

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

January 18, 2006

1. ROLL CALL

The Legislative Council meeting was called to order at 12:22 p.m. by Representative Kott, Chairman, Legislative Council, in the House Finance Committee Room and via teleconference.

The roll was taken. In attendance were Council members: Representatives Kott, Coghill, Gatto, Harris, Rokeberg, Weyhrauch, Berkowitz, and Senators Cowdery, Ben Stevens, Gary Stevens, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken, and Davis. Staff present: Varni, Ohmer, Bannister, Clothier, Cook, Ibesate, Johnston, Lobaugh, Popely, Price, Schofield, and Strong.

2. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 13, 2005 MINUTES

Senator Therriault moved Legislative Council approve the minutes of the October 13, 2005, Council meeting.

Representative Rokeberg objected, requesting the following be changed and/or inserted: page 2, item #3, paragraph 1, line 4, "Reed" to "Reeves;" paragraph 2, line 4, "some spaces" to "spaces;" page 3, line 2, insert "available" after "parking."

Representative Rokeberg moved to amend as stated.

YEAS: Kott, Coghill, Gatto, Harris, Rokeberg, Berkowitz, Cowdery, Gary Stevens, Therriault, Wagoner, and Wilken

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ben Stevens and Weyhrauch

Motion passed 12 – 0.

3. FAIRBANKS OFFICE SPACE RFP #428 APPROVAL

Senator Therriault moved that Legislative Council approve a five-year contract with five one-year renewals with AlaskaUSA for Fairbanks office space for eight Legislative offices and the LIO in the amount of \$26,651.04 per month for 7,650 square feet.

Representative Coghill objected for discussion purposes.

Senator Wilken expressed concern with voting on a financial matter without financial backup, and has questioned why Executive Session was necessary related to a public bid.

Pam Varni, Executive Director, stated that according to the Legislative Procurement Procedures, Requests for Proposals (RFPs) are confidential until the notice of intent to award is issued.

Discussion followed on procurement procedures.

Representative Weyhrauch joined the meeting.

Senate President Ben Stevens joined the meeting.

Representative Coghill moved that Legislative Council go into Executive Session under Uniform Rule 22(b)1 and 3, discussion of matters, the immediate knowledge of which would adversely affect the finances of a government unit and discussion of a matter that may, by law, be required to be confidential, asking several Agency staff remain in the room to answer questions: Pam Varni, Jan Price, Tam Cook, Terry Bannister, and Curt Clothier.

Representative Berkowitz objected.

Discussion followed.

Representative Berkowitz withdrew his objection.

Legislative Council went into Executive Session.

Legislative Council came out of Executive Session.

Representative Coghill withdrew his objection to the original motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. NCSL CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION STUDY

Senator Therriault moved that the Legislative Council approve a contract in the amount of \$49,179 with the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) to perform a classification and compensation study of the Legislative Affairs Agency.

Representative Rokeberg objected.

Discussion followed.

YEAS: Kott, Coghill, Gatto, Harris, Weyhrauch, Berkowitz, Cowdery, Ben Stevens, Gary Stevens, Therriault, Wagoner, and Wilken

NAYS: Rokeberg

ABSENT: None

Motion passed 13 – 1.

5. LATE PER DIEM REQUEST - SENATOR TOM WAGONER AND REPRESENTATIVE MAX GRUENBERG

Senator Therriault moved that the Legislative Council approve the late per diem claims for Senator Tom Wagoner and Representative Max Gruenberg.

YEAS: Kott, Coghill, Gatto, Harris, Rokeberg, Weyhrauch, Berkowitz, Cowdery, Ben Stevens, Gary Stevens, Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken, and Davis

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed 14 – 0.

Senator Therriault moved that Council move down the agenda to Items #8 and #9. With no objection, it was ordered.

8. DONALD MITCHELL CONTRACT AMENDMENT APPROVAL

Senator Therriault moved that the Council approve the amendment for the Donald Mitchell contract in the amount of \$30,000 and approve the extension of the dates of performance.

Representative Berkowitz objected.

Discussion followed.

YEAS: Kott, Coghill, Gatto, Harris, Rokeberg, Weyhrauch, Cowdery, Ben Stevens, Gary Stevens, Therriault, and Wilken

NAYS: Berkowitz and Davis

ABSENT: Wagoner

Motion passed 11 – 2.

9. BIRCH, HORTON, BITTNER AND CHEROT CONTRACT AMENDMENT APPROVAL

Senator Therriault moved that the Council approve the amendment for the Birch, Horton, Bittner and Cherot contract in the amount of \$50,000 and approve the extension of the dates of performance.

Discussion followed.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Wagoner

Motion passed 13 – 0.

6. CAPITOL LOUNGE REMODEL CHANGE ORDERS APPROVAL

Senator Therriault moved that the Council approve the change orders for Champion Builders in the amount of \$12,220 and approve payment to Jensen, Yorba, Lott, Inc. in the amount of \$30,800.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Wagoner

Motion passed 13 – 0.

7. DATA PROCESSING ISSUES: INSTANT MESSAGING AND LAPTOP COMPUTERS

This item was rescheduled to the next Legislative Council meeting.

10. KEVIN CLARKSON CONTRACT APPROVAL

This item was rescheduled to the next Legislative Council meeting.

11. SECURITY ANALYSIS

This item was rescheduled to the next Legislative Council meeting.

Senator Wilken requested that at the next Legislative Council meeting the Council review the change in interim per diem and that there is a discussion regarding notice of meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 pm.