

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on May 10, 2011, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The special meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by Mayor Larry DeVilbiss for the purpose of discussing Borough space issues.

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 (*Deputy Mayor*)(*attended telephonically*)
Mr. Mark Ewing, Assembly District No. 4
Ms. Cindy Bettine, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6
Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Mr. John Moosey, Borough Manager
Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC, Borough Clerk
Ms. Elizabeth Gray, Assistant Borough Manager
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Mr. Chuck Braun, Acting Public Works 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.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Gary Wolf of Wolf Architecture.

II. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. BOROUGH SPACE ISSUES

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to enter into the committee of the whole.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the Assembly moved into the committee of the whole at 4:05 p.m.

Mr. Gary Wolf of Wolf Architecture provided a presentation regarding possible ways to alleviate Borough space issues.

(The special meeting recessed at 5:08 p.m. and reconvened at 5:35 p.m.)

Discussion continued regarding Borough space issues.

Mayor DeVilbiss inquired if there was any objection to exiting committee of the whole.

There was no objection noted and the Assembly exited committee of the whole at 5:50 p.m.

Assemblymember Colver thanked staff and Mr. Wolf for the information provided regarding space issues.

III. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following person spoke to concerns with his ability to have a tax bill reduced on property he recently purchased: Mr. Dimitri Fonov.

The following person spoke to concerns with his views that there are discrepancies in the Emergency Services budget for benefits: Mr. Butch Moore.

IV. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember Keogh:

- spoke to a recent email he had sent to the Alaska Mental Health Trust regarding the possible sale of land;
- stated that he had received a number of email from the public regarding the issue; and
- assured the Assembly that he had sent the email on behalf of himself only.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- spoke to her attendance at the Mat-Su Business Alliance meeting;
- related that she heard discussion regarding how Carlile Trucking had saved money by installing GPS in their company vehicles; and
- stated that she would like to have information on how GPS in Borough vehicles has or could save money.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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


LARRY DeVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 06/07/11