

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on February 5, 2015, at the Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Ronald Arvin for the purpose of interviewing the applicants for the Assembly District 6 vacancy.

**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  
Mr. Dan Mayfield, Assembly District No. 5  
Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

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

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Deputy Mayor Arvin 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 Borough Attorney Nicholas Spiropoulos.

**V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

The following person spoke regarding the accuracy of the clocks in Assembly Chambers and the process for filling the Assembly District vacancy: Mr. Eugene Haberman.

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION** (*subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion.*)

**A. Interview Of Applicants Re: Filling The Assembly District 6 Vacancy**

The Assembly interviewed Ms. Barbara Doty for the Assembly District 6 vacancy.

*(The meeting recessed at 6:27 and reconvened at 6:45 p.m.)*

The Assembly interviewed Mr. Gregg Hanson for the Assembly District 6 vacancy.

*(The meeting recessed at 7:17 p.m. and reconvened at 7:23 p.m.)*

The Assembly interviewed Mr. Neil Lacy for the Assembly District 6 vacancy.

*(The meeting recessed at 7:37 p.m. and reconvened at 7:50 p.m.)*

The Assembly interviewed Mr. Robert Williams for the Assembly District 6 vacancy.

*(The meeting recessed at 8:18 p.m. and reconvened at 8:21 p.m.)*

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Halter moved to appoint Ms. Barbara Doty to the Borough Assembly District 6 position.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection.

Ms. McKechnie administered the oath of office to Ms. Doty.

## **VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Mr. Spiropoulos congratulated Assemblymember Doty.

Ms. McKechnie:

- congratulated Assemblymember Doty; and
- thanked the other applicants for their interest in serving on the Assembly.

Mr. Moosey:

- opined that the process for filling the vacancy was well done; and
- congratulated Assemblymember Doty.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- thanked the other applicants for their interest in serving on the Assembly;
- noted that he looks forward to working with Assemblymember Doty; and
- encouraged the other applicants to stay involved in the Borough.

Assemblymember Beck:

- congratulated Assemblymember Doty;
- spoke to Borough staff and the assistance staff provides to the Assembly;
- encouraged Assemblymember Doty to utilize staff to familiarize herself with Borough process; and
- spoke highly of the applicant pool.

Assemblymember Mayfield:

- congratulated Assemblymember Doty;
- thanked all applicants for their interest in representing Assembly District 6; and
- noted he looks forward to working with Assemblymember Doty.

Assemblymember Colligan:

- welcomed Assemblymember Doty;
- opined that Assemblymember Doty will bring a unique perspective to the Assembly;
- thanked the other applicants for their interest in serving on the Assembly; and
- thanked the Assembly for following the appointment process agreed upon by the body.

Assemblymember Halter:

- welcomed Assemblymember Doty;
- opined that Assemblymember Colver represented District 6 very well; and
- thanked the other applicants for their interest in serving on the Assembly.

Assemblymember Arvin:

- spoke to the vacancy process;
- added that the appointment process is more difficult than a campaign; and
- encouraged the other applicants to get involved with boards and commissions.

Assemblymember Doty stated that she hopes the other applicants will seek her out as they have excellent ideas.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

  
LARRY DeVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 02/17/15