

# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

350 East Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska 99645 - 907-861-8683

## BOROUGH MAYOR

Vern Halter

## BOROUGH CLERK

Lonnie R. McKechnie, CMC

## BOROUGH MANAGER

John Moosey

## BOROUGH ATTORNEY

Nicholas Spiropoulos



## BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

Jim Sykes, District 1

Matthew Beck, District 2

George McKee, District 3

Steve Colligan, District 4

Dan Mayfield, District 5

Barbara J. Doty, District 6

Randall Kowalke, District 7

## MEETING MINUTES

### ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS

350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

4:00 PM

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2017

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, August 1, 2017, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 4 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Matthew Beck.

## II. ROLL CALL

**Present** 7 - Assemblymember Jim Sykes, Assemblymember Matthew Beck, Assemblymember George McKee, Assemblymember Steve Colligan, Assemblymember Dan Mayfield, Assemblymember Barbara J. Doty, and Assemblymember Randall Kowalke

## III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

## IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Butch Moore, a member of the audience.

## V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

The following person spoke to concerns with tax assessments on several of his properties: Mr. Butch Moore.

## 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 Clerk**

Deputy Mayor Beck queried if Ms. McKechnie would like to have her evaluation conducted in public or in executive session.

Ms. McKechnie stated that she would like to have it in executive session.

**Assemblymember Sykes 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 Clerk. Those present during the executive session were the members of the Assembly and the Clerk.**

**The motion passed without objection and the Assembly entered into executive session at 4:09 p.m.**

**Assemblymember Sykes moved to exit executive session.**

**The motion passed without objection and the Assembly exited executive session at 4:53 p.m.**

**Assemblymember Colligan moved to amend the Clerk's contract at the discretion of the Clerk as follows: In Section 6, by striking "with a \$300 monthly car allowance;" and by inserting a new section to read "Personal Use Automobile." The Borough will provide a vehicle for Ms. McKechnie's official and personal use and all expenses therefor." The motion passed without objection by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 7 - Assemblymember Sykes, Assemblymember Beck, Assemblymember McKee, Assemblymember Colligan, Assemblymember Mayfield, Assemblymember Doty, and Assemblymember Kowalke

## **VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT**

Assemblymember Colligan commented that her annual review is similar to a department review. Spoke to his appreciation of working with the Clerk. Stated that the Clerk's Department is professional and efficient due to her leadership. Noted that he personally appreciates all of her support over the years. Thanked the Clerk and her staff for their assistance.

Assemblymember Sykes echoed Assemblymember Colligan's remarks. Thanked the Clerk for her professional and even handed guidance.

Assemblymember Doty noted that she concurs with the previous comments. Stated that the team work of her department is appreciated.

Ms. McKechnie thanked the body for the evaluation. Opined that is was her best evaluation yet, in that she has grown confident enough to be able to have a meaningful discussion.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.