

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by Mayor Vern Halter for the purpose of conducting the annual evaluation of the Borough Attorney.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly members present and establishing a quorum were:

- Mr. Jim Sykes, Assembly District No. 1 *(4:01 p.m.)*
- Mr. Matthew Beck, Assembly District No. 2 *(Deputy Mayor)*
- Mr. George McKee, Assembly District No. 3
- Mr. Steve Colligan, Assembly District No. 4 *(arrived at 4:17 p.m.)*
- Mr. Dan Mayfield, Assembly District No. 5
- Mr. Randall Kowalke, Assembly District No. 7

Assembly members absent and excused were:

- Ms. Barbara Doty, Assembly District No. 6

Staff in attendance were:

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

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 Ms. Brenda J. Henry, Assistant Clerk.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three minutes per person.)

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

VI. 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. Annual Evaluation of the Borough Attorney

Mayor Halter inquired if Mr. Spiropoulos would like his evaluation conducted in public or in executive session.

Mr. Spiropoulos stated that he would like his evaluation to take place in executive session.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck 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 the executive session will be the Mayor, the members of the Assembly, and the Attorney.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the Assembly entered into executive session at 4:07 p.m.

(Assemblymember Colligan entered the meeting during the executive session.)

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to exit executive session.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection and the Assembly exited executive session at 5:27 p.m.

MOTION: Assemblymember Beck moved to amend the Section 4 of the Attorney's contract where it states "entitled to 60 days of notice or pay in lieu of notice" by striking "60 days" and inserting "180 days" in its place, to raise the annual salary by 5 percent, the exact amount to be determined by the Finance Director, and plus comp time up to 120 hours per year.

MOTION: Assemblymember Mayfield moved a secondary amendment by striking the annual salary increase of "five percent" and inserting "seven percent" in its place.

VOTE: The secondary amendment failed with Assemblymembers Kowalke and Mayfield in support.

VOTE: The motion passed without objection.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Spiropoulos thanked the body for the good discussion.

Assemblymember Colligan:

- stated that it was a pleasure to conduct the Attorney's annual evaluation; and
- opined that Mr. Spiropoulos is very talented and has done an excellent job.

Assemblymember Sykes:

- thanked Mr. Spiropoulos for his excellent service;
- spoke in appreciation of his attention to detail; and
- stated that the increase was appropriate.

Assemblymember Kowalke:

- echoed the comments of the previous speakers; and
- spoke to his pleasure to having been part of the evaluation process.

Assemblymember Beck spoke to his appreciation of working with Mr. Spiropoulos.

Mayor Halter:

- noted that he concurs with the comments made regarding Mr. Spiropoulos;
- opined that Mr. Spiropoulos is a top of the line municipal attorney;
- spoke to his appreciation of working together for the last several years; and
- thanked Mr. Spiropoulos for his service.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.


for VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 06/07/16