

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on November 3, 2015, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Vern Halter.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Jim Sykes, Assembly District No. 1  
Mr. Matthew Beck, Assembly District No. 2  
Mr. George McKee, Assembly District No. 3  
Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4 (*attended telephonically until 6:55 p.m., at which time he entered the meeting physically.*)  
Mr. Dan Mayfield, Assembly District No. 5  
Ms. Barbara Doty, Assembly District No. 6  
Mr. Randall Kowalke, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk  
Mr. John Moosey, Borough Manager  
Mr. George Hays, Assistant Borough Manager  
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney  
Ms. Brenda J. Henry, Assistant Clerk  
Mr. Jude Bilafer, Capital Projects Director  
Ms. Cheyenne Heindel, Financial Analyst  
Mr. Terrance Dolan, Public Works Director  
Ms. Eileen Probasco, Planning and Land Use Director  
Mr. Bill Gamble, Emergency Services Director  
Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director  
Mr. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director  
Mr. Eric Wyatt, Information Technology Director  
Ms. Amy Bohmbach, Administrative Assistant I  
Ms. Benji Wood, Administrative Assistant I

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Assemblymember Beck requested to take up public hearing no. 6 immediately preceding public hearing no. 1.

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

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

#### **IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Patricia Fisher, a member of the audience.

#### **V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS**

- A. Special Meeting Minutes: 10/20/15
- B. Regular Meeting Minutes: 10/20/15

Mayor Halter inquired if there were any changes/corrections to the special or regular meeting minutes of October 20, 2015.

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

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

- A. Appointment Of Deputy Mayor – Mr. Matthew Beck

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection to appointing Assemblymember Beck as Deputy Mayor.

There was no objection noted.

#### **VII. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **A. AGENCY REPORTS**

- 1. Reports from cities

##### Wasilla City

Mayor Bert Cottle:

- invited the body to attend a presentation on the State's Fiscal Challenges and Building a Sustainable Fiscal Future, at Teeland Middle School on November 6, 2015, from 6p.m. to 9 p.m.;
- spoke to the Holiday Market Place that will be held at the Menard Sports Complex this Saturday and Sunday;
- stated that there will also be a gun show; and
- noted that next Tuesday, at Wasilla City Hall, Matanuska Electric Association will be providing a presentation regarding their electrical transmission route proposal.

2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District

*(There was no report provided.)*

~~3. Aviation Advisory Board – Mr. Archie Giddings, Chair~~

*(Mr. Giddings did not appear and provide a report.)*

4. Mat-Su Convention and Visitor's Bureau – Ms. Bonnie Quill

Ms. Quill:

- spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 15-133, regarding the sale of the land that is the current location of the Mat-Su Convention and Visitor's Bureau (MSCVB); and
- reported on the activities of the MSCVB to promote tourism.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues

Assemblymember Beck:

- reported on the current student enrollment;
- noted that all construction projects that impact schools are moving along on schedule;
- related that on Friday, November 13, at 10 a.m. at the School District Administration Office, there will be the annual demographic roundtable;
- advised that there will be a restart of the Borough Areawide School Site Selection Committee meeting, even though the State has placed a moratorium on funding for any new schools; and
- stated that the intent is to preplan for where schools may be needed in the future.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- spoke in support of restarting the Borough Areawide School Site Selection Committee; and
- noted the need to begin the process now rather than later.

Ms. Sara Heath, of Governor Walker's Matanuska-Susitna Office, summarized the presentation regarding the State's Fiscal Challenges and Building a Sustainable Fiscal Future that will occur at Teeland Middle School.

2. Assembly Public Relations

*(There was no report provided.)*

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation
2. Strategic Planning Issues

Mr. Moosey:

- noted that he had met with a gentleman regarding gaps in health care that exist within the valley; and
- stated that Mr. Douglas Clegg is present this evening to speak to the body.

Mr. Douglas Clegg spoke to the plan for the property at the current MSCVB location for development of long term health care facilities.

#### D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos:

- advised that the Borough has received the commodity jurisdiction determination from United States State Department;
- noted that if the ferry sale goes through, that an export notification will have to be filed with the United States Department of Commerce;
- advised that there is different paperwork depending on if the ferry moves under its own power or is barged;
- spoke to the type of paperwork that will have to be prepared along with the sale; and
- noted that it is good news, although it has been a very long process.

Mr. Moosey noted that Mr. Spiropoulos has worked very hard on the ferry sale in order to help it move along smoothly.

Mr. Spiropoulos:

- noted that there needs to be a discussion regarding implementing the districting of School Board seats as approved by the voters at the October 6 election;
- advised that he will work with the Clerk to implement that change; and
- noted that there is a year to establish the process.

#### E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie:

- spoke regarding the upcoming meeting schedule; and
- advised that the 2016 Assembly meeting schedule legislation will be on the next meeting's agenda.

#### F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:

- a. Agricultural Advisory Board: Resolution No. 15-02
- b. Alpine RSA Board of Supervisors: Resolution Nos. 15-02, 15-03
- c. Aviation Advisory Board: 03/12/15, 04/09/15, Resolution No. 15-05
- d. Ethics Board: 08/27/15, Advisory Opinion 15-02
- e. Gold Trail RSA Board of Supervisors: Resolution No. 15-02
- f. Greater Butte RSA Board of Supervisors: Resolution No. 15-02

- g. Greater Talkeetna RSA Board of Supervisors: 05/14/15
- h. Greater Willow RSA Board of Supervisors: Resolution No. 15-01
- i. Knik RSA Board of Supervisors: 04/08/15
- j. Local Emergency Planning Committee: 04/15/15
- k. Planning Commission: Resolution Nos. 15-34, 15-37
- l. West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 08/10/15
- 2. Community Council Minutes:
  - a. Big Lake Community Council: 07/14/15
  - b. Point MacKenzie Community Council: 06/11/15

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

#### G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

*(There were no informational memorandums presented.)*

### VIII. SPECIAL ORDERS

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

*(There were no persons to be heard.)*

#### B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three minutes per person.)

- 6. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-133:** An Ordinance Approving A Sale By Application Of Tract B, Best View Subdivision And The Improvements Thereon For \$1,215,000; Authorization For The Manager To Negotiate The Sale; And An Appropriation Of \$50,000 From Sale Proceeds To The Parks Shop Building, Fund 440, Project No. 15039, With The Remainder Of The Sale Proceeds To Be Deposited To A Land Management Fund And Appropriated At A Later Time By The Borough Assembly (MSB007064).
  - a. IM No. 15-194

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 15-133: Mr. Zack Steer and Mr. Don Dyer.

The following persons spoke to concerns with relocating the Veteran's Memorial Wall: Mr. William Lyle; Mr. Craig Saunders; Ms. Hazel Schwulst; Commander Jerry Hoskins, Palmer American Legion Post No. 15; and Ms. Betty Brickel.

The following person spoke to concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

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

*(The meeting recessed at 6:43 p.m. and reconvened at 6:52 p.m.)*

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 15-133.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 15-133, as follows:

- by striking the fourteenth whereas clause in its entirety; and
- inserting the following in its place: “Whereas, the Veteran’s Memorial site may be relocated to another location on the parcel, but as a condition of this sale, the Veteran’s Memorial site must remain on the parcel and not be relocated elsewhere.”

MOTION: Assemblymember Doty moved a secondary amendment by inserting at the end of the fourteenth whereas clause, the following sentence: “The current management agreement with the Areawide Community Service Council is conveyed rather than terminated as a condition of the sale.”

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed as amended with Assemblymembers McKee and Colligan opposed.

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 15-133, by inserting the words “such as hospice or other formal long term care” at the end of the fifth whereas clause to read: “Whereas, the elder care facility may provide transitional care for patients released from the hospital, or longer care for other clients in need, such as hospice or other forms of long term care.”

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 15-133, to a time certain of December 1, 2015.

VOTE: The motion to postpone failed with Assemblymembers McKee and Colligan in support.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended with Assemblymembers McKee and Colligan opposed.

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-123:** An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The North Sorrelwood Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 509 And Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments And Making Refunds To Property Owners.
  - a. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-124:** An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Not To Exceed \$70,000 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Bonds For The North

Sorrelwood Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 509, And Fixing Details Of Said Bonds.

(1) IM No. 15-211

Mayor Halter 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 Doty moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 15-123 and 15-124

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-125:** An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The Dawn Lake Estates Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 546 And Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments And Making Refunds To Property Owners.

a. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-126:** An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Not To Exceed \$54,000 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Bonds For The Dawn Lake Estates Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 546, And Fixing Details Of Said Bonds.

(1) IM No. 15-212

Mayor Halter 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 Mayfield moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 15-125 and 15-126.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-127:** An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The East Carney Road No. 2 Noncontiguous Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 553 And Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments And Making Refunds To Property Owners.

a. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-128:** An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Not To Exceed \$10,000 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Bonds For The East Carney Road No. 2 Noncontiguous Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 553, And Fixing Details Of Said Bonds.

(1) IM No. 15-213

Mayor Halter 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 Doty moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 15-127 and 15-128.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

4. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-129:** An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The Portion Of Wagner Subdivision Noncontiguous Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 556 And Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments And Making Refunds To Property Owners.
  - a. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-130:** An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Not To Exceed \$10,000 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Bonds For The Portion Of Wagner Subdivision Noncontiguous Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 556, And Fixing Details Of Said Bonds.
    - (1) IM No. 15-214

Mayor Halter 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 Sykes moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 15-129 and 15-130.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

5. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-131:** An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The Birch Hills Estates Noncontiguous Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 560 And Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments And Making Refunds To Property Owners.
  - a. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-132:** An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of Not To Exceed \$12,000 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Bonds For The Birch Hills Estates Noncontiguous Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 560, And Fixing Details Of Said Bonds.
    - (1) IM No. 15-215

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke to concerns with the public hearing process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 15-131 and 15-132.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

7. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-134:** An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$110,000 From Bogard Road Service Area No. 25 Fund Balance, Fund 279, To Fund 410, Project No. 30045, For Bogard Road Service Area No. 25 Capital Projects.
  - a. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-135:** An Ordinance Approving A Reappropriation Of \$100,000 From The Bogard Road Service Area No. 25 Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget, Fund 279, To Fund 410, Project No. 30045, For Bogard Road Service Area No. 25 Capital Projects.
    - (1) IM No. 15-202
    - (2) IM No. 15-203

Mayor Halter 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 McKee moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 15-134 and 15-135.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

8. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-136:** An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$100,000 From South Colony Road Service Area No. 16 Fund Balance, Fund 273, To Fund 410, Project No. 30039, For South Colony Road Service Area No. 16 Capital Projects.
  - a. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-137:** An Ordinance Approving A Reappropriation Of \$150,000 From The South Colony Road Service Area No. 16 Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget, Fund 273, To Fund 410, Project No. 30039, For South Colony Road Service Area No. 16 Capital Projects.
    - (1) IM No. 15-207
    - (2) IM No. 15-208

Mayor Halter 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 Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 15-136 and 15-137.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

9. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-138:** An Ordinance Approving Acquisition Of The Land And Improvements Thereon Of Lot 1A, Block 10, Devon Wood Division Three, Where Twindly Bridge Charter School Is Currently Located (MSB007058).

- a. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-139:** An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$800,000 From The Areawide School Site Acquisition Reserve Fund 100, For The Purpose Of Acquiring Lot 1A, Block 10, Devon Wood Division Three, Where Twindly Bridge Charter School Is Currently Located, With Full Reimbursement Of Reserve Funds To Be Paid By Twindly Bridge Charter School Through Annual Appropriations Of The Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District To The Charter School's Capital Budget (MSB007058.)
  - (1) IM No. 15-209

Mayor Halter 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 Doty moved to adopt Ordinance Serial Nos. 15-138 and 15-139.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

10. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-140:** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$51,775 From The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management Grant Program, To Fund 425, Project No. 45158, For The Electronic Patient Care Report Project And Small Unit Support Vehicle Communications.
  - a. **Resolution Serial No. 15-102:** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Alaska State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Management Grant, Project No. 45158, Fund 425, For The Electronic Patient Care Report Project And Small Unit Support Vehicle Communications.
    - (1) IM No. 15-210

Mayor Halter 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 Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 15-140 and Resolution Serial No. 15-102.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

11. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-141:** An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$50,000 From Big Lake Road Service Area No. 21 Fund Balance, Fund 277, To Fund 410, Project No. 30043, For Big Lake Road Service Area No. 21 Capital Projects.
  - a. IM No. 15-218

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke to concerns with road improvements within the Big Lake Road Service Area: Mr. Butch Moore, Ms. Lolly Symbol, Mr. Keith Lipse, and Ms. Debby Underwood.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 15-141.

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 15-141 to a time certain of December 1, 2015.

VOTE: The motion to postpone passed without objection.

12. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-142:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 5.25.032(A) To Exempt City Of Houston Property From The Big Lake Road Service Area.

a. IM No. 15-220

Mayor Halter 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 Mayfield moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 15-142:

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

*(The meeting recessed at 7:52 p.m. and reconvened at 8:01 p.m.)*

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following persons spoke in opposition to Resolution Serial No. 15-103, which would change the time of Platting Board meetings: Ms. Dina Sorenson, Platting Board Chair; and Mr. Jay Van Diest, Platting Board Member.

The following person spoke to the need for infrastructure due to population growth within the Borough: Ms. Helen Munoz.

The following person spoke to concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

The following person spoke in opposition to Ordinance Serial No. 15-133 with regards to the Veteran's Memorial Wall: Mr. Bert Cottle, who stated that he was speaking as a private citizen.

The following persons spoke to the need for road improvements in the Big Lake area: Mr. Butch Moore and Mr. Keith Lipse.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

*(All resolutions were pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion.)*

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

- a. **AM No. 15-151:** Authorization To Purchase A Hydraulic Excavator From Yukon Equipment, Inc. In The Amount Of \$147,296.
- b. **AM No. 15-153:** Vacate North Doubloon Circle Located Within Treasure Island Subdivision Plat No. 71-33, Located In Section 22, Township 18 North, Range 2 West, Seward Meridian.
- c. **AM No. 15-154:** Approval To Transfer Funds From Assembly Reserve (100.100.102.429.900) In The Amount Of \$1,000 For The Newly Elected Official In Assembly District 3 To Attend The Alaska Municipal League's Newly Elected Official Training In November.

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

- a. **Resolution Serial No. 15-103:** A Resolution Amending The Platting Procedures Pamphlet, To Change The Platting Board Meetings From Morning To Evening Meetings.  
(1) IM No. 15-224

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 15-103.

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved to postpone Resolution Serial No. 15-103 to a time certain of December 1, 2015.

VOTE: The motion to postpone passed without objection.

- b. **Resolution Serial No. 15-104:** A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work For Project No. 45167 To Purchase Two Alumaski Personal Watercraft And A Trailer.  
(1) IM No. 15-225

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 15-104.

MOTION: Assemblymember McKee moved to postpone Resolution Serial No. 15-104, to a time certain of December 1, 2015.

VOTE: The motion to postpone failed with Assemblymember McKee in support.

VOTE: The main motion passed with Assemblymember McKee opposed.

## **IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. **Resolution Serial No. 15-048:** A Resolution To Request The Removal Of State And Federal Legislation From The Manager Comments In The Agenda At Regular Meetings. *(Sponsored By Mayor DeVilbiss)*

1. IM No. 15-106

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Arvin moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 15-048.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to postpone Resolution Serial No. 15-048 indefinitely.

VOTE: The motion to postpone indefinitely passed with Assemblymembers McKee and Colligan opposed.

B. **Resolution Serial No. 15-052:** A Resolution To Request Support From The Governor, State Legislators, And The Alaska State Department Of Environmental Conservation Regarding The Use Of Recycled Biosolids On Borough Farmlands. *(Sponsored By Mayor DeVilbiss)*

1. IM No. 15-130

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Arvin moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 15-052.

VOTE: The motion failed with Assemblymember McKee in support.

## **X. VETO**

*(There were no vetoes presented.)*

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For public hearing – 12/01/15 Assembly Chambers)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-144:** An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$40,000 From Lazy Mountain Road Service Area No. 19 Fund Balance, Fund 275, To Fund 410, Project No. 30041, For Lazy Mountain Road Service Area No. 19 Capital Projects.

a. IM No. 15-227

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-145:** An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$60,000 From Greater Willow Road Service Area No. 20 Fund Balance, Fund 276, To Fund 410, Project No. 30042, For Greater Willow Road Service Area No. 20 Capital Projects.
  - a. IM No. 15-228
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-146:** An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$10,000 From North Colony Road Service Area No. 23 Fund Balance, Fund 278, To Fund 410, Project No. 30044, For North Colony Road Service Area No. 23 Capital Projects.
  - a. IM No. 15-231
4. **Ordinance Serial No. 15-147:** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A Deposit From The Philippine Red Cross In The Amount Of \$250,000 Deposit To Purchase The Vessel, To Fund 450, For Engine Repairs.
  - a. IM No. 15-234

Ms. McKechnie read the above legislation into the record.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Beck moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and set the public hearing for December 1, 2015.

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

## B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

### 1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Halter requested the following removal for confirmation:

Local Emergency Planning Committee  
Angela Wade, removal

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Beck moved to confirm the Mayor's removal.

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

## C. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

*(There was no other new business.)*

## D. REFERRALS (For referral to the Planning Commission for 90 days or other date specified by the Assembly)

*(There were no referrals presented.)*

## XII. RECONSIDERATION

*(There was no reconsideration presented.)*

### **XIII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Ms. McKechnie welcomed newly elected Assemblymembers McKee and Kowalke to their first regular meeting.

Assemblymember Doty:

- stated that she is pleased that discussion occurred regarding the best way to protect the Veteran's Memorial and also provided skilled nursing facilities that are desperately needed;
- noted that she is looking forward to working with the Planning Commission and Platting Board regarding possible changes to Title 43; and
- spoke to the need to fill the vacancies on the Platting Board.

Assemblymember Colligan:

- spoke to a letter and a resolution from Governor Walker to Mr. Dave Mathewson, who is the Executive Director of the Academy of Model Aeronautics;
- stated that he would like to get a consensus of the Assembly as to if they would support the Manager writing a similar letter of support;
- spoke to his involvement with unmanned aerial systems and mapping;
- spoke to the program "Know Before You Fly" that was put together in order to continually update the regulations; and
- stated that he would like the Borough to be the first to show support of acknowledging the rules and assisting the public in understanding unmanned aerial system regulations.

Assemblymember Beck spoke in support of Assemblymember Colligan's request.

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

Assemblymember McKee thanked staff for assisting him with getting settled in to his new position as a member of the Assembly

Assemblymember Sykes:

- welcomed Assemblymembers McKee and Kowalke to the Assembly;
- spoke to the proposal to move the time of Platting Board meetings;
- thanked the members of the Platting Board for their testimony; and
- spoke in support of the discussion this evening.

Assemblymember Kowalke:

- thanked the body for the warm welcome; and
- spoke to his interaction with various departments and the pleasant natures and professionalism that he encountered.

Assemblymember Mayfield:

- thanked the members of the Big Lake community that provided testimony this evening;
- spoke to concerns using account numbers being difficult for the public to understand;
- spoke to his past experience with accounting; and
- stated that he would like to direct the Manager, whenever possible, to use the name of fund balances rather than just the number, so that the public can better understand where funds are coming from and going to.

Mayor Halter:

- encouraged the newly elected Assembly members to attend the Newly Elected Officials (NEO) training at the Alaska Municipal League conference;
- spoke to having attended the NEO training and the benefits received;
- stated that he is a veteran and noted that the issue of the Veteran's Memorial possibly being relocated is a tough issue;
- noted that he is encouraged that it will go well if everyone's interests are met and the parties work closely together;
- stated that Mayor Cottle had generously offered a location in Wasilla for the memorial, but that he hopes it is utilized as a last resort; and
- spoke in support of developing the property where the memorial is located.

Assemblymember Beck:

- spoke to his confidence that the buyer of the property will work closely with the veteran's to ensure that an appropriate resolution is reached;
- spoke to having attended the Youth Court graduation;
- stated that he was incredibly impressed with the quality of the young people who participate in the program;
- noted that he is proud that the Assembly supports that program and spoke to his hope that it can continue;
- congratulated Assemblymembers McKee and Kowalke and welcomed them to the Assembly;
- congratulated Mr. Moosey and Mr. Spiropoulos on their hard work on the ferry sale;
- thanked Mayor Halter for his confidence in appointing him as Deputy Mayor; and
- stated that the body needs to support the McKinley Meat Plant, as it is the only United States Department of Agriculture approved meat processing plant in Alaska.

Mr. Moosey advised that the Mr. Harris, the Borough's State Lobbyist could be put to work on that issue.

Mayor Halter:

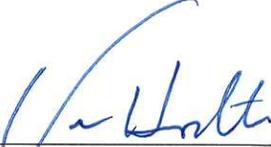
- thanked the members of the Platting Board who provided testimony; and
- thanked staff for the information they provided during the meeting.

**XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*(There was no executive session held.)*

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

  
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VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 12/01/15