

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH SPECIAL MEETING
ASSEMBLY MARCH 5, 2002

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on March 5, 2002, at the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly Chambers, Palmer, Alaska. The special meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. by Mayor Timothy L. Anderson for the purpose of conducting the annual evaluations of the clerk and attorney.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Sara Jansen, Assembly District No. 2
Mr. Talis J. Colberg, Assembly District No. 3
Ms. Jody Simpson, Assembly District No. 5
Ms. Kelly Ladere, Assembly District No. 7

Assembly members absent and excused were:

Mr. J. Bruce Bush, Assembly District No. 1
Mr. Dan Kelly, Assembly District No. 4
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Sandra A. Dillon, Borough Clerk
Mr. Michael Gatti, Borough Attorney

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by William Larkin, a member of the audience.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION (for subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person provided the person may request a public discussion.)

A. Annual Evaluation - Borough Clerk

Mayor Anderson noted that Ms. Dillon had the option of exiting into executive session to conduct her annual evaluation.

Ms. Dillon stated that it would be her preference to hold the evaluation in open session if there were no objections from the assembly.

Ms. Dillon reviewed the tasks, accomplishments, and challenges faced by her position during 2001.

Discussion ensued regarding the professional performance of the borough clerk during 2001.

MAIN MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to amend the borough clerk's salary by increasing the compensation by \$3,500 for an annual salary of \$82,000.

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to postpone to a time certain of March 19, 2002, the motion to amend the borough clerk's salary.

GENERAL CONSENT: The motion passed without objection.

The special meeting recessed at 3:45 p.m. and reconvened at 3:50 p.m.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION (for subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person provided the person may request a public discussion.)

A. Annual Evaluation - Borough Attorney

Mayor Anderson noted that Mr. Gatti had the option of exiting into executive session to conduct his annual evaluation.

Mr. Gatti stated that it would be his preference to hold the evaluation in open session.

Discussion ensued regarding the professional performance of the borough attorney during 2001.

MAIN MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to continue the attorney's contract without amendments.

Members of the assembly acknowledged the attorney's automatic 2 percent salary increase effective January 16, 2002.

MOTION: Assemblymember Jansen moved to postpone to a time certain of March 19, 2002, the motion to continue the attorney's contract.

VOTE: The motion failed with Assemblymember Ladere in favor.

GENERAL CONSENT: The main motion passed without objection.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following spoke in support of the borough clerk and attorney: William Larkin.

VII. MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY COMMENTS

Assemblymember Ladere commented that she would like to see some proposals to the attorney's office discussed.

Assemblymember Simpson commended the clerk and the attorney for choosing to hold their annual evaluations in open session.

Assemblymember Colberg had no comments to present.

Assemblymember Jansen had no comments to present.

Mayor Anderson spoke in support of the borough clerk and attorney.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Minutes approved: March 19, 2002

Signed copy available in the Clerk's office.