

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on August 18, 2015, at the Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by Mayor Larry DeVilbiss for the purpose of discussing strategic opportunities.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

Mr. Jim Sykes, Assembly District No. 1
Mr. Matthew Beck, Assembly District No. 2
Mr. Ronald Arvin, Assembly District No. 3 (*Deputy Mayor*)
Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4 (*arrived at 4:08 p.m.*)
Mr. Dan Mayfield, Assembly District No. 5
Ms. Barbara J. Doty, Assembly District No. 6 (*arrived at 4:05 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. Brenda J. Henry, Assistant Clerk
Mr. George Hays, Assistant Borough Manager
Mr. Bill Gamble, Emergency Services Director
Mr. Ken Barkley, Deputy Emergency Services Director
Mr. Brad Sworts, Acting Capital Projects Director
Mr. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director
Mr. James Wilson, Internal Auditor
Ms. Eileen Probasco, Planning and Land Use Director
Mr. Terry Dolan, Public Works Director
Mr. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor DeVilbiss 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. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Strategic Opportunities

Mr. Moosey summarized the draft strategic investment portfolio he provided to the body.

The Assembly discussed the best way to formulate strategic opportunities.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Assemblymember Beck thanked the public for participating and encouraged them to provide feedback.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- thanked Mr. Moosey for bringing the draft strategic opportunities portfolio forward;
- noted that he is the one who requested the information to come forward;
- stated that he may come across as critical but that criticism was requested;
- opined that it should be more of a business forecast;
- spoke to his intent with having a strategic plan; and
- spoke in support of the cost of community services study.

Mayor DeVilbiss:

- requested a list of projects that remain to be completed and what it will take funding wise to complete them; and
- queried what the draft was referring to when it noted methane.

Mr. Moosey advised that there is methane at the landfill and the Borough is required to collect it, so options are being looked into on how it could be utilized.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.


LARRY DEVILBISS, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 09/01/15