

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on October 17, 2005, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The special meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Jim Colver for the purpose of certifying the October 4, 2005, regular Borough election.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Ms. Lynne Woods, Assembly District No. 1
Ms. Mary Kvalheim, Assembly District No. 4
Ms. Jody Simpson, Assembly District No. 5
Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6 (*Deputy Mayor*)
Ms. Betty Vehrs, Assembly District No. 7

Assembly members absent and excused were:

Mr. Bill Allen, Assembly District No. 2
Mr. Talis J. Colberg, Assembly District No. 3

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Michelle M. McGehee, CMC, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Duffy, Borough Manager
Ms. Janice Case, Deputy Borough Clerk
Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
Mr. Ron Swanson, Community Development Director
Mr. Keith Roundtree, Public Works Director
Mr. Murph O'Brien, Planning and Land Use Director

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Colver 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 Assemblymember Kvalheim's granddaughters, Alexandra, Tina, and Maria.

V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. Certification of October 4, 2005, Regular Borough Election

Ms. McGehee:

- acknowledged the staff of the Clerk's Office for their outstanding efforts during the election;
- recognized the members of the Canvass Board for their hard work and dedication; and
- asked Ms. Geraldine Keeling, Canvass Board Chairperson, to provide the Canvass Board's Report of the Election to the Mayor and the Assembly.

Ms. Keeling:

- provided an overview of the canvassing process;
- discussed the voter turnout for the October 4, 2005, election; and
- reported on the number of questioned and absentee ballots voted.

MOTION: Assemblymember Vehrs moved to certify the election results for the October 4, 2005, regular Borough election, as presented by the Canvass Board. (*See attached Election Certification.*)

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

B. Oaths of Office for Newly Elected Officials

Ms. McGehee administered the Oath of Office to Assemblymembers Kvalheim and Bettine.

Deputy Mayor Colver presented Assemblymember Simpson with a Borough Seal signed by the Assembly and employees of the Borough in recognition of her six years of service.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

The following person spoke regarding the language of Proposition No. 7 on the ballot:
Ms. Nola Bragg.

The following person congratulated Assemblymembers Kvalheim and Bettine on their appointment to the Assembly: Palmer City Mayor John Combs.

VIII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Duffy:

- commented that it has been a pleasure to work with Assemblymember Simpson; and
- congratulated Assemblymember Bettine.

The members of the Assembly:

- congratulated Assemblymembers Kvalheim and Bettine on their election to the Assembly;
- congratulated Cheryl Turner and Patricia Purcell on their election to the School Board; and

- thanked Assemblymember Simpson for her six years of service as a member of the Assembly.

Assemblymember Kvalheim thanked everyone who assisted with her campaign.

Assemblymember Simpson:

- thanked the Borough staff for all of their support over the last six years;
- thanked her husband for allowing her the time to be a member of the Assembly; and
- stated that we may not always agree, but in the end the Assembly has always sought the common goal, which is the common good for the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

Deputy Mayor Colver thanked the Canvass Board for their efforts and huge commitment to the election process.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

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TIMOTHY L. ANDERSON, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

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MICHELLE M. MCGEHEE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 11/01/05