amendment to the Education Operating Fund (fund 204-000-000) to increase the transfer from the Areawide Fund (367-110) by \$1,650,705, from \$41,982,294 to \$43,632,999, shown on page J2, increase the education operating expenditures (406-100), in the education operating fund (fund 204-000) by \$1,650,705 from \$222,309,639 to \$223,960,344 shown on page J3 and increase the transfer to Education Operating (445-220) in the Areawide fund (100-000-000) by \$1,650,705, from \$41,982,294 to \$43,632,999 to increase the funding for education to provide for intervention specialists.

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

VOTE: The motion to stop debate passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to lay the secondary amendment on the table.

VOTE: The motion to lay the secondary amendment on the table passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Allen moved to lay Ordinance Serial No. 07-054 on the table.

VOTE: The motion to lay Ordinance Serial No. 07-054 on the table passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Allen moved to take Ordinance Serial No. 07-007 from the table.

VOTE: The motion to take Ordinance Serial No. 07-007 from the table passed without objection.

**Technical Amendments:**

- Page B-9, 100-000-000-335-350, State Sharing Revenue: proposed at \$0, amended by \$3,223,175, for an adjusted amount of \$3,223,175.
- Page B-9, 100-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$1,319,829, for an adjusted amount of \$1,219,829.
- Page B-16, 100-000-000-446-700, Transfer to – Fund 415/425/430/435/440/475: proposed at \$2,433,000, amended by \$64,000 (decrease), for an adjusted amount of \$2,369,000.
- Page B-101, 100-160-341-434-100, Other Equipment Under \$5,000: proposed at %61,00, amended by \$25,000 (decrease), for an adjusted amount of \$36,000.
- Page B-110, 10-160-344-434-100, Other Equipment Under \$5,000: proposed at \$21,000, amended by \$15,000 (decrease), for an adjusted amount of \$6,000.
- Page B-113, 100-160-345-451-100, Equipment Over \$5,000: proposed at \$15,000, amended by \$10,000 (decrease), for an adjusted amount of \$5,000.
- Page B-116, 100-160-346-434-100, Other Equipment Under \$5,000: proposed at \$13,125, amended by \$12,000 (decrease), for an adjusted amount of \$1,125.
- Page B-121, 100-160-349-451-100, Equipment Over \$5,000: proposed at \$12,000, amended by \$12,000 (decrease), for an adjusted amount of \$0.
- Page D-9, 200-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$156,940, for an adjusted amount of \$156,940.
- Page D-12, 200-000-000-446-700, Transfer to – Fund 415/425/430/435/440/475: proposed at \$392,000, amended by \$12,000 (decrease), for an adjusted amount of \$380,000.
- Page E-3, 202-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$6,502, for an adjusted amount of \$6,502.
- Page F-7, 203-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$72,128, for an adjusted amount of \$72,128.
- Page G-7, 250-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$60,599, for an adjusted amount of \$60,599.
- Page G-17, 251-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$1,537, for an adjusted amount of \$1,537.

- Page G-25, 253-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$300, for and adjusted amount of \$300.
- Page G-31, 254-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$718, for an adjusted amount of \$718.
- Page G-39, 256-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$4,951, for an adjusted amount of \$4,951.
- Page G-47, 257-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$6,010, for an adjusted amount of \$4,951.
- Page G-55, 258-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief, proposed at \$0, amended by \$647, for an adjusted amount of \$647.
- Page G-58, 258-000-000-446-400, Transfer to – Fund 405/410: proposed at \$98,000, amended by \$35,000 (decrease), for an adjusted amount of \$63,000.
- Page H-6, 265-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$73,648, for an adjusted amount of \$73,648.
- Page I-7, 291-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$2,216, for an adjusted amount of \$2,216.
- Page I-17, 293-000-00-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$7,500, for an adjusted amount of \$7,500.
- Page K-3, 510-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$88,321, for an adjusted amount of \$88,321.
- Page L-3, 520-000-000-337-800, State PERS Relief: proposed at \$0, amended by \$28,521, for an adjusted amount of \$28,521.
- Page N-5, Capital Project Funds Expenditures, District #4 - ALMR Radios: proposed at \$18,000, amended by \$18,000, for an adjusted amount of \$0.
- Page N-5, Capital Project Funds Expenditures, District #5 - ALMR Radios: proposed at \$18,000, amended by \$18,000 (decrease), for an adjusted amount of \$0.
- Page N-5, Capital Project Funds Expenditures, District #6 - ALMR Radios: proposed at \$22,000, amended by \$22,000 (decrease), for an adjusted amount of \$0.
- Page N-5, Capital Project Funds Expenditures, District #8 - ALMR Radios: proposed at \$6,000, amended by \$6,000 (decrease), for an adjusted amount of \$0.
- Page N-6, Capital Project Funds Expenditures, Animal Care – ALMR Portable Radio: proposed at \$6,000, amended by \$6,000 (decrease), for an adjusted amount of \$0.
- Page N-6, Capital Project Funds Expenditures, Animal Care – ALMR Mobile Radio: proposed at \$6,000, amended by \$6,000 (decrease), for an adjusted amount of \$0.
- Page N-7, Capital Project Funds Expenditures, Willow FSA – ALMR XTS 5000 Radios (2 each): proposed at \$11,000, amended by \$11,000 (decrease), for an adjusted amount of \$0.
- Page N-7, Capital Project Funds Expenditures, Willow FSA – ALMR XTS 2500 Radios (2 each): proposed at \$12,000, amended by \$12,000 (decrease), for an adjusted amount of \$0.
- Page N-7, Capital Project Funds Expenditures, Willow FSA – ALMR 50 Radios (3 each): proposed at \$12,000, amended by \$12,000 (decrease), for an adjusted amount of \$0.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to adopt the technical amendments as presented by Administration.

Discussion ensued regarding the status of the mill levy.

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

VOTE: The motion to stop debate failed unanimously.

VOTE: The primary amendment (technical amendments) passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to add a Section 10, and renumber the following sections accordingly, to read as follows: Section 10. Appropriation from the Tax Relief Reserve. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$1,399,230 from the Reserve for Tax Relief within the Areawide Fund to provide a Rebate to taxpayers to be shown in the tax bill that will be sent July 1, 2007.

MOTION: Assemblymember Wells moved a secondary amendment to strike "\$1,399,230" and insert "\$2,500,000" to read as follows: Section 10. Appropriation from the Tax Relief Reserve. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$2,500,000 from the Reserve for Tax Relief within the Areawide Fund to provide a Rebate to taxpayers to be shown in the tax bill that will be sent July 1, 2007.

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

VOTE: The motion to stop debate passed without objection.

VOTE: The secondary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Wells, Church and Kvalheim in support.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Woods, Kvalheim and Bettine in support.

**Amendment No. 2 - Nonareawide Fund: Transfer to- Fund 435 (200-000-00-446-700) (Tab D, Page 12) and Capital Projects/Grants/Pass (Tab N, page 2)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Kluberton moved a primary amendment to amend the Nonareawide Fund, Transfer to- Fund 435, (200-000-000-446-700) to strike \$380,000 and insert \$535,000, for an increase of \$155,000 and to make a corresponding increase of \$155,000 from \$200,000 to \$355,000 in the capital projects/grants budget to provide the necessary funding for the Trapper Creek Library.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

**Amendment No. 3 - Nonareawide Fund: Animal Shelter**

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to reduce expenditures on

the Animal Shelter from \$5,000,000 to \$4,000,000.

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

VOTE: The motion to stop debate passed without objection.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Wells and Bettine in support.

*(The special meeting recessed at 8:58 p.m. and reconvened at 9:10 p.m.)*

**Amendment No. 4 - Areawide: Clerk (100-100-103-451-100) (Tab B, Page 22)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to amend the Areawide Fund, Clerk (100-100-103-451-100) to strike \$0 and to insert \$15,000, for an increase of \$15,000 to provide funds for a portable amplification system for off site Assembly meetings and other board meetings of the Borough.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

**Amendment No. 5 - Areawide: Administration (100-100-110-429-900) (Tab B, Page 34)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Kvalheim moved a primary amendment to amend the Areawide Fund, Administration (100-100-110-429-900) to strike \$12,000 and to insert \$42,000, for an increase of \$30,000 to provide funding for a management audit of the Emergency Services Department.

MOTION: Assemblymember Allen moved a secondary amendment to strike "\$42,000" and insert "\$62,000" to read as follows: "Areawide Fund, Administration (100-100-110-429-900) to strike \$12,000 and to insert \$62,000 for an increase of \$50,000 to provide funding for a management audit of the Emergency Service Department.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woods moved to lay the secondary amendment on the table.

VOTE: The motion to lay the secondary amendment on the table passed without objection.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Woods moved to lay the primary amendment on the table.

VOTE: The motion to lay the primary amendment on the table passed without objection.

*(The primary and secondary amendments were not taken from the table at May 30, 2007, special Assembly meeting.)*

**Amendment No. 6 - Areawide: Mayor (100-110-104-414-400)(Tab B, Page 49)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Allen moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Mayor (100-110-104-400) to strike \$7,000 and to insert \$8,000, for an increase of \$1,000 to

provide travel assistance for Mayor Menard while away from the Borough on Borough functions.

Assemblymember Bettine queried if airline tickets could be bought for anyone to assist the Mayor.

Mr. Spiropolous affirmed the query with a clarification to ADA requirements.

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

VOTE: The motion to stop debate passed without objection.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

**Amendment No. 7 - Areawide: Planning (100-130-411-100/200; 412)(Tab B, Page 65)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Kvalheim moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Planning(100-130-411-100) to increase wages for a new Traffic Technician position by:

- 1) striking \$548,859 and inserting \$576,517, for an increase of \$27,658; and
- 2) to make a corresponding decrease in temporary wages (100-130-41-200) to eliminate a temporary traffic technician position by striking \$39,690 and inserting \$24,690, for a decrease of \$15,000; and
- 3) to increase benefits, 412's, from \$396,145 to \$435,020, for a net increase of \$38,875.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Allen moved to fix the time to which to adjourn the special meeting to 10 p.m.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

**Amendment No. 8 - Areawide: Community Development, Recreation Infrastructure (100-170-147-428-100)(Tab B, Page 138) and Capital Projects/Grants/Pass (Tab N, Page 1)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Kluberton moved a primary amendment to the Areawide Fund, Community Development, Recreation Infrastructure, Building Maintenance Services (100-170-147-428-100) to:

- (1) Strike \$51,250 and to insert \$40,000, for an decrease of \$11,250; and
- (2) To make a corresponding increase of \$46,250 to (100-000-000-446-500) from \$2,859,520 to \$2,804,520; and
- (3) To make a corresponding decrease of \$30,000 in the capital projects/grants budget to reduce \$682,500 to \$652,500; and

- (4) To make a corresponding decrease of \$38,750 in the capital projects/grants budget to increase \$256,250 to \$217,500; and
- (5) To make a corresponding increase of \$40,000 in the capital projects/grants budget to increase \$0 to \$40,000.
- (6) To make a corresponding increase of \$75,000 in capital projects/grant budget for a study of tourism infrastructure needs.

This amendment allocates the bed tax revenue under the existing formula for MSCVB and for tourism infrastructure less \$40,000 for maintenance of tourism infrastructure and \$40,000 for visitor facility construction.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

#### **VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

*(There was no one present who wished to testify.)*

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The special meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.