

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Monday, May 9, 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 for the purpose of deliberations on Ordinance Serial No. 16-016.

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 6:05 p.m.*)
Mr. Dan Mayfield, Assembly District No. 5
Ms. Barbara Doty, Assembly District No. 6 (*arrived at 6:09 p.m.*)
Mr. Randall Kowalke, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Moosey, Borough Manager
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Ms. Jessica Kilborn, Deputy Borough Clerk
Mr. Jude Bilafer, Capital Projects Director
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
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
Ms. Cheyenne Heindel, Financial Analyst
Mr. Ken Barkley, FSA Deputy Director
Ms. Lisa Behrens, EMS Deputy Director
Ms. Elizabeth Weiant, Administrative Specialist
Mr. Casey Cook, Emergency Manager
Mr. Hugh Leslie, Recreation and Library Manager
Mr. Joe Miner, Ice Rink Manager

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. Luke Fulp, School District Business and Operations Assistant Superintendent.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

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

The following person thanked the Assembly for its support of the School District funding: Mr. Luke Fulp, School District Business and Operations Assistant Superintendent.

VI. DELIBERATIONS AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 BUDGET

A. Ordinance Serial No. 16-016: An Ordinance Appropriating Monies From The Central Treasury For The Borough Operating Funds, Enterprise Funds, Education Operating Fund, And Capital Funds; Establishing The Rate Of Levy For All Borough Functions For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2016, And Ending June 30, 2017, And Setting The Surcharge Rate For The Wireline And Wireless Enhanced 911 Systems For The Period Of July 1, 2016, Through June 30, 2017.

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Beck moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 16-016.

Amendment No. 1

**Fire Service Areas (Tab G, Pages 12, 56, and 64)
Ordinance Serial No. 16-016 (Pages 6 and 8)**

MOTION: Assemblymember Kowalke moved a primary amendment to Fire Services Areas, Tab G as follows:

- Caswell Fire Service Area by striking 3.34 mills and inserting in its place 3.21;
- Talkeetna Fire Service Area by striking 2.12 mills and inserting in its place 2.04; and
- Willow Fire Service Area by striking 2.86 and inserting in its place 2.75.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 2

Fire Service Areas, Central Mat-Su FSA (Tab G, Pages 27-39)

MOTION: Assemblymember McKee moved a primary amendment to the Central Mat-Su Fire Service Area Budget, fund 250, by striking \$14,455,989 and inserting in its place \$12,455,989 for an overall decrease of \$2,000,000.

Discussion ensued regarding postponement.

Mayor Halter inquired if there was any objection to postponing the amendment to May 12, 2016.

There was no objection noted.

Amendment No. 3

Fire Service Area, Butte Fire Service Area (Tab G, Page 42) Ordinance Serial No. 16-016 (Pages 6 and 8)

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved a primary amendment to Fire Service Area, Butte Fire Service Area by striking the mill rate of 3.48 and inserting in its place 3.43.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 4

Non-Areawide, Animal Care (Tab D, Page 15) Non-Areawide, Administration/Economic Development (Tab D, Page 14)

MOTION: Assemblymember McKee moved a primary amendment to Non-Areawide, Animal Care to add one full time Deputy Animal Care Officer as follows:

- Animal Care and Regulation, 200.100.606.411s and 412s, increase of \$91,747; and
- Economic Development, 200.100.114.429.900, Other Contractual, by striking \$182,000 and inserting in its place \$90,253 for a decrease of \$91,747.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved a secondary amendment to strike “Economic Development, 200.100.114.429.900, Other Contractual, by striking \$182,000 and inserting in its place \$90,253 for a decrease of \$91,747.”

VOTE: The secondary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Doty moved to postpone the primary amendment to a time certain of May 12, 2016.

VOTE: The motion passed with no objection.

Amendment No. 5

Capital Grants/Pass Through, City Block Grants (Tab O, Page 1) M/V Susitna (Tab M, Page 2)

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to Capital Grants/Pass Through, City Block Grants and the M/V Susitna as follows:

- City of Palmer by striking \$40,000 and inserting in its place \$19,300 for a total decrease of \$20,700;
- City of Wasilla by striking \$45,000 and inserting in its place \$19,300 for a total decrease of \$25,700;
- City of Houston by striking \$21,000 and inserting in its place \$19,300 for a total decrease of \$1,700;
- M/V Susitna, 367.110, by striking \$814,760 and inserting in its place \$762,860 for a total decrease of \$51,900, and an equal decrease in the areawide fund; and
- by inserting a separate planning grant for the City of Wasilla in the amount of \$100,000.

MOTION: Assemblymember McKee moved to postpone the primary amendment to a time certain of May 12, 2016.

VOTE: The motion passed with no objection.

Amendment No. 6

Capital Grants/Pass Through, Tourism Infrastructure (Tab O, Page 1)

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to Capital Grants/Pass Through, Tourism Infrastructure as follows:

- Winter Trail Grooming by striking \$150,000 and inserting in its place \$130,000 for a decrease of \$20,000;
- Recreation Priorities by striking \$117,500 and inserting in its place \$97,500 for a decrease of \$20,000; and
- by inserting Point MacKenzie Community Council, Point MacKenzie Park in the amount of \$40,000.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

Amendment No. 7

General Fund (Tab B, Pages 1 and 18) Education Operating (Tab J, Page 2)

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to the General Fund and to Education Operating as follows:

- Reserve for School Site Acquisitions by striking \$1,724,683 and inserting in its place \$144,269 for a decrease of \$1,580,414;
- Areawide, transfer to Education Operating, 445.220, by striking \$54,260,886 and inserting in its place \$55,841,300 for an increase of \$1,580,414;
- Education Operating, Areawide, 367.110, by striking \$54,260,886 and inserting in its place \$55,841,300 for an increase of \$1,580,414; and

- Estimated Unassigned Fund Balance, by striking \$130,740 and inserting in its place \$75,009 for a decrease of \$55,731:
 - inserting the \$55,731 into the Reserve for School Site Acquisitions for a balance in that account of \$200,000; and
- inserting a new Section 10 to read: “Notwithstanding MSB 3.04.110(C) and Ordinance Serial No. 15-015, the School District may carry over 100 percent of their unassigned fund balance for fiscal year 2016, ending June 30, not exceeding the amount allowed by AS 14.17.505.”

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved to divide the question to take up the addition of Section 10 separately.

VOTE: The motion passed with Assemblymember Mayfield opposed.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved to take up the second segment of the amendment first.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MOTION: Second segment. Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment by inserting a new Section 10 to read: “Notwithstanding MSB 3.04.110(C) and Ordinance Serial No. 15-015, the School District may carry over 100 percent of their unassigned fund balance for fiscal year 2016, ending June 30, not exceeding the amount allowed by AS 14.17.505”.

VOTE: The second segment of the primary amendment passed with Assemblymember McKee opposed.

MOTION: First segment. Assemblymember Mayfield moved a primary amendment to the General Fund and to Education Operating as follows:

- to Reserve for School Site Acquisitions by striking \$1,724,683 and inserting in its place \$144,269 for a decrease of \$1,580,414;
- to Areawide, transfer to Education Operating, 445.220, by striking \$54,260,886 and inserting in its place \$55,841,300 for an increase of \$1,580,414;
- to Education Operating, Areawide, 367.110, by striking \$54,260,886 and inserting in its place \$55,841,300 for an increase of \$1,580,414; and
- to Estimated Unassigned Fund Balance, by striking \$130,740 and inserting in its place \$75,009 for a decrease of \$55,731; and
- inserting the \$55,731 into the Reserve for School Site Acquisitions for a balance in that account of \$200,000.

VOTE: The first segment of the primary amendment passed with Assemblymember McKee opposed.

(The meeting recessed at 7:38 p.m. and reconvened at 7:46 p.m.)

Amendment No. 8

Education Operating (Tab J, Page 2 and Tab B, Page 18)

MOTION: Assemblymember McKee moved a primary amendment to the Education Operating fund, 367.110, by striking \$55,841,300 and inserting in its place \$53,049,235 and changing the corresponding numbers in 445.220.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved to call the question (stop debate).

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The primary amendment failed with Assemblymember McKee in support.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to continue Ordinance Serial No. 16-016 to a time certain of May 12, 2016, at 6 p.m. in Assembly Chambers.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember Sykes posed questions related to the budget process and the future budget forecast.

Assemblymember Mayfield:

- thanked the Assembly for supporting education and for the support for Port MacKenzie Park;
- congratulated the Houston High School graduates of 2016; and
- recognized Ms. Kelsey Hammond, recipient of the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce scholarship.

Assemblymember Doty:

- thanked the School District for the information provided;
- applauded the School District for promoting health and well-being;
- encouraged the Assembly to make an effort to hold more Committee of the Whole meetings; and
- expressed a desire to hold future discussion regarding diversified revenue streams.

Assemblymember Colligan:

- commented on the importance of holding public discussion on fire service area budget increases;
- spoke to the increased student enrollment and school district funding sources;
- voiced concern regarding sustained funding for health care; and
- encouraged shared health care funding for the Borough and School District.

Assemblymember Beck:

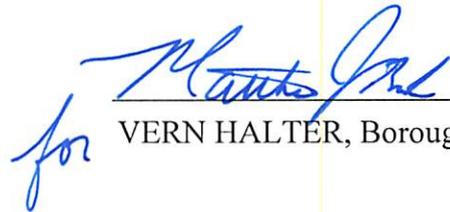
- spoke in support of the additional funding for the School District;

- commended the Assembly for its support on the Point MacKenzie Park;
- encouraged a closer look at funding support for the libraries; and
- spoke in support of funding the police officer position for the Drug Enforcement Task Force.

Mayor Halter spoke to the Municipality of Anchorage mill rate compared to the Borough mill rate.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting recessed at 8:27 p.m. to be reconvened on May 12, 2016, at 6 p.m.


for _____
VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 06/07/16