

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on January 7, 2003, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. The special meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Mayor Timothy L. Anderson. The purpose of the special meeting was to select an applicant for the borough attorney position.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Bruce Bush, Assembly District No. 1
Ms. Sara Jansen, Assembly District No. 2 (Deputy Mayor)
Mr. Talis J. Colberg, Assembly District No. 3
Ms Mary Kvalheim, Assembly District No. 4
Ms. Jody Simpson, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6
Ms. Kelly Lankford Ladere, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Sandra A. Dillon, Borough Clerk

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

This was a special meeting; therefore, there were no changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Assemblymember Bush.

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Selection of Borough Attorney

Assemblymember Simpson inquired as to if the background checks had been done.

Ms. Dillon advised that she had not checked with Ms. Von Ah today but that her intent was to perform background checks once the assembly made a selection. (Ms. Dillon later confirmed that this was the procedure Ms. Von Ah expected to follow.)

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to enter executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion; in particular, to have a candid discussion of the different personalities of the candidates for the borough attorney position.

Ms. Jansen further advised that the borough clerk has copies on file of the notices sent to Scott Brandt Erichsen, Teresa Williams, and Steven Schweppe of the assembly's intention to enter executive session today, and of their waivers to participate pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

(The assembly entered executive session at 3:40 p.m. and without objection, the assembly exited executive session at 4:30 p.m.)

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to offer the borough attorney position to Teresa Williams with the following conditions: \$90,000 for one year; a 60-day provision for termination as found in the other executive positions, and a review after six months of hire.

Assemblymembers Colberg and Bush noted that they opposed hiring from out of state.

VOTE: The motion passed with Assemblymembers Colberg, Bush, and Ladere in opposition.

MOTION: Assemblymember Simpson moved to reconsider the motion.

VOTE: The motion to reconsider failed with Assemblymember Colberg in favor.

Ms. Dillon advised that she would forward this information to Ms. Von Ah so that she could begin background checks and forward the offer to Ms. Williams.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There were no persons who wished to testify.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

There were no comments presented.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

TIMOTHY L. ANDERSON, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

SANDRA A. DILLON, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: January 21, 2003.