

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on April 19, 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 for the purpose of recreation bond discussion.

**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  
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. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director  
Mr. Hugh Leslie, Recreation and Library Services Manager  
Mr. Brad Pickett, Borough Assessor  
Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Information Officer

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Assemblymember Kowalke requested to have the Borough Assessor provide an update regarding property assessments of the properties impacted by the Sockeye fire, immediately following the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

Assemblymember Kowalke requested to move audience participation to after the recreation bond presentation.

Assemblymember Beck suggested to leave the audience participation where it is on the agenda and add an additional one after the recreation bond presentation.

Mayor Halter queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assemblymember Kowalke.

Mr. Brad Pickett, Borough Assessor, provided a report on the assessed values of some of the properties impacted by the Sockeye fire.

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

The following persons spoke in support of the proposed recreation bond: Ms. Talon Boeve, Ms. Corrine Hickey, Ms. Donna Johnson, and Ms. Linda Oxley.

The following person spoke to concerns with the proposed recreation bond in relation to the budget: Ms. Patty Rosnel.

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

#### **VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

##### **A. Recreation Bond Discussion**

Mr. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director, provided an overview on the proposed recreation bond.

#### **VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person)**

The following persons spoke in support of the proposed recreation bond package: Ms. Amanda Cabo-Settle, Mr. John Strassenburgh, and Mr. Mike Wilson.

The following person spoke to concerns that not all members of the Assembly would support the recreation bond package: Ms. Corrine Hickey.

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

The following person spoke in support of the recreation bond and the health benefits to the public when recreational services are utilized: Ms. Terry Snyder.

The following person spoke in support of the recreation bond package and to concerns with trail maintenance: Ms. Dawn Helman.

The following person spoke to concerns with property assessments on properties impacted by the Sockeye fire: Ms. Talon Boeve.

The following person spoke in support of the bond package and to concerns with the cost to tax payers: Ms. Patricia Rosnel.

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

### VIII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

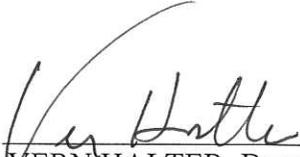
Assemblymember Mayfield noted that the Borough is a very diverse community with residents having different needs in different areas.

Assemblymember Sykes echoed Assemblymember Mayfield's comments and thanked staff for the presentation.

Assemblymember Beck spoke to having been in the Big Lake area this past weekend.

### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

  
VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 05/17/16