

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on October 20, 2009, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The special meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Mayor Talis J. Colberg for the purpose of certifying the October 6, 2009, regular Borough election.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Lynne Woods, Assembly District No. 1 (*Deputy Mayor*)
Mr. Mark Ewing, Assembly District No. 4
Ms. Cindy Bettine, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Tom Kluberton, Assembly District No. 7

Assembly members absent and excused were:

Mr. Pete Houston, Assembly District No. 2
Ms. Michelle Church, Assembly District No. 3
Mr. Rob Wells, Assembly District No. 6

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Mr. John Aschenbrenner, Deputy Borough Attorney
Ms. Cheryl D. Marino, Deputy Borough Clerk
Ms. Elizabeth Gray, Assistant Borough Manager
Ms. Brenda J. Henry, Executive Assistant to the Borough Clerk
Ms. Eileen Probasco, Acting Planning and Land Use Director

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Colberg 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. Eileen Probasco, Acting Planning and Land Use Director.

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Presentation of Borough Seal to Assemblymember Kluberton.

Mayor Colberg presented the Borough Seal to Assemblymember Kluberton in appreciation for his service to the Borough.

B. Canvass Board Report

Ms. McKechnie:

- 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:

- reported that the Canvass Board had one observer during canvassing;
- reported on the number of questioned and absentee ballots voted and counted;
- provided an overview of the Canvass Board's process; and
- discussed the voter turnout for the October 6, 2009, election.

C. Certification of October 6, 2009, Regular Borough Election

MOTION: Assemblymember Woods moved to certify the election results for the October 6, 2009, 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. McKechnie administered the Oath of Office to Assemblymember Arvin, Assemblymember Colver, and Assemblymember Halter.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following persons thanked Assemblymembers Church, Wells, and Kluberton for listening to their concerns regarding the Nelson Road extension and welcomed Assemblymembers Arvin, Colver, and Halter: Mr. Randy Dellar and Ms. Monika Swan.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Duffy thanked Assemblymember Kluberton for all of his contributions, council, advice, and hard work.

Mr. Aschenbrenner:

- thanked Assemblymembers Church, Wells, and Kluberton for their public service; and
- welcomed and congratulated Assemblymembers Arvin, Colver, and Halter.

Assemblymember Bettine:

- congratulated Assemblymembers Arvin, Colver, and Halter;
- thanked Assemblymembers Church, Wells, and Kluberton; and
- noted her appreciation for all of Assemblymember Kluberton's work.

Assemblymember Woods:

- welcomed Assemblymembers Arvin, Colver, and Halter; and
- thanked Assemblymembers Church, Wells, and Kluberton for their service.

Ms. McKechnie:

- welcomed Assemblymembers Arvin, Colver, and Halter; and
- thanked Assemblymember Kluberton for his support and community service.

Mr. Ewing:

- thanked Assemblymember Kluberton for his service; and
- congratulated Assemblymembers Arvin, Colver, and Halter.

Mr. Kluberton:

- congratulated Assemblymembers Arvin, Colver, and Halter; and
- noted his appreciation for Borough staff.

Mayor Colberg :

- spoke to the different visions of Alaska in the past and in the present;
- congratulated Assemblymembers Arvin, Colver, Halter, and all of the candidates; and
- thanked Assemblymembers Church, Wells, and Kluberton for their service.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.



TALIS J. COLBERG, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 11/03/09