

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on October 14, 2014, at the Borough Assembly Chamber, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. by Assemblymember Salmon for the purpose of discussion regarding the financial impacts of various disposal options of the M/V Susitna.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Matthew Beck, Assembly District No. 2
Mr. Ronald Arvin, Assembly District No. 3 (*Deputy Mayor*)(*attended telephonically*)
Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4
Mr. Darcie K. Salmon, Assembly District No. 5

Assemblymembers absent and excused:

Mr. Jim Sykes, Assembly District No. 1
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6
Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Moosey, Borough Manager
Mr. George Hays, Assistant Borough Manager
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Assemblymember Salmon 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 Moosey, Borough Manager

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION (*For Matters, Which The Immediate Public Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Borough; And Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Kept Confidential; And Discussion Of Matters Subject To The Attorney Client Privilege.*)

1. Financial Impacts Of Various Disposal Options Of The M/V Susitna Including Revenue Potential and Federal Transit Administration Liability

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved to enter into executive session for matters, which the immediate public knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough; and matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be kept confidential; and discussion of matters subject to the attorney client privilege. Those present during executive session are the members of the Assembly, the Manager, the Attorney and the Clerk.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the Assembly entered into executive session at 6:13 p.m.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved to exit executive session.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the Assembly exited executive session at 7:07 p.m.

B. M/V Susitna Discussion and Provide Direction To The Manager

Assemblymember Salmon:

- stated that at the last meeting, Assemblymember Halter's motion was directing the Manager to do his best to minimize the Borough's liability to the Federal Transit Administration and that direction stands; and
- queried if there was any objection.

There was no objection noted.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

VIII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Moosey reminded the body that on October 15, there is the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Lucille/Seldon project at 11 a.m. on the southwest corner at the intersection of Seldon and Lucille.

Assemblymember Colligan:

- summarized how the Joint Borough Assembly and Anchorage Assembly Transportation Subcommittee operates;
- opined that items that recently came before the subcommittee need to come before the Assembly as a whole;
- directed the Clerk to schedule a joint meeting in Anchorage with the Anchorage Assembly;

- stated that the intent of the meeting is for both bodies to be briefed on recent surveys by the Alaska State Department of Transportation;
- requested that the meeting be recorded and streamed to the public; and
- opined that it is important that both bodies be aware of important transportation issues.

Ms. McKechnie:

- advised that she has been working with the Anchorage Clerk regarding a possible meeting on October 31, 2014, that would occur during the day;
- stated that she is unsure if there is the capability to stream the meeting to the public as these types of meetings are generally held in smaller conference rooms; and
- queried if the Assembly would like her to move forward with scheduling this meeting.

Assemblymember Arvin spoke in opposition to the date of October 31.

Assemblymember Colligan spoke in favor of choosing a date in December or January prior to the legislative session.

Ms. McKechnie advised that she would work with the Anchorage Clerk to choose another date.

Assemblymember Beck:

- thanked the public for attending the meeting and those that listen on the radio; and
- thanked staff for their hard work on the ferry issue.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.


LARRY DEVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 11/19/14