

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on June 7, 2011, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Arvin for the purpose of conducting the annual evaluation of the Borough Attorney.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

- Mr. Warren Keogh, Assembly District No. 1
- Mr. Noel Woods, Assembly District No. 2
- Mr. Ronald Arvin, Assembly District No. 3 (*Deputy Mayor*)
- Ms. Cindy L. Bettine, Assembly District No. 5 (*arrived during executive session*)
- Mr. Jim Colver, Assembly District No. 6 (*arrived during executive session*)
- Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Assemblymembers absent and excused:

- Mr. Mark Ewing, Assembly District No. 4

Staff in attendance were:

- Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk
- Mr. John Moosey, Borough Manager
- Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Deputy Mayor Arvin 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.

**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.*)

1. EVALUATION OF THE BOROUGH ATTORNEY

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Halter 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 conduct the annual evaluation of the Borough Attorney. Those present during executive session were the Deputy Mayor, members of the Assembly, and the Borough Attorney.

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

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Halter moved to exit executive session.

**VOTE:** The motion passed without objection and the Assembly exited executive session at 5:20 p.m.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Colver moved to increase the Borough Attorney yearly salary to \$130,000 and to provide a vehicle in the same manner as the Borough Manager's contract.

**MOTION:** Assemblymember Halter moved a primary amendment to strike "\$130,000" and insert in its place "\$135,000."

Assemblymember Halter:

- opined that Mr. Spiropoulos is worth the extra five thousand dollars;
- noted that wages for this type of position command a much higher salary in the State and private sectors; and
- stated that Mr. Spiropoulos has the experience the Assembly requires to perform their duties.

Assemblymember Keogh queried if there is funding within the budget.

Mr. Spiropoulos affirmed the query.

**VOTE:** The primary amendment passed without objection.

**VOTE:** The main motion passed as amended without objection.

## **V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

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

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

*(There were no comments provided.)*

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The special meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

  
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LARRY DeVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes approved: 07/19/11