

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on June 24, 2015, at the Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Mayor Larry DeVilbiss for the purpose of approving special and regular meeting minutes and holding executive sessions on the M/V Susitna Discussion and Union Contract Negotiations.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

- Mr. Jim Sykes, Assembly District No. 1 (*entered telephonically*)
- Mr. Matthew Beck, Assembly District No. 2
- Mr. Ronald Arvin, Assembly District No. 3 (*Deputy Mayor*)
- Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4
- Mr. Dan Mayfield, Assembly District No. 5
- Ms. Barbara J. Doty, Assembly District No. 6 (*arrived at 6:01 p.m.*)
- Mr. Vern Halter, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

- Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC, Borough Clerk
- Mr. John Moosey, Borough Manager
- Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
- Ms. Jamie Newman, Borough Deputy Clerk
- Mr. George Hayes, Borough Assistant Manager
- Ms. Tammy Clayton, Finance Director
- Ms. Sonya Conant, Human Resources Manager
- Ms. Ali Little, Human Resources Generalist

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor DeVilbiss inquired if there were any changes to the agenda.

Mr. Moosey:

- related that Administration does not have information to share on the M/V Susitna to warrant an executive session; and
- added his intent to give a report on the M/V Susitna outside of the executive session.

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

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Ms. Sonya Conant, Human Resources Manager.

V. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

- A. Special Meeting Minutes: 05/27/15
- B. Regular Meeting Minutes: 05/27/15

Mayor DeVilbiss inquired if there were any changes or corrections to the special minutes of May 27, 2015, or the regular meeting minutes of May 27, 2015.

GENERAL CONSENT: The minutes were approved as presented without objection.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following person spoke to public process: Mr. Eugene Carl Haberman.

VII. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- A. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** *(For Matters, Which The Immediate Public Knowledge Of Which Would Clearly Have An Adverse Effect Upon The Finances Of The Borough; And Matters Which By Law, Municipal Charter, Or Ordinance Are Required To Be Kept Confidential; And To Discuss Matters Involving Consideration Of Borough Records That By Law Are Not Subject To Public Disclosure; And Discussion Of Matters Subject To The Attorney Client Privilege.)*

- 1. ~~M/V Susitna Discussion~~
- 2. Union Contract Negotiations

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to enter into executive session for matters, which the immediate public knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the borough; and matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be kept confidential; and to discuss matters involving consideration of borough records that by law are not subject to public disclosure; and discussion of matters subject to the attorney client privilege; in particular to discuss union contract negotiations. Those present in executive session will be the Mayor, Members of the Assembly, the Manager, the Attorney, the Clerk, Mr. George Hays, Ms. Tammy Clayton, Ms. Sonya Conant, and Ms. Ali Little.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the Assembly entered into executive session at 6:08 p.m.

MOTION: Assemblymember Arvin moved to exit executive session.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the Assembly exited executive session at 7:21 p.m.

(Assemblymember Sykes exited the meeting.)

Mr. Moosey spoke to efforts to sell the M/V Susitna.

VIII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Moosey

- requested that the Assembly cancel the special meeting on August 4, at 4 p.m. regarding the Department of Emergency Services; and
- requested that the Assembly schedule a special meeting on July 21, at 6 p.m. to award contracts.

There was no objection noted.

Mr. Spiropoulos:

- related that he will be out of the office on July 21; and
- added that Mr. Aschenbrenner will attend the special meeting in his stead.

Assemblymember Halter:

- spoke to the grand opening of the new Talkeetna Library;
- spoke to the Sockeye Fire;
- spoke to the Open House on June 23, that was held to provide information on available disaster assistance; and
- inquired as to how property owners affected by the fire can get their assessments adjusted.

Assemblymember Doty:

- spoke to the burn closure that remains in effect; and
- spoke to the ban on fireworks.

Assemblymember Mayfield:

- spoke to the grand opening of the new Talkeetna Library;
- added that it is a beautiful facility;
- further added that libraries encroach lives;
- related that the Local Boundary Commission approved the petition for the community of Big Lake to become an incorporated city; and
- added that the action of the Commission clears the way for a public vote by the citizens of Big Lake.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.


LARRY DeVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 08/04/15