

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on October 16, 2007, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The special meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Lynne Woods for the purpose of certifying the October 2, 2007, regular Borough election. (*Mayor Menard attended via teleconference*)

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Lynne Woods, Assembly District No. 1 (*Deputy Mayor*)
Ms. Michelle Church, Assembly District No. 3
Ms. Mary Kvalheim, Assembly District No. 4
Mr. Robert Wells, Assembly District No. 6
Mr. Tom Kluberton, 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
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Deputy Borough Clerk
Ms. Marian Romano, Assistant Borough Manager

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Woods 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 Ms. Fran Seager-Boss, Matanuska-Susitna Borough Cultural Resource Specialist.

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Presentation of Borough Seal to former Assemblymember Bill Allen

Deputy Mayor Woods:

- presented the Borough Seal to former Assemblymember Allen; and
- thanked former Assemblymember Allen for his service and for the knowledge he has provided.

Mr. Allen:

- stated that it has been a privilege to serve the community; and
- stated it has been a pleasure working for the Borough.

Mayor Menard thanked Mr. Allen for his dedicated service.

B. Canvass Board Report

Ms. McGehee:

- acknowledged the staff of the Clerk's Office for their outstanding efforts during the election;
- recognized the members of the Canvass Board for their hard work and dedication; and
- asked Ms. Geraldine Keeling, Canvass Board Chairperson, to provide the Canvass Board's Report of the Election.

Ms. Keeling:

- provided an overview of the Canvass Board's process;
- discussed the voter turnout for the October 2, 2007, election; and
- reported on the number of questioned and absentee ballots voted and counted.

C. Certification of October 2, 2007, Regular Borough Election

MOTION: Assemblymember Kvalheim moved to certify the election results for the October 2, 2007, regular Borough election, as presented by the Canvass Board. *(See attached Election Certification.)*

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

D. Oaths of Office for Newly Elected Officials

Ms. McGehee administered the Oath of Office to Assemblymembers Woods and Houston.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following person spoke regarding his discontent with the city of Palmer and former Assemblymember Allen: Mr. John Leiner.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymembers Church, Wells, Kluberton, and Kvalheim congratulated Assemblymember Houston and Deputy Mayor Woods.

Assemblymember Houston:

- thanked the election workers; and
- thanked the Clerk's Office for helping him get ready for the first Assembly meeting.

Mr. Spiropoulos and Mr. Duffy congratulated Assemblymember Houston and Deputy Mayor Woods.

Mayor Menard:

- thanked Assemblymember Woods for being the Deputy Mayor;
- noted that he is looking forward to working with Assemblymember Houston; and
- stated that he is looking forward to being home in November.

Deputy Mayor Woods:

- noted that she is looking forward to working with Assemblymember Houston; and
- thanked the Assembly for the efforts.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

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LYNNE WOODS, Deputy Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

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MICHELLE M. MCGEHEE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 11/13/07