

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on July 21, 2015, at the Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Larry DeVilbiss for the purpose of taking action on the consent agenda.

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. Ronald Arvin, Assembly District No. 3 (*Deputy Mayor*)(*attended telephonically*)
Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4
Mr. Dan Mayfield, Assembly District No. 5
Ms. Barbara J. Doty, Assembly District No. 6
Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Moosey, Borough Manager
Mr. John Aschenbrenner, Deputy Borough Attorney
Ms. Brenda J. Henry, Assistant Clerk
Mr. George Hays, Assistant Borough Manager
Mr. Brad Sworts, Acting Capital Projects Director
Mr. Terry Dolan, Public Works Director

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Terry Dolan, Public Works Director.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following person spoke to the need for a wastewater and septage facility: Ms. Helen Munoz.

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

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

- a. **AM No. 15-098:** Award Of Bid No. 15-158B To Jolt Construction And Traffic Maintenance, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$189,316.90 For Big Lake Elementary School Site Improvements.
- b. **AM No. 15-100:** Approval For Additional Change Order Authority Up To \$40,000 For Contract No. 15-009B To Orion Construction, Inc. For Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District Washroom Upgrades Construction, Project No. 40185.
- c. **AM No. 15-101:** Award Of Bid No. 16-003B To Alaskan Industries, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$194,800 For Multipurpose Room Flooring Replacement At Sherrod, Swanson, And Pioneer Peak Elementary Schools.
- d. **AM No. 15-102:** Approval Of Contract Amendment For Contract No. 14-064B To F-E Contracting, Inc. In The Amount Of \$18,792 For The Palmer High School Renovation, Project No. 40181.
- f. **AM No. 15-104:** Award Of Bid No. 16-011B To Triple V Contracting In The Contract Amount Of \$198,400 For Big Lake Elementary School Second Floor Carpet Replacement.
- g. **AM No. 15-105:** Award Of Bid No. 15-163B To Norse Alaska, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$190,134.74 For Lazenby Road And Juanita Way Upgrades.
- h. **AM No. 15-106:** Award Of Bid No. 15-165B To Valley General Construction, LLC. In The Contract Amount Of \$125,137 For Sitze Road Upgrades.
- i. **AM No. 15-107:** Approval Of Contract Amendment To Bristol Environmental Remediation Services, LLC. In The Amount Of \$885,840 For Mack Drive Extension/Clapp Street Improvements Project, Project No. 35403.
- j. **AM No. 15-108:** Approval Of Contract Amendment No. 11 To Lounsbury And Associates, Inc. In The Amount Of \$174,630 For The Trunk Road Extension South Design Services, Project No. 35007.
- k. **AM No. 15-109:** Request For A Six Month Waiver Of Residency Requirements Per MSB 2.52.210 For The New Capital Projects Director To Allow For A Transition Period.
- l. **AM No. 15-110:** Award Of Bid No. 15-153B To Jolt Construction And Traffic Maintenance In The Contract Amount Of \$1,773,231.97 For Big Lake Road and Northshore Drive Intersection Improvements.

Ms. McKechnie read the consent agenda into the record.

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

a. **Resolution Serial No. 15-070:** A Resolution Approving The Amended Budgets And Transfer Of Funds From Vine Road Upgrade, Project No. 35410, To Collector Road Access To Machetanz Elementary, Also Known As Trunk Road Extension South, Project No. 35402, In The Amount Of \$768,852.78.

(1) IM No. 15-156

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 15-070.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

b. **Resolution Serial No. 15-071:** A Resolution Approving The Amended Budgets And Transfer Funds From The Sullivan And Caudill Road Upgrade Project, Project No. 35407, To The Collector Road Access To Machetanz Elementary School Project, Project No. 35402, In The Amount Of \$900,000.

(1) IM No. 157

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 15-070.

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed with Assemblymember Mayfield, Sykes, and Beck opposed.

e. **AM No. 15-103:** Award Of Bid No. 15-168B To Granite Construction Company In The Contract Amount Of \$6,075,705.90 For Trunk Road Extension South Construction.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Assemblymember Colligan declared a conflict of interest as his company has done business with Granite Construction within the last 12 months.

RULING: Mayor DeVilbiss ruled that Assemblymember Colligan had a conflict and would be recused from voting.

(Assemblymember Colligan exited the meeting.)

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

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

(Assemblymember Colligan re-entered the meeting.)

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember Doty requested that the Talkeetna Sewer and Water Study be provided to the Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board to assist them in providing advice to the Assembly.

Assemblymember Colligan:

- spoke to the progress being made on the new Wasilla Library construction;
- spoke to concerns with the per bag fees for the transfer stations;
- noted that due to the large fee increase that trash could end up in the woods; and
- stated that he would like to see the Assembly address the overly large fee increase.

Assemblymember Beck:

- stated that he has also received a lot of calls regarding the solid waste fees increase;
- noted Palmer Pride Day begins Friday, July 24;
- spoke to the Mat Su Miners being ranked No. 2 in the nation;
- spoke to having provided tours at the Government Peak Chalet; and
- requested an update on the kitchen installation at the Government Peak Chalet.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- opined that the recent Garden Art Faire was a success;
- noted that it was well attended;
- stated that he went to Lake Louise last Saturday and took a ride on the public safety boat;
- summarized the repairs that the Lake Louise Public Safety Building will require;
- noted that numerous repair options are being looked at; and
- stated that he is looking forward to attending the Palmer Pride event.

Assemblymember Mayfield

- thanked Assemblymember Colligan for bringing up the solid waste fees issue and related that he has received numerous calls as well;
- advised that he is a co-sponsor of legislation that will come before the body in order to lower the fees;
- spoke to the need to keep solid waste in the land fill;
- summarized the increase from last year to this year; and
- spoke to concerns with the way the solid waste coupons to property owners were issued this year.

Assemblymember Halter

- spoke in support of rolling back the solid waste transfer fees;
- opined that the increases went too far;
- spoke in support of the Trunk Road Extension South project; and
- spoke to the need to ensure safe access to Machetanz Elementary;

Assemblymember Colligan spoke in support of the body having an engaging conversation regarding solid waste fees.

Assemblymember Arvin:

- noted that solid waste services come with a cost;
- related that rates went up for everyone for the last five years, except those in the outlying areas;
- spoke to concerns that every land owner subsidize solid waste services regardless of where they live;
- noted that the fee increases are a direct result of what it costs to handle solid waste;
- related that solid waste services have been losing millions of dollars for several years;
- commented that everyone appeared pleased with the fees increase when it was discussed during the budget; and
- thanked the body for their support of funding for the Machetanz Elementary access project.

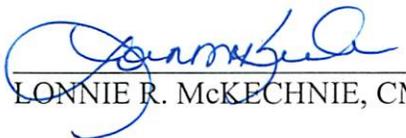
Mayor DeVilbiss spoke to concerns with the large solid waste fee increases.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.


LARRY DeVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 08/18/15