

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular 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 6 p.m. by Mayor 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. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4 (*Arrived at 6:06 p.m.*)
- 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. Alex Strawn, Development Services Manager
- Mr. Bill Gamble, Emergency Services Director
- Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director
- Mr. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director
- Mr. Eric Wyatt, Information Technology Director

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Ms. McKechnie:

- advised that Ordinance Serial No. 16-023 and Resolution Serial No. 16-016 were inadvertently added to the agenda;
- noted that they would be up for public hearing on March 15; and
- requested that they be pulled from the agenda and no action taken.

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

Mayor Halter queried if there were any additional changes to the agenda.

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

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

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

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

*(There were no minutes presented.)*

#### **VI. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

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

##### **1. Reports from cities**

##### Wasilla City

Mayor Bert Cottle announced the following:

- the Mat-Su Military and Veterans Resource Fair would be held on March 4, 2016, at the Menard Center, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.;
- the Boom Town Derby Dames would hold a Roller Derby Event on March 5, 2016, at the Menard Center, at 6 p.m.;
- a hockey tournament, hosted by the Junior Avalanche Hockey Association, would be held March 4 through 6, 2016, at the Menard Center;
- the Outdoor Show would be held March 18 through 20, 2016, at the Menard Center; and
- the deadline to get names on the wall at the new Wasilla Library, was April 1, 2016.

##### **2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District**

*(There was no report provided.)*

##### **B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee on School Issues**

*(There was no report provided.)*

2. Assembly Public Relations

*(There were no reports provided.)*

C. MANAGER COMMENTS

1. State/Federal Legislation
2. Strategic Planning Issues
3. Manager Evaluation Process
4. Assessor's Report

Mr. Brad Pickett, Borough Assessor, reported on the property assessment process.

Mr. Moosey:

- spoke to a trip to Junear with Mr. Spiropoulos to discuss the proposed E-911 legislation with the Legislative Delegation;
- noted that a Senatorial sponsor for the legislation might be sought; and
- spoke to the use of the E-911 program in regards to emergency communications.

D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS

1. M/V Susitna Discussion (As Needed)

Mr. Spiropoulos:

- spoke to discussing the proposed E-911 legislation with the Legislative Delegation;
- noted they were working with Emergency Services Director Gambell on the language for the legislation;
- briefed the Assembly on a pending State Legislative bill regarding economic development and how it related to property assessments and tax exemptions;
- spoke to the number of marijuana applications/notice of state filings received through the Clerk's office;
- advised that the State would be requested to provide notification to applicants that a voter sponsored initiative would be placed on the ballot for the 2016 election;
- spoke to an order of disbursement regarding the rail extension project;
- spoke to a pending lawsuit case that would be mediated on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, with the trial being held during the month of April; and
- announced that an executive session to discuss the lawsuit would be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, after the joint meeting with the School Board.

E. CLERK COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie:

- spoke regarding the upcoming meeting schedule;
- spoke to the proposed budget meetings; and
- inquired if the dates would work for the Assembly.

There was no objection noted.

F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

1. MSB Board/Committee Minutes:
  - a. Agricultural Advisory Board: 11/25/15, 12/17/15, Resolution Nos. 15-05, 15-06
  - b. Fairview RSA Board of Supervisors: 08/18/15
  - c. MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission: 11/19/15, 11/23/15, 12/17/15
  - d. Meadow Lakes RSA Board of Supervisors: 03/27/15
  - e. Trapper Creek RSA Board of Supervisors: 05/13/15, 08/12/15, 11/04/15
2. Community Council Minutes:
  - a. Big Lake Community Council: 12/08/15
  - b. Butte Community Council: 02/11/15, 03/11/15, 04/08/15, 05/13/15, 09/09/15, 10/14/15, 12/09/15
  - c. Chickaloon Community Council: 06/10/15, 07/08/15, 08/12/15, 09/09/15, 10/14/15, 11/11/15
  - d. Gateway Community Council: 12/03/15
  - e. Meadow Lakes Community Council: 11/11/15
  - f. Pt. MacKenzie Community Council: 10/08/15, Resolution No. 15-004

The citizen and other correspondence were presented.

G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS

*(There were no informational memorandums presented.)*

**VII. 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.)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-001:** An Ordinance Creating 2207 And 2287 East Carney Road Noncontiguous Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 577, 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. 16-003

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke to concerns that the legislation, which stated it was noncontiguous and the Borough Attorney noted that it was contiguous: 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 Doty moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 16-001.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

2. **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. *(Sponsored by Assemblymember Sykes)*
  - a. IM No. 16-001

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in support of the State's regulations for commercialized marijuana and in favor of commercialized marijuana in the Borough: Ms. Amy Tuma, Mr. Tim Clark, Mr. Joe McAneney, Mr. Kenyon DePriest, Ms. Ronda Marcy, and Mr. David Straub.

The following persons spoke to concerns regarding the proposed: Ms. Sherry Stefano and Mr. Caleb Saunders.

The following persons spoke in support of commercialized marijuana in the Borough and to concerns with the proposed setbacks: Mr. Miles France, Mr. Tim Hale, Ms. Sara Williams, Mr. Nick Miller, Mr. Clint Tuma, Ms. Beatrice Ingram, Ms. Cheryl Bowie, Ms. Marissa Miller, and Mr. Robert Brown.

The following person spoke in opposition of commercialized marijuana: Mr. Brad Empey.

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

The following person spoke to concerns with the content of Ordinance Serial No. 16-003: Mr. Don Hart.

The following person spoke to concerns with the Marijuana Advisory Committee and with the public process: Ms. Savon Duchein.

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 Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 16-003.

*(The meeting recessed at 7:36 p.m. and reconvened at 7:45 p.m.)*

Mr. Strawn reported on the staff memorandum and the Planning Commission recommendations attached to Ordinance Serial No. 16-003.

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 16-003 to a time certain of March 15, 2016.

VOTE: The motion to postpone passed without objection.

3. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-011:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 19.04 And MSB 25.15 To Implement The 2015 Initiative Proposition B-1 Approved By The Voters To Require That School Board Members Be Elected By Districts. *(Sponsored By Mayor Halter)*
  - a. IM No. 16-026

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. 16-011.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

4. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-014:** An Ordinance Requesting A Reappropriation Of \$13,968 From Project No. 45225, Fund 425, To Project No. 10179, Fund 425, To Allow For Additional Funding To Continue With Phase I Of The Sutton Ambulance Building Renovation.
  - a. **Resolution Serial No. 16-013:** A Resolution Amending The Budgets For Project Nos. 10179 And 45225 To Allow For Additional Funding To Continue With Phase I Of The Sutton Ambulance Building Redesign Project.
    - (1) IM No. 16-014

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 No. 16-014 and Resolution Serial No. 16-013.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

5. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-015:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 3.28.010 Creation Of Improvement Districts; MSB 3.28.020, Initiation By Petition; MSB 3.28.050, Decision

And Notice; And MSB 3.28.062, Ballots And Revisions, To Provide For A Process For Noncontiguous Local Improvement Districts.

a. IM No. 16-025

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. 16-015.

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to Ordinance Serial No. 16-015 by striking “50 percent” throughout the legislation and inserting in its place “70 percent”.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

6. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-017:** An Ordinance Reappropriating \$288,474.23 From The Reserve For School Site Acquisitions, Fund 400, To The Ingress And Egress Access For The Cottonwood Creek Public Safety Building, Fund 405, Project No. 10027.

a. IM No. 16-028

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 No. 16-017.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

7. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-018:** An Ordinance Amending MSB Title 43, Subdivisions, To Address Inconsistencies Outlined In The Staff Memorandum Dated March 1, 2013.

a. IM No. 16-029

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke to concerns with the public hearing process for Ordinance Serial No. 16-018: 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 Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 16-018.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

8. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-019:** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$25,000 From The Mat-Su Ski Club To Fund 490, Project No. 75005, For Trail Lighting For The Government Peak Recreation Area.
  - a. **Resolution Serial No. 16-014:** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Government Peak Recreation Area.
    - (1) IM No. 16-032

Mayor Halter opened the public hearing.

The following persons spoke in support of Ordinance Serial No. 16-019 and Resolution Serial No. 16-014: Mr. Hans Hill, Ms. Tammy Sipos, and Mr. Ed Strabel.

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Doty moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 16-019 and Resolution Serial No. 16-014.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

9. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-020:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 5.25.060(D), Service Area No. 36: Talkeetna Sewer And Water Service Area, So That The Board Of Supervisors Shall Consist Of Five Qualified Voters, Up To Two Of Whom May Reside In The Community Council Area, And Three Of Whom Must Reside In Or Own Real Property In Or Own Or Operate A Business In The Service Area And/Or Have An Active Sewer And Water Account. *(Sponsored By Assemblymember Kowalke)*
  - a. IM No. 16-036

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 Kowalke moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 16-020.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

10. ~~**Ordinance Serial No. 16-023:** An Ordinance Amending MSB 5.25.140, To Annex Property Located In Secluded Point Estates Area Into The Central Mat Su Fire Service Area No. 130.~~
  - a. ~~**Resolution Serial No. 16-016:** A Resolution Finding The Annexation Of Properties Located In Secluded Point Estates Area Into The Central Mat Su Fire Service Area No.~~

~~130 Serves The Public Interest Without The Placement Of The Question On The Ballot.  
(Sponsored by Assemblymember Mayfield)~~

~~(1) IM No. 16-030~~

C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

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

The following person spoke in opposition to the trial security measures for the Borough building: Mr. John Vinduska.

The following persons spoke in support of Resolution Serial No. 16-006: Ms. Shanae Harrison, Ms. Penny Westing, Ms. Lisa Wade, Ms. Bridget Calvery, Ms. Liz Whaley, and Ms. Alice Ciostek.

The following person spoke to concerns with the M/V Susitna and road service areas: Mr. Brad Empey.

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

The following person spoke to concerns with tax assessments of properties impacted by the Sockeye Wildfire: Ms. Tam Boeve.

The following person spoke in support of the Assembly putting a question regarding marijuana sales tax on the ballot in October: Mr. Tim Hale.

The following person spoke to the purpose and actions of the Marijuana Advisory Committee: Ms. Sara Williams.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. RESOLUTIONS

b. **Resolution Serial No. 16-017:** A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work For Hatcher Pass Road And Transit Facility, Project No. 35187, To Include Improvements And Upgrades To The Hatcher Pass/Government Peak Recreation Area Trails System.

(1) IM No. 16-039

c. **Resolution Serial No. 16-018:** A Resolution Amending The Budgets For Project Nos. 10140 And 10175, To Allow For The Completion Of The Carpet Replacement At Station 6-1.

(1) IM No. 16-042

2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS

- a. **AM No. 16-012:** Award of Bid No. 16-057B To Wolverine Supply, Inc. In The Contract Amount Of \$2,145,000 For School District Generators And Switch Gear at Nine Schools.
- b. **AM No. 16-013:** Vacate A 116 Square Foot Triangular Portion Of East Timber Way Right-Of-Way Located Within Timber Ridge Subdivision, Plat No. 2009-87, Section 10, Township 17 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian.
- c. **AM No. 16-015:** Approval Of Change Order No. 2 To D&S Road Services In The Amount Of \$204,491 To Add Additional Crack Sealant As Part Of The Crack Sealing Services For Multiple Projects.

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. 16-006:** A Resolution Recognizing The Second Monday In October As Indigenous Peoples' Day. *(Sponsored By Assemblymember Sykes)*
  - (1) IM No. 16-010

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Sykes moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 16-006.

**VOTE:** The motion passed with Assemblymembers McKee and Kowalke opposed.

- d. **Resolution Serial No. 16-019:** A Resolution Approving The Financial Responsibility For The M/V Susitna For April, May, And June 2016.
  - (1) IM No. 16-043

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Colligan moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 16-019.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Colligan moved to postpone Resolution Serial No. 16-019 to a time certain of March 15, 2016.

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

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Assemblymember Colligan declared a conflict of interest on AM Nos. 16-016, 16-017, 16-018, and 16-019 as he had done business with one or more of the companies over the last 20 years.

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

*(Assemblymember Colligan exited the meeting)*

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection to taking up Action Memorandum Nos. 16-016, 16-017, 16-018, and 16-019 together.

There was no objection noted.

- d. **AM No. 16-016:** Award Of Proposal No. 16-069P To the Firms Of Resource Data, Inc., Alaska IT Group, Inc., And GeoNorth, LLC In The Contract Amount Not To Exceed \$150,000 Per Year Per Firm For Up To Three Years For Information Technology Term Contracts For Project Management.
- e. **AM No. 16-017:** Award Of Proposal No. 16-069P To the Firms Of Resource Data, Inc., Alaska IT Group, Inc., And Sockeye Business Solutions, Inc. In The Contract Amount Not To Exceed \$150,000 Per Year Per Firm For Up To Three Years For Information Technology Term Contracts For Business Analyst.
- f. **AM No. 16-018:** Award Of Proposal No. 16-069P To The Firms Of Resource Data, Inc. And Government Computer Sales, Inc. In The Amount Not To Exceed \$150,000 Per Year Per Firm For Up To Three Years For Information Technology Term Contracts For Document Specialist.
- g. **AM No. 16-019:** Award Of Proposal No. 16-069P To The Firms Of Resource Data, Inc. And Alaska IT Group, Inc. In The Amount Not To Exceed \$150,000 Per Year Per Firm For Up To Three Years For Information Technology Term Contracts For Web/Application Specialist.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt AM Nos. 16-016, 16-017, 16-018, and 16-019.

MOTION: Assemblymember Doty moved a primary amendment to AM Nos. 16-016, 16-017, 16-018, and 16-019 by inserting “subject to annual budget limitations” to all four of the contracts.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved a primary amendment to AM No. 16-019 by striking the firm GeoNorth, LLC from the last paragraph of the Action Memorandum.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

*(Assemblymember Colligan re-entered the meeting.)*

- h. **AM No. 16-020:** Award of Bid No. 16-068B To Yukon Electric, Inc. In The Amount Of \$607,124 For Government Peak Trail Illumination.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt AM No. 16-020.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

*(The meeting recessed at 9:39 p.m. and reconvened at 9:44 p.m.)*

### **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. **Resolution Serial No. 16-012:** A Resolution Approving Certain Unincorporated Communities And The Incorporated Nonprofit Entity For Participation In The Fiscal Year 2017 Community Revenue Sharing Program.

1. IM No. 16-033

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Doty moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 16-012.

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved to postpone Resolution Serial No. 16-012 to a time certain of March 15, 2016.

MOTION: Assemblymember Doty moved a primary amendment to postpone Resolution Serial No. 16-012 to a time certain of April 5, 2016.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The motion passed as amended without objection.

- B. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-013:** An Ordinance Appropriating \$1,993,488 From The Land Management Permanent Fund 203, For M/V Susitna Engine Repairs, Project No. 70013, As A Loan To The Ferry Fund 450 And Reappropriating The \$1,993,488 Back To The Land Management Permanent Fund 203 Once The Anticipated Vessel Sale Funds And Insurance Funds Are Received.

- a. **Resolution Serial No. 16-015:** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The M/V Susitna Ferry Engine Repairs, Project No. 70013; And Authorization To Enter Into A Contract With Associated Maritime Providers, Inc. In The Amount Of \$1,993,488.

- (1) IM No. 16-037

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 16-013 and Resolution Serial No. 16-015.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 16-013 and Resolution Serial No. 16-015 to a time certain of March 8, 2016.

Mayor Halter queried if there was objection to suspending the rules to extend the meeting past 10 p.m. and not to exceed 10:30 p.m.

There was no objection noted.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to suspend the rules to extend the meeting to no later than 10:45 p.m.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The motion to postpone passed with Assemblymembers Sykes and Mayfield opposed.

## IX. VETO

*(There were no vetoes presented.)*

## X. NEW BUSINESS

### A. INTRODUCTIONS (For public hearing – 03/15/16 Assembly Chambers)

1. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-024:** An Ordinance Accepting Title To The Bodenbug Butte Summit (MSB Tax Parcel 17N02E23C001), And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into A Conservation Easement Agreement With Great Land Trust, Inc. For The Purpose Of Conserving The Summit In Perpetuity (MSB007033).
  - a. **Resolution Serial No. 16-020:** A Resolution Amending The Scope Of Work For Project No. 15015, Fund 440 To Include The Remaining Acquisition Cost To Purchase The Bodenbug Butte Summit (MSB007033).
    - (1) IM No. 16-035
2. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-025:** An Ordinance Approving The Acceptance And Appropriation Of Fiscal Year 2016 Community Revenue Sharing Program Funds In The Amount Of \$405,300 To Fund 475, Project No. 47033.
  - a. **Resolution No. 16-021:** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Fiscal Year 2016 Community Revenue Sharing Program, Project No. 47033.
    - (1) IM No. 16-038
3. **Ordinance Serial No. 16-026:** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$15,000 From The Alaska State Department Of Environmental Conservation, Division Of Water, And Reappropriating \$10,000 From The Fiscal Year 2015 Areawide Grant Match Appropriation To Fund 480, Project No. 47514, For The Purpose Of Conducting A Stormwater Analysis On Cottonwood Creek.
  - a. **Resolution Serial No. 16-022:** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into A Grant Agreement With The Alaska State Department Of Environmental Conservation, Division Of Water, For The Purpose Of Conducting A Stormwater Analysis On Cottonwood Creek.

(1) IM No. 16-041

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 hearings for March 15, 2016.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

## MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

### 1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Halter requested the following appointments for confirmation:

Board of Equalization  
Robert Tracy  
Library Board  
Janel Gagnon  
Port Commission  
Michael Janecek  
Greater Willow RSA No. 20  
Thomas Phillips  
Gregg Origer  
Talkeetna Sewer and Water Service Area No. 36  
Shawn Standley

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

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.)*

## XI. RECONSIDERATION

*(There was no reconsideration presented.)*

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

Mr. Spiropoulos noted that he and Deputy Attorney Aschenbrenner were working on getting the answers to the M/V Susitna insurance questions that had been posed.

Ms. McKechnie noted that the Joint Assembly/School Board meeting agenda of March 8, 2016, would be revised and disseminated to the Assembly.

Assemblymember McKee spoke in opposition of the Borough building security measures.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- thanked the Assembly for supporting the Indigenous Peoples' Day;
- spoke in opposition of the Borough building security measures;
- spoke to concerns that the Assembly was not receiving necessary information regarding the M/V Susitna prior to meetings; and
- wished everyone a good evening.

Assemblymember Kowalke:

- spoke to concerns with the Borough building security measures;
- reiterated his concerns with the resolution regarding the Indigenous Peoples' Day;
- requested that the Manager bring forward the recreation maintenance bond for action;
- spoke to the email from the Clerk regarding the cost of the election contest; and
- suggested that the Assembly receive reports on the public records requests that were submitted.

Assemblymember Mayfield:

- opined that tax payers would benefit more from the sale of the ferry rather than it being scrapped;
- commented that he and Assemblymember Colligan had a mutual interest in acting on the public's behalf in the best way possible;
- requested the Assembly to diligently research the current status of the M/V Susitna in order to move forward in a decisive and timely manner; and
- expressed appreciation for the testimony during the meeting.

Assemblymember Doty:

- spoke in support of the Indigenous Peoples' Day;
- voiced appreciation for the efforts on lighting the Hatchers Pass trail;
- recommended a proposal be brought forward that included only the Brett Ice Arena, Wasilla and Palmer pools, and one ice rink improvement for either the Willow or Talkeetna area, with the associated cost for the bond project;
- opined that the current cost of the bond would not be received well by the public;
- spoke to concerns with the Borough building security measures; and
- recommended postings around the building encouraging good behavior rather than additional security measures.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to suspend the rules to extend the meeting past 10:45 p.m. and not to exceed 10:55 p.m.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

Assemblymember Colligan:

- spoke in opposition of moving forward with the M/V Susitna repairs without a signed agreement;
- spoke in support of the Borough building security measures, during specific times of the year; and
- asked the Manager to evaluate the need of security measures during the tax assessment and appeal period.

Assemblymember Beck:

- spoke in support of moving forward with the M/V Susitna repairs with a signed agreement;
- spoke in support of the Borough building security measures, with a more subtle presence; and
- opined that there were times when additional security measures could be necessary.

Mayor Halter:

- spoke in opposition of moving forward with the M/V Susitna repairs without a signed agreement;
- opined that there were other issues that the Assembly could be spending its time on, rather than the M/V Susitna;
- spoke in support of the Indigenous Peoples' Day; and
- thanked staff for its efforts on the M/V Susitna issues.

### **XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*(There was no executive session held.)*

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

  
VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 04/19/16