

## **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

September 9, 2005

### **1. ROLL CALL**

The Legislative Council meeting was called to order at 1:19 pm by Representative Kott, Chairman, Legislative Council, in the Anchorage Fifth Floor Senate Conference Room and via teleconference.

The roll was taken. In attendance were Council members: Representatives Kott, Coghill (via teleconference), Gatto, Rokeberg, Harris (via teleconference), Berkowitz, Senators B. Stevens, Cowdery, Therriault (via teleconference), Davis (via teleconference). Members absent: Representative Weyhrauch, Senators Gary Stevens, Wagoner and Wilken. Staff present: Varni, Ohmer, Clothier, Collins, Finley, Gullufsen, Ibesate, Johnston, Price and Schofield. Guests: Jeff Person, Paul Richards and Allan Milloy.

### **2. APPROVAL OF JULY 13, 2005 MINUTES**

Senator Davis moved the minutes of the July 13, 2005 meeting be approved.

YEAS: Therriault, Coghill, Kott, Davis, Harris, Rokeberg, Berkowitz, Cowdery and Gatto

NAYS: Rokeberg (Changed from Nay to Yea)

ABSENT: Ben Stevens, Gary Stevens, Wagoner and Wilken

Motion passed 8 – 0.

Senator Cowdery joined the meeting.

### **3. APPROVAL OF ITB #416 REMODEL OF CAPITOL KITCHEN**

Senator Cowdery stated that he reviewed the renovation plans and the new equipment list. He affirmed that the scope of the project was within budgetary reason and felt Legislative Council should approve the renovation project.

Ms. Varni, Executive Director, Legislative Affairs Agency, stated that the Agency worked under the direction of Representative Rokeberg and with Hal Daughtery, Legislative Chef and architects, Jensen, Yorba, Lott, Inc. on the remodel project. Ms. Varni confirmed the improvements being made are new counters, shelving, cabinets and reconfiguration of the cooking areas, with the addition of new sandwich-making and baker areas. Ms. Varni, also affirmed there are no changes in the legislator seating area.

Discussion followed.

Representative Rokeberg reaffirmed what Ms. Varni stated. Representative Rokeberg further stated that the Rules Committee this year made various changes to the concept of the Lounge by providing a greater service to legislative staff. Representative Rokeberg continued to state that this is the first year that the Lounge covered its expenses and broke even. With the improvement in the sandwich area and kitchen the Agency should be able to recoup its expenditure. With the increases in the revenue somewhere over \$50,000, this design will meet the needs of the Legislature in the future.

Discussion followed.

Senator Cowdery moved that the Council approve the award and expenditure from capitol funds in the amount of \$183,209 to Champion Builders for the remodel of the Legislative Lounge/Kitchen.

YEAS: Therriault, Cowdery, Ben Stevens, Davis, Coghill, Kott, Gatto, Rokeberg, Harris and Berkowitz

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Wilken, Gary Stevens, Wagoner and Weyhrauch

Motion passed 10 –0.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF ITB # 418 INSTALLATION OF 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR CARPET**

Senator Therriault left meeting.

Discussion followed.

Senator Cowdery moved that Legislative Council approve the award and expenditure from capital funds in the amount of \$39,000 to Floors Galore LLC for the installation of carpet on the second floor of the Capitol Building.

YEAS: Cowdery, Ben Stevens, Davis, Coghill, Kott, Gatto, Rokeberg, Harris and Berkowitz

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Therriault, Wilken, Gary Stevens, Wagoner and Weyhrauch

Motion passed 9 – 0.

#### **5. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT – JUNEAU COMBINED STORAGE**

Ms. Varni informed Legislative Council that the Department of Administration is currently out to bid on the combined State Property Warehouse and Juneau Storage. The current subport lease agreement expires June 30, 2006. The Agency currently occupies 6,000 square ft. at 12 cents a square ft. Ownership of the subport is in the Mental Health Trust Lands and will no longer be able to utilize such inexpensive space. Ms. Varni further stated the Agency notified the Department of Administration that we desire to stay with the State Property Warehouse in their bid proposal. The Agency narrowed space requirements from 6,000 square ft. to 2,500 square ft. Ms. Varni notifies Legislative Council of this change in the Agency storage space and would like to ensure that Council does not have a problem with the Agency signing a Memorandum of Agreement. The price for new storage could exceed \$25,000. That contract will be brought before Council at a future date for approval.

Discussion followed.

Representative Rokeberg moved that Legislative Council approve the Executive Director to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Administration for Juneau combined space.

YEAS: Cowdery, Ben Stevens, Davis, Coghill, Kott, Gatto, Rokeberg, Harris and Berkowitz

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Therriault, Wilken, Gary Stevens, Wagoner and Weyhrauch

Motion passed 9 – 0.

#### **6. APPROVAL OF WEST LAW LIBRARY SUBSCRIPTIONS & ON-LINE SERVICES**

Jeff Person, Alaska Sales Representative, Thomson West, stated that at this time the Legislative Reference Library maintains a broad array of print resources such as Statutes, Administrative Codes, and secondary source materials for all state and federal jurisdictions. Mr. Person further stated that the print discount savings allows the Legislature to shift and expand online access to Westlaw.

Discussion followed.

Representative Rokeberg moved that Legislative Council approve a three-year contract with Thomson West for our Legal Reference Library Subscriptions and additional on-line research services with Westlaw in the amount of \$39,458.30 for the first year with a 4% increase in the second year and a 4% increase in the third year.

YEAS: Cowdery, Ben Stevens, Davis, Coghill, Kott, Gatto, Rokeberg, Harris and Berkowitz

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Therriault, Wilken, Gary Stevens, Wagoner and Weyhrauch

Motion passed 9 – 0.

#### **7. APPROVAL OF LATE PER DIEM – MIKE CHENAULT**

Representative Rokeberg moved that Legislative Council approve the late per-diem claim for Representative Mike Chenault.

YEAS: Cowdery, Ben Stevens, Davis, Coghill, Kott, Gatto, Rokeberg, Harris and Berkowitz

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Therriault, Wilken, Gary Stevens, Wagoner and Weyhrauch

Motion passed 9 – 0.

#### **8. APPROVAL OF AMERICAN GUARD SECURITY CONTRACT**

The Council had previously been informed about security services being expanded at the 716 W. Fourth Avenue office location by American Guard Services. A three-month contract was expiring, and Council approval was required to approve this expenditure.

Representative Rokeberg expressed concern that no video cameras are in the parking garage.

Senator Cowdery moved that Legislative Council approve the expenditure of security services at our Anchorage office space during normal business hours with American Guard Services through June 30, 2006.

YEAS: Cowdery, Ben Stevens, Davis, Coghill, Kott, Gatto, Harris and Berkowitz

NAYS: Rokeberg

ABSENT: Therriault, Wilken, Gary Stevens, Wagoner and Weyhrauch

Motion passed 8 – 1.

## **9. FAIRBANKS OFFICE SPACE SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENT**

Our current Fairbanks office space will expire June 30, 2006 with no renewal options.

Chairman Kott will appoint members to the Fairbanks Office Space Subcommittee who have the time to devote to the RFP process and give a recommendation to the full Council.

Chairman Kott would like recommendations back from the Committee before the next Legislative Session in January.

## **10. OTHER BUSINESS**

Representative Harris, Senator Ben Stevens and Mr. Popely will meet with Mr. Acree regarding the lease and parking issue before the next Legislative Council meeting.

Representative Rokeberg moved for the solicitation, expenditure and award of the purchase of House Chamber chairs in the amount not to exceed \$40,000.

Discussion followed.

YEAS: Cowdery, Ben Stevens, Davis, Coghill, Kott, Rokeberg, Harris and Berkowitz

NAYS: Gatto

ABSENT: Therriault, Wilken, Gary Stevens, Wagoner and Weyhrauch

Motion passed 8 – 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 pm.