

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on September 15, 2009, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by Mayor Talis J. Colberg for the purpose of discussing Borough Space Issues.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Lynne Woods, Assembly District No. 1 (*Deputy Mayor*)
Mr. Pete Houston, Assembly District No. 2
Ms. Michelle R. Church, Assembly District No. 3
Mr. Mark Ewing, Assembly District No. 4
Ms. Cindy L. Bettine, Assembly District No. 5 (*arrived at 4:02 p.m.*)
Mr. Tom Kluberton, Assembly District No. 7

Assembly members absent and excused:

Mr. Robert Wells, Assembly District No. 6

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Mr. David Heier, Chief of Land and Resource Management

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

GENERAL CONSENT: The agenda was approved as presented.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. David Heier, Land and Resource Management.

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. BOROUGH SPACE ISSUES

MOTION: Assemblymember Church moved to enter into the Committee of the Whole to discuss Borough Space Issues.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the Assembly moved into the Committee of the Whole at 4:02 p.m.

MOTION: Assemblymember Church moved to exit the Committee of the Whole.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the Assembly exited the Committee of the whole at 4:55 p.m.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to direct the Borough Manager to do the following:

- to hire a commercial realtor to handle the old School District Administrative Building, the storage facility, and the administrative space for a satellite office for the Planning Department and support staff;
- to bring back a request for proposal for issuance and a more detailed list of what individual staff members would move to the satellite office;
- to authorize the Manager to start speaking to other public entities for the 24/7 maintenance facility; and
- to look at having a second floor added to the Cottonwood Public Safety Building for the Department of Emergency Services.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Duffy:

- advised that Ms. Shaune O'Neil was hired as the new Public Works Director;
- stated that the union contract is going forward to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Employees Association members for ratification; and
- noted that the new Planning Director will be starting at the end of October.

Assemblymember Kluberton:

- noted that he had reviewed the resumes of the applicants for Public Works Director and Planning Director; and
- stated that there was an excellent field to choose from for these positions.

Assemblymember Ewing complimented the Clerk's Office for the Election Brochure.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- thanked Assemblymember Kluberton for working with the Manager on the hiring of the Public Works and Planning Directors;
- advised that she had an opportunity to see the new Susitna Valley High School; and
- stated that it is time to make a legal statement on the easement issue in the Borough.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.


TALIS J. COLBERG, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 10/20/09