

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on January 30, 2016, at Government Peak Chalet, 10690 N. Mountain Trails Drive, Wasilla, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Mayor Vern Halter for the purpose of holding an Assembly Planning Session.

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 (*Deputy Mayor*)
Mr. George McKee, Assembly District No. 3
Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4
Mr. Dan Mayfield, Assembly District No. 5
Ms. Barbara Doty, Assembly District No. 6
Mr. Randall Kowalke, Assembly District No. 7

Staff in attendance were:

Ms. Lonnie R. McKechnie, Borough Clerk
Mr. John Moosey, Assistant Manager
Mr. Nicholas Spiropoulos, Borough Attorney
Mr. George Hayes, Assistant Borough Manager
Ms. Jessica Kilborn, Deputy Clerk
Mr. Eric Phillips, Community Development Director
Mr. Bill Gambell, Emergency Services Director
Mr. James Wilson, Internal Auditor
Ms. Patty Sullivan, Public Affairs Director
Mr. Stefan Hinman, Media Design Specialist
Ms. Cheyenne Chandler, Accounting Technician

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Halter 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. Roger Endell, a member in the audience.

- Share potential legislative concerns with the Assembly through an informational process in order to increase transparency
- Stabilizing priorities

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos:

- spoke to Alaska State House Bill 77, which included the verbiage “non-areawide powers” for municipalities in regards to the marijuana initiative passed in 2014; and
- reported that Ordinance Serial No. 15-148, the 60-day emergency ordinance related to the Port MacKenzie repairs, would expire on Sunday, January 31, 2016.

Ms. McKechnie noted the priority items adopted during the Planning Session would be included in the Strategic Plan for discussion at an upcoming Assembly meeting.

Mr. Moosey:

- commented on the Planning Session process;
- asked for direction on the budget process, whether to provide department presentations on the budgets;
- noted there were 14 new fees and 49 increased fees as part of the fees and fines schedules provided to the Assembly.

Assemblymember Doty:

- asked for benchmarks and municipal comparisons of the fees charged by the Borough; and
- commented that the strategy of borough operations belonged in the management process.

Assemblymember Kowalke thanked staff and Ms. Kirk for the planning session and encouraged its recurrence.

Assemblymember McKee asked the Manager to be prepared to discuss the enforcement associated with Borough fines.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- thanked staff and Ms. Kirk for the planning session; and
- clarified his comments regarding communication with staff and department directors.

Assemblymember Beck:

- thanked staff and Ms. Kirk for the planning session;
- stated that he would not be in attendance for the regular meeting on February 2; and
- noted that he and Mayor Halter would be back from Juneau for a meeting on February 16.

Assemblymember Mayfield:

- thanked staff and Ms. Kirk for the planning session; and
- requested data on subsidizing the pool and ice arena fees.

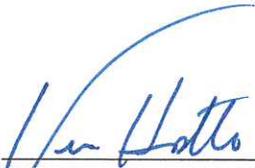
Assemblymember Colligan urged attention be given to the use of Borough resources by Assembly directives, outside of the process of going through the Manager.

Mayor Halter:

- thanked staff and Ms. Kirk for the planning session; and
- supported the option of adding Committee of the Whole as a recurring meeting agenda item, to allow for full discussion by the Assembly on certain matters.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.



VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:



LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk
Minutes Approved: 02/16/16