

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on May 9, 2006, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Timothy L. Anderson for the purpose of discussing AM No. 06-076, review of applications for the Borough Attorney position, and the vacancy report.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Lynne Woods, Assembly District No. 1
Mr. Bill Allen, Assembly District No. 2
Mr. Talis J. Colberg, Assembly District No. 3
Ms. Mary Kvalheim, Assembly District No. 4
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6 (*Deputy Mayor*) (*arrived at 6:05 p.m.*)
Ms. Betty Vehrs, Assembly District No. 7

Assembly members absent and excused were:

Ms. Cindy Bettine, Assembly District No. 5

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Ms. John Aschenbrenner, Acting Borough Attorney

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Anderson advised that the election certification has been cancelled for this evening and will occur on May 16, 2006.

Mr. Duffy requested that AM No. 06-076 be postponed until May 16, 2006, as outside counsel has not finalized their opinion.

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

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rindi White of the Anchorage Daily News and Darryl Breese of the Frontiersman.

V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

~~A. CERTIFICATION OF MAY 2, 2006, SPECIAL BOROUGH ELECTION~~

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. AM No. 06-076: APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A STATE AGENCY TO BUILD A TEMPORARY EARTHEN/GRAVEL EMBANKMENT CONSISTING OF RIVERINE GRAVEL TO DEFLECT THE RIVER FROM THE WEST BANK OF THE MATANUSKA RIVER, IN ORDER TO PROTECT EXISTING HOMES IN THE KINGS RIVER TO SUTTON AREAS. (*Sponsor: Assemblymember Woods*) (*Motion Pending: 04/18/06*)

MOTION PENDING: Assemblymember Colberg moved to approve AM No. 06-076.

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to postpone AM No. 06-076 to a time certain of May 16, 2006.

VOTE: The motion to postpone to a time certain of May 16, 2006, passed without objection.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY POSITION

Mayor Anderson advised that Assemblymember Vehrs no longer has a conflict of interest regarding the hiring of the new Borough Attorney, as Mr. Lazarus has withdrawn his application; therefore, she will be present for the attorney interview process.

(Assemblymember Colver arrived at 6:05 p.m.)

Ms. McGehee advised that the review of the applications is in open session; however, at the time the Assembly would like to discuss the selection of the applicants it would be held in executive session.

The Assembly reviewed the applications that were received and discussed the qualifications that are needed for the position.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to schedule telephone or in-person interviews with the four candidates (Stanton Fox, David Lawrence, Mark Osterman, and Nicholas Spiropoulos).

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

1. VACANCY REPORT

Mayor Anderson made the following recommendations:

Board of Ethics

James Sykes

Emergency Medical Services Board

Glori Strickler

Labor Relations Board

Ken Peltier

Michael Hodsdon

Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Forming a Health and Social Services Board

Eleanor Oakley

Elizabeth Ripley

Gregory VanKirk

Margaret Volz

John Fairfield

Leah Holman

Transportation Advisory Board

Ken Ray

Knik RSA No. 17

Brian Morgan

Mayor Anderson requested the following confirmations:

Emergency Medical Services Board

Traci Hackett

Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Forming a Health and Social Services Board

Gabriel Layman

Maryalice Larson

Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Forming an Economic Development Corporation

Leslie Senden

Senior Citizens Advisory Board

George Dusek

Midway RSA No. 9

Resignation of Walter Williams

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments and resignations up for confirmation.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

IX. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember Allen:

- referenced a letter from Mr. Stevens, owner of North Bowl, regarding his liquor license; and
- queried whether the Borough had any involvement with Mr. Stevens's liquor license.

Mayor Anderson stated that Mr. Stevens's liquor license for North Bowl is in the hands of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board.

Assemblymember Allen:

- spoke regarding the Susitna Valley High School Roof Repair project;
- opined that there are ways to accelerate the project;
- stated that with concurrence of the Assembly, the Manager could have the authorization to start the preliminary process on the project; and
- stated that every effort possible needs to be done to get the roof completed as soon as possible.

Assemblymember Woods extended an invitation to the Assembly to attend an Economic Development Conference at the Wasilla Sports Complex, on May 10 and 11, 2006.

Assemblymember Kvalheim advised that she received a phone call from a gentleman in Oregon who is interested in purchasing North Bowl.

Assemblymember Vehrs:

- stated that she would be interested in working with Assemblymember Allen regarding his plan for the Susitna Valley High School Roof Replacement; and
- noted that she appreciates Assemblymember Allen's interest in District 7.

Assemblymember Colver:

- noted that the schedule for the Susitna Valley School Roof Replacement should not be pushed back, as the public was informed that work would begin during the summer;
- spoke to other funds that can be used for the roof replacement; and
- stated that he looks forward to working on the budget and bringing the mill rate down.

Mayor Anderson:

- spoke to the need for a plan for the Susitna Valley High School Roof Replacement;
- suggested that a motion be made at the next meeting giving administration direction regarding the Susitna Valley High School Roof Replacement;
- provided a report regarding his trip to Juneau; and
- spoke regarding property tax relief.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

/S/

TIMOTHY L. ANDERSON, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

/S/

MICHELLE M. MCGEHEE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 06/06/06