

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 4 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 (*Deputy Mayor*)
- Mr. George McKee, Assembly District No. 3
- Mr. Dan Mayfield, Assembly District No. 5
- Ms. Barbara Doty, Assembly District No. 6 (*arrived at 4:10 p.m.*)
- Mr. Randall Kowalke, Assembly District No. 7

Assembly members absent and excused were:

- Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4

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. Terrance Dolan, Public Works Director
- Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director
- Mr. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director
- Mr. Eric Wyatt, Information Technology Director
- Mr. Marc Van Dongen, Port Director
- Mr. Stefan Hinman, Media Design Specialist
- Ms. Therese Dolan, Administrative Specialist
- Mr. James Wilson, Internal Auditor

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Halter 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. Marc Van Dongen, Port Director.

**V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)**

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

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

The following person spoke in support of port development: Mr. Chris Hayes, Port Commission Member.

**VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**A. Port Operational Overview**

Mr. Marc Van Dongen, Port Director, provided an operational overview of Port MacKenzie.

**B. Future Opportunities**

Mr. Paul Metz, Professor of Geological Engineering with the University of Alaska Fairbanks, reported on future opportunities for the Borough, regarding the railroad project and natural resource commodities.

**VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS**

*(There were no comments provided.)*

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

  
VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 04/19/16