

Minutes of the Public Hearing
Denali Borough Assembly
McKinley Community Center
March 09, 2016

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7 CALL TO ORDER: The public hearing was called to order by Presiding Officer Jared
8 Zimmerman at 6:15 p.m.

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10 ROLL CALL: Assembly members present: Jared ZIMMERMAN, David EVANS, Don
11 DEBLAUW, Kimberly BURROWS, Joe CHATFIELD, Krista ZAPPONE and Paddy TATUM.
12 Absent: Tallon SHREEVE and Jill BOELSMA.

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14 ORDINANCE 16-04: An ordinance approving and acceptance and appropriating up to
15 \$100,000 for the Denali Borough School District for Cantwell School Sprinkler System

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17 There were no public comments.

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20 ADJOURNMENT: The public hearing was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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24 APPROVED:  _____
25 Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

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28 ATTEST:  _____ Date Approved: April 13, 2016
29 Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk
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3 **Minutes of the Regular Meeting**
4 **Denali Borough Assembly**
5 **McKinley Community Center**
6 **March 09, 2016**
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9 CALL TO ORDER: Presiding Officer Jared Zimmerman called the regular meeting to order at 6:17
10 p.m. Mayor Clay Walker led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
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12 Roll Call

13 Assembly members present: David EVANS, Jared ZIMMERMAN, Don DEBLAUW, Kimber
14 BURROWS, Joe CHATFIELD, Paddy TATUM and Krista ZAPPONE. Jill BOELSMA arrived at 6:48
15 p.m. Absent: Tallon SHREEVE. Mayor Clay Walker was also present.
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17 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to excuse Mr. Shreeve and Ms. Boelsma. The motion was seconded.
18 The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.
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20 PUBLIC COMMENTS

21 There were no public comments.
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23 AGENDA

24 David EVANS MOVED to approve the meeting agenda as presented. The motion was seconded.
25 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to amend the agenda to delete Approval for Liquor License Transfer
26 Ownership Sled Dog Liquor # 4838 per a request from the State of Alaska, Alcohol Beverage
27 Control Board. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands to amend the agenda was
28 unanimous. The VOTE by show of hands to approve the agenda as amended was unanimous.
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30 MINUTES

31 February 10, 2016 Denali Borough Assembly Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
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33 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2016 public hearing and
34 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded. The VOTE by show of hands
35 was unanimous.
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37 REPORTS

38 January 2016 Financial Report
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40 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to receive the January 2016 financial report. The motion was
41 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands to receive the financial report was unanimous.
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43 Matching Grant Committee Report

44 Krista Zappone reported that the Matching Grant Committee met just prior to tonight's meeting. The
45 committee will reconvene to discuss grant applications, and will present a resolution at the next
46 meeting recommending grant awards. The committee recommends that the assembly support
47 funding matching grants to the maximum amount of \$60,000 in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 budget.
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1 Finance Committee Report

2 David Evans reported that the finance committee met on March 1, and voted to recommend that the
3 balance of funds held by Wells Fargo be transferred to Morgan Stanley due to low investment
4 performance and low customer service. The committee reviewed current Denali Borough Code
5 regarding matching grants, and will come forward with recommendations for revision at a future
6 meeting. Mr. Evans commended Krista Zappone on her attention to detail while reviewing the
7 section of Code. The committee also discussed land enterprise funds as currently defined in Code,
8 including the original intent for the funds. A resolution was passed by the committee regarding
9 recommendation for FY 2017 Permanent Investment Fund allocations, which will be on the May
10 assembly meeting agenda.

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12 Planning Commission Report

13 Mayor Clay Walker reported that the planning commission met in February, with the main agenda
14 item being follow up on Resolution PC09-06, which provided preliminary approval for a public
15 easement across borough land in the Slate Creek area. Work on the easement is continuing, and
16 the process is helping the commission learn ways Denali Borough Code language regarding
17 easements could be improved. The March planning commission agenda includes discussion of the
18 proposed Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline route alignment and the vacation of a lot line.

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20 Mayor's Report

21 Mayor Clay Walker reported on a variety of topics.

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- 23 • Mayor Walker and Tallon Shreeve attended the February Alaska Municipal League Legislative
24 Fly-In in Juneau. Governor Bill Walker publicly thanked the Denali Borough for withholding
25 requests for capital project funding due to state budget limitations.
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 - 27 • Mayor Walker was called back to Juneau last week by the Alaska Municipal League to testify to
28 the legislature in support of municipal interests. He was able to testify in person before the
29 Senate Finance Committee in support of revenue sharing.
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 - 31 • The Municipal Advisory Gas Project Review Board met recently, and found that progress on a
32 constitutional amendment regarding payments in lieu of property tax is slow, and that pipeline
33 agreements will not be in place in time for a proposed constitutional amendment to be included
34 on the November 2016 ballot.
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 - 36 • An increase in the Public Employees Retirement System is coming, and it is not clear how much
37 of an increase may be implemented.
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 - 39 • Winterfest was a success with activities sponsored by a number of organizations including
40 Denali National Park, Denali Education Center, Healy Hockey, Kids in Motion, and others. The
41 2016 Mayor's Community Service Award was given to Karl Jewett.
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 - 43 • The bid opening for the Cantwell Sprinkler Installation and Fire Alarm Upgrade is scheduled for
44 next week.
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 - 46 • Borough staff has been working on the revision of Title 4 of Denali Borough Code. There is a
47 work group meeting on March 24.
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- 1 • Borough Planner Marsha Lambert attended a meeting regarding Alaska Native Claims
2 Settlement Act land conveyance for the Cantwell area.
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- 4 • The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Denali Borough will be celebrated with a picnic on May 21.
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- 6 • The annual audit of Denali Borough finances was issued by accountants Kohler, Schmitt &
7 Hutchison on February 29, and was a clean audit. The audit was delayed by complications due
8 to PERS accounting combined with DBSD's delayed audit completion.
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- 10 • The private property under consideration for purchase to be used as a municipal building is no
11 longer being actively pursued.
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13 SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT

14 Denali Borough School District (DBSD) Superintendent Dan Polta

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16 DBSD Superintendent Dan Polta reported that it will be a busy construction summer with the Tri-
17 Valley School Heating System Upgrade and Cantwell School Sprinkler System projects. The school
18 district is working with the borough to secure a homeland security hazard mitigation grant for
19 upgrades to the backup power generation system. A draft school facility survey report has been
20 received, and while the information contained within it is somewhat overwhelming, the survey has
21 already been useful to help prioritize projects. The DBSD audit has been completed, and the FY
22 2017 budget was adopted at a recent meeting. The FY 2017 budget is stable as compared with the
23 current year, with increased staffing for a college counselor/community liaison and PEAK technology
24 specialist in place of contract hires. The funding package from the state is unclear, and DBSD is
25 anticipating stable funding from the borough, which is projected to be \$2.3 million in FY 2017. At a
26 recent in-service, DBSD staff commended the assembly for being willing and able to provide full
27 funding to the school district.

28 29 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

30 Don DEBLAUW thanked Mayor Walker and Superintendent Polta for their reports, and
31 commented that Karl Jewett is very deserving of the Mayor's Community Service Award.

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33 Paddy TATUM had no comment.

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35 David EVANS asked fellow assembly members if they had information on a local Democratic
36 Caucus location. There will be a Democratic Caucus at the McKinley Community Center on
37 March 26.

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39 Jared ZIMMERMAN commented positively on the joint work session with the school board.

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41 Kimber BURROWS commented that she appreciated and enjoyed the joint work session with the
42 school board, and that she would like to read the school facility survey report.

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44 Joe CHATFIELD commented positively on the school survey being useful in planning for
45 emergency preparedness, and further commented that Karl Jewett is very deserving of the
46 Mayor's Community Service Award.

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48 Jill BOELSMA apologized for arriving late to the meeting.

1 Krista ZAPPONE commented that the matching grant committee is undertaking a difficult task,
2 and further commented that she would like to read the school facility survey report.

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4 COMMUNICATION AND APPEARANCES

5 Riley Tingue, Denali National Park Service, Road Crew Supervisor: update on summer 2016 road
6 construction within DNP

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8 Riley Tingue, Road Crew Supervisor with Denali National Park, stated that he often
9 communicates with the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and reported that summer
10 projects in the Denali area include repaving and guard rail work at the north end of the Nenana
11 River Canyon (rock work is not anticipated in the canyon); paving milepost 163 – 174 of the
12 George Parks Highway in June; and paving milepost 192-195 in August. Highway roadwork will
13 be minimal as compared to the last few years.

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15 Repaving of the Denali Park road will take place over the next five years in three stages. The first
16 year of work will involve subsurface excavation and repair to sections of the road that have
17 failed. Paving will be done from 8:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m. with staggered delays and two 1 ½ hour
18 full road closures. Work is being done toward replacement of the bridge at Mile 43.

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20 DRAFT ORDINANCES

21 ORDINANCE 16-05: An ordinance amending the budget for fiscal year 2016

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23 David EVANS MOVED to introduce Ordinance 16-05. The motion was seconded. Mayor Clay
24 Walker described key amendments to the FY 2016 budget including savings in staff benefits due
25 to a health insurance “premium holiday,” unexpected expenditures for repairs to Solid Waste
26 equipment, and for landfill well monitoring. The use of a waste oil burner to provide heat in the
27 shop at the landfill and larger containers at the Cantwell Transfer Station are resulting in savings.
28 The proposed budget amendment also reflects one half of earnings from the Permanent
29 Investment Fund deposited into the Capital Improvements fund account. The roll call VOTE to
30 introduce Ordinance 16-05 was unanimous.

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32 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to postpone Ordinance 16-05 to the next meeting. The motion was
33 seconded. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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35 PENDING ORDINANCES

36 ORDINANCE 16-04, Version A: An ordinance approving acceptance and appropriation of up to
37 \$100,000 for the Denali Borough School District for Cantwell School Sprinkler System

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39 Kimber BURROWS MOVED to adopt Ordinance 16-04. The motion was seconded. The roll call
40 VOTE to adopt Ordinance 16-04 was unanimous.

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42 RESOLUTIONS

43 RESOLUTION 16-05: A resolution to award a contract for the Tri-Valley School Heating System
44 Upgrade Project

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46 David EVANS MOVED to approve Resolution 16-05. The motion was seconded. Kimber
47 BURROWS MOVED to amend Resolution 16-05 to include Norcoast Mechanical as the lowest
48 responsible bidder with a bid price of \$230,000. The VOTE on the amendment by show of hands

1 was unanimous. The roll call VOTE on the main motion to approve Resolution 16-05 was
2 unanimous.

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4 OTHER BUSINESS

5 Liquor License Renewal Application Approval:

- 6 • Liquor License/Restaurant Designation approval:
7 • Liquor License: Prospectors Pizzeria #4938 Transfer Ownership (Officers)
8 • Restaurant Designation: Prospectors Pizza #4938
9 • Liquor License Renewal: Prey Bar & Eatery #5129 Beverage Dispensary Seasonal
10 • Liquor License Renewal: Denali Backcountry Lodge #5130 Beverage Dispensary
11 Seasonal

12 David EVANS MOVED to approve the above listed liquor license/restaurant designation renewal
13 applications. The motion was seconded. It was noted that all establishments were requesting license
14 renewal. The VOTE by show of hands was unanimous.

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16 PUBLIC COMMENTS

17 There were no public comments.

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19 ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

20 The assembly members thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. In addition, the following
21 comments were made:

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23 Jill BOELSMA commented that there is a Democratic Caucus at McKinley Park Community Center
24 on March 26 at 10:00 am.

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26 Kimber BURROWS thanked those organizations who applied for matching grants.

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28 David EVANS congratulated Karl Jewett on receiving the 2016 Mayor's Community Service Award.
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30 NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING

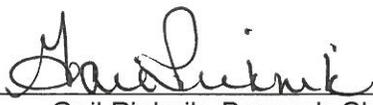
31 The next regular meeting will be at the Tri-Valley Community Center on Wednesday, April 13,
32 2016: Assembly Public Hearing at 6:00 PM and the Regular meeting to follow.

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34 ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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38 APPROVED: _____

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40 Jared Zimmerman, Presiding Officer

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43 ATTEST: _____

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Gail Pieknik, Borough Clerk

Date Approved: April 13, 2016