



# Kenai Peninsula Borough

144 North Binkley Street  
Soldotna, AK 99669

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Assembly

*Brent Johnson, President*

*Tyson Cox, Vice President*

*Kelly Cooper*

*Cindy Ecklund*

*Bill Elam*

*Brent Hibbert*

*Peter Ribbens*

*Ryan Tunseth*

*Mike Tupper*

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Tuesday, April 16, 2024

6:00 PM

Seward Community Library and Museum

239 6th Avenue, Seward

Meeting ID: 895 1103 3332 Passcode: 193069

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### CALL TO ORDER

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Central Emergency Services Chaplain Frank Alioto.

### ROLL CALL

*[Clerk's Note: Ms. Cooper attended the meeting via Zoom.]*

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

*[9 Present: Cox, Cooper (via Zoom), Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Ribbens, Tunseth, Tupper, Johnson]*

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

*[9 Present: Cox, Cooper (via Zoom), Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Ribbens, Tunseth, Tupper, Johnson]*

Assembly President Johnson stated the Committee of the Whole met and discussed its agenda items.

*[9 Present: Cox, Cooper (via Zoom), Ecklund, Elam, Hibbert, Ribbens, Tunseth,*

*Tupper, Johnson]*

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

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An Ordinance Appropriating and Allocating Commercial Passenger Vessel Tax Proceeds Received from the State of Alaska in the Amount of \$456,337.50 to the City of Seward (Mayor)

**This Budget Ordinance was enacted.**

An Ordinance Accepting and Appropriating \$32,410.82 in Grant Funds from the Alaska Department of Natural Resources for the 2024 Volunteer Fire Capacity Program on Behalf of Bear Creek Fire Service Area, Central Emergency Service Area, Kachemak Emergency Service Area, Nikiski Fire Service Area, and Western Emergency Service Area (Mayor)

**This Budget Ordinance was enacted.**

An Ordinance Accepting and Appropriating \$89,000 in Federal Pass Through Grant Funds from the State of Alaska for Woody Fuel Disposal in the Communities of Cooper Landing and Hope and Approving Entering into a Memorandum of Agreement for the Administration of Funds and Operations (Mayor)

**This Budget Ordinance was enacted.**

An Ordinance Deobligating and Appropriating Kachemak Emergency Service Area Capital Project Funds Previously Appropriated for the Purchase of Snow Machines and a Snowbulance to the Ambulance Project (Mayor)

**This Budget Ordinance was enacted.**

Approving an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement between the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry & Fire Protection, and the Kenai Peninsula Borough on behalf of Central Emergency Service Area, Nikiski Fire Service Area, Bear Creek Fire Service Area, Western Emergency Service Area, and Kachemak Emergency Service Area (Mayor)

**This Resolution was adopted.**

An Ordinance Appropriating \$627,435.60 to the Special Assessment Fund for the Princess Lake Estates Utility Special Assessment District

(Mayor)

**This Budget Ordinance was introduced and set for public hearing.**

An Ordinance Appropriating \$5,000 from South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area Fund Balance to Provide for Bond Counsel Expenditures on Preliminary Bond Related Services (Mayor)

**This Budget Ordinance was introduced and set for public hearing.**

Confirming an Appointment to the Moose Pass Advisory Planning Commission (Mayor)

David E. Shafer, Seat C, Term Expires 09/30/2026  
approved.

Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda

President Johnson called for public comments with none being offered.

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

## **COMMENDING RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Mayor's Proclamation Declaring April 2024 as "Sexual Assault Awareness Month" (Mayor)

*[Clerk's Note: Mayor Micciche read the proclamation for the record.]*

## **PRESENTATIONS WITH PRIOR NOTICE**

1. Kenai Public Health, Julie Bunch (10 minutes)

*[Clerk's Note: Julie Bunch gave a presentation to the Assembly via Zoom.]*

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA**

President Johnson called for public comment.

**Phil Kaluza**, addressed the assembly regarding the efficiencies of heat pumps.

**Mark Beals**, addressed the assembly regarding lowering the mill rate for Bear Creek Fire Service Area.

**Brice Snowden**, stated he was nominating Mayor Micciche for governor.

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

## Mayor's Report Cover Memo

1. Assembly Requests/Responses - None.
2. Agreements and Contracts
  - a. Authorization to Award a Contract for ITB24-033 Seward Bear Creek Flood Service Area Upper Salmon Creek Revetment
  - b. Authorization to Award a Contract for ITB24-034 Seward High School Track
  - c. Authorization to Award a Contract for ITB24-038 Gym & Pool Locker Replacement
  - d. Authorization to Award a Contract for RFP24-016 Spring Land Sale Marketing and Auction Services 2024
3. Other
  - a. Presentation of Athletes' Certificates: Commending Resolution for Seward Boys' Wrestling Team State Championship (Adopted by the Assembly on 02/27/24)  
*[Clerk's Note: Mayor Micciche presented Seward Boys' Wrestling Team with certificates of achievement.]*

**ITEMS NOT COMPLETED FROM PRIOR AGENDA**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ORDINANCES**

An Ordinance Amending KPB Chapter 2.54 Relating to Access to Public Records and Response to Record Requests (Mayor, Johnson)

**Tupper** moved to enact Ordinance 2024-06.

President Johnson called for public comment.

**Nick Conner**, spoke in opposition to Ordinance 2024-06.

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

The motion to enact Ordinance 2024-06 carried by the following vote:

An Ordinance Amending KPB Code Relating to Civil Trespass and Issuing a Trespass Order (Mayor, Johnson, Ribbens)

Tupper moved to enact Ordinance 2024-07.

President Johnson called for public comment.

**Nick Conner**, spoke in opposition to Ordinance 2024-07.

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

The motion to enact Ordinance 2023-07 carried by the following vote:

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

President Johnson called for public comment with none being offered.

## **ASSEMBLY COMMENTS**

Assembly Member Tupper stated he was glad for the opportunity to be in Seward.

Assembly Member Ecklund congratulated Seward's boys and girls wrestling teams for their championships. She congratulated Seward football team on their championship last year and stated she hoped their field was getting repaired in order to give them another opportunity at the championship this year. Ms. Ecklund congratulated Seward High School theatre collective for their recent performance, 'Alice in Wonderland'. She thanked Seward residents for attending the meeting, as well as the city manager, city clerk, Seward Chamber director and staff.

Assembly Member Elam thanked Seward for their hospitality and those who attending the meeting. He congratulated Seward's wrestling team. Mr. Elam shared that Aurora Borealis Charter School had the most successful business day fundraiser. He wished everyone a good evening.

Assembly Member Tunseth thanked Seward for their hospitality and those who attended the meeting. He reminded everyone of the luncheon on the state of the City of Kenai on April 17, 2024 and the luncheon with the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Peninsula on May 1, 2024 and the Kenai Chamber's Mother's Day bizarre on May 20 and May 21, 2024. Mr. Tunseth stated the Kenai Math Counts team won the state championship.

Assembly Member Hibbert thanked Seward for their hospitality and those who

attending the meeting. He thanked the presenters for their presentations. He thanked borough staff for bringing over the equipment and setting everything up for the meeting. Mr. Hibbert wished everyone safe travels home.

Assembly Member Ribbens stated he appreciated the invitation to Seward and shared his previous visits to the city. Mr. Ribbens gave notice of consideration of Ordinance 2023-19-36 at the next regular assembly meeting on May 7, 2024.

Assembly Vice President Cox thanked Seward for their hospitality. He thanked Ms. Paperman for her presentation and stated everyone should inquire about the Seward Senior Center's snack elves. Mr. Cox reminded everyone of Kenai Economic Development District's Industry Overview Forum on April 25, 2024 at the Soldotna Sports Complex. He stated he attended promenade and was happy to see how many attended and were supporting their communities.

President Johnson stated he appreciated the community of Seward for having the assembly and stated it was one of the most beautiful places in the borough, state and America. He stated he appreciated the Seward Wrestling Team. Mr. Johnson thanked Mayor Micciche for auctioneering at the Ninilchik Fairgrounds fundraiser. He shared that he and his wife were celebrating 49 years of marriage on May 4 and would be back in the Seward Library and Museum to attend the Kenai Peninsula Historical Society's biannual meeting.

## INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS AND REPORTS

None.

## ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the assembly, President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly meeting of April 16, 2024.



Michele Turner, CMC, Borough Clerk

Approved by the Assembly: 05/07/24

