

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on December 7, 2004, 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.

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
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, CMC, Borough Clerk
Ms. Marian Romano, Assistant Borough Manager
Ms. Janice A. Case, Deputy Borough Clerk
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Ms. Teresa S. Williams, Borough Attorney
Mr. Don Shiesl, Public Works Director
Mr. Dennis Brodigan, Emergency Services Director
Mr. Ron Swanson, Community Development Director
Mr. Murph O'Brien, Planning and Land Use Director
Mr. John Aschenbrenner, Assistant Borough Attorney

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Mayor Anderson noted that Resolution Serial No. 04-170 was pulled from the agenda at the request of the administration.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as amended without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Rita Davis, Mat-Su Teacher of the Year.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

A. Regular Assembly Meeting: 11/16/04

Mayor Anderson inquired if there were any corrections to the regular meeting minutes of November 16, 2004.

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

VI. SPECIAL ORDERS

A. Proclamation in Honor of Ms. Rita Davis – Mat-Su Teacher of the Year for 2003-2004

Mayor Anderson presented the proclamation to Ms. Rita Davis for being honored as the Mat-Su Teacher of the Year 2003-2004.

Ms. Davis:

- stated that it is an honor to receive this award; and
- commented that she and the other teachers are there for the children.

B. 17th National Trails Symposium Award in Recognition of Mr. Austin Helmers as a 2004 State Trail Worker

Mayor Anderson presented the proclamation to Mr. Austin Helmers in recognition of his work as a 2004 State Trail Worker.

C. 17th National Trails Symposium Trail Advocacy Award to Assemblymember Jody Simpson

Mayor Anderson presented the proclamation to Assemblymember Simpson in recognition of her 17th National Trails Symposium Trail Advocacy Award.

VII. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE

A. AGENCY REPORTS

1. Reports from cities

(There were no reports from the cities presented.)

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

(There was no report from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District presented.)

3. Alaska State Fair – Mr. Joe Lawton, General Manager

Mr. Joe Lawton, General Manager:

- reported that the contractor has completed the commuter rail and South Palmer Station federal project;
- noted that they are currently working with the Alaska State Department of Transportation to get signage put up at the South Palmer Station;
- stated that they have concluded on a purchase price with Amerigas for the property on the north side of the fair grounds;
- noted that the property will be deeded to the city of Palmer and managed by the Alaska State Fair;
- provided an update on the new restrooms for the Sheldon building;
- stated that they have been working well with Alaska Demolition;
- noted that Scott Robb's cantaloupe and turnip that were entered in the State Fair have been accepted by the Guinness Book of World Records, he now holds five records for vegetables; and
- stated that in January the Herman Brother's Field will receive designation as the best high school field in America by the American Baseball Coaches Association.

4. North America Outdoor Institute Re: Be Snow Smart Avalanche Awareness Education Program for 7th through 12th Grade Students – Mr. Dean Cummings

Mr. Dean Cummings:

- discussed the Be Snow Smart Avalanche Awareness Education Program for 7th through 12th grade students;
- referred to the spreadsheet with the costs of each presentation; and
- noted that they will be giving a presentation at Wasilla High School on December 16, 2004.

Assemblymember Simpson stated that this may be an option for the Borough's bed tax grant process and noted that there are some state grants available.

Mr. Cummings stated that a letter of support from the Assembly would be helpful.

Assemblymember Colver asked Mayor Anderson if he would draft a letter of support.

Mayor Anderson stated that he would compose a letter of support for the program.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

Assemblymember Colver noted that the meeting was rescheduled for December 13, 2004, at 12 noon.

2. Regional Transportation Planning Organization

Mayor Anderson noted that there have been no meetings held.

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation

Ms. Romano:

- reviewed the November federal lobbyist report for the Borough;
- noted that Mr. Duffy would be meeting with the federal lobbyist regarding the projects that were not funded when he returns;
- referred to IM No. 04-304 on the agenda regarding the update on the road paving projects;
- referred to the CD with the preliminary report from the National Resources Conservation Service on the Matanuska River erosion problem; and
- noted that on December 8, 2004, the chief executive officers from North Star in Alaska and the North Star National headquarters will be visiting the Borough to look at some property the Borough owns in the Palmer area, along with the Valley Hospital site.

Mr. Swanson:

- provided an update on the Matanuska Electric Association power line route issue;
- referred to the timeline included in his memorandum to the Mayor and the Assembly;
- discussed the alternative locations that have been considered;
- stated that the Borough has not had the opportunity to review the current recommended location and that the public has not had a chance to review the route;
- referred to letter from Matanuska Electric Association;
- stated that the University of Alaska also has some concerns; and
- spoke to the need for a public process.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed route.

(Discussion continued on pp. 8 of 17)

(The regular meeting recessed at 6:58 p.m. and reconvened at 7:15 p.m.)

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

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. 04-191: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 16.15, GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, TO ADDRESS LEASEHOLDS WITHIN THE PALMER AND WASILLA MUNICIPAL AIRPORTS.
 - a. IM No. 04-281

Mr. O'Brien provided a staff report.

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 04-191: Ms. Sandra Garley, Wasilla City Planning Director.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-191.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 04-191, MSB 16.15.005(C)(2)(b)(4) to insert the words "operations or restaurants" to read, "(4) in-terminal food service operations or restaurants."

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The motion passed as amended without objection.

2. Ordinance Serial No. 04-192: AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TIME LIMIT FOR THE COMPLETION OF FISCAL YEAR 2003 BOROUGH CAPITAL PROJECTS.
 - a. IM No. 04-284

Mr. Shiesl 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. 04-192.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

3. Ordinance Serial No. 04-193: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MSB 15.24.030(B)(4), CITY OF WASILLA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.
 - a. IM No. 04-291

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 04-193: Ms. Sandra Garley, Wasilla City Planning Director.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Kvalheim moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-193.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

4. Ordinance Serial No. 04-194: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING \$72,000 FROM THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2005 DESIGNATED LEGISLATIVE GRANTS AND AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS TO COMPLETE THE PROJECTS.
 - a. Resolution Serial No. 04-154: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FISCAL YEAR 2005 DESIGNATED LEGISLATIVE GRANT FOR THE BUTTE COMMUNITY CENTER, PROJECT NO. 20220.
 - b. Resolution Serial No. 04-155: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FISCAL YEAR 2005 DESIGNATED LEGISLATIVE GRANT FOR THE FAIRVIEW LOOP ROAD SAFETY UPGRADES, PROJECT NO. 30037.
 - c. Resolution Serial No. 04-156: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FISCAL YEAR 2005 DESIGNATED LEGISLATIVE GRANT FOR THE KNIK RIVER TRAIL RELOCATION, PROJECT NO. 15015 AND AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR COMPLETING THE NECESSARY WORK.
 - d. Resolution Serial No. 04-157: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FISCAL YEAR 2005 DESIGNATED LEGISLATIVE GRANT FOR LAKE LOUISE FIRE DEPARTMENT, PROJECT NO. 20356.
 - e. Resolution Serial No. 04-158: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FISCAL YEAR 2005 DESIGNATED LEGISLATIVE GRANT FOR BUTTE FIRE SERVICE AREA, PROJECT NO. 45026.
- (1) IM 04-292

Mayor Anderson opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in support of the legislation: Ms. Lucille Frey.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 04-194 and Resolution Serial Nos. 04-154, 04-155, 04-156, 04-157, and 04-158.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

5. Ordinance Serial No. 04-195: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$601,116 TO FUND 400, SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS, FOR THE ISSUANCE COSTS FOR THE 2004 SERIES D, GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL REFUNDING BONDS.
 - a. IM No. 04-293

Ms. Clayton 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. 04-195.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

6. Ordinance Serial No. 04-196: AN ORDINANCE CONTINUING THE BOROUGH AREA SCHOOLS SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE.
 - a. IM No. 04-294

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. 04-196.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 04-196, section 2 (A)(4), to strike the word "two" and insert the word "three" and to insert the phrase to the end of the sentence, "and one alternate from the School Board" to read, "three alternate members, one alternate from the Assembly, one alternate from the Planning Commission, and one alternate from the School Board."

Assemblymember Colver stated that this is at the request of the committee.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Allen moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 04-196 to continue the membership of the existing site selection committee members for the term of the committee.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Assemblymember Colver:

- stated that one of the problems facing the Borough is that if a site is not purchased within 18 months of the sale of a school bond the Borough cannot be reimbursed for the bond; and
- discussed looking at ways to change this process.

VOTE: The motion passed as amended without objection.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following person spoke regarding the public hearing process: Ms. Annette Harpster.

The following person spoke regarding property tax relief for property: Mr. Mike Kelly.

The following person spoke regarding pamphlet from Oregonians in Action discussing reimbursing property owners for zoning activities: Ms. Lucille Frey.

The following person spoke regarding the Borough Area Site Selection Committee and the increasing population of the Borough: Ms. Jean Woods.

There being no others who wished to testify, audience participation closed.

(Discussion continued from pp. 4 of 17)

Assemblymember Colberg inquired if the Borough was aware of a meeting with the property owners in the proposed area tonight.

Mr. Swanson replied that he was aware that some of the homeowners were planning to meet.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Ms. Williams:

- reported that they have been very busy with litigation;
- stated that there are some items of interest scheduled for December 16, 2004; and
- noted that she will distribute a copy of the court schedule.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McGehee:

- reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule;
- provided an update on the facilitator for the goal setting retreat; and
- discussed the options available for the goal setting retreat.

Discussion ensued regarding the goal setting meeting.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to select the facilitator from the Growth Company and to schedule the meeting at a local location.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to strike “the Growth Company” and insert “Information Insights.”

Assemblymember Colver spoke to the amendment.

Discussion ensued regarding the facilitator.

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

VOTE: The motion to stop debate passed without objection.

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

VOTE: The main motion passed with Assemblymember Allen in opposition.

Assemblymember Allen stated that the Assembly needs to provide very clear instructions to the facilitator of what they would like to be the outcome of the meeting.

Mayor Anderson recommended using the goals from the past meetings and working forward.

Assemblymember Simpson requested that the Assembly be copied with any information provided by the facilitator that would be discussed.

Ms. McGehee stated that she would compile the past information and provide it to the Assembly and facilitator.

Ms. McGehee:

- stated that she is still working on scheduling a joint Assembly/Municipality of Anchorage meeting; and
- inquired if there was any objection to scheduling a work session regarding the Matanuska River erosion report on January 18, 2005, proposed by Administration.

Assemblymember Woods stated that it is important to have the work session before the regular meeting on January 18, 2005, because the legislation for the project is on the agenda for that meeting.

No objection was noted.

Assemblymember Simpson requested that a meeting be scheduled with the legislation delegation the week of December 27th to discuss priorities.

No objection was noted.

Assemblymember Allen discussed scheduling the brown bag luncheons to meet with the delegation.

Assemblymember Simpson requested that the brown bag luncheons be added to the agenda to discuss with the legislative delegation.

Ms. McGehee:

- noted that she would be meeting with the IT department regarding paperless packets;
- referred to the update on the records building in the Clerk's report; and
- provided an update on the quasi-judicial boards.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:

- a. Knik Road Service Area No. 17: 10/07/04; 11/12/04
- b. Library Board: 11/20/04
- c. Planning Commission: 11/15/04
- d. Port Commission: 10/18/04; 10/27/04
- e. South Colony Road Service Area No. 16: 11/16/04
- f. Wasilla-Lakes Fire Service Area No. 130: 10/14/04

2. Community Council Correspondence:

- a. Fishhook Community Council: 12/02/04
- b. Lazy Mountain Community Council: 05/13/04; 09/09/04; 10/14/04; 11/11/04
- c. Willow Area Community Organization: 11/01/04

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

1. IM No. 04-304: AN INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM REGARDING THE 2004 PAVING PROJECTS STATUS UPDATE.

The informational memorandums were presented and no comments were noted.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(There was no unfinished business.)

(The regular meeting recessed at 8:37 p.m. and reconvened at 8:45 p.m.)

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTION (For public hearing - 01/04/05, 7 p.m., Borough Assembly Chambers)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 05-002: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000 FROM THE CIRCLE VIEW DEBT SERVICE FUND BALANCE, FUND 310, TO THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR CIRCLE VIEW AND STAMPEDE ESTATES FLOOD AND WATER EROSION CONTROL SERVICE AREA, FUND 295, FOR CONTRACTUAL SERVICES.

a. IM No. 05-004

2. Ordinance Serial No. 05-003: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REAPPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2005 AREAWIDE RESCUE DIVISION OPERATING BUDGET, FUND 100, TO THE RESCUE CAPITAL PROJECT, FUND 425, PROJECT NO. 45167, TO PURCHASE, REPLACE, AND UPGRADE ADDITIONAL RESCUE EQUIPMENT.

a. Resolution Serial No. 05-001: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 45167, FUND 425, TO PURCHASE, REPLACE, AND UPGRADE ADDITIONAL RESCUE EQUIPMENT.

(1) IM No. 05-005

3. Ordinance Serial No. 05-004: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$50,000 OF INTEREST EARNINGS ON THE PROCEEDS OF THE 2004 SERIES B, GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS TO FUND 400, SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECTS, PROJECT NO. 40158 TO ALLOW DESIGN OF THE ROOF REPLACEMENT AT SU VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL.

a. IM No. 05-006

B. INTRODUCTION (For public hearing - 01/18/05, 7 p.m., Borough Assembly Chambers)

1. Ordinance Serial No. 05-001: AN ORDINANCE CREATING BROCKTON AVENUE ROAD PAVING LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 403, 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. 05-003

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 January 4, 2005, and January 18, 2005, respectively.

VOTE: The main motion passed without objection.

B. CONSENT AGENDA (Resolution Serial No. 04-168, 04-169 and AM No. 04-168 were pulled from the consent agenda and addressed separately. *See pp. 13-14 of 17*)

1. RESOLUTIONS

a. Resolution Serial No. 04-165: A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING DATES CERTAIN FOR PAYMENT, DELINQUENCY, PROTEST, AND APPEAL OF 2005 REGULAR TAX ROLLS AND BUSINESS INVENTORY FILING, AND FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF HEARINGS BEFORE THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

(1) IM No. 04-299

b. Resolution Serial No. 04-166: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LOAN APPLICATION TO THE ALASKA STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION, ALASKA CLEAN WATER FUND, FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$296,000, TO BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTING A SLATED SAND STORAGE BUILDING AT THE CENTRAL LANDFILL.

(1) IM No. 04-300

c. Resolution Serial No. 04-167: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WASILLA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$138,616.66 FOR THE PAVING OF SOUTH MACK DRIVE, LAKE LUCILLE DRIVE, AND THE CITY HALL AND MAIN STREET ALLEYS WITHIN THE CITY OF WASILLA.

(1) IM No. 04-303

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

b. AM No. 04-201: AUTHORIZATION TO DESTROY THE OFFICIAL BALLOTS FOR THE OCTOBER 5, 2004, REGULAR BOROUGH ELECTION.

c. AM No. 04-203: APPROVING THE 2005 REGULAR ASSEMBLY MEETING SCHEDULE.

d. AM No. 04-207: RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF LATE FILED DISABLED VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS AND SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS.

e. AM No. 04-208: AWARD OF BID NO. 05-068 TO L.N. CURTIS AND SONS FOR THE AWARD AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,350 TO PURCHASE SMOOTH

BORE NOZZLES TO BE UTILIZED THROUGHOUT EMERGENCY SERVICES' CENTRAL FIRE SERVICE AREA.

- f. AM No. 04-209: AWARD OF BID NO. 05-051 TO ALASKA SAFETY INC., FOR THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$41,889 FOR THE PURCHASE OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RESPONSE EQUIPMENT TO BE UTILIZED THROUGHOUT THE FIRE SERVICE AREAS.

Ms. McGehee read the above legislation 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.

- d. Resolution Serial No. 04-168: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NORTH STAR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM'S (NSBHS) PROPOSAL TO OPEN A 60 BED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER IN ANCHORAGE.

(1) IM No. 04-305

MOTION: Assemblymember Allen moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 04-168.

Assemblymember Allen opined that it is inappropriate of the Borough to make recommendations for Anchorage.

Assemblymember Vehrs inquired as to who asked the Borough to support the legislation.

Ms. Romano stated that this came up in a conversation the Borough had with North Star Behavioral Health Systems (NSBHS).

Assemblymember Vehrs spoke in opposition to the legislation.

Assemblymember Kvalheim:

- spoke in favor of Resolution Serial No. 04-168;
- stated that she is familiar with NSBHS;
- commented that they are interested in opening a senior facility in the Borough; and
- stated that she would like to see local children be able to come home.

Discussion ensued regarding Resolution Serial No. 04-168.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to postpone Resolution Serial No. 04-168 indefinitely.

VOTE: The motion to postpone indefinitely passed without objection.

- e. Resolution Serial No. 04-169: A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR PROJECT NO. 25038, CENTRAL LANDFILL EXPANSION.
- (1) IM No. 04-307

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 04-169.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

- a. AM No. 04-168: APPROVAL OF HARDSHIP EXEMPTION FOR KENDALL B. GARDNER ABOVE THE \$150,000 SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION FOR TAX YEAR 2004.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kvalheim moved to approve AM No. 04-168.

Assemblymember Kvalheim noted that administration is recommending that this item be defeated.

VOTE: The motion failed unanimously.

C. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Anderson requested the following recommendations:

Emergency Medical Services Board

Cheri Day

Clarence Weeks, Jr.

Enhanced 911 Advisory Board

Dennis Casanovas

Thomas Remaley

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Walter Gilmour

Marc Peterson

Office of Administrative Hearings

Scott Sterling

Parks, Recreation, and Trails Advisory Board

Daniel Elliott

John Stinson

Mary Anderson

Bishop Buckle

Port Commission

Paul Campbell

Bishop Buckle

Planning Commission

Mark Masteller

Platting Board
Claudia Roberts
Senior Citizen Advisory Board
Henrietta Nugen
Meadow Lakes FSA No. 34
Rex Hunter
Trapper Creek RSA No. 30
Sylvan "Hal" Morgan, Jr.
Circle View and Stampede Estates Flood and Water Erosion Control SSA No. 131
Gregory Miller
Talkeetna Sewer and Water SSA No. 36
Jay Hudson

Mayor Anderson requested the following confirmations:

Animal Care and Regulation Board
Judith Masteller
Library Board
Kevin Fitzgerald
Virginia Robson
Local Emergency Planning Committee
Beatrice Adler
Clint Vardeman
Dennis Casanovas
Knik RSA No. 17
Removal of Robert Ruiz
Talkeetna Flood Control Service Area No. 7
Robert Gerlach

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

D. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

(There was no other new business.)

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 Kvalheim:

- noted that this is Rindi White's last night with the Assembly as a reporter for the Frontiersman; and
- advised that she will be reporting with the Anchorage Daily News.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to reconsider the motion approving the Growth Company as the facilitator and using a local location for the goal setting retreat.

VOTE: The motion to reconsider failed with Assemblymembers Kvalheim and Allen in support.

Assemblymember Simpson:

- thanked Mr. Shiesl for providing IM No. 04-304;
- thanked Sandy Petal for the detailed informational memorandum on the matching grant;
- stated that the NSBHS should have enough documentation with the Borough's support for the concept of bringing local children home;
- thanked everyone for the proclamation for the Trail Advocacy Award; and
- noted that it is Community Development's work that makes it possible.

Assemblymember Allen:

- stated that the goal setting meeting will be a perfect opportunity to discuss population growth in the Borough,
- commented that he hopes that the School Board and Assembly will consent to inviting Dr. Goldsmith to give a presentation on forecast of growth in the Borough; and
- stated that he is disappointed with the federal lobbyist's performance.

Assemblymember Woods discussed growth and traffic problems facing the Borough.

Assemblymember Vehrs:

- stated that she chairs the Borough Area Schools Site Selection Committee and is glad that the committee was continued;
- grateful for Mr. Swanson's foresight and flexibility on public comments on forecast; and
- discussed the growth of the Borough.

Assemblymember Colver:

- stated that yesterday during the school site selection committee, the members requested that setting aside land for public facilities be discussed at the joint Assembly/School Board meeting on December 14, 2004;

- congratulated Assemblymember Vehrs on her appointment to the Alaska Municipal League Board of Directors;
- noted that Mayor Anderson is still the President of the Conference of Mayors; and
- requested that administration research and draft an ordinance regarding intensive development.

Mayor Anderson:

- thanked Assemblymember Colver for filling in while he was on vacation;
- noted that he was sorry to see Ms. White leave the Frontiersman; and
- thanked Ms. White for her fair and balanced reporting of Borough issues.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

TIMOTHY L. ANDERSON, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

MICHELLE M. MCGEHEE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: January 4, 2005