



Alaska State Legislature Legislative Council Minutes

JUNE 2, 2014
10:10 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Mike Hawker, Chair
Representative Max Gruenberg
Representative Craig Johnson
Representative Lance Pruitt
Representative Bill Stoltze
Senator Kevin Meyer

MEMBERS ON TELECONFERENCE

Senator John Coghill
Senator Mike Dunleavy
Senator Dennis Egan

MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Peter Micciche, Vice Chair
Representative Mike Chenault
Representative Peggy Wilson
Senator Charlie Huggins
Senator Gary Stevens

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Alan Austerman, Alternate Member

AGENDA

EXECUTIVE SESSION
APPROVAL OF MINUTES
CONTRACT APPROVALS

SPEAKER REGISTER

Pam Varni, Executive Director, Legislative Affairs Agency

10:10:12 AM

I. **CHAIR MIKE HAWKER** called the Legislative Council meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. in room 105 of the Anchorage Legislative Office Building located at 733 W 4th Avenue. Present at the call were Representatives Hawker, Gruenberg, Johnson and Stoltze, and Senator Meyer; available via teleconference were Senators Coghill, Dunleavy and Egan. Representative Pruitt joined the meeting at the end of the roll call.

Representative P. Wilson and Senators Huggins, Stevens, and Micciche were absent.

Representative Chenault joined the meeting via teleconference during executive session, but was not on teleconference for any other portion of the meeting.

Council alternate member Representative Austerman was present at the meeting but was not called upon to vote.

II. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

a. **RFP 603: Furniture Purchase and Installation Services for the Anchorage Legislative Information Office and Legislators' District Offices at Anchorage, Alaska**

CHAIR HAWKER said this item was the evaluation of Request for Proposals 603, which was the furnishings portion of the furniture, fixtures and equipment for the Anchorage Legislative Information Office upgrades. He said in order to do that, he had been advised that Council needs to go into executive session in that Council is evaluating the RFP before coming out of executive session for a possible motion.

SENATOR MEYER requested a brief at-ease, which was granted.

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SENATOR MEYER moved that Legislative Council go into executive session under Uniform Rule 22 (b) for the discussion of matters, the immediate knowledge of which would adversely affect the finances of a government unit.

REPRESENTATIVE STOTLZE objected to ask if the nature of the executive session was to discuss a specific contract.

CHAIR HAWKER responded that Council was going into executive session to hear a review of the RFP responses by the evaluation committee. Once out of executive session, there will hopefully be a motion to execute a purchase of furnishings at some level or another for the new building. There was no further objection.

Chair Hawker noted the following people were needed for executive session: Representative Austerman who, as a Legislator, was welcome to stay; Alisha and Andrew (Weiss) with KPB, who put the specifications together for the RFP; Pam Varni; Mike Warena; Jody Simpson who was on teleconference on behalf of Senator Huggins; Tina Strong, Procurement Officer; and Katrina Matheny on behalf of Senator Stevens.

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Council went into executive session.

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Council came out of executive session.

CHAIR HAWKER reconvened the Legislative Council meeting after evaluating in executive session the proposed award of RFP 603: Furniture Purchase and Installation Services for the Anchorage Legislative Information Office and Legislators' District Offices at Anchorage, Alaska. There were two vendors that had submitted qualifying bids; they each submitted two different bids in accordance with the options that were available to them. The recommendation of the selection committee was that we accept Think Office, LLC, as the vendor. As the committee looked at how the prices would extend out into the furnishings required for the Legislative Information Office providing maximum utility of the existing inventory of furniture and fixtures, the request is for a purchase not to exceed \$886,500 at this time.

REPRESENTATIVE STOLTZE said he would respectfully be opposing this. He voted against the consulting contract and he has had ongoing concerns. He said he would let his vote speak for itself.

CHAIR HAWKER, in response to a question by Representative Gruenberg, noted that there would be a roll call vote for the award of the RFP.

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SENATOR MEYER moved that Legislative Council approve the award of RFP 603: Furniture Purchase and Installation Services for the Anchorage Legislative Information Office and Legislators' District Offices at Anchorage, Alaska to Think Office, LLC, and the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$886,500.

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Gruenberg, Johnson, Pruitt, Coghill, Egan, Meyer

NAYS: Stoltze, Dunleavy, Hawker

CHAIR HAWKER noted that the motion failed 7-2*.

**The roll call vote does not match the vote tally as stated.*

CHAIR HAWKER said Council would continue with the agenda and that he would appoint a subcommittee to address the furnishings for the new building, chaired by Representative Stoltze. Legislative Council will expect a report at the next meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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SENATOR MEYER moved the minutes from the Legislative Council meeting on May 21, 2014 be approved as presented.

The motion passed with no objections.

IV. CONTRACT APPROVALS a. MatSu LIO Lease

PAM VARNI, Executive Director of the Legislative Affairs Agency, said that before members is Lease Renewal Number 3 for the MatSu office space. The lease is with Wasilla Station, LLC, and the prior renewal is due to expire on July 31, 2014.

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SENATOR MEYER moved that Legislative Council authorize the chairman to approve a one-year renewal of the existing lease agreement for the MatSu Legislative Information Office and Legislators' District Office space with Wasilla Station, LLC, for a cost of \$184,246.56.

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Gruenberg, Johnson, Pruitt, Stoltze, Coghill, Dunleavy, Egan, Meyer, Hawker

NAYS: None

The motion passed 9-0.

CHAIR HAWKER said that since the committee has chosen not to provide any additional new furnishings for the new LIO, the approach will be that the incoming Presiding Officers will be required to provide furnishings for that. He asked that Representative Stoltze chair a subcommittee consisting of himself, Senator Huggins and Representative Chenault to report to

Legislative Council to be certain that there will be adequate furnishings for the LIO when it is to be reoccupied in January.

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REPRESENTATIVE GRUENBERG requested an at-ease, which was granted by the Chair.

RECORDER'S NOTE: There were some technical difficulties with the audio equipment between this at-ease and when the committee adjourned. Council discussed what actions would be permissible to either reconsider or rescind its action with regard to failing to award RFP 603. It was decided that no further action would be taken with respect to RFP 603 at this meeting, but that the issue might be revisited at the next Council meeting.

There being no further business before the committee, the Legislative Council meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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