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SPECIAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Meeting Minutes - December 28, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Ken Koelsch called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, Mayor's Conference Room 211.
Assemblymembers present: Mayor Ken Koelsch, Deputy Mayor Jerry Nankervis, Rob Edwardson, and Norton Gregory.
Assemblymembers absent: Mary Becker, Loren Jones, Maria Gladziszewski, Jesse Kiehl, and Beth Weldon.
Staff Present: Susan Phillips, Executive Assistant

II. AGENDA TOPICS

A. Discussions with US Consul General in Vladivostok Michael Keays

Mayor Koelsch introduced Consul General in Vladivostok, Russia Michael Keays.
Mr. Keays described the Russian Far East as a sparsely populated, resource-rich area. He has been posted there since August, 2016 and is there for a 3-year term.
He said that he would welcome a delegation from Alaska.
Mr. Keays commented on the tense relationship that the federal governments of the US and Russia have at this time. But, he said, the people of both countries can communicate on levels other than through their federal governments.
He said that he would like to see more Russian students studying in the United States, and more American students studying in the Russian Far East.
He discussed sister city relationships between cities in the Russian Far East and cities in Alaska.
After his introductory remarks, Mr. Keays took questions from the Assembly members.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Assembly, the meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.

Signed:_____ Signed:_____
Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk Kendell D. Koelsch, Mayor