

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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Maxwell Sumner, District 4
Bill Gamble, District 5
Dmitri Fonov, District 6
Ron Bernier, District 7

MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS
350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

4:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Assemblymember Tim Hale, Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Dee McKee (entered at 4:23 p.m.), Assemblymember Bill Gamble, Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov (entered at 4:03 p.m.), and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mike Brown, Borough Manager.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

There was no one present who wished to testify.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Filling the Assembly District 4 Vacancy

24-131 Applications for District 4

Mayor DeVries queried if there were any questions as to the process that would be followed to review the candidate applications.

There were no questions noted.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (For Subjects That Tend To Prejudice The Reputation Or Character Of Any Person, Provided That Person May Request A Public Discussion; Matters Which By Law Are Required To Be Confidential; And Matters Involving Consideration Of Government Records That By Law Are Not Subject To Public Disclosure.)

A. Filling the Assembly District 4 Vacancy - Discussion of Qualifications

Assemblymember Bernier moved to enter executive session for subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person provided the person may request a public discussion; matters which by law are required to be confidential; and matters involving consideration of government records that by law are not subject to public disclosure. In particular, to discuss the qualification of candidates for the Assembly District 4 vacancy and to discuss questions that will be asked of the candidates. Those in executive session will be the Mayor, the Assembly, the Manager, the Attorney, and the Clerk.

There was no objection noted and the Assembly entered into executive session at 4:06 p.m.

[Clerk's Note: Assemblymember McKee entered the meeting during the executive session at 4:23 p.m.]

Assemblymember Bernier moved to exit executive session.

There was no objection noted and the Assembly exited executive session at 5:10 p.m.

Assemblymember Bernier moved to interview the following candidates in alphabetical order on October 3, 2024: Mark Carling, Richard Payne, Maxwell Sumner, and Colleen Vague.

The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,
Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Gamble,
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier**

VIII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Assemblymember Fonov advised that the candidates should be prepared to be present on October 3, 2024, for an extended period of time while the interviews are conducted.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.




Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

October 1, 2024, Special Assembly Meeting Minutes

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EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 10/15/24