

**KENAI CITY COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 3, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.
KENAI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
210 FIDALGO AVE., KENAI, AK 99611
MAYOR HENRY H. KNACKSTEDT, PRESIDING**

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Kenai City Council was held on June 3, 2026, in City Hall Council Chambers, Kenai, AK. Mayor Knackstedt called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Knackstedt led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

There were present:

Henry Knackstedt, Mayor	Victoria Askin, Vice Mayor
Bridget Grieme	Deborah Sounart
Phil Daniel	

A quorum was present.

Absent:

Sovala Kisena	Glenese Pettey
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Also in attendance were:

- **Josh Bolling, Student Representative
- Terry Eubank, City Manager
- Scott Bloom, City Attorney
- David Swarner, Finance Director
- Kevin Buettner, Planning Director
- Stephanie Randall, Human Resource Director
- Tyler Best, Parks and Recreation Director
- Lee Frey, Public Works Director
- Kathy Romain, Senior Services Director
- Ryan Coleman, Police Sergeant
- Dave Ross, Police Chief
- Shellie Saner, City Clerk

3. Agenda and Consent Agenda Approval

Mayor Knackstedt noted the following additions to the Packet:

Add to item E.3.	Public Hearing - Ordinance No. 3523-2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amendment Memo
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Add to item E.5.	Public Hearing - Ordinance No. 3525-2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amendment Memo
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MOTION:

Vice Mayor Askin **MOVED** to approve the agenda and consent agenda with the requested revisions. Council Member Sounart **SECONDED** the motion.

The items on the Consent Agenda were read into the record.

Mayor Knackstedt opened the floor for public comment on consent agenda items; there being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

All items listed with an asterisk () are considered to be routine and non-controversial by the council and will be approved by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council member so requests, in which case the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda as part of the General Orders.

B. SCHEDULED ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - None.

C. SCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS - None.

D. UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENTS

Johna Beech, Executive Director of the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank addressed the Council regarding the 2026 Kenai - Soldotna Food Fight, food drive taking place June 1 - 30, 2026.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. Ordinance No. 3521-2026** - Increasing Estimated Revenues and Appropriations in the General Fund - Police Department and Accepting a Grant from the US Department of Transportation Passed Through the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for Traffic Enforcement Overtime Expenditures. (Administration)

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Askin **MOVED** to enact Ordinance No. 3521-2026. Council Member Sounart **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Knackstedt opened the floor for public comment. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

VOTE:

YEA: Knackstedt, Daniel, Grieme, Askin, Sounart

NAY: None

ABSENT: Pettey, Kisena

**Student Representative Bolling: Yea

MOTION PASSED.

- 2. Ordinance No. 3522-2026** - Accepting an Alaska Division of Forestry Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant in the Amount of \$8,602.97 and Appropriating Funds for the Purchase of Wildland and Firefighting Equipment for the City of Kenai Fire Department. (Administration)

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Askin **MOVED** to enact Ordinance No. 3522-2026. Council Member Sounart **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Knackstedt opened the floor for public comment. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

A summary of the memorandum as attached to Ordinance No. 3522-2026 and an overview of the equipment that would be purchased was provided.

VOTE:

YEA: Daniel, Grieme, Askin, Sounart, Knackstedt

NAY: None

ABSENT: Pettey, Kisena

**Student Representative Bolling: Yea

MOTION PASSED.

- 3. Ordinance No. 3523-2026** - Adopting the Annual Budget, Salary Schedule and Employee Classification Plan for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2026 and Ending June 30, 2027 and Committing \$4,584,359 of General Fund, Fund Balance for Future Capital Improvements. (Administration)

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Askin **MOVED** to enact Ordinance No. 3523-2026. Council Member Sounart **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Knackstedt opened the floor for public comment.

Sarah Castimore addressed the Council in appreciation of their consideration to provide grant funding to Peninsula Piranha Swim Team.

There being no one else wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Vice Mayor Askin **MOVED** to amend the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Document as follows:

“General Fund - Legislative, page 85

Increase the Grants to Agencies from \$21,100 to \$67,502; and

General Fund - Legislative, page 86

Add Peninsula Piranha Swim Team to the 5047 Grants to Agencies list for \$46,502.”

For an overall increase of \$46,502 to the Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Budget Document.

Council Member Grieme **SECONDED** the motion.

Council appreciation was stated for the swim teams work towards a solution to keeping the school swimming pool open.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested on the motion to amend.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

MOTION TO AMEND:

Vice Mayor Askin **MOVED** to amend the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Document as follows:

“Airport Fund - Airport Airfield, page 214

Increase Professional Services from \$14,435 to \$84,435.”

For an overall increase of \$70,000 to the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Document.

Council Member Daniel **SECONDED** the motion.

A summary overview of the amendment memorandum as attached to Ordinance No 3523-2026 was provided.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested on the motion to amend.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

MOTION TO AMEND:

Council Member Grieme **MOVED** to amend the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Document as follows:

“General Fund - Non-Departmental, page 111
Increase Capital Outlay & Transfer, Transfers by \$180,000.

Capital Budget, page 289
Increase Revenues, Transfers from General Fund by \$180,000.”

For an overall increase of \$180,000 to the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Document

Council Member Daniel **SECONDED** the motion.

There was discussion regarding the constituent interactions with public meetings is primarily done through remote means; and the importance of maintaining technology and equipment to meet the public need.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested on the motion to amend.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

MOTION TO AMEND:

Vice Mayor Askin **MOVED** to amend Ordinance No. 3523-2026 as follows:

Title to read, “An Ordinance Adopting the Annual Budget, Salary Schedule and Employee Classification Plan for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2026 and Ending June 30, 2027 and Committing \$[4,584,359] 4,303,660 of General Fund, Fund Balance for Future Capital Improvements.”

Seventh whereas clause to read, “in recognition of deferred and ongoing maintenance needs of City facilities and in support of the City’s Fiscal Year 2027 – 2031 Capital Improvement Plan (The Plan), Council commits \$[4,584,359] 4,303,660 towards funding of The Plan for fiscal years 2027-2031.”

Section 2 to read, “The following sums of money are hereby appropriated for the operations of the City of Kenai for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of July, 2026, and ending the 30th day of June, 2027, to be expended consistent with and subject to the restrictions, procedures, and purposes set forth in the Code of the City of Kenai and to be expended substantially by line item in the manner shown in the budget adopted by Section 1 hereof:

General Fund	\$ [23,341,239] <u>23,567,641</u>
Enterprise Fund –	
Congregate Housing Fund	694,834
Internal Service Funds:	
Equipment Replacement Fund	288,678
Fleet Replacement Fund	103,174
Employee Health Care Fund	<u>2,997,788</u>
Total Internal Service Funds	3,389,640
Special Revenue Funds:	
Personal Use Fishery Fund	601,090
Water & Sewer Fund	3,602,337
Airport Fund	[4,042,144] <u>4,112,144</u>
Senior Citizen Fund	<u>1,139,480</u>
Total Special Revenue Funds	[9,385,051] <u>9,455,051</u>
Permanent Funds:	
Airport Land Sale Permanent Fund	1,151,157

General Land Sale Permanent Fund	<u>176,498</u>
Total Permanent Revenue Funds	1,327,655

Capital Project Funds:	
City Hall Improvements	180,000
Playground Improvement	100,000
Park Improvement	50,000
Kenai Rec Center Improvements	120,000
Municipal Roadway Improvement	1,550,000
Kenai Public Safety Improvements	300,000
Kenai Senior Center Improvement	60,000
Congregate Housing Improvement	100,000
Airport Improvement	380,100
Waste Water Treatment Plant	100,000
Water & Sewer Improvement	<u>610,000</u>
Total Capital Project Funds	<u>[3,370,100] 3,550,100</u>

Debt Service Fund – Library Expansion Bonds	<u>125,375</u>
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Total All Funds	<u>\$(41,633,894) 42,110,296</u>
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Section 3 to read, “Council hereby commits \$[4,584,359] 4,303,660 of Unassigned General Fund, Fund Balance for future renovations and improvements to City facilities.”

Council Member Grieme **SECONDED** the motion.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested on the motion to amend.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED**.

Council appreciation was stated for the work put into bringing the budget forward.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

YEA: Grieme, Askin, Sounart, Knackstedt, Daniel

NAY: None

ABSENT: Pettey, Kisena

**Student Representative Bolling: Yea

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED.

- 4. Ordinance No. 3524-2026** - Amending Kenai Municipal Code Section 23.25.065 - Shift Differential Pay, to Update Shift Hours and to Clarify Eligibility; and Section 23.55.030 Qualification Pay, to Ensure Appropriate Compensation and Benefits to City Employees Comparable to Other Places of Public Employment Which Allows the City to Recruit and Retain Qualified Employees. (Administration)

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Askin **MOVED** to enact Ordinance No. 3524-2026. Council Member Sounart **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Knackstedt opened the floor for public comment. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

A summary overview of the memorandum as attached to Ordinance 3524-2026 was provided; clarification was provided that although the Ordinance would not be effectuated for thirty days, the pay would be effective July 1, 2026.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

YEA: Askin, Sounart, Knackstedt, Daniel, Grieme

NAY: None

ABSENT: Pettey, Kisen
 **Student Representative Bolling: Yea

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED.

- 5. **Ordinance No. 3525-2026** - Enacting Kenai Municipal Code Section 14.20.246 - Tent Camping on Private Property, Amending Kenai Municipal Code Section 14.20.320 - Definitions to Provide Definitions Regarding Tents and Campgrounds, Amending Kenai Municipal Code Section 13.10.060 - Sanitary Facilities for Camping on Private Property, and Amending Kenai Municipal Code Section 14.22 - Land Use Table. (Administration)

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Askin **MOVED** to enact Ordinance No. 3525-2026. Council Member Daniel **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Knackstedt opened the floor for public comment. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

A summary overview of the memorandum as attached to Ordinance No. 3525-2026 was provided.

There was discussion regarding the inconsistency between tents and recreational vehicles.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Council Member Grieme moved to amend Ordinance No. 3525-2026 as follows:

Title to read, "An Ordinance [ENACTING KENAI MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 14.20.246 - TENT CAMPING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY,] Amending Kenai Municipal Code Section 14.20.320 - Definitions to Provide Definitions Regarding Tents and Campgrounds, [AMENDING KENAI MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.10.060 - SANITARY FACILITIES FOR CAMPING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY,] and Amending Kenai Municipal Code Section 14.22 - Land Use Table."

Delete Sections 1 and 3; and,

Renumber remaining Sections accordingly.

Council Member Askin **SECONDED** the motion.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested on the motion to amend.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

MOTION TO AMEND:

Vice Mayor Askin **MOVED** to amend Ordinance No. 3525-2026 as follows:

Originally Section 4, renumbered to Section 2 by adding footnote 34 as follow:

ZONING DISTRICTS																		
LAND USES	ALI	C	RR	RR-1	RS	RS-1	RS-2	RU	CC	CG	IL	IH	ED	R	TSH	LC	CMU	WW
MISCELLANEOUS																		
Campgrounds ³⁴	N	C	C	N	C	N	N	C	C	C	C	C	N	C	C	N	C	C

³⁴Does not apply to City-owned property. See KMC 18.35.010 - Overnight Camping."

Council Member Grieme **SECONDED** the motion.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested on the motion to amend.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

VOTE MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

YEA: Sounart, Knackstedt, Daniel, Grieme, Askin

NAY: None

ABSENT: Pettey, Kisena

**Student Representative Bolling: Yea

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED.

- 6. Ordinance No. 3526-2026** - Amending the Official Zoning Map by Rezoning Parcel 04106318, with a Physical Address of 6575 Kenai Spur Highway, from a Split Zone of Rural Residential (RR) and General Commercial (CG) to the Zoning District of General Commercial (CG). (Administration)

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Askin **MOVED** to enact Ordinance No. 3526-2026. Council Member Grieme **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Knackstedt opened the floor for public comment. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

A summary overview of the memorandum as attached to Ordinance No. 3526-2026 was provided; and it was clarified that this would eliminate a split zone.

VOTE:

YEA: Knackstedt, Daniel, Grieme, Askin, Sounart

NAY: None

ABSENT: Pettey, Kisena

**Student Representative Bolling: Yea

MOTION PASSED.

- 7. Ordinance No. 3527-2026** - Determining that an Approximately 7,682 Square Foot Portion of City-Owned Property Described as that Portion of Govt Lot 10 Lying Southwest of Bridge Access Rd & Lying North & Northwest & Northeast of USS 4563 Amended, is Not Needed for a Public Purpose and Authorizing the Sale and Exchange of the Property to Rabuf, LLC. (Administration)

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Askin **MOVED** to enact Ordinance No. 3527-2026. Council Member Sounart **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Knackstedt opened the floor for public comment. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

A summary overview of the memorandum as attached to Ordinance No. 3527-2026 was provided.

VOTE:

YEA: Daniel, Grieme, Askin, Sounart, Knackstedt

NAY: None

ABSENT: Pettey, Kisena

**Student Representative Bolling: Yea

MOTION PASSED.

- 8. Resolution No. 2026-37** - Fixing the Rate of Levy of Property Tax for the Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2026 and Ending June 30, 2027. (Administration)

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Askin **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 2026-37. Council Member Daniel **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Knackstedt opened the floor for public comment. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

9. **Resolution No. 2026-38** - Amending the Comprehensive Schedule of Rates, Charges and Fees to Incorporate Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Changes to Include Adjusting Airport Fees, Library Fees, Fire Department Fees, Land Management Fees, Parks and Recreation Fees, Planning and Zoning Fee, Public Works Fee, Water and Sewer Fees and Adjusting the Monthly Rental Rates for Vintage Pointe. (Administration)

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Askin **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 2026-38. Council Member Daniel **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Knackstedt opened the floor for public comment. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

10. **Resolution No. 2026-39** - Authorizing a Contract Award for the 2026 Dipnet Dumpsters and Portalets. (Administration)

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Askin **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 2026-39. Council Member Sounart **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Knackstedt opened the floor for public comment. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

11. **Resolution No. 2026-40** - Authorizing a Contract Award for the 2026 Congregate Housing Caretaker. (Administration)

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Askin **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 2026-40. Council Member Sounart **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Knackstedt opened the floor for public comment. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

12. **Resolution No. 2026-41** - Declaring a Right-of-Way for a 60-Foot by 155.68-Foot Portion of the 60-Foot Unnamed Right-of-Way Located Along the Southeastern Boundary of Lot 11-A, Block 8, Black Gold Estates 2025 Replat, Plat KN 2025-70, and as Set Forth on the Attached Exhibit "A" is Not Needed for a Public Purpose and Consenting to its Vacation. (Administration)

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Askin **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 2026-41. Council Member Grieme **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Knackstedt opened the floor for public comment.

Alex Douthit addressed the Council in support of Resolution No. 2026-41, noting this would allow drainage issues to be resolved.

There being no one else wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

There was Council discussion in support of Resolution No. 2026-41.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

13. Resolution No. 2026-42 - Approving a Memorandum of Agreement Between the City of Kenai and the Kenai Peninsula Borough for Intergovernmental Administration of Borough and City Municipal Elections. (City Clerk)

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Askin **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 2026-42. Council Member Sounart **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Knackstedt opened the floor for public comment. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

A summary overview of the memorandum as attached to Resolution No. 2026-42 was provided; and it was clarified that there were increases to the cost to the City in the new agreement.

There was Council discussion in support of Resolution No. 2026-42.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

14. Resolution No. 2026-43 - Authorizing a Contract Award for the 2026 Street Lights Repair and Maintenance with Utility Locates Contract. (Administration)

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Askin **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 2026-43. Council Member Sounart **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Knackstedt opened the floor for public comment. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

Clarification was provided that the amount was based on the estimated quantity of work.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

15. Resolution No. 2026-44 - Authorizing a Contract Award for the 2026 Aliak Storm Water and Paving Repair Construction. (Administration)

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Askin **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 2026-44. Council Member Sounart **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Knackstedt opened the floor for public comment. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

16. Resolution No. 2026-45 - Authorizing a Contract Award for the 2026 Street Crack Sealing Contract. (Administration)

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Askin **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 2026-45. Council Member Sounart **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Knackstedt opened the floor for public comment. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

Appreciation for the commitment to repairing streets was stated.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

17. Resolution No. 2026-46 - Accepting and Adopting the Kenai Parks and Recreation Master Plan. (Administration)

MOTION:

Vice Mayor Askin **MOVED** to adopt Resolution No. 2026-46. Council Member Sounart **SECONDED** the motion.

Mayor Knackstedt opened the floor for public comment. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

F. MINUTES

1. *Regular Meeting of May 20, 2026. (City Clerk)

Approved by the consent agenda.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance No. 3510-2026 (Substitute)** - Amending the Official Zoning Map by Rezoning a Portion of the Property at 10060 Kenai Spur Highway from Conservation to Suburban Residential Zoning District. (Administration) *[March 18, 2026 postponed to April 1, 2026; April 1, 2026 postponed to May 6, 2026; May 6, 2026 amended by substitute, amended, referred to the May 27, 2026 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and postponed to June 3, 2026.]*

[Clerk's Note: The motion to enact was on the floor from the March 18, 2026 meeting.]

Mayor Knackstedt opened the floor for public comment. There being no one wishing to be heard, the public comment period was closed.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Vice Mayor Askin **MOVED** to amend Ordinance No. 3510-2026 Substitute as follows:

Insert a new 14th WHEREAS clause to read, "at their regularly scheduled meeting held on May 27, 2026, the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended that the City Council rezone the portion of the property at 10060 Kenai Spur Highway from Conservation to Rural Residential."

Council Member Daniel **SECONDED** the motion.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT was requested on the motion to amend.

VOTE: There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

It was reported that the Administrations recommendation was suburban residential; the location was suited for multifamily units due to its proximity to city utilities and other services; suburban residential allows for minimum lot sizes of 7,200 square feet and permits up to a six-plex, verses rural residential requirements of lot sizes of 20,000 square feet and permits a four-plex; suburban residential would allow greater density with smaller lot sizes and provides for more dwelling units per parcel.

There was discussion regarding the walkability of the location to local stores and the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

MOTION TO AMEND:

Vice Mayor Daniel **MOVED** to amend Ordinance No. 3510-2026 Substitute as follows:

Amend Ordinance No. 3510-2026 from Suburban Residential to Rural Residential, throughout the Ordinance.

Council Member Askin **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND:

YEA: Askin, Daniel

NAY: Sounart, Knackstedt, Grieme

ABSENT: Pettey, Kisena

MOTION TO AMENDED FAILED.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED:

YEA: Sounart, Knackstedt, Grieme

NAY: Daniel, Askin

ABSENT: Pettey, Kisena

**Student Representative Bolling: Yea

MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ***Action/Approval** - Bills to be Ratified. (Administration)

Approved by the consent agenda.

2. ***Action/Approval** - Confirmation of Mayoral Nomination of Missy Wallace to the Beautification Commission. (Knackstedt)

Approved by the consent agenda.

3. ***Ordinance No. 3528-2026** - Accepting and Appropriating \$42,867.04 in Asset Forfeiture Sharing Funds for the Purchase of Law Enforcement Equipment into the General Fund, Police Department. (Administration)

Introduced by the consent agenda and Public Hearing set for June 17, 2026.

4. ***Ordinance No. 3529-2026** - Increasing Estimated Revenues and Appropriations in the General Fund - City Manager for Leave Cash-Out, Finance Information Technology Salaries and Benefits, and Public Works Administration Salaries and Benefits in Excess of Budgeted Amounts. (Administration)

Introduced by the consent agenda and Public Hearing set for June 17, 2026.

5. ***Ordinance No. 3530-2026** - Accepting and Appropriating a Grant Awarded to the Kenai Senior Center from the Kenai Peninsula Foundation, Inc. and the Alaska Community Foundation, Inc.,

Through the Elmer and Ruth Schwantes Fund for the Purchase of Meals on Wheels Delivery Bags. (Administration)

Introduced by the consent agenda and Public Hearing set for June 17, 2026.

H. COMMISSION / COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Council on Aging Commission

No report, next meeting June 11, 2026.

2. Airport Commission

No report, next meeting June 11, 2026.

3. Parks and Recreation Commission

No report, next meeting June 4, 2026

4. Planning and Zoning Commission

Council Member Daniel reported on the May 20, 2026 meeting, next meeting June 10, 2026.

5. Beautification Commission

No report, next meeting September 8, 2026.

I. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Knackstedt reported on the following:

- Attending and participating in the Memorial Day Events.
- Meeting with the Administration and Glenfarne to discuss the upcoming project.
- Thanked Finance Director Swarner and City Manager Eubank for the Budget; and Parks & Recreation Director Best for the Master Plan.
- Congratulated the Kenai Ice Hawks for winning the Trajan Langdon Award, the first all-girls team in Alaska to claim the championship in the co-ed 12UB Alaska State Hockey Tournament.

J. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. City Manager - City Manager Eubank reported on the following:

- Provided a staffing update, welcomed new employees and noted ongoing recruitment for an Airport Manager.
- Status update on the Safe Streets Grant and Coastal Resilience Grant.
- June 6, 2026 Kite Festival.
- Thanked staff for their work on the Budget and Director Best, Parks and Recreation Staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission for the Master Plan.

2. City Attorney - No report.

3. City Clerk - No report.

K. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Citizen Comments (*Public comments limited to (5) minutes per speaker*)

2. Council Comments

Student Representative Bolling congratulated the Kenai Central High School Girls Soccer team for taking second place as State.

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1. Citizen Comments (*Public comments limited to (5) minutes per speaker*)
2. Council Comments

Student Representative Bolling congratulated the Kenai Central High School Girls Soccer team for taking second place as State.

Council Member Daniel stated his appreciation for everyone's efforts.

Council Member Grieme congratulated the Girls Soccer team, the Kenai Ice Hawks; reported attending the American Legion Memorial Day event at Kenai Cemetery; thanked all the planters on Planting Day and the Douthit family for donating a tree; and reminded everyone the Peninsula Oilers were back.

Vice Mayor Askin thanked staff for the Budget and Parks & Recreation for the Master Plan.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None.

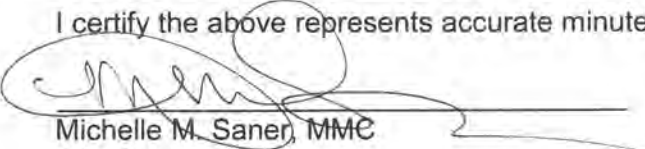
M. PENDING ITEMS - None.

N. ADJOURNMENT

O. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS - None.

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of the Kenai City Council meeting of June 3, 2026.



Michelle M. Saner, MMC
City Clerk

*** The student representative may cast advisory votes on all matters except those subject to executive session discussion. Advisory votes will not affect the outcome of the official council vote. Advisory votes will be recorded in the minutes. A student representative may not move or second items during a council meeting.*