

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on October 18, 2005, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Colver.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Lynne Woods, Assembly District No. 1  
Mr. Bill Allen, Assembly District No. 2 (*via teleconference at 7 p.m.*)  
Mr. Talis J. Colberg, Assembly District No. 3  
Ms. Mary Kvalheim, Assembly District No. 4  
Ms. Cindy L. Bettine, 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. Lonnie McKechnie, Executive Assistant to the Borough Clerk  
Mr. John Aschenbrenner, Deputy Borough Attorney  
Ms. Marian Romano, Assistant Borough Manager  
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director  
Mr. Keith Rountree, Public Works Director  
Mr. Dennis Brodigan, Emergency Services Director  
Mr. Ron Swanson, Community Development Director  
Mr. Murph O'Brien, Planning and Land Use Director

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Deputy Mayor Colver 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. Lucille Frey.

**V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS**

A. Special Assembly Meeting: 09/13/05

Deputy Mayor Colver inquired if there were any corrections to the special meeting minutes of September 13, 2005.

GENERAL CONSENT: The minutes were approved as presented without objection.

## **VI. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**

- A. Proclamation in Recognition of Harry and Jean Holt for their Dedication to the Borough's Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program
- B. Proclamation in Recognition of Sara Larsen for her Dedication to the Borough's Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program
- C. Proclamation in Recognition of Betty Boyd-Beu and Ed Beu for their Dedication to the Borough's Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program

Deputy Mayor Colver:

- recognized Harry and Jean Holt, Sara Larsen, and Betty Boyd-Beu and Ed Beu for receiving the proclamations for their dedication to the Borough's Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program; and
- requested that the Clerk read one of the proclamations into the record.

Ms. McGehee:

- read the proclamation into the record on behalf of Deputy Mayor Colver; and
- advised that Harry and Jean Holt, Sara Larsen, and Betty Boyd-Beu and Ed Beu were not present to accept the proclamations.

D. Proclamation Re: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Deputy Mayor Colver:

- read the proclamation into the record; and
- presented the proclamation to Mr. Donn Bennice, Chief Executive Office of Alaska Family Services.

Mr. Bennice stated that he appreciated the proclamation and the support of the Assembly.

E. Proclamation Re: Red Ribbon Week for Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Assemblymember Vehrs:

- read the proclamation into the record; and
- presented the proclamation to Mr. Rich McGill, Executive Director of Kids Are People.

Mr. McGill thanked the Assembly for the support they have provided.

## **VII. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

### **A. AGENCY REPORTS**

#### **1. Reports from cities**

##### Wasilla City

Councilmember Cox:

- thanked Mr. Duffy for his presentation regarding transportation issues;
- advised that Mr. Steve Menard and Mr. Marty Metiva will be sworn in as Council Members at the next city of Wasilla Council meeting; and
- advised that there will be a joint meeting with the cities of Wasilla, Palmer, and Houston on November 3, 2005.

#### **2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District**

Ms. Kim Floyd, Public Information Specialist:

- advised that student enrollment is 26 students below the School District's projections for this school year;
- advised that enrollment will continue to be counted for State funding purposes until the end of the month;
- noted that the two new School Board Members, Ms. Cheryl Turner and Ms. Pat Purcell, will take their seats at the October 19, 2005, School Board meeting;
- advised that it will be recommended that the Nutritional Services Facility be named after Curtis Arcola, the 2001 Palmer High School student who was killed while serving active duty in Iraq;
- advised that the School District is having a school naming competition with students Boroughwide to name the new Wasilla Area Elementary School; and
- apologized to Assemblymember Vehrs, Mr. Rountree, and Mr. Duffy for letting her emotions get the best of her during a discussion of the snow removal at Susitna Valley Junior/Senior High School.

### **B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues**

Deputy Mayor Colver advised that the Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues has not met since the last report.

#### **2. Regional Transportation Planning Organization**

Mr. Duffy advised that the next Regional Transportation Planning Organization meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2005.

B. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

Mr. Duffy:

- advised that the School District will be responsible for the snow removal and the monitoring of snow loads at Susitna Valley Junior/Senior High School;
- advised that the lobbyist is requesting a work session with the Assembly on November 1, 2005, to go through State priorities;
- spoke regarding his intentions to attend the Environmental Protection Agency Local Government Advisory Committee meetings;
- advised that the Alaska Railroad's South Wasilla Track Realignment Environmental Assessment is available; and
- stated that Senator Murkowski has legislation moving through Congress regarding water resources, which identifies the Matanuska-Susitna Borough as a location where the United States Geological Survey should conduct detailed work on mapping and analysis of ground water resources.

C. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

*(There were no comments provided.)*

D. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McGehee:

- reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule; and
- queried if there was any objection to holding work sessions regarding State priorities with the lobbyist and to review the Alaska Municipal League's policy statement and resolutions on November 1, 2005, at 3:30 p.m.

There was no objection noted.

Mr. Duffy:

- advised that Mr. Jeff Ottenson from the Alaska State Department of Transportation will be in attendance at the Joint Assembly/Planning Commission meeting to provide an update regarding the impacts of the earmarks on the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's Transportation Improvement Program; and
- congratulated the Assembly on reaching the goal of dedicating 2005 miles of trails by 2005.

E. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:

- a. Animal Care and Regulation Board: 05/09/05, 05/26/05, 06/10/05, 06/13/05, 07/06/05, 07/11/05
- b. Board of Adjustment and Appeals: 07/19/05, 08/30/05
- c. Caswell Lakes Road Service Area No. 15: 06/13/05

- d. Greater Butte Road Service Area No. 26: 09/08/05
- e. Greater Talkeetna Road Service Area No. 29: 07/14/05
- f. Library Board: 05/21/05
- g. Local Road Service Area Advisory Board: 09/15/05
- h. Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board: Resolution No. 05-12
- i. Planning Commission: 09/19/05, 10/03/05
- j. Platting Board: 08/18/05, 09/01/05

- 2. Community Council Correspondence:
  - a. South Knik River Community Council: 05/21/05
  - b. Sutton Community Council: 06/14/05, 07/12/05, 08/09/05
  - c. Trapper Creek Community Council Board of Directors: 09/15/05

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

F. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

*(There were no informational memorandums presented.)*

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Duffy:

- requested that both items listed under Unfinished Business be postponed to December;
- stated that a meeting needed to take place with the Assemblymembers that sponsored Ordinance Serial No. 05-140 to finalize the work on the ordinance; and
- advised that information regarding the scheduling and sequencing for the reconstruction of the Susitna Valley Junior/Senior High School has not been received.

A. Ordinance Serial No. 05-140: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING MSB 3.15.045, HARDSHIP TAX EXEMPTION CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS. *(Sponsors: Assemblymembers Allen, Kvalheim, and Woods) (Motion Pending: 08/16/05)*

1. IM No. 05-129

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Allen moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-140.

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Colver moved to amend section (A)(4), by striking \$750,000 and inserting \$350,000, to read as follows: The total assets owned by the applicant on the date of application may not exceed \$350,000 including the first \$150,000 of the market value of the principle residents of the applicant for which the hardship tax exemption is requested.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kvalheim moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 05-140 to a time certain of December 6, 2005.

VOTE: The motion to postpone to a time certain of December 6, 2005, passed without objection.

B. Ordinance Serial No. 05-160: AN ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$432,000 OUT OF THE RESERVE FOR MAJOR REPAIR AND RENOVATION, FUND 100, TO FUND 400, SCHOOL DISTRICT PORTABLE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING THE EMERGENCY SITUATION AT SUSITNA VALLEY SCHOOL. *(Sponsors: Mayor Anderson and Assemblymembers Colver and Vehrs) (Motion Pending: 09/06/05)*

1. Resolution Serial No. 05-120: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR PROJECT NO. 40158, FOR THE SUSITNA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF PORTABLE FACILITIES.

a. IM No. 05-241

b. IM No. 05-247

c. AM No. 05-159: AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF UP TO 6 PORTABLE CLASSROOM UNITS FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$482,000 TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR STUDENTS DISPLACED BY THE UNSAFE CONDITIONS AT SU-VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL.

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-160 and Resolution Serial No. 05-120.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 05-160, Resolution Serial No. 05-120, and AM No. 05-159 to a time certain of December 6, 2005.

VOTE: The motion to postpone to a time certain of December 6, 2005, passed without objection.

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

A. INTRODUCTION (For public hearing - 11/01/05, 7 p.m., Borough Assembly Chambers)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 05-174: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 15.24.030(B)(1), THE PUBLIC FACILITIES ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH BY CHANGING THE LIBRARY ELEMENT OF THE PLAN.

a. IM No. 05-216

2. Ordinance Serial No. 05-175: AN ORDINANCE TO CLASSIFY LEASE LOT 1 AND TRACT A-1, REPLAT AND VACATION PLAT OF 74-22 AND 60-7, PLAT 80-138 (WASILLA JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL SUBDIVISION), RESERVE USE LANDS AND TO AUTHORIZE AT LESS THAN FAIR MARKET VALUE THE LEASE OF 1.2 PLUS ACRES OF TRACT A-1 AND LEASE LOT 1 FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS UNTIL PLATTED TOGETHER, TO THEN BE CONVEYED TO THE CITY OF WASILLA FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF WATER UTILITIES,

BEING LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF WASILLA (MSB003864 AND MSB001034).

- a. Resolution Serial No. 05-133: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BEST INTEREST FINDING FOR 1.2 PLUS ACRES OF TRACT A-1 AND LEASE LOT 1, REPLAT AND VACATION PLAT OF 74-22 AND 60-7, ACCORDING TO PLAT 80-138, (WASILLA JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL SUBDIVISION), TO BE LEASED FOR TWO YEARS AT LESS THAN FAIR MARKET VALUE, TO BE COMBINED BY PLAT AND SOLD AT LESS THAN FAIR MARKET VALUE TO THE CITY OF WASILLA FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF WATER UTILITIES, ALL BEING WITHIN THE CITY OF WASILLA (MSB003864 AND MSB001034).
  - (1) IM No. 05-250
3. Ordinance Serial No. 05-176: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$3,886.08 FROM MATANUSKA TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION TO A NON-LAPSING CAPITAL FUND 440, PROJECT NO. 20312, FOR UPGRADING AND ENHANCING THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SERVICES IN THE BOROUGH LIBRARIES.
  - a. IM No. 05-254
4. Ordinance Serial No. 05-177: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$25,000 OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE ANIMAL CARE FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.
  - a. Resolution Serial No. 05-134: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ANIMAL CARE FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.
    - (1) IM No. 05-255
5. Ordinance Serial No. 05-178: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$75,000 OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE KNIK ROAD SERVICE AREA ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.
  - a. Resolution Serial No. 05-135: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE KNIK ROAD SERVICE AREA ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.
    - (1) IM No. 05-256
6. Ordinance Serial No. 05-179: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$15,000 OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE WILLOW AREA SENIOR CENTER CAPITAL NEEDS PROJECT.

- a. Resolution Serial No. 05-136: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE WILLOW AREA SENIOR CENTER CAPITAL NEEDS PROJECT.  
(1) IM No. 05-257
- 7 Ordinance Serial No. 05-180: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$15,000 OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE UPPER SUSITNA SENIOR CENTER CAPITAL NEEDS PROJECT.  
a. Resolution Serial No. 05-137: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE UPPER SUSITNA SENIOR CENTER PROJECT.  
(1) IM No. 05-258
- 8 Ordinance Serial No. 05-181: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$500,000 OF GRANT FUNDS FROM THE ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE HATCHER PASS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.  
a. Resolution Serial No. 05-138: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE HATCHER PASS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.  
(1) IM No. 05-259
- 9 Ordinance Serial No. 05-182: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 17.90, REGULATION OF ADULT BUSINESSES AND MSB 17.125, DEFINITIONS, TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF ADULT BUSINESSES, MAKE THE ORDINANCE APPLICABLE BOROUGHWIDE, AND CLARIFY PROCEDURES FOR ESTABLISHING PREEXISTING LEGAL NONCONFORMING STATUS OF REGULATED ADULT BUSINESSES.  
*(Sponsor: Assemblymember Vehrs)*  
a. IM No. 05-260
- 10 Ordinance Serial No. 05-183: AN ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$45,787 FROM FUND 400, SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS, TO THE AREAWIDE FUND, FUND 100, PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE OPERATING BUDGET, FOR SNOW REMOVAL SERVICES AND SNOW MONITORING EQUIPMENT FOR SU VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL.  
a. IM No. 05-263
- 11 Ordinance Serial No. 05-184: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$7,000,000 FROM THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2006 SECTION 1702 EARMARK PROJECTS TO FUND 430, PROJECT NO. 35300, FOR FISH CREEK BRIDGE; FUND 430, PROJECT NO. 35187, FOR HATCHER PASS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS; FUND 410, PROJECT NO. 35245, FOR POINT MACKENZIE

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS; AND FUND 430, PROJECT NO. 35035, FOR SELDON ROAD EXTENSION WEST.

- a. Resolution Serial No. 05-139: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2006 SECTION 1702 EARMARK PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO PROJECT AGREEMENTS WITH THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES.

(1) IM No. 05-266

- 12 Ordinance Serial No. 05-185: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$14,405,000 FROM THE ALASKA STATE GENERAL FUND TO FUND 430, PROJECT NO. 35299, FOR THE BOGARD ROAD EXTENSION EAST AND THE SELDON ROAD EXTENSION WEST HIGHWAY PROJECTS.

- a. Resolution Serial No. 05-140: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITIES RELATING TO THE PLANNING, DESIGN, RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION, AND CONSTRUCTION OF TWO HIGHWAY PROJECTS FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES (ADOT&PF), AND AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO EXECUTE A TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITIES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH AND ADOT&PF FOR THESE PROJECTS.

- b. Resolution Serial No. 05-141: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE BOGARD ROAD EXTENSION EAST AND THE SELDON ROAD EXTENSION WEST HIGHWAY PROJECTS.

(1) IM No. 05-267

- 13 Ordinance Serial No. 05-186: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REAPPROPRIATION OF \$31,200 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2006 OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION OPERATING BUDGET TO THE ACCOUNTING DIVISION FISCAL YEAR 2006 OPERATING BUDGET, TO FUND AN ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT I FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006.

a. IM No. 05-268

B. INTRODUCTION (For public hearing - 12/06/05, 7 p.m., Borough Assembly Chambers)

- 1. Ordinance Serial No. 05-172: AN ORDINANCE CREATING NORTH FLYING CIRCUS CIRCLE ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 413, 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. 05-261

2. Ordinance Serial No. 05-173: AN ORDINANCE CREATING ASPEN STREET ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 414, 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. 05-262

Ms. McGehee read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearings for November 1, 2005, and December 6, 2005, respectively.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

## C. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

### 1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Anderson made the following recommendations:

Real Property Asset Management Board  
Lorene Lynn  
Regional Transportation Planning Organization  
Jim Colver  
Lazy Mountain Road Service Area Board of Supervisors  
Patrick William Larrabee  
Circle View and Stampede Estates Flood and Water Erosion Control  
William Snegirer

Mayor Anderson requested the following confirmations:

Regional Transportation Planning Organization  
Resignation of Jody Simpson  
Greater Butte Road Service Area Board of Supervisors  
Removal of Mike Whitlach  
Circle View and Stampeded Estates Flood and Water Erosion Control  
Resignation of Greg Miller

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

## D. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

*(The regular meeting recessed at 6:39 p.m. and reconvened at 7:05 p.m.)*

## VIII. SPECIAL ORDERS (to begin at 7 p.m.)

A. PERSONS TO BE HEARD (Three minutes per person.)

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three minutes per person.)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 05-158: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 15.24.030(B), TO ADOPT THE MEADOW LAKES COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. (*Sponsor: Assemblymember Vehrs*)
  - a. IM No. 05-230

Mr. O'Brien:

- spoke regarding the years of work that has gone into the Meadow Lakes Comprehensive Plan;
- spoke regarding the proposed amendments which address the 2 ½ acre minimum lot size, the placement of utilities, and the Mental Health Trust lands; and
- spoke regarding the community effort that went into the Meadow Lakes Comprehensive Plan.

Deputy Mayor Colver opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in favor of Ordinance Serial No. 05-158: Mr. Steve Belka; Ms. Talyne Belka; Mr. David Shacht; Ms. Linda Page; Ms. Julie Starr; Mr. Dan Elliot; Mr. Matthew LaCroy; Mr. Mike Janecek; Ms. Gayle Janecek; Ms. Sherry Rusher; Mr. Strick Strickland; Mr. Mike Wolf; Mr. Steve Duncan, Environmental Protection Agency; Ms. Kristen Seine; Mr. Rod Ewing; Ms. Donnita Burkes; Mr. John Moss; Ms. Lori Benner; Ms. Michelle Moss; Mr. William Brown; Ms. Anna Buterbaugh; Ms. Joann Ott; Ms. Michelle Church; Ms. Jerry Westbrook; Ms. Bonnie Baize; Mr. Steve Edwards; Ms. Eileen Haines; Ms. Kathy Wells, Director of Friends of Mat-Su; and Mr. Garvin Bucaria

The following persons spoke in favor of Ordinance Serial No. 05-158 with the proposed amendments regarding Mental Health Trust lands: Ms. Alison Smith, Mental Health Trust Land Office; and Ms. Sabrina Fernandez, Attorney General's Office.

The following persons spoke in opposition to the minimum lot size of 2.5 acres: Mr. Gary LoRusso, Mr. Charles Center, Ms. Mary Vincent, Ms. Casey Steinau, Ms. Lucille Frey, and Mr. Pio Cottini.

The following persons spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 05-158: Mr. Penny Nixon; Mr. Jared Schumacher; Ms. Beth Freed; and Mr. Daniel Guay, Quality Asphalt Paving;

*(The regular meeting recessed at 8:40 p.m. and reconvened at 8:56 p.m.)*

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-158.

Assemblymember Vehrs:

- stated that she is proud to serve the Meadow Lakes area as part of her district;
- spoke to the impacts of growth in the Meadow Lakes area;
- stated that this plan has brought people from different backgrounds together to work on keeping the lifestyle in Meadow Lakes;
- spoke to the effort of the planning team to involve the community in the comprehensive plan;
- advised that after her discussions with the Borough Attorney, the Meadow Lakes Community Council requested that the proposed amendments be brought forward to the Assembly; and
- spoke to the community's needs to keep a rural lifestyle.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved a primary amendment to the Meadow Lakes Comprehensive Plan, Land Use and Town Center, Minimum Lot Size (page vi.) as follows:

- delete the phrase “to between 1.5 and 2.5 or more acres” and insert the phrase “to greater than the minimum 40,000 square foot Borough standard;”
- delete the word “target” between the words “this” and “are;”
- delete the sentences “For the purpose of clarity, the Planning Team thought it was important to identify specific minimum lot size. It is recommended that 2.5 acres be the minimum lot size for future subdivisions in the rural residential area.”
- to read as follows: Minimum Lot Size – Encourage low density residential development in the majority of Meadow Lakes. Community sentiment greatly favors increasing the minimum lot size required under existing Borough standards. A strong majority of those community residents who have participated in the planning process supported increasing the minimum lot size in new subdivisions to greater than the minimum 40,000 square foot Borough standard. In a few settings – at the planned town center, as part of open space subdivisions, and near the Parks Highway – high density housing is appropriate, including smaller lot single family housing, and in the town center, attached and multi-family housing. In other areas, lots significantly larger than this are more appropriate, for example, in key watershed and wetland areas and along the community's three major watersheds.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved a primary amendment to the Meadow Lakes Comprehensive Plan, Land Use Goals, Maintain the Community's Rural Character (page 30), as follows:

- strike the phrase “Minimum Lot Size” and insert the phrase “Housing densities;”
- strike the words “Meadow Lakes” and insert the phrase “the community. The exact policies should be worked out through the Special Use District process to implement this plan, but community sentiment strongly favors a target greater than the 40,000 SF minimum currently required under MSB standards;”

- strike the sentences “Community sentiment greatly favors increasing the minimum lot size required under existing Borough standards. A strong majority of those community residents who have participated in the planning process supported increasing the minimum lot size in new subdivisions to between 1.5 and 2.5 or more acres;”
- strike the sentence “It is recommended that 2.5 acres be the minimum lot size for future subdivisions in the rural residential area;”
- to read as follows: Housing densities – Encourage low density residential development in the majority of the community. The exact policies should be worked out through the Special Use District process to implement this plan, but community sentiment strongly favors a target greater than the 40,000 SF minimum currently required under MSB standards. In a few settings – at planned town center, as part of open space subdivisions, and near the Parks Highway – higher density housing is appropriate, including smaller lot single family housing, and in the town center, attached multi-family housing. In other areas, lots significantly larger than this target are more appropriate, for example in key watershed and wetland areas, and along the community’s three major watersheds. For the purpose of clarity, the Planning Team thought it was important to identify specific minimum lot size.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved a primary amendment to the Meadow Lakes Comprehensive Plan, regarding minimum lot size, specifically by removing all references to 1.5 to 2.5 acres for future subdivisions.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved a primary amendment to the Meadow Lakes Comprehensive Plan, maps (pages 40, 56, and 81), to insert a designation on the legend for Mental Health Trust Land, and to show the area designated as Mental Health Trust Lands on the maps.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved a primary amendment to the Meadow Lakes Comprehensive Plan, Overall Objectives (page 53), to insert the phrase “excluding Alaska Mental Health Trust lands” to read as follows: State lands in this area, excluding Alaska Mental Health Trust lands, should remain in public ownership, and be managed for a range of public uses including protection of water quality, protection of fish and wildlife habitat, subsistence activities and a range of recreation uses including those current uses mentioned above. Mining is discouraged, but permitted to the degree it can occur without significantly reducing opportunities for these other uses.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Vehrs moved a primary amendment to the Meadow Lakes Comprehensive Plan, Overall Objectives (page 53), to insert the sentence “For the purposes of this section, lands held by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority are considered private lands” at the end of the second paragraph to read as follows: Private lands within this area may be used for the same general set of uses outlined for rural residential districts; however, any development will require special care to minimize adverse impacts on visual quality, and impacts on water quality and habitat. This can generally be achieved through either small, carefully placed clusters of homes on suitable sites, or limited numbers of large parcel “estate homes.” For the purposes of this section, lands held by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority are considered private lands.

**VOTE:** The primary amendment passed without objection.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Vehrs moved a primary amendment to the Meadow Lakes Comprehensive Plan, Land Ownership, Management and Use Patterns, Land Ownership (page 23), to add the sentence “Alaska Mental Health Trust lands are state lands, but for the purposes of this plan, all Trust lands shall be treated as private lands” to the end of the second paragraph to read as follows: The State of Alaska holds most of the northern quarter of the Meadow Lakes Community area, extending south to the edge of private holdings. The State of Alaska also owns 360 acres in the eastern portion of the area. MSB holds approximately 350 acres in Meadow Lakes, in four parcels. Two parcels are currently in use for public facilities (the school and two fire stations); the other two parcels – each 160 acres – are vacant. Alaska Mental Health Trust lands are State lands, but for the purposes of this plan, all Trust lands shall be treated as private lands.

**VOTE:** The primary amendment passed without objection.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Vehrs moved a primary amendment to the Meadow Lakes Comprehensive Plan, State Lands (page 59), to insert the phrase “excluding Alaska Mental Health Trust lands” to read as follows: The state land, excluding Alaska Mental Health Trust lands, managed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has been designated as multi-use public land, to be retained in public ownership, and used for recreation, open space, habitat, mining, and grazing, [State Department of Natural Resources; Deception Creek Area Plan]. Reflecting community desires, this Comp Plan identifies this area to remain as open space, in public ownership, to be used for a variety of recreational purposes.

**VOTE:** The primary amendment passed without objection.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Vehrs moved a primary amendment to the Meadow Lakes Comprehensive Plan, Site Development Standards (for all types of uses), paragraph 9 (pages 33-34), to strike the sentence “Underground utilities are recommended for all future development in the Meadow Lakes Community” and insert a sentence to read as follows: If practical, utilities should be placed

underground. Exceptions include high voltage electric transmission lines, sub-transmission lines, and substations.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Assemblymember Kvalheim applauded the Meadow Lakes community for their effort on the Comprehensive Plan.

Deputy Mayor Colver stated that he was impressed with the enthusiasm and effort that the Meadow Lakes community has put into the comprehensive plan.

Assemblymember Vehrs requested that the Meadow Lakes community participate in the special land use district process to help implement the Meadow Lakes Comprehensive Plan.

VOTE: The main motion as amended passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to reconsider Ordinance Serial No. 05-158.

VOTE: The motion to reconsider failed unanimously.

*(The regular meeting recessed at 9:17 p.m. and reconvened at 9:22 p.m.)*

2. Ordinance Serial No. 05-169: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING A \$130,869 GRANT TO FUND 440, PROJECT NO. 15032, FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION FOR THE GOLD MINT TRAIL.
  - a. Resolution Serial No. 05-128: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR GOLD MINT TRAIL, INDEPENDENCE MINE-GOLD CORD LAKE TRAIL, AND THE SUMMIT LAKE-APRIL BOWL TRAIL. *(Sponsor: Assemblymember Colver)*
- (1) IM No. 05-249

Deputy Mayor Colver 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 Woods moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-169 and Resolution Serial No. 05-128.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

3. Ordinance Serial No. 05-170: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 17.29, FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION, RELATING TO PROPOSED PLATTING ACTIONS.

a. IM No. 05-252

Mr. O'Brien provided a staff report.

Deputy Mayor Colver opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in favor of Ordinance Serial No. 05-170: Mr. Gary LoRusso; Ms. Michelle Church, Planning Board Member; Ms. Kathy Wells, Director of Friends of the Mat-Su; and Mr. Garvin Bucaria.

The following person spoke regarding flood liability and the powers of the Planning and Land Use Director: Ms. Lucille Frey.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-170.

Assemblymember Woods:

- spoke regarding having experience with matters relating to flood planes;
- stated that generally people who do not have a long experience of flood planes are unaware of what the rivers can do; and
- noted that she is glad to see that the flood planes will be identified.

Assemblymember Vehrs queried if this was the Borough's first attempt in identifying flood plane hazards.

Mr. Duffy:

- advised that this is not the Borough's first attempt to identify flood plane hazards; and
- advised that there are some maps; however most of the Borough's flood hazard zones are not mapped.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

4. Ordinance Serial No. 05-171: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$273,546 TO FUND 400, PROJECT NO. 40160, SUSITNA VALLEY SCHOOL RENOVATION AND RENEWAL, FROM THE 1999 SERIES A GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BOND FUNDS.
  - a. Resolution Serial No. 05-129: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE SUSITNA VALLEY SCHOOL RENOVATION AND RENEWAL PROJECT NO. 40160.
    - (1) IM No. 05-253
    - (2) AM No. 05-173: APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO BURKHART CROFT ARCHITECTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$273,546 FOR REQUIRED DESIGN WORK ON THE SUSITNA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT DESIGN.

Mr. Rountree provided a staff report.

Assemblymember Allen queried if the design work would be for a hot or cold roof.

Mr. Rountree:

- advised that the design would be for a cold roof; and
- advised that the central core of the structure would be updated and the entire roof of the building will be replaced.

Assemblymember Allen queried whether there was any funding involved for remodeling.

Mr. Rountree advised that there was no funding, at this time, for remodeling.

Assemblymember Allen reiterated that he is not in favor of rebuilding the old roof.

Assemblymember Woods queried the funding of the 1999 series A bonds.

Ms. Clayton:

- spoke regarding the State's requirements for the approval of the bonds;
- advised that the State reduced the costs for one of the projects, which left approximately \$500,000 issued in excess of the budget; and
- advised that the Borough is able to use some of the funds from the bond due to the fact that the 1998 ballot proposition included a project for Susitna Valley Junior/Senior High School.

Discussion ensued regarding the utilization of bond funds.

Deputy Mayor Colver 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 Vehrs moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 05-171, Resolution Serial No. 05-129, and AM No. 05-173.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection.

5. AM No. 05-181: AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS WITH J.L. PROPERTIES ON THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE HATCHER PASS SKI AREA PROJECT.

Deputy Mayor Colver:

- stated that the agreement covers directing the Manager to negotiate with JL Properties on a development agreement on the proposed ski area and associated development to be brought back to the Assembly for further public hearings; and
- requested that comments be kept to the development agreement as that is what is up for discussion on the agenda.

Deputy Mayor Colver opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in favor of AM No. 05-181: Mr. David Hendrickson, Mr. Jim Turner, Mr. Pio Cottini, Mr. Bill West, Mr. Neil Fox, Ms. Karen Harris, Ms. Beth Tweed, Mr. Dan Turner, and Mr. Joe Turner.

The following persons spoke in favor of AM No. 05-181 and to concerns regarding environmental issues: Mr. Ed Strabel, Ms. Laurel Fortunoff, Ms. Nancy Moore, and Ms. Jonni Gunther.

The following person spoke regarding financial concerns: Ms. Barbara Hanson.

The following persons spoke regarding concerns of the location of the village center on the Little Su River: Mr. Roy Wahl, Mr. Lance Wilson, Mr. Dan Elliott, and Ms. Cecile Fritz.

The following persons spoke in opposition to AM No. 05-181: Mr. Darwin Markwardt; Mr. Tom Moe; Mr. Gabe Scott, Cascadia Wildlands Project; Mr. Garvin Bucaria; Ms. Anne Kilkenny, Ms. Kate Palmer.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to extend the meeting past 11 p.m., and not to exceed 12 midnight.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

The following people spoke in favor of AM No. 05-181: Mr. Steve Colligan, Mr. Dan McDonough, Mr. Chaz St. George, Mr. Robb Wells, Mr. Rob Buck, and Ms. Jill Reese.

The following people spoke in favor of AM No. 05-181 and to concerns regarding environmental issues: Mr. Ralph Baldwin and Ms. Kathy Wells, Director of Friends of the Mat-Su.

The following people spoke in opposition to AM No. 05-181: Mr. Fred Hirschmann, Ms. Emily Forstner, Mr. Richard Sheard, Ms. Tara Randloph, Mr. Lyle Swihout, Ms. Robin Swihout, Mr. Michael Miller, Mr. Rob Buck, Ms. Helen Munoz, and Ms. Rebecca Mane.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to approve AM No. 05-181.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to amend the title of AM No. 05-181 by striking the word “complete” and inserting the word “begin” to read as follows: Authorizing the Manager to begin negotiations with JL Properties on the development agreement for the Hatcher Pass ski area project.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion as amended passed without objection.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- queried the time frame for the negotiations; and
- queried if the Borough would obtain outside legal advice.

Mr. Duffy:

- advised that outside legal council has been identified with expertise in Alaskan real estate transactions;
- advised that a schedule has not been developed for the negotiations, as he was waiting for the Assembly to decide whether to proceed or not on the negotiations; and
- stated that it would be a three to four month process once the negotiations begin.

Assemblymember Bettine queried what the process will be with the Assembly.

Mr. Duffy:

- advised that the Assembly would provide negotiating points on how the Administration should proceed; and
- stated that as the negotiations proceed, Administration would regularly report back to the Assembly.

Assemblymember Colberg queried if an assembly member would be part of the negotiating team.

Mr. Duffy advised that he did not envision an assembly member being part of the negotiating team.

Assemblymember Colberg advised that he would like to be informed if such a request was to come to Administration for a member to participate on the negotiation team.

Assemblymember Woods:

- spoke regarding concerns with the management of ski and nordic areas; and
- stated that she would like to make sure the value of the Borough land is solidified.

Assemblymember Vehrs:

- spoke regarding concerns of the location of the village center along the Little Su River;
- stated that details will not be known until negotiations begin with JL Properties;
- stated she has every confidence in the Manager and his knowledge regarding the village center; and
- advised that she would like the Manager to go forward to begin negotiations so information can be brought back to the Assembly.

Assemblymember Kvalheim spoke regarding wanting to receive the report on soils, the report from the Alaska State Department of Fish and Game, and the exit plan.

Assemblymember Allen:

- stated that he is supportive of negotiations moving forward; and
- expressed appreciation of the public providing testimony.

Assemblymember Colver:

- spoke regarding the public's concerns on water and sewer issues;
- stated that the Borough will be working on those issues through the Special Land Use District Committee and the master plan; and
- advised that the Borough does not want to do any harm to the waterways.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to reconsider AM No. 05-181.

VOTE: The motion to reconsider failed unanimously.

*(The meeting recessed at 11:35 and reconvened at 11:40)*

*(Assemblymember Allen exited the meeting at this time.)*

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following person served a court order on an Open Meetings Act violation that was issued in 1987 to the Assembly: Ms. Jean Woods.

The following person spoke in opposition to AM No. 05-189: Ms. Lucille Frey.

D. CONSENT AGENDA (AM Nos. 05-187, 05-188, 05-189 were pulled from the consent agenda and addressed separately. *See pp. 22-23 of 24*)

1. RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution Serial No. 05-130: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE RASMUSON FOUNDATION FOR COMPLETION OF THE "ALASKA FAR AWAY" DOCUMENTARY BY JUSTERHILL PRODUCTIONS.

(1) IM No. 05-264

b. Resolution Serial No. 05-131: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR PROJECT NO. 40135, SCHOOL DISTRICT RENOVATION AND RENEWAL, TO ALLOW FOR A MOLD ASSESSMENT AT SUSITNA VALLEY SCHOOL.

(1) IM No. 05-265

- c. Resolution Serial No. 05-132: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF FISHERIES, THE GOVERNOR, AND THE COMMISSIONER OF FISH AND GAME TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO CONSERVE SALMON STOCKS IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF UPPER COOK INLET. (*Sponsor: Assemblymember Colver*)
- (1) IM No. 05-270

2. ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUMS

- a. AM No. 05-182: RETROACTIVE APPROVAL FOR THE LATE FILING OF APPLICATIONS FOR DISABLED VETERANS AND SENIOR CITIZENS EXEMPTIONS.
- b. AM No. 05-183: THE VACATION OF THE EXISTING WATER LINE EASEMENT WITHIN SILVER CREEK SPRINGS MASTER PLAN, LOCATED IN SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, LOCATED IN THE GATEWAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.
- c. AM No. 05-184: THE VACATION OF THE 40' ACCESS EASEMENT RECORDED IN BOOK 13, PAGE 210, ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PROPOSED LOT 1, BLOCK 2, POIROT ACRES AND THE VACATION OF THE NORTH 30' OF THE 50' ROAD EASEMENT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF GOVERNMENT LOT 11, LOCATED IN SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 17 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, SEWARD MERIDIAN, ALASKA, LOCATED IN THE BIG LAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL AREA.
- d. AM No. 05-185: AWARD OF PROPOSAL NO. 05-207, TO SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTS ALASKA, LLC, FOR THE CONTRACTING, CREATION, AND OPERATION OF A WETLAND MITIGATION BANK, INCLUDING AUTHORIZATION TO PURCHASE EASEMENTS AT PRESENT FAIR MARKET VALUE AND ISSUE THEM WITH A SHARE OF FUTURE SALES WITH THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH.
- e. AM No. 05-186: APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000 FOR PERFECTING LEGAL RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR RECREATIONAL TRAILS WITHIN THE BOROUGH AND ADJUDICATION AND EXCHANGE OF MUNICIPAL ENTITLEMENT LANDS.
- i. AM No. 05-191: AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A MOBILE COMMUNICATION AND COMMAND VEHICLE FROM FARBER SPECIALTY VEHICLES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$380,000 FOR THE EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.
- j. AM No. 05-192: AWARD OF PROPOSAL NO. 06-066 TO L & N VENTURES FOR THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$296,797.50 FOR THE ANNUAL ROAD MAINTENANCE OF GOLD TRAILS ROAD SERVICE AREA NO. 28.

- k. AM No. 05-193: AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH WASILLA CITY FOR \$75,000 FOR THE GARDEN TERRACE WATER UPGRADE/CONVERSION, PROJECT NO. 30082, TO ALLOW FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO IMPROVE THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.
- l. AM No. 05-194: AUTHORIZATION OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 OF CONTRACT NO. 05-162 TO TEW'S EXCAVATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$75,000 PER FISCAL YEAR FOR THE ANNUAL ROAD MAINTENANCE OF MEADOW LAKES ROAD SERVICE AREA NO. 27.
- m. AM No. 05-195: RETROACTIVE APPROVAL FOR THE LATE FILING OF APPLICATIONS FOR DISABLED VETERANS AND SENIOR CITIZENS EXEMPTIONS.
- n. AM No. 05-196: AWARD OF BID NO. 06-008 TO NORCON, INC. IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$126,267.54 FOR THE SECURITY AND FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS AT PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDINGS.

Ms. McGehee read the above legislation into the record.

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Deputy Mayor Colver declared a conflict of interest on AM Nos. 05-187 and 05-188.

*(Deputy Mayor Colver exited the meeting and Assemblymember Vehrs assumed the duties of the Chair.)*

- f. AM No. 05-187: APPROVAL OF A CHANGE ORDER TO WILDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,000 FOR ADDITIONAL WORK ON THE 2005 ROADS PAVING PROJECT, TO INCLUDE THE UPGRADE WORK ON CARNEY ROAD AND ADDITIONAL PAVING AT SU VALLEY SCHOOL.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kvalheim moved to approve AM No. 05-187.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

- g. AM No. 05-188: APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER TO COLLINS CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,503 FOR REALIGNMENT OF THE ACCESS ROAD, SERVICE ROAD, BUS LOOP, AND NEW ROADWAY FOR THE WASILLA AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kvalheim moved to approve AM No. 05-188.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

*(Deputy Mayor Colver re-entered the meeting and resumed his duties as Chair.)*

- h. AM No. 05-189: AWARD OF BID NO. 06-046 TO LAST FRONTIER TREE CARE LLC IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$43,709.97 FOR THE BURNT BUTTE FIRE MITIGATION PROJECT.

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to approve AM No. 05-189.

Assemblymember Woods:

- advised that there has been concern in the Butte area regarding the Butte Fire Mitigation Project;
- advised that the community has not had the opportunity to be involved in the process; and
- requested postponement until the Borough has been able to meet and discuss the project with the Butte Community Council.

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to postpone AM No. 05-189 to a time certain of December 6, 2005.

VOTE: The motion to postpone to a time certain of December 6, 2005, passed without objection.

## **XI. RECONSIDERATION**

*(There were no reconsiderations presented.)*

## **XII. VETO**

*(There were no vetoes presented.)*

## **XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*(There was no executive session held.)*

## **XIV. MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

Assemblymember Woods:

- advised that there is a public use area meeting in Knik scheduled for October 20, 2005;
- advised that Chickaloon has received grant monies for the planning of their lands and resources;
- advised that the South Knik River Community Council has requested to start their community planning process; and
- spoke regarding attending the Senate Transportation Committee meeting.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

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TIMOTHY L. ANDERSON, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

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MICHELLE M. MCGEHEE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 11/01/05