

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on February 1, 2011, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The special meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by Mayor Larry DeVilbiss for the purpose of discussing the hiring of the manager, contract negotiations, and interview questions.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Warren Keogh, Assembly District No. 1
Mr. Noel Woods, Assembly District No. 2
Mr. Ron Arvin, Assembly District No. 3
Mr. Mark Ewing, Assembly District No. 4
Ms. Cindy Bettine, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6 (*arrived at 5:25 p.m.*)
Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC, Borough Clerk
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Ms. Brenda J. Henry, Executive Assistant to the Borough Clerk
Ms. Sonya Conant, Human Resources Director
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor DeVilbiss inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. John Klapperich, a member of the public.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION (*for subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person provided the person may request a public discussion or matters immediate public knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse impact upon the finances of the Borough.*)

A. HIRING OF THE BOROUGH MANAGER, CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS, AND INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to enter into executive session to discuss subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person provided the person may request a public discussion. Specifically to discuss the candidates for manager, candidate qualifications, and hiring of the Borough Manager. Those present during the executive session were the Mayor, the members of the Assembly, the Attorney, the Clerk, the Human Resources Manager, and Mr. Colin Baenziger of Colin Baenziger and Associates.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the Assembly moved into executive session at 5:05 p.m.

(Assemblymember Colver arrived at 5:25 p.m.)

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to exit executive session.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the Assembly exited executive session at 5:56 p.m.

(The Assembly did not finalize their discussion and the discussion continued during executive session at the regular meeting.)

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION


(There was no one present who wished to testify.)

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

(There were no comments provided.)

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.


LARRY DeVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 03/15/11