**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**
**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**
**NOVEMBER 21, 2016**
**1:30 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Senator Gary Stevens, Chair
Representative Bob Herron, Vice Chair
Senator Lyman Hoffman
Senator Charlie Huggins
Senator Kevin Meyer
Representative Craig Johnson
Representative Sam Kito
Representative Harriet Drummond, alternate

**MEMBERS PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE**

Senator John Coghill
Senator Anna MacKinnon
Senator Peter Micciche
Representative Charisse Millett
Representative Steve Thompson, alternate

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Senator Lesil McGuire, alternate
Senator Cathy Giessel, alternate
Representative Mike Chenault
Representative Mike Hawker
Representative Mark Neuman

**AGENDA**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
RATIFICATION OF CHARITY EVENTS
OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS

**SPEAKER REGISTER**
Pam Varni, Executive Director, Legislative Affairs Agency

1:31:25 PM

I. **CHAIR GARY STEVENS** called the Legislative Council meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. in the Anchorage Legislative Information Office Conference Room. Present at the call were Senators Stevens, Hoffman, Huggins, and Meyer; Representatives Herron, Johnson, Kito, and Drummond, alternate. Participating via teleconference were Senators Coghill, MacKinnon, and Micciche; Representatives Millett and Thompson, alternate. Absent were Senators McGuire, alternate, and Giessel, alternate; Representatives Chenault, Hawker, and Neuman.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

VICE CHAIR HERRON moved that Legislative Council approve the agenda

The agenda was approved without objection.

**III. RATIFICATION OF CHARITABLE EVENT**

VICE CHAIR HERRON moved that Legislative Council ratify the Chair's sanctioning of the following charitable event per AS 24.60.080(a)(2)(B): Girl Scouts of Alaska Annual Auction.

The motion passed without objection.

**IV. APPEAL OF THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER'S DECISION - EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1:33:34 PM
VICE CHAIR HERRON moved that Legislative Council go into Executive Session under Uniform Rule 22(B)(1), discussion of matters, the immediate knowledge of which would adversely affect the finances of a government unit and 22(B)(3), discussion of a matter that may, by law, be required to be confidential. I ask that the following individuals remain in the room or online; Pam Varni, Doug Gardner, Kevin Cuddy, Randy Ruaro, Katrina Matheny and any legislative staff working for Council members.

We also welcome any Legislators that are not on Legislative Council to remain in the room or online.

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Meyer, Hoffman, Huggins, Micciche, Stevens, Johnson, Millett, Thompson, Drummond, Herron

NAYS: None

The amendment passed 10-0.

Legislative Council went into Executive Session.

2:30:18 PM
Legislative Council came out of Executive Session.

VICE CHAIR HERRON moved to affirm the Procurement Officer's decision of October 6, 2016.

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Meyer, Coghill, Hoffman, Huggins, MacKinnon*, Micciche, Johnson, Millett, Thompson, Drummond, Herron, Stevens

NAYS: None

The amendment passed 12-0*.

**SENATOR MACKINNON, referring to the vote on the Procurement Officer's Decision, said near the end of the meeting that she was dropped off the teleconference for the third time, that she had heard the entire testimony, and wanted to be on the record as supporting the Chair; that her vote was yes and that it be reflected in the minutes that she supported the Chair.*

CHAIR STEVENS, after the motion passed, asked that Pam Varni give a very brief explanation of the RFP that went out last week on the renovation to the Benson Building.

PAM VARNI, Executive Director, said that the Legislative Affairs Agency has building property management under an RFP that the Department of Administration, General Services has with Coldwell Banker. Coldwell Banker does the property management for the Atwood Building, the Linny Pacillo Parking Garage, the Palmer State Office Building, and the Geologic Materials Center. Coldwell Banker has a contract with ECI, an architectural firm, and they are going out to bid for a Request for Proposals for stages in doing the renovation of the Benson Building. She said that there will be an evaluation committee that will be getting pre-construction services and choosing a construction

manager/general contractor. The committee will be reviewing the scope and looking at “stagings” of when we will remodel the different floors. For the next 18 months, Wells Fargo will still be on the 3rd floor; they will be vacating the 4th floor on December 15, 2016. She said we will be receiving $500,000 in revenue in FY 2017; over $500,000 in FY 2018 for the branch space and also the 3rd floor space. Once Wells Fargo moves out of the 3rd floor space, we will look at remodeling that space as well.

CHAIR STEVENS noted for members that he would be turning this committee over to the very capable hands of Representative Kito.

REPRESENTATIVE KITO said he appreciated that clarification and that his understanding is that what Council is looking at is Request for Proposals for pre-construction services; that Council is not approving construction and that Council will be seeing information on scoping for how renovations will take place, which will be coming back to Council for review.

MS. VARNI said that this service is government-to-government with the Department of Administration and is exempt from the Procurement Procedures. She said that under Representative Kito’s leadership if he wants to bring it back to Council, he certainly can do so - in stages or all in one scope once those figures are known. The figures will not be known until they actually receive the bids.

REPRESENTATIVE KITO said that the goal is that, while renovation work does need to happen, the public is aware and kept informed of the work going forward and that schedule and that work as it goes forward.

SENATOR MACKINNON’S comment was moved up in the minutes to be reflected under the item to which she was referring.

CHAIR STEVENS said there would a meeting in December which would be the last meeting of this Legislative Council before the next Legislature.

There being no further business before the committee, Legislative Council adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

2:36:49 PM