Kenai Peninsula Borough

144 North Binkley Street
Soldotna, AK 99669

Meeting Minutes - Final

Assembly

Ryan Tunseth, President
Kelly Cooper, Vice President
Nate Berga
Willy Dunne
Cindy Ecklund
Dale Eicher
Brent Hibbert
Lenora Niesen
Sarge Truesdell

Tuesday, September 15, 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

President Tunseth requested a moment of silence in lieu of the customary invocation to honor the victims of the September 11 attacks and their families.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Ryan Tunseth, Cindy Ecklund, Willy Dunne, Lenora Niesen, Sarge Truesdell, Brent Hibbert, and Nate Berga

Excused: 2 - Kelly Cooper, and Dale Eicher

Also present were:

Peter A. Micciche, Borough Mayor
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.
[7 Present: Berga, Dunne, Hibbert, Ecklund, Niesen, Truesdell, Tunseth / 2 Absent: Cooper, Eicher]

Assembly Member Truesdell stated the Policies and Procedures Committee met and discussed its agenda items.
[7 Present: Berga, Dunne, Hibbert, Ecklund, Niesen, Truesdell, Tunseth / 2 Absent: Cooper, Eicher]
Assembly Member Dunne stated the Legislative Committee met and discussed its agenda items.
[7 Present: Berga, Dunne, Hibbert, Ecklund, Niesen, Truesdell, Tunseth / 2 Absent: Cooper, Eicher]

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

Niesen 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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approved

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

2026-19-07 An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the General Fund for the 911 Comm Room Air Conditioner Replacement Project (Mayor)

This Budget Ordinance was enacted.

2026-19-08 An Ordinance Appropriating and Allocating Commercial Passenger Vessel Tax Proceeds Received from the State of Alaska to the City of Seward and to the City of Homer (Mayor)

This Budget Ordinance was enacted.

2026-19-09 An Ordinance Appropriating Supplemental Funds from the Plant Replacement and Expansion Fund for the Generator Replacement Project at South Peninsula Hospital (Mayor)

[Clerk's Note: Ordinance 2026-19-09 was updated with advisory board recommendations pursuant to KPB 22.40.050(F).]

This Budget Ordinance was enacted.

2026-19-10 An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the General Fund in Support of the 2045 Homer Comprehensive Plan Update (Mayor)

This Budget Ordinance was enacted.

2026-19-12 On Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the General Fund for the Donald E. Gilman River Center Fire Alarm Replacement Project (Mayor) (Shortened Hearing on 09/15/26)

This Budget Ordinance was enacted.

NEW BUSINESS

2026-046 A Resolution Urging the Alaska State Legislature and the Governor to Enact Legislation Prohibiting Weather Modification or Geoengineering Activities; or as an Alternative to a Ban, to Enact Legislation Requiring a Permit for Such Activities; and, Requesting Alaska's Federal Delegation Review to Strengthen Federal Law Related to Weather Modification or Geoengineering Activities (Mayor, Assembly)

This Resolution was adopted.

2026-33 An Ordinance Amending Borough Code, Title 22, Regarding Assembly Meeting Procedures (Tunseth) (Hearing on 10/20/26)

This Ordinance was introduced and set for public hearing.

2026-34 An Ordinance Amending Borough Code to Enact a New Section KPB 22.30.055 and to Repeal KPB 22.30.060 Regarding the Appointment Process for Vacancies on the Assembly (Tunseth) (Hearing on 10/20/26)

This Ordinance was introduced and set for public hearing.

2026-35 An Ordinance Amending Borough Code to Enact a New Section, KPB 17.10.165, Related to Weather Modification and Geoengineering Activities on Borough Lands (Mayor, Niesen) (Hearing on 10/20/26)

This Ordinance was introduced and set for public hearing.

KPB-7994 Authorizing the Issuance of a Letter of Non-Objection to the Alcohol Beverage Control Board Regarding the New Restaurant or Eating Place License as Requested by Freddie's Roadhouse, Inc. dba Freddie's Roadhouse #60681, in the Ninilchik area

approved

KPB-7995 Confirming an Appointment to the Road Service Area (Mayor)
Michele Hartline, Northern Region, Term Expires 9/30/2029

approved

KPB-7996 Confirming an Appointment to the Resilience and Security Advisory Commission (Mayor)
Annarose (Noelle) Phillips, Central Seat, Term Expires 9/30/2027

approved

Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda as amended

President Tunseth called for public comment.

The following people spoke in support of Resolution 2026-046 and Ordinance 2026-35:

Representative Sarah Vance
Carrie Harris, Anchor Point
Natalie Case, Anchor Point

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: 7 - Tunseth, Ecklund, Dunne, Niesen, Truesdell, Hibbert, and Berga

Absent: 2 - Cooper, and Eicher

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

President Tunseth called for public comment.

The following people addressed the Assembly regarding Deep Green Energy:

Cassaundra Nichelson, Kasilof
Russell Clark, Kenai
Colby Ingstrom, Nikiski
Delacy Lorde, Kasilof

Earlene Lloyd, addressed the Assembly regarding housing in the borough.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor's Report Cover Memo

KPB-7992 Mayor's Report Cover Memo

1. Assembly Requests/Responses- None

2. Agreements and Contracts

a. KPB-7993 Authorization to Award a Contract to ITB27-012 School Sprinkler Repairs- Nikiski High/Middle School and West Homer Elementary

ITEMS NOT COMPLETED FROM PRIOR AGENDA

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

President Tunseth called for public comment with none being offered.

ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Assembly Member Dunne thanked everyone for their participation and public comments. Mr. Dunne stated that he attended the South Kenai Peninsula Hospital Service Area Board meeting on September 10, 2026, the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve meeting on September 11, 2026, and the Resilience and Security Advisory Commission meeting on September 9, 2026. He provided a brief update on each meeting. Mr. Dunne congratulated Annarose Noelle Phillips on her appointment to the Resilience and Security Advisory Commission.

Assembly Member Niesen stated that she attended the Nikiski Community Council meeting on September 14, 2026, and provided a brief update.

Assembly Member Hibbert thanked Representative Vance and former Assembly President Brent Johnson for attending the meeting. Mr. Hibbert thanked everyone for their participation and public comments and expressed his appreciation to staff for keeping meetings running smoothly.

Assembly Member Berga thanked everyone for their participation and public comments.

Assembly Member Truesdell stated that he attended the School Board meeting on September 14, 2026, and provided a brief update. Mr. Truesdell thanked everyone for their public comments and encouraged public participation in local meetings.

Assembly Member Ecklund thanked the public for their participation and comments. Ms. Ecklund stated that she attended the Seward Bear Creek Flood Service Area Board meeting on September 14, 2026, and provided a brief update. Ms. Ecklund

encouraged individuals to apply for school substitute positions.

Assembly President Tunseth thanked the Mayor and his staff for their efforts in staying on top of Borough issues. Mr. Tunseth thanked the Borough Clerk and staff for their hard work, particularly during election season. He also thanked the public for their participation and comments and commended road construction workers for their continued efforts.

ASSEMBLY MEETING AND HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. October 6, 2026 6:00 PM
Regular Assembly Meeting
Betty J. Glick Assembly Chambers
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 7:16 p.m.

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of the Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly meeting of September 15, 2026.

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Michele Turner, MMC, Borough Clerk

Approved by the Assembly: _____