

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on June 16, 2015, at the Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Larry DeVilbiss for the purpose of conducting the annual evaluation of the Borough Clerk.

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*)(*arrived at 4:32 p.m.*)
Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4 (*arrived at 4:35 p.m.*)
Mr. Dan Mayfield, Assembly District No. 5
Ms. Barbara J. Doty, Assembly District No. 6

Assemblymembers absent and excused were:

Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Moosey, 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.

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

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following person spoke to concerns with the public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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

1. Annual Evaluation of the Borough Clerk

Mayor DeVilbiss inquired if Ms. McKechnie would like her evaluation conducted in public or in executive session.

Ms. McKechnie stated she would like to have her evaluation in executive session.

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to enter into executive session for subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person provided the person may request a public discussion, in particular, to hold the annual evaluation of the Clerk. Those present during the executive session will be the Mayor, the members of the Assembly, and the Clerk.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the Assembly entered into executive session at 4:38 p.m.

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to exit executive session.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the Assembly exited executive session at 5:24 p.m.

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to increase the Clerk's salary equal to the cost of living adjustment increase of 1.8 percent.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. McKechnie:

- thanked the body for the discussion and evaluation;
- commented that it is appreciated; and
- requested that they come to her if they need anything, as she is happy to help.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- thanked the Clerk for her hard work;
- spoke to her excellence in record keeping and meeting management;
- thanked her for her representation on the national level; and
- stated that he looks forward to the public transparency project that she has been working so hard on.

Assemblymember Arvin

- applauded Ms. McKechnie for her hard work; and
- stated that she is an asset to the Borough and the community.

Assemblymember Beck:

- thanked Ms. McKechnie for her service;
- stated that Borough staff is worth more than what can be afforded; and
- noted that her work is phenomenal.

Mayor DeVilbiss:

- opined that Ms. McKechnie is the best clerk in Alaska;
- spoke in appreciation of her representation on the national level; and
- stated that he is glad to have her and appreciates her service.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m. .


LARRY DeVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 08/04/15