

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

October 13, 2005

1. ROLL CALL

The Legislative Council meeting was called to order at 1:16 pm by Representative Kott, Chairman, Legislative Council, at the Medallion Foundation Training Facility located at 5520 Lake Otis Parkway in Anchorage, Alaska.

The roll was taken. In attendance were Council members: Representatives Kott, Coghill, Gatto, Rokeberg, Harris, Weyhrauch (via teleconference), Senators B. Stevens, Cowdery, Gary Stevens, Therriault (via teleconference), and Davis. Members absent: Representative Berkowitz and Senators Wagoner and Wilken. Staff present: Varni, Ohmer, Clothier, Collins, Gullufsen, Ibesate, Lobaugh, Popely and Schofield. Guests: Representatives Gruenberg, Lynn, Gardner, Dahlstrom, and Senator Dyson; Jerry Dennis, Medallion Foundation; Maj. Gen. Craig Campbell, Military and Veterans Affairs; David Liebersbach, Director, Homeland Security; and Jim Parpring, Alaska Preparedness.

Senator Cowdery recognized Lana Decker for her years of service with the Legislative Affairs Agency. Lana is retiring after 24 years with the Anchorage Legislative Information Office.

2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2005 MINUTES

Senator Cowdery moved the minutes of the September 9, 2005, meeting be approved.

Representative Rokeberg objected, requesting the following be inserted on page four, under section eight, as the second paragraph, the following sentence, "Representative Rokeberg expressed concern that no video cameras are in the parking garage."

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken, Davis, and Berkowitz

Motion passed 9 – 0.

Chairman Kott moved the minutes of the September 9, 2005, minutes as corrected.

Representative Gatto objected requesting that under “Roll Call” in the second paragraph that “via teleconference” be removed after his name.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken, Davis, and Berkowitz

Motion passed 9 – 0.

Chairman Kott moved the minutes of the September 9, 2005, minutes as corrected.

Senator Davis joined the meeting.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Therriault, Wagoner, Wilken, Davis, and Berkowitz

Motion passed 10 – 0.

3. ANCHORAGE OFFICE SPACE CONTRACT

Speaker Harris, Senate President Ben Stevens, and Mr. Popely reported they had had an informal discussion regarding alternative parking solutions for the Anchorage Legislative Office Building. Mr. Popely submitted two verbal offers to Mr. Acree through his attorney, Mr. Reeves, and has not received a response back as of this date. Mr. Popely was hoping to hear back by, or before, September 17th at midnight.

Ted Popely further stated that he felt that the Lease was enforceable as written to require the Landlord to provide 98 parking spaces. The current Lease with the Landlord requires 98 parking spaces, but as currently marked/striped the parking area is short 12 parking spaces and that spaces don't meet code. The Legislative Affairs Agency was willing to settle without the 12 spaces, but believes \$3,000 should be deducted from the rent monthly. Also, the verbal proposal included an option of making parking available after 6:00pm in the upper parking lot on the 4th Street side a coin-op/slot with the revenue from this going to the Legislative Affairs Agency.

Discussion followed.

Senator Therriault joined the meeting.

Chairman Kott stated that Legislative Council would hold any future action till Council hears back from Mr. Popely with regard to communications from Mr. Reed.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Kott informed Legislative Council of a letter received from American Civil Liberties Union of Alaska regarding a potential lawsuit brought by Daniel Bussard, a security guard who was fired last session. Chairman Kott offered the letter for informational purposes only and stated that Legislative Council will delay further action at this time.

Senator Therriault left the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

A joint meeting was then held in the Medallion Center on Emergency Preparedness and Aviation Safety with the Joint Armed Services Committee, House Special Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, and the Finance Subcommittees on Military and Veterans Affairs.