



Kenai Peninsula Borough

144 North Binkley Street
Soldotna, AK 99669

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Assembly

Blaine Gilman, President

Brent Johnson, Vice President

Dale Bagley

Kelly Cooper

Willy Dunne

Brandii Holmdahl

Gary Knopp

Wayne Ogle

Stan Welles

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Carrie Henson from the Last Frontier Freedom Thinkers.

ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Dale Bagley, Kelly Cooper, Willy Dunne, President Blaine Gilman, Brandii Holmdahl, Vice President Brent Johnson, Gary Knopp, Wayne Ogle, and Stan Welles

Also present were:

Colette Thompson, Borough Attorney

Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk

Michele Turner, Deputy Borough Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Assembly Member Cooper stated the Finance Committee met and discussed its agenda items.

Assembly Member Welles stated the Lands Committee met and discussed its agenda item.

Assembly Member Knopp stated the Policies and Procedures Committee met and discussed its agenda items.

Assembly Member Ogle stated the Legislative Committee met and discussed its agenda items.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Johnson moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda.

Copies have been made available to the public, Borough Clerk Johni Blankenship noted by title only the resolutions and ordinances on the consent agenda.

[KPB-924](#) September 20, 2016 Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes
approved.

The following public hearing items met the required conditions of KPB 22.40.110 and were added to the consent agenda:

[2016-19-08](#) An Ordinance Accepting and Appropriating \$491,930.94 from the Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to Purchase Radio Consoles and to Conduct Training (Mayor)
This Budget Ordinance was enacted.

[2016-19-09](#) An Ordinance Appropriating Interest Income of \$28,336.03 from the Bond Funded Capital Projects Fund for Transfer to the Solid Waste Capital Projects Fund (Mayor)
This Budget Ordinance was enacted.

New Busienss

[2016-055](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Title to Seven Parcels of Land from the Kenai Peninsula Building Authority, Inc. to be Managed in Support of Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Vocational Education Programs and Other School District Purposes (Mayor)
[Clerk's Note: The final Whereas clause of Resolution 2016-055 was amended to read, "Whereas, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission, at its regular meeting of September 26, 2016 recommended approval by unanimous consent."]
This Resolution was adopted.

[2016-057](#) A Resolution Certifying the Results of the October 4, 2016 Regular Borough Election (Gilman at the Request of the Borough Clerk)
This Resolution was adopted.

[2016-058](#) A Resolution Supporting the Alaska Avalanche Information Center's

(AAIC) Efforts to Install Safety Signs at Key Snowmobile Access Points to Provide Critical Information for Backcountry Winter Travel to Raise Awareness and Prepare Riders for Safe Snowmobile Riding

This Resolution was adopted.

[2016-059](#) LAYDOWN Supporting Permanent Fund Dividend Automatic Voter Registration - An Act Allowing Qualified Individuals to Register to Vote When Applying for a Permanent Fund Dividend (Knopp, Mayor)

This Ordinance was introduced and set for public hearing.

[2016-19-10](#) An Ordinance Authorizing the Redirection of Deferred Administrative Fees of \$15,911.70 and the Appropriation of \$11,202.37 to Refund Payments to Qualifying Former Property Owners in the Pollard Loop, Scooters Landing, Char Subdivision and Tustumena Terrace Utility Special Assessment Districts (Mayor)

This Budget Ordinance was introduced and set for public hearing.

[2016-19-11](#) An Ordinance Accepting and Appropriating Grant Funds in the Amount of \$341,350 to Provide Supplemental Funding for the Central Peninsula Hospital Transitional Housing Project (Mayor)

This Budget Ordinance was introduced and set for public hearing.

[2016-19-12](#) An Ordinance Appropriating \$10,000,000 from the Central Peninsula Hospital Plant Replacement and Expansion Fund for the Design and Construction of the Obstetrics Facilities, Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory and Related Projects at Central Peninsula Hospital and Authorizing the Issuance of Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area Hospital Revenue Bonds (Obstetrics, Catheterization and Related Projects), In One or More Series, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$28,955,000 (Mayor)

This Budget Ordinance was introduced and set for public hearing.

[2016-37](#) An Ordinance Amending KPB 22.30.110(E) to Comply with Internal Revenue Service Rules Regarding Enrollment in the Borough Health and Life Insurance Plans (Gilman, Mayor)

This Ordinance was introduced and set for public hearing.

[KPB-900](#) Approving the Issuance of a Letter of Non-Objection to the Marijuana Control Board Regarding the New Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility License Application Filed by Terra House LLC, Soldotna, AK

Subject to the following conditions:

1. The marijuana establishment shall conduct their operation consistent with the site plan submitted to the Kenai Peninsula Borough.
2. There shall be no parking in borough rights-of-way generated by the marijuana establishment.
3. The marijuana establishment shall remain current in all Kenai Peninsula Borough tax obligations consistent with KPB 7.30.020(A).

approved.

[KPB-901](#)

Approving the Issuance of a Letter of Non-Objection to the Marijuana Control Board Regarding the New Limited Marijuana Cultivation Facility License Application Filed by Alpha Kilo LLC, Seward, AK
Subject to the following conditions:

1. The marijuana establishment shall conduct their operation consistent with the site plan submitted to the Kenai Peninsula Borough.
2. There shall be no parking in borough rights-of-way generated by the marijuana establishment.
3. The marijuana establishment shall remain current in all Kenai Peninsula Borough tax obligations consistent with KPB 7.30.020(A).

approved.

Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda

President Gilman called for public comment with none being offered.

The motion to approve the agenda and consent agenda as amended carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Bagley, Cooper, Dunne, Gilman, Holmdahl, Johnson, Knopp, Ogle, and Welles

VACANCY, DESIGNATION OR SEATING MEMBERS

[KPB-923](#)

Swear-In Newly Elected Assembly Members

[Clerk's Note: Borough Clerk Johni Blankenship swore in the newly elected assembly members Dale Bagley (District 4), Wayne Ogle (District 3) and Paul Fischer (District 7).]

COMMENDING RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

[KPB-915](#)

Mayor's Proclamation Declaring October 2016 as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month"

[Clerk's Note: Mayor Navarre presented the proclamation to Cheri Smith who accepted on behalf of Lee Shore Center and Haven House.]

PRESENTATIONS WITH PRIOR NOTICE

[KPB-898](#) South Peninsula Hospital Quarterly Report (10 minutes)

[Clerk's Note: Bob Letson, CEO and Jason McCormick, Financial Consultant presented South Peninsula Hospital's quarterly report.]

[KPB-899](#) Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District Quarterly Report, Tim Dillon (10 minutes)

[Clerk's Note: Tim Dillon, Executive Director of Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District presented a quarterly report.]

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

President Gilman called for public comment with none being offered.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Assembly Requests/Responses - None.
2. Agreements and Contracts
 - a. [KPB-904](#) Authorization to Award Contract for ITB17-005, 2016 Gravel Road Projects for North, South and East Gravel Projects: Langille Road Project No. 17GRV to AG & Building Supply, Hope, AK

presented.
 - b. [KPB-906](#) Authorization to Award Contract for ITB17-005, 2016 Gravel Road Project for North, South and East Gravel Projects: Mathison Road Project No. 17GRV to AG & Building Supply, Hope, AK

presented
 - c. [KPB-907](#) Authorization to Award Contract for ITB17-005, 2016 Gravel Road Projects for North, South and East Gravel Projects: Rabbit Run Lane & Bear Paw Drive Project No. 17GRV to Metco, Inc., Seward, AK

presented.
 - d. [KPB-908](#) Authorization to Award Contract for ITB17-005, 2016 Gravel Road Projects for North, South and East Gravel Projects: Balto Drive Project No. 17GRV to Chumley's Inc., Nikiski, AK

presented.

- e. [KPB-909](#) Authorization to Award Contract for ITB17-005, 2016 Gravel Road Projects for North, South and East Gravel Projects: Resurrection Creek Road Project No. 17GRV to AG & Building Supply, Hope, AK

presented

- f. [KPB-910](#) Authorization to Award Contract for ITB17-005, 2016 Gravel Road Projects for North, South and East Gravel Projects: Russian Gap Road Project No. 17GRV to AG & Building Supply, Hope, AK

presented.

- g. [KPB-911](#) Authorization to Award Contract for ITB17-005, 2016 Gravel Road Projects for North, South and East Gravel Projects: Douglas Lane Project No. 17GRV to Chumley's Inc., Nikiski, AK

presented.

- h. [KPB-912](#) Authorization to Award Contract for ITB17-006, Soldotna High School Incline Wheelchair Lift to Alaska Stairlift & Elevator, Anchorage, AK

presented.

- i. [KPB-913](#) Authorization to Award Contract for ITB17-003 Central Peninsula Hospital (CPH) Radiology Remodel Phases III, IV and V to Unit Company, Anchorage, AK

presented.

- j. [KPB-914](#) Authorization to Award Contract for RFP17-001 South Peninsula Hospital (SPH) Operating Room HVAC System to RSA Engineering, Inc., Anchorage, AK

presented.

ITEMS NOT COMPLETED FROM PRIOR AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ORDINANCES

[2016-34](#) An Ordinance Amending KPB Chapter 5.28, Procurement and Purchasing, to Allow Acceptance of Electronic Bids and Proposals (Mayor)

Knopp moved to enact Ordinance 2016-34.

President Gilman called for public comment with none being offered.

Assembly Members Cooper and Knopp spoke in support of Ordinance 2016-34.

The motion to enact carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Bagley, Cooper, Dunne, Gilman, Holmdahl, Johnson, Knopp, Ogle, and Welles

[2016-36](#) An Ordinance Adopting the Most Recent FEMA Flood Insurance Study and Associated Coastal Flood Maps for Seward, Cooper Landing, Ninilchik, Nikiski and Anchor Point dated October 20, 2016; Amending KPB 21.06 to Update and Clarify Language (Mayor)

Knopp moved to enact Ordinance 2016-36.

President Gilman called for public coment with none being offered.

Knopp moved to amend Ordinance 2016-36.

Amend two definitions in Section 5 to read, "'Substantial damage" means damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its pre-damage condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the assessed ~~tax~~ [MARKET] value of the structure before damage occurred.

"Substantial improvement" means any remodeling, repair, reconstruction or improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the assessed ~~tax~~ [MARKET] value of the structure before the improvement or repair is started or, if the property has been damaged and is being restored, before the damage occurred. . . ."

The motion to amend carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Bagley, Cooper, Dunne, Gilman, Holmdahl, Johnson, Knopp, Ogle, and Welles

Knopp moved to amend Ordinance 2016-34.

Amend the last Whereas clause to read, "Whereas, at its meeting of September 26, 2016, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission recommended approval by unanimous consent."

The motion to amend carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Bagley, Cooper, Dunne, Gilman, Holmdahl, Johnson, Knopp, Ogle, and Welles

Assembly Member Cooper spoke in support of Ordinance 2016-36.

The motion to enact Ordinance 2016-36 as amended carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Bagley, Cooper, Dunne, Gilman, Holmdahl, Johnson, Knopp, Ogle, and Welles

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Postponed Item

[2016-19-03](#) An Ordinance Appropriating \$325,000 from the General Fund to Update the Kenai Peninsula Borough Comprehensive Plan (Mayor)

[Clerk's Note: The motion to enact was on the floor from the September 20, 2016 meeting.]

President Gilman called for public comment with none being offered.

Bagley moved to amend Ordinance 2016-19-03.

Amend the Title to read, "Appropriating [\$325,000] \$275,000 from the General Fund to Update the Kenai Peninsula Borough Comprehensive Plan", and

Amend Section 1 to read, "That the sum of [\$325,000] \$275,000 is appropriated from the General Fund fund balance to account number 100.21110.00000.43011, planning department contracts, to be used for consultant services for the purpose of updating the borough's comprehensive plan."

The motion to amend carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Bagley, Cooper, Gilman, Holmdahl, Johnson, Knopp, and Welles

No: 2 - Dunne, and Ogle

Bagley moved to amend Ordinance 2016-19-03.

Amend the final Whereas clause to read, "Whereas, the Kenai Peninsula Borough Planning Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting of September 12, 2016 recommended approval of the comprehensive plan."

The motion to amend carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Bagley, Cooper, Dunne, Gilman, Holmdahl, Johnson, Knopp, Ogle, and Welles

Assembly Members Cooper, Bagley, Knopp and Johnson spoke in support of Budget Ordinance 2016-19-03.

President Gilman passed the gavel to Vice President Johnson and spoke in opposition to Budget Ordinance 2016-19-03. Vice President Johnson returned the gavel to President Gilman.

Assembly Member Welles spoke in opposition to Budget Ordinance 2016-19-03.

The motion to enact Budget Ordinance 2016-19-03 as amended carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Bagley, Cooper, Dunne, Holmdahl, Johnson, and Knopp

No: 3 - Gilman, Ogle, and Welles

2. Notice of Reconsideration

[2016-25](#)

(Mayor) Substitute: An Ordinance Amending KPB 2.40.010 to Reduce Planning Commission Membership (Mayor) [Reconsideration filed by Knopp]

Knopp moved to reconsider Ordinance 2016-25 (Mayor) Substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Bagley, Cooper, Gilman, Holmdahl, Johnson, Knopp, and Ogle

No: 2 - Dunne, and Welles

Knopp moved to amend Ordinance 2016-25 (Mayor) Substitute.

Amend the final Whereas clause to read, "Whereas, at its meeting of [AUGUST 22, 2016] September 12, 2016 the planning commission did not recommend[ED] approval of the ordinance by majority consent."

The motion to amend carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Bagley, Cooper, Dunne, Gilman, Holmdahl, Johnson, Knopp, Ogle, and Welles

Assembly Members Johnson, Cooper and Ogle spoke in support of Ordinance 2016-25 (Mayor) Substitute.

Assembly Member Welles spoke in opposition to Ordinance 2016-25 (Mayor) Substitute.

President Gilman passed the gavel to Vice President Johnson and spoke in support of Ordinance 2016-25 (Mayor) Substitute. Vice President Johnson returned the gavel to President Gilman.

The motion to enact the ordinance as amended carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Bagley, Cooper, Gilman, Holmdahl, Johnson, Knopp, and Ogle

No: 2 - Dunne, and Welles

NEW BUSINESS

[2016-054](#)

A Resolution Authorizing the Administration to Amend the Lease and Operating Agreement with Central Peninsula General Hospital, Inc. for

Central Peninsula Hospital, Heritage Place, Kenai Health Center, and Other Health Facilities to Change the Date Notice of Termination Shall be Given (Mayor)

Cooper moved to adopt Resolution 2016-054.

President Gilman called for public comment with none being offered.

Assembly Member Knopp spoke in opposition to Resolution 2016-054.

Assembly Members Cooper, Ogle and Holmdahl spoke in support of Resolution 2016-054.

The motion to adopt carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Bagley, Cooper, Dunne, Gilman, Holmdahl, Johnson, Ogle, and Welles

No: 1 - Knopp

[2016-056](#) A Resolution Amending the Assembly Manual to Include a Policy Regarding Invocations before Borough Assembly Meetings (Gilman, Bagley)

Knopp moved to adopt Resolution 2016-056.

President Gilman called for public comment.

The following people spoke in opposition to Resolution 2016-056:

Carrie Henson, Soldotna

Iris Fontana, Kasilof

Meldonna Cody, Soldotna

Bethany Swenson, Kenai

David Henson, Soldotna

Bruce Wall, Soldotna

There being one one else who wished to speak, the public comment period was closed.

Johnson moved to postpone Resolution 2016-056 to October 25, 2016 meeting.

Assembly Members Holmdahl and Welles spoke in opposition to postponing Resolution 2016-056 to the October 25, 2016 meeting.

Assembly Member Cooper spoke in support of postponing Resolution 2016-056 to the October 25, 2016 meeting.

President Gilman passed the gavel to Vice President Johnson and spoke in support of postponing Resolution 2016-056 to the October 25, 2016 meeting. Vice President Johnson returned the gavel to President Gilman.

The motion to postpone failed by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Cooper, Gilman, Johnson, and Ogle

No: 5 - Bagley, Dunne, Holmdahl, Knopp, and Welles

Bagley moved to amend Resolution 2016-056.

Amend Section 1 to read, "IX. ASSEMBLY MEETING

D. Invocations.

...

3. No member or employee of the assembly will direct the public to stand, bow, or in any way participate in the ~~prayers, invocation~~, make public note of a person's presence or absence, attention or inattention during the invocation, or indicate that decisions of the assembly will in any way be influenced by a person's acquiescence in the ~~prayer~~ invocation opportunity.

4. The invocation shall be voluntarily delivered by ~~an appointed~~ a representative from the Associations List developed as described below. To ensure that such person (the "invocation speaker") is selected from among a wide pool of representatives the invocation speaker shall be selected according to the following procedure:

a. The Clerk shall post a notice on the borough internet home page that all ~~religious~~ associations with an established presence in the Kenai Peninsula Borough that regularly meet for the primary purpose of sharing a religious perspective or other interest or belief that is very important to the attendees, or chaplains who may serve one of more of the fire departments, law enforcement agencies, hospitals, or other similar organizations in the borough, are eligible to provide invocations to the assembly, and that the authorized local leader of any such association or chaplain can submit a written request to provide an invocation to the borough clerk. An additional printed notice containing this information shall be made available to the public during assembly meetings and at the clerk's office.

b. The borough clerk shall compile and maintain a database (the "Associations List") of the qualifying associations and chaplains who have submitted such a written request (hereinafter referred to as an "~~religious~~ association").

c. The policy is intended to be and shall be applied in a way that is all-inclusive of every diverse ~~religious~~ such association serving the residents of the Kenai Peninsula Borough. The Association List is compiled and used for purposes of logistics,

efficiency, and equal opportunity for all of the community's **religious leaders associations**, who may themselves choose whether to respond to the assembly's invitation and participate. Should a question arise as to the authenticity of an **religious** association, the assembly president shall make the decision by referring to the criteria used by the Internal Revenue Service in its determination of those organizations that would legitimately qualify for I.R.C. §501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.

d. The respondents to the notice shall be scheduled on a first-come, first-serve basis to deliver the invocation, provided each respondent may only ask to provide one invocation at a time, with subsequent requests only made after the date of **their** previously scheduled invocation has passed. This is intended to help ensure that a variety of eligible representatives are scheduled for the invocations.

e. In the event an eligible representative of an **religious** association serving the local community believes that the Clerk or President has not complied with the terms of this policy, the representative has the right to have the matter reviewed by the Assembly.

..."

Assembly Members Dunne and Welles spoke in opposition to the amendment.

Assembly Members Cooper and Holmdahl spoke in support of the amendment.

President Gilman passed the gavel to Vice President Johnson and spoke in opposition to the amendment. Vice President Johnson returned the gavel to President Gilman.

The motion to amend failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Bagley, Cooper, and Holmdahl

No: 6 - Dunne, Gilman, Johnson, Knopp, Ogle, and Welles

Dunne moved to amend Resolution 2016-056.

Amend paragraph 4.b in Section 1 to read, "The borough clerk shall compile and maintain a database (the "Associations List") of the qualifying associations [AND CHAPLAINS] who have submitted such a written request (hereinafter referred to as a "religious association")."

The motion to amend Resolution 2016-056 failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Dunne, and Welles

No: 7 - Bagley, Cooper, Gilman, Holmdahl, Johnson, Knopp, and Ogle

Assembly Members Dunne and Cooper spoke in opposition to Resolution 2016-056.

President Gilman passed the gavel to Vice President Johnson and spoke in support of Resolution 2016-056. Vice President Johnson returned the gavel to President Gilman.

Assembly Members Ogle and Johnson spoke in support of Resolution 2016-056.

The motion to adopt Resolution 2016-056 carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Bagley, Gilman, Johnson, Knopp, Ogle, and Welles

No: 3 - Cooper, Dunne, and Holmdahl

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

President Gilman called for public comment.

The following people spoke in opposition to the adoption of Resolution 2016-056:

Carrie Henson, Soldotna

Judith Jenkinson, Kasilof

Meldonna Cody, Soldotna

David Henson, Soldotna

Debbie Cary, Ninilchik congratulated the newly elected assembly members and thanked Mr. Johnson for his service. She also wished Mr. Knopp good luck on his state house race in November.

There being no one else who wished to speak, the public comment period was closed.

ASSEMBLY MEETING AND HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. October 25, 2016 Regular Assembly Meeting 6:00 PM Assembly Chambers, Borough Administration Building
2. October 26, 2016 Health Care Task Force Meeting 6:30 PM Assembly Chambers, Borough Administration Building

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Assembly Member Bagley thanked Mr. Johnson for his six years of service. He stated that even though the Soldotna Star's quarterback was injured, the team still prevailed and now faced Palmer High School for the middle school championship. Mr. Bagley stated he really appreciated the assembly this year and even though they may have disagreements, everyone was still friends. He announced the winner of the assembly's adjournment pool - Paul Ostrander.

Assembly Member Holmdahl thanked Mr. Johnson for his service and stated it was a pleasure to serve with him. Ms. Holmdahl stated the assembly had faced some tough issues during her first year. She agreed with Mr. Bagley and stated she too appreciated assembly's respect of each and each other's views. Ms. Holmdahl stated

the Seward High School's football team was in second place for small schools. She thanked Carrie Henson for her invocation and thought it was a wonderful example of a non-religious exaltation.

Assembly Member Welles agreed with Ms. Holmdahl regarding the congeniality of the assembly. He thanked Mr. Johnson for his years of service and congratulated the newly elected assembly members. Mr. Welles thanked everyone for their support and prayers during his recovery.

Assembly Member Knopp congratulated the newly elected assembly members. He thanked Debbie Cary and Bill Holt for running, and encouraged others to step up and get involved. Mr. Knopp stated he believed local government was the most important place to get involved as it impacted things close to home. He wished the Soldotna Stars well on their championship game. Mr. Knopp thanked Mr. Johnson for his service and stated Mr. Johnson was a genuine, hardworking guy that would be greatly missed.

Assembly Member Dunne congratulated the newly elected assembly members and thanked Mr. Johnson for his service. Mr. Dunne stated that adopting an invocation policy was a difficult decision. He stated he had strong core beliefs, but did not feel they should be discussed at assembly meetings, as the assembly's responsibility was to carry out the business of the borough. He stated the institutional biases against people's different religions did not belong in government.

Assembly Member Ogle thanked the clerks and all the volunteers who made the elections a success. He stated he appreciated how much hard work was put into getting the elections right. Mr. Ogle thanked Mr. Johnson for his service. He welcomed Mr. Welles back. Mr. Ogle congratulated the newly elected assembly members and thanked Ms. Cary and Mr. Holt for running and stated more people needed to get involved. He shared a "Nikiski Nugget" that Nikiski filed their petition to become a home rule city with the boundary commission. Mr. Ogle stated he was sure the assembly would discuss the invocation issue some more, but for him the policy was just right.

Assembly Member Cooper stated she was going to miss Mr. Johnson and thanked him for his service. She welcomed Mr. Welles back. Ms. Cooper thanked the clerks for their hard work on the election. She congratulated the Homer girls and boys for winning the cross country championship.

Mr. Johnson congratulated the newly elected assembly members and thanked everyone for their kind comments. He welcomed Mr. Welles back. Mr. Johnson thanked Mayor Navarre and Mr. Knopp for their help at the Ninilchik Senior Center. Mr. Johnson thanked several employees at the borough for all their help over the

years; Max Best, Planning Director; Maria Sweepy, Platting Specialist; Patti Hartley, Administrative Assistant; Bruce Wall, Planner; Marcus Mueller, Land Management Officer; Scott Walden, Director of Emergency Management; Central Emergency Service and Anchor Point Fire and Emergency Service area boards; Pat Malone, Roads Director; Colette Thompson, Borough Attorney; Holly Montague, Deputy Borough Attorney; Johni Blankenship, Borough Clerk; Michele Turner, Deputy Borough Clerk and the entire clerk's staff; Brenda Ahlberg, Community & Fiscal Projects Manager; Craig Chapman, Finance Director; the borough school board; Mayor Mike Navarre; Paul Ostrander, Chief of Staff; planning commissioners and fellow assembly members. Mr. Johnson thanked the voters for allowing him to serve and most importantly, his wife Judy.

President Gilman welcomed Mr. Welles back. He congratulated the newly elected assembly members and thanked Mr. Johnson for his service. Mr. Gilman presented a plaque to Mr. Johnson in appreciation for his service.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS AND REPORTS

None.

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the assembly, President Gilman adjourned the meeting at 10:36 p.m.

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly meeting of October 11, 2016.

Johni Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk

Approved by the Assembly: _____