

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on December 2, 2014, at the Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by Mayor DeVilbiss for the purpose of conducting a meeting to discuss the process to fill the eventual vacancy of the Assembly District 6 seat.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

- Mr. Jim Sykes, Assembly District No. 1
- Mr. Matthew Beck, Assembly District No. 2
- Mr. Ronald Arvin, Assembly District No. 3 (*Deputy Mayor*)
- Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4 (*entered at 4:03 p.m.*)
- Mr. Dan Mayfield, Assembly District No. 5
- Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7 (*entered telephonically at 4:15 p.m.*)

Assembly members absent and excused were:

- Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6

Staff in attendance were:

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION: Assemblymember Sykes moved to take up audience participation prior to items of business.

VOTE: The motion failed with Assemblymembers Mayfield, Sykes, and Beck in support.

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

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Eugene Haberman, a member of the audience.

A. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Discussion Of The Process To Fill The Eventual Vacancy Of The Assembly District 6 Seat

Mr. Spiropoulos summarized State law requirements and facilitated discussion of the possible process to fill the eventual vacancy of the Assembly District 6 seat.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved to follow the proposed schedule and process for filling the eventual vacancy of the Assembly District 6 seat and to have the Attorney and the Clerk come back with proposed advertising and schedule for advertising, at the next meeting.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved to accept the proposed "Selection of Applicants and Interview Questions, Nos. 5 through 9."

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved to withdraw his motion.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved to include a question "Has the applicant read the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) requirements."

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved to withdraw his motion.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved to schedule half hour candidate interviews with 15 minutes in between each interview.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved to direct the Attorney and the Clerk to bring back an outline for generating interview questions.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colligan moved a primary amendment by having Assembly Members provide interview questions in advance, to be reviewed by the Borough Attorney.

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed without objection.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following person spoke to concerns with the public process for filling the Assembly District 6 seat: Mr. Eugene Haberman.

VI. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember Sykes thanked the Attorney and the Clerk for providing a draft process for filling the eventual vacancy of Assembly District Seat 6.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.


LARRY DeVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 01/06/15