

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on December 8, 2009, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The special meeting was called to order at 5:12 p.m. by Mayor Talis J. Colberg for the purpose of receiving a Fire Training Complex update.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Lynne Woods, Assembly District No. 1 (*Deputy Mayor*)  
Mr. Pete Houston, Assembly District No. 2  
Mr. Ronald Arvin, Assembly District No. 3  
Ms. Cindy L. Bettine, Assembly District No. 5  
Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Assembly members absent and excused were:

Mr. Mark Ewing, Assembly District No. 4  
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie McKechnie, Borough Clerk  
Ms. Elizabeth Gray, Assistant Borough Manager  
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney  
Ms. Eileen Probasco, Chief of Planning  
Ms. Shaune O'Neil, Public Works Director  
Ms. Christine Nelson, Planning and Land Use Director  
Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director  
Mr. James Steele, Fire Chief  
Mr. Dennis Brodigan, Emergency Services Director  
Mr. Michael Keenan, Fire Service Area Assistant

**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 Mr. Carol Christiansen, Wasilla-Lakes FSA Board of Supervisors.

## **V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

### **A. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

#### **1. FIRE TRAINING COMPLEX**

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Woods moved to enter into the Committee of the Whole.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection and the Assembly moved into the Committee of the Whole at 5:14 p.m.

Mr. Steele and Mr. Keenan provided an update on the fire training complex.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Woods moved to exit the Committee of the Whole.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection and the Assembly exited the Committee of the Whole at 6:03 p.m.

## **VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

*(There was no one present who wished to testify.)*

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

Assemblymember Bettine:

- requested an additional discussion regarding the fire training complex, possibly under the managers report; and
- opined that additional public discussion will be necessary.

Assemblymember Arvin stated he was thankful for the update.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The special meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

  
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TALIS J. COLBERG, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 01/05/10