



Kenai Peninsula Borough

144 North Binkley Street
Soldotna, AK 99669

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Assembly

Ryan Tunseth, President
Kelly Cooper, Vice President
Willy Dunne
Cindy Ecklund
Dale Eicher
Scott Griebel
Michael Hicks
Lenora Niesen
Sarge Truesdell

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

6:00 PM

Betty J. Glick Assembly Chambers
Meeting ID: 897 1694 8642 Passcode: 075938
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CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL

[Clerk's Note: Assembly Member Dunne attended via Zoom.]

Present: 9 - Ryan Tunseth, Kelly Cooper, Cindy Ecklund, Willy Dunne, Dale Eicher, Lenora Niesen, Michael Hicks, Sarge Truesdell, and Scott Griebel

Also present were:

Peter A. Micciche, Borough Mayor
Brandi Harbaugh, Finance Director
Sean Kelley, Borough Attorney
Michele Turner, Borough Clerk
Sue Ellen Essert, Deputy Borough Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

[9 Present: Cooper, Dunne (via Zoom) Ecklund, Eicher, Griebel, Hicks, Niesen, Truesdell, Tunseth]

Assembly Member Truesdell stated the Policies and Procedures Committee met and

discussed its agenda items.

[9 Present: Cooper, Dunne (via Zoom) Ecklund, Eicher, Griebel, Hicks, Niesen, Truesdell, Tunseth]

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Cooper moved to approve the agenda and consent agenda.

Copies have been made available to the public, Borough Clerk Michele Turner noted by title only the resolutions, ordinances and other new business items that were on the consent agenda.

[KPB-7747](#) May 19, 2026 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:

[2025-19-40](#) An Ordinance Accepting and Appropriating Funds to Replace a Western Emergency Service Area Vehicle (Mayor)
This Budget Ordinance was enacted.

[2025-19-41](#) An Ordinance Accepting and Appropriating Funds to Repair a Central Emergency Service Area Fire Engine (Mayor)
This Budget Ordinance was enacted.

[2025-19-42](#) An Ordinance Accepting and Appropriating Grant Funds from the State of Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for Revetment and Drainage Improvements on Bruno Road (Mayor)
This Budget Ordinance was enacted.

[2025-19-43](#) An Ordinance Accepting and Appropriating Grant Funds from the State of Alaska for the Installation of a Building Automation System at Nanwalek School (Mayor)
This Budget Ordinance was enacted.

NEW BUSINESS

[2026-034](#) A Resolution Amending Resolution 2026-022 Approving Twenty-Six Unincorporated Communities for Participation in the State's Fiscal Year 2027 Community Assistance Program (Mayor)
This Resolution was adopted.

[2026-033](#) A Resolution Urging the Governor to Sign into Law Senate Bill 174 Relating to Establishing the Alaska Invasive Species Council (Dunne)

This Resolution was adopted.

[2025-19-44](#) An Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Property in Soldotna, Alaska, on Behalf of Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area, Appropriating Funds from the Central Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area Plant Replacement and Expansion Fund, and Authorizing an Amendment to the Operating Agreement with Central Peninsula General Hospital, Inc. (Mayor) (Hearing on 06/16/26)

This Budget Ordinance was introduced and set for public hearing.

[2025-19-45](#) On Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the South Peninsula Hospital Service Area Operating Fund to be Transferred to the South Peninsula Hospital Capital Project Fund for Demolition and Site Improvements at 324 West Fairview Avenue, Homer Medical District (Mayor) (Hearing on 06/16/26)

This Budget Ordinance was introduced and set for public hearing.

Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda as Amended

President Tunseth called for public comment:

Mako Haggerty, Homer, spoke in support of Resolution 2026-033.

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

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

Yes: 9 - Tunseth, Cooper, Ecklund, Dunne, Eicher, Niesen, Hicks, Truesdell, and Griebel

PRESENTATIONS WITH PRIOR NOTICE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

President Tunseth called for public comment with none being offered.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor's Report Cover Memo

[KPB-7753](#) Mayor's Memo

1. Assembly Requests/Responses - None

2. Agreements and Contracts

- a. [KPB-7754](#) Authorization to Award a Contract for RFP26-015 Auditorium Lighting Replacement Kenai Central High School
- b. [KPB-7755](#) Authorization to Award Seward Elevator Emergent Repair KPB Code Section 5.28.280 Proprietary Procurement
- c. [KPB-7764](#) Authorization to Award a contract for ITB26-030 Partial Roof Replacement-Skyview Middle School

3. Other

- a. [KPB-7756](#) Budget Revisions April 2026
- b. [KPB-7757](#) Revenue-Expenditure Report April 2026

ITEMS NOT COMPLETED FROM PRIOR AGENDA**PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ORDINANCES**

[2026-19](#) An Ordinance Appropriating Funds for Fiscal Year 2027 (Mayor, Tunseth, Truesdell)

[Clerk's Note: The motion to enact Ordinance 2026-19 as amended was on the floor from the 05/19/26 meeting.]

President Tunseth called for public comment:

Morgan Woodard, spoke in support of Bear Creek Fire Service Area funding.
Brian Krauklis, spoke in support of school funding.

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

The motion to enact Ordinance 2026-19 as amended carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Tunseth, Cooper, Ecklund, Dunne, Eicher, Niesen, Hicks, Truesdell, and Griebel

[2026-21](#) An Ordinance Amending Borough Code, KPB 2.45.050, Adopting the Updated Kenai Peninsula Borough Emergency Operations Plan and Providing for Periodic Updates (Mayor)

Truesdell moved to enact Ordinance 2026-21.

President Tunseth called for public comment with none being offered.

The motion to enact Ordinance 2026-21 carried by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Tunseth, Cooper, Ecklund, Dunne, Eicher, Niesen, Hicks, Truesdell, and Griebel

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolutions

[2026-032](#)

A Resolution Setting the Rate of Levy for Real and Personal Property Taxes for the Kenai Peninsula Borough and for Service Areas Within the Borough for Fiscal Year 2027, Tax Year 2026 (Mayor)

Niesen moved to adopt Resolution 2026-032.

President Tunseth called for public comment:

Greg Haas, Bear Creek, spoke in support of reducing the Bear Creek Fire Service Area mill rate.

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

Ecklund moved to amend Resolution 2026-032 as follows:

SECTION 2 to read, "That in addition to any other rate or rates of levy applicable for other purposes, the rate of levy of taxes on all real and personal property within the Bear Creek Fire Service Area for said area for the Fiscal Year 2027 is hereby set at [~~3.25~~] 2.75 mills on each one dollar of assessed value as determined by the assessment roll and any supplemental rolls hereafter certified by the Borough Assessor."

Assembly Member Eicher spoke in opposition to the Ecklund amendment.

The motion to amend Resolution 2026-032 failed by the following vote:

Yes: 2 - Ecklund, and Dunne

No: 7 - Tunseth, Cooper, Eicher, Niesen, Hicks, Truesdell, and Griebel

The motion to adopt Resolution 2026-032 carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Tunseth, Cooper, Dunne, Eicher, Niesen, Hicks, Truesdell, and Griebel

No: 1 - Ecklund

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

President Tunseth called for public comment with none being offered.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Assembly Member Dunne expressed appreciation to the Administration and staff for

their work on the budget. Mr. Dunne announced the Resilience and Security Advisory Commission was meeting via Zoom on June 10, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. and the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Community Council Meeting was June 5, 2026, at 12:30 p.m.

Assembly Member Niesen thanked the Administration and staff for their work on the budget.

Assembly Member Griebel reported that he attended the Central Emergency Service Area meeting on May 21, 2026, at the new fire station facility and provided a brief update.

Assembly Member Hicks stated that he appreciated the opportunity to work with the Administration and his fellow Assembly members.

Assembly Member Eicher reported that he attended the Sterling Community Center fundraiser on May 30, 2026. He also thanked the Administration and staff for making the budget process easier for Assembly members.

Assembly Member Truesdell stated that he attended the Board of Education meeting on June 1, 2026, and provided a brief update. He congratulated the Soldotna High School boys' soccer team on winning the state championship title and thanked everyone for their efforts throughout the budget process.

Assembly Member Ecklund provided additional comments regarding her amendment to Resolution 2026-032.

Vice President Cooper commented on the budget process and announced the Homer Harbor Fest was June 5-6, 2026.

President Tunseth recognized the Mayor and Borough staff for their hard work on various projects throughout the Borough. Mr. Tunseth stated that it had been a pleasure working with all Assembly members and thanked them for their leadership in committee meetings and their service as Assembly liaisons.

ASSEMBLY MEETING AND HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. June 16, 2026 6:00 PM
Regular Assembly Meeting
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Borough Administration Building
Remote participation available through Zoom
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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the assembly, President Tunseth adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly meeting of June 2, 2026.

Michele Turner, MMC, Borough Clerk

Approved by the Assembly: _____