

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, 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 (*attended telephonically*)
Mr. George McKee, Assembly District No. 3
Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4
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. Jessica Kilborn, Deputy Borough Clerk
Mr. Jude Bilafer, Capital Projects Director
Mr. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director
Mr. Alex Strawn, Development Services Manager
Mr. Bill Gamble, Emergency Services Director
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Mr. Eric Wyatt, Information Technology Director
Mr. Mark Whisenhunt, Planner II
Mr. Terrance Dolan, Public Works Director
Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director

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. Terry Dolan, Public Works Director.

- spoke on the Supreme Court case regarding oil and gas taxation and its relativity to municipalities.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. Kilborn:

- spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule;
- noted there was a request to cancel the February 16, 2016, special meeting regarding bonding issues and to add the item to the Manager's Report for the regular meeting on February 16, 2016; and
- suggested the following quarterly meeting schedule, in response to the Assembly's request at the January 30, 2016, Planning Session to hold more planning sessions in order to receive Manager updates in the Committee of the Whole:
 - 4 p.m., June 7, 2016;
 - 4 p.m., September 6, 2016;
 - 4 p.m., December 13, 2016; and
- noted that the Facilitator's reports from the January 30, 2016, Planning Session were provided.

There was no objection noted to the changes to the meetings on February 16, 2016, and the Assembly gave direction to schedule the quarterly planning sessions as suggested.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:

- a. Caswell FSA Board of Supervisors: 08/12/15
- b. Joint Central Mat-Su and West Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors: 10/05/15
- c. Greater Talkeetna RSA Board of Supervisors: 10/08/15
- d. Greater Willow RSA Board of Supervisors: 09/24/15, 11/02/15
- e. Knik RSA Board of Supervisors: 07/08/15
- f. Planning Commission: Resolution Serial Nos. 16-01, 16-02
- g. Port Commission: 02/23/15, 09/21/15, 11/16/15
- h. Wastewater and Septage Advisory Board: 09/09/15

2. Community Council Minutes:

- a. Big Lake Community Council: 10/13/15
- b. Meadow Lakes Community Council: 10/14/15

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

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

There were no informational memorandums presented.

MOTION: Assemblymember Kowalke moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 16-008.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

[Clerk's Note: The substitute ordinance was not moved.]

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-009:** An Ordinance Approving A Reappropriation Of \$100,000 From Fund 410, Project No. 30043, For Big Lake Road Service Area No. 21 Capital Projects To Big Lake Road Service Area No. 21 Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget, Fund 277.
 - a. IM No. 16-016

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. 16-009.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following persons spoke to concerns regarding Ordinance Serial No. 16-003: Ms. Michelle Latham and Mr. Louie Calandri.

The following person spoke to concerns regarding Ordinance Serial No. 16-003 and spoke in support of postponing action on the ordinance until after the October 4, 2016, regular election: Mr. Larry DeVilbiss

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 16-003: Ms. Sara Williams and Mr. Joe McAneney.

The following person spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 16-003: Mr. Brad Empey.

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

The following person spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 15-150: Ms. Kristie Parsons.

The following person spoke in opposition of Ordinance Serial No. 15-150: Mr. Martin Bee.

The following person spoke to the fees associated with use of the community pools: Ms. Terri Sneider.

(The meeting recessed at 7:20 p.m. and reconvened at 7:28 p.m.)

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. INTRODUCTIONS (For public hearing – 02/16/16, Assembly Chambers)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-003:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.60 To Include Permit Requirements And Standards For Marijuana Related Facilities; And Repealing Unapplicable Definitions.
 - a. IM No. 16-001.

2. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-010:** An Ordinance Approving A Land Exchange Of Borough-Owned Land Containing Approximately 6.6 Acres For Privately-Owned Land Containing Approximately 5 Acres For Purpose Of Constructing A Public Safety Warm Storage Building, Willow Fire Service Area Project No. 45274, Fund 405; And Authorizing The Manager To Implement The Land Exchange (MSB006716).
 - a. **Resolution Serial No. 16-009:** A Resolution Approving A Best Interest Finding In Support Of The Exchange Of Borough-Owned Land For Privately-Owned Land For Purpose Of Constructing A Public Safety Warm Storage Building In Accordance With Willow Fire Service Area Project No. 45274, Fund 405 (MSB006716).
 - (1) IM No. 16-019

Ms. Kilborn read the above legislation into the record.

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Deputy Clerk and set the public hearing for February 16, 2016.

MOTION TO DIVIDE THE QUESTION: Assemblymember McKee moved to divide the question and take up the introduction of Ordinance Serial No. 16-003 separately.

VOTE: The motion to divide the question failed with Assemblymembers McKee, Kowalke, and Colligan in support.

VOTE: The main motion passed without objection.

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Halter requested the following resignation and appointments for confirmation:

Agriculture Advisory Board
Jenny Wren, resignation
Emergency Medical Services Board
Sunshine Hunsaker
Library Board
Deena Carlos

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved to rescind Resolution Serial No. 15-112.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

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

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-012:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 15.24.030, Adopting The Port Master Plan 2016 Update.
 - a. IM No. 16-023

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved to refer Ordinance Serial No. 16-012 to the Planning Commission for 90 days.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

XI. RECONSIDERATION

(There was no reconsideration presented.)

XII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos noted that he would be absent for the February 16, 2016, regular meeting and Mr. John Aschenbrenner would be in attendance.

Ms. McKechnie noted she would be out of town February 11 through 21, 2016.

Assemblymember Sykes

- inquired on the possibility of preparations for multi-year budgets as was discussed at the Planning Session on January 30, 2016; and
- noted the Manager's evaluation subcommittee met and drafted procedures for review by the Manager and the Assembly.

Assemblymember Kowalke:

- thanked everyone for participation during the meeting; and
- and noted that he looked forward to further review of the budget.

Assemblymember Doty:

- commended the public relations outreach measures regarding leachate and septage matters; and
- noted that she would be absent for the February 16, 2016, regular meeting, but would be available to call in.

Assemblymember Beck:

- voiced concern that Assembly members would be absent during the discussion on the bonding issues under Manager's comments scheduled for the next meeting;
- noted that continued discussion on the bonding issues may need to be held; and
- expressed gratitude for the opportunity to call in to participate in the meeting.

Mayor Halter

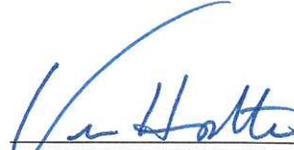
- noted the success of the Planning Session held on January 30, 2016;
- spoke to the Alaska Dispatch News article regarding the Point MacKenzie railroad extension;
- thanked staff for attendance at the meetings; and
- commended the Manager on the documents related to the schedule of fees and fines presented at the special meeting.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(There was no executive session held.)

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.


VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 02/16/16