

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on January 7, 2010, at the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Center. The meeting was called to order at 9:25 a.m. by Deputy Mayor Lynne Woods for the purpose of holding an Assembly Planning Session.

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
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6
Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Assemblymembers absent and excused were:

Mr. Mark Ewing, Assembly District No. 4
Ms. Cindy L. Bettine, Assembly District No. 5

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Mr. John Aschenbrenner, Deputy Borough Attorney
Ms. Cheryl D. Marino, Deputy Borough Clerk
Mr. Dave Hanson, Economic Development Director

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Woods inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

Assemblymember Colver:

- requested that a discussion of the budget process be added to the agenda; and
- asked to add the scheduling of meetings to the agenda.

Ms. McKechnie:

- noted that the Assembly could discuss the scheduling of meetings; and
- deferred the budget discussion addition to the agenda to the Attorney due to the Open Meetings Act rules.

Mr. Aschenbrenner:

- asked if there was a reasonable relationship between the priorities and the budget;
- noted the need to look at whether public notice was adequate; and
- queried if the public would think it is reasonable to discuss the budget when discussing the 2010 priorities.

Deputy Mayor Woods clarified that Assemblymember Colver wanted to discuss the budget process.

Assemblymember Arvin opined that anyone could reasonably conclude there is a connection between the budget, the 2010 priorities, and the Economic Development Strategic Plan Update.

Mr. Aschenbrenner noted that there does seem to be a connection between the 2010 priorities, Economic Development Strategic Plan Update, and the budget.

Assemblymember Colver noted that he would like to clarify that he would like to add a discussion on how cost and budget relate to the 2010 Assembly priorities so that it is part of the planning process and strategic goals.

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

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Mr. Dave Hanson.

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOTION: Assemblymember Houston 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 9:32 a.m.

1. ASSEMBLY PLANNING SESSION FOR 2010 PRIORITIES
2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE
3. BUDGET PROCESS
4. ASSEMBLY MEETING SCHEDULE

(The Assembly recessed at the following times during the Committee of the Whole: recessed at 10:37 a.m. and reconvened at 10:39 a.m., recessed at 11:04 a.m. to attend the Joint Assembly/State Legislative Delegation Work Session regarding legislative priorities and reconvened at 1:50 p.m.)

Deputy Mayor Woods inquired if there was any objection to exiting the Committee of the Whole.

There was no objection and the Assembly exited the Committee of the Whole at 4:08 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Woods inquired if there was objection to adopting the 2010 Assembly priorities as follows:

<u>High Priority Goals:</u>	<u>Ranking:</u> (The number by each goal denotes prioritized value (higher number indicates higher priority))
Tourism Infrastructure • Trails	11
Address School District Budget Process	10
Natural Resource Development	8
Economic Development Plan	8
From Sections: Economic Development Education	
<u>Moderate Priority Goals:</u>	<u>Ranking:</u>
Increase Employment in Private Sector	7
Streamline Government • Public Works Overhaul • (Consolidate departments)	7
Ferry	6
Multi year funding plan	6
<u>Low Priority Goals:</u>	<u>Ranking:</u>
Hatcher Pass • Nordic Trail	5
Education funding	3
Revise codes to urban/rural districts	3
4 year University	2
Procurement	2
Open space and right of way funding methods	2
Fire Service Areas	1
Road Service Areas	1
Borough Space (Annex)	1

GENERAL CONSENT: The 2010 priorities were approved without objection.

Deputy Mayor Woods inquired if there was objection to scheduling the next Assembly Priorities Planning Session in January 2011 and scheduling the Strategic Planning sessions in May and November 2010.

There was no objection noted.

Deputy Mayor Woods:

- inquired if there was objection to scheduling a work session regarding gravel extraction on February 9, 2010, at 6 p.m. with the gravel industry at the table; and
- noted that if the Assembly wanted to have Audience Participation on the agenda, a special meeting would need to be scheduled.

The Assembly discussed who would participate in the meeting.

There was no objection noted.

[CLERK NOTE: The meeting regarding gravel extraction was scheduled for February 9, 2010, at 6 p.m. It was decided that the format of this meeting would be discussed by the Assembly at the January 19, 2010, meeting.]

Deputy Mayor Woods asked if there was objection to holding a work session regarding the Economic Development Plan on February 16, 2010, at 4:30 p.m.

There was no objection noted.

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

II. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

(There were no comments provided.)

III. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.



TALIS J. COLBERG, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 02/02/10