

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on July 20, 2010, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Woods for the purpose of discussing filling the vacancy of the Borough Manager, reviewing the applications, discussion of qualifications and interview questions.

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

Assembly members absent and excused were:

Mr. Mark Ewing, Assembly District No. 4

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk
Ms. Elizabeth Gray, Acting Borough Manager
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Ms. Sonya Conant, Human Resources Manager

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Woods 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. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney.

V. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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

A. FILLING THE VACANCY OF THE BOROUGH MANAGER: REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS, DISCUSSION OF QUALIFICATIONS AND INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine 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. Specifically, to discuss filling the vacancy of the Borough Manager, review of the applications, discussion of qualifications, and interview questions. Those present during executive session were the members of the Assembly, the Acting Manager, the Attorney, the Clerk, and the Human Resources Manager.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the Assembly moved into executive session at 4:05 p.m.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to exit executive session.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the Assembly exited executive session at 5:25 p.m.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved to direct staff to re-do the job search to fit the Borough needs so far as population, land mass, and number of employees the manager would be responsible for. To have the Human Resources Manager research options for recruitment and to have the Human Resources Manager work with staff to develop a list of people to recruit.

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine moved a primary amendment to insert the following: "To have served a population of at least 20,000, residents and/or have been responsible for at least 200 plus employees."

MOTION: Assemblymember Houston moved a secondary amendment to strike "20,000 residents" and insert in its place "50,000 residents."

MOTION: Assemblymember Bettine called for the question (to stop debate).

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VOTE: The secondary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Colver, Bettine and Arvin opposed and Assemblymembers Woods, Houston, and Halter in favor (tie vote).

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Houston moved a primary amendment to include "preferred budgetary experience of at least \$50,000,000."

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

MOTION: Assemblymember Colver moved a primary amendment to delete the words "land mass."

VOTE: The primary amendment passed without objection.

VOTE: The main motion passed as amended without objection.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember Bettine:

- stated that she likes the idea of staff getting together to discuss possible recruits; and
- further added that she would like this to occur as quickly as possible.

Assemblymember Arvin:

- welcomed Ms. Conant to the Borough; and
- stated that he appreciated the applicant packet that was prepared for the Assembly.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

ATTEST:


TALIS J. COLBERG, Borough Mayor


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 08/03/10