SPECIAL ASSEMBLY MEETING 2024-16 MINUTES

July 25, 2024 at 5:15 PM

Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar

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A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Weldon called the meeting to order at 5:15p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Assemblymembers present: Mayor Beth Weldon, Deputy Mayor Michelle Hale, Wade Bryson, Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, Christine Woll, Ella Adkison, Paul Kelly
Assemblymembers absent: Greg Smith, 'Wáahlaal Gidaag

Staff present: Municipal Clerk Beth McEwen, HRRM Director Dallas Hargrave, Meeting Clerk Kevin Allen, Assistant Attorney Sherri Layne, Assistant Attorney Nicole Lynch, Assistant Attorney Christopher Storz, CBJ Law Paralegal Audrey Dean, Law Office Manager Junnie Chup, Risk Manager Chelsea Swick, Juneau School District Superintendent Frank Hauser

C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None.

D. AGENDA TOPICS

1. Interviewing City Attorney Finalists, including portions of each interview in Executive Session

There were three interviews, each starting in open public session, at 5:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Prior to the meeting, each applicant was given an exercise to provide a legal opinion regarding the possible use of Tax Increment Financing in the fictional town of Paradise Valley, WA. The Special Assembly meeting then included a mock Assembly meeting in the town of Paradise Valley with City Attorney finalist Becky Convery. The City Attorney Search Committee also conducted similar exercises on Wednesday, July 24 with the other two finalists: Emily Wright and Megan Costello.

Once the exercise/mock meeting was concluded, the Assembly then held interviews with each of the three applicants. The first part of the interview was conducted in open/public session. Following the first round of interview questions/answers they recessed into Executive Session.

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Bryson to recess into Executive Session to discuss matters that may defame or prejudice the character or reputation of any person and asked for unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objection, motion passed.***

The Assembly recessed into its first executive session with Becky Convery at 6:09 p.m. and returned at 6:49p.m. They repeated the above steps with Megan Costello recessing into executive session at 7:02p.m. and returning at 7:39p.m. and recessing into executive session at 7:59p.m. with Emily Wright. Following the executive session interview portion with Emily Wright, they remained in executive session for deliberations and concluded all executive session deliberations at 9:57p.m.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:57p.m. after coming out of Executive Session.

Signed: _____
Elizabeth J. McEwen
Municipal Clerk

Signed: _____
Beth A. Weldon
Mayor