



State of Alaska Local Boundary Commission

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MINUTES FOR LOCAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, February 4, 2016 10:00 a.m.

Atwood Building, 550 West Seventh Avenue, Room 1656, Anchorage, Alaska

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Roll call and determination of quorum

Brent Williams called the roll and five members were present and represented a quorum.

Chair Lynn Chrystal, and Commissioner Hargraves were present in person. Commissioners John Harrington, Bob Harcharek, and Lavell Wilson were present via teleconference.

3. Acknowledge guests and staff present at originating site and each individual teleconference site

Present in person: Andy Varner (City Administrator of Sand Point); Marty McGee (State Assessor); via teleconference: Amy Mead (Attorney, City and Borough of Juneau)

4. Approve or amend the agenda

Commissioner Hargraves moved to approve the agenda as present. Commissioner Harrington seconded the motion. Brent Williams called the roll and the agenda was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public comment concerning items not on the agenda

There was no public comment.

2. Consideration of annual report

Brent Williams introduced this item and each commissioner voice his opinion.

Commissioners concluded and directed staff to rewrite the letter from the commission in the report to reflect a more general tone without any policy suggestions. This item will be placed on the February 9, 2016 agenda.

3. Approve minutes from

- **September 16, 2015 meeting**
- **September 25, 2015 meeting**
- **November 16, 2015 workshop**
- **December 15, 2015 meeting**

Commissioner Harrington moved to approve all minutes at once. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Brent Williams called the roll and five commissioners voted to approve four sets of minutes.

4. Discuss commissioners' possible trip to Juneau during the legislative session

Brent Williams introduced this item. Two commissioners will be in Juneau on non-LBC business. This action item was delayed to the February 9, 2016 meeting for a decision.

5. Discuss potential expediting of the Juneau annexation petition

Brent Williams introduced this discussion item. Commissioner Harrington indicated he wanted to ensure if Juneau does file, that it be a smooth process. City and Borough of Juneau attorney Amy Mead had no comment at this point before Juneau meets February 22, 2016 where this issue will be on the agenda.

Commissioner Wilson left the meeting.

6. Suspension of 3 AAC 110.700(d) for a Sand Point annexation petition

Brent Williams introduced this item and indicated that Sand Point will be holding a pre-submission hearing in March 2016. Commissioner Harrington moved that the commission use its powers under 3 AAC 110.660 to suspend 3 AAC 110.700(d) for the anticipated Sand Point annexation petition. 3 AAC 110.700(d) requires commenters who file electronically to then file the paper original of the comment within 10 days. Strict adherence to 3 AAC 110.700(d) would work injustice and would not serve relevant constitutional principles and the broad public interest.

Commissioner Harcharek second the motion. Brent Williams called the roll and the motion passed with four commissioners voting in favor.

7. Resolution of appreciation and sympathy for former Assistant Attorney General to the LBC, Erling Johansen

Commissioner Hargraves made a motion to approve a reworded resolution attached to this document with editorial privileges to staff so that the resolution could be framed by the family if they wished. Commission Harrington seconded Commissioner Hargraves rewritten

motion. After a discussion, Brent Williams called the roll and the motion passed with four votes in favor.

After revision, staff will present the resolution to the Johansen family.

8. Election of a vice chair for a three-year term starting April 17, 2016

Commissioner Harrington moved to nominate Commissioner Harcharek for another three-year term as Vice Chair. Commissioner Hargraves seconded the motion. Commissioner Harcharek accepted the nomination. Brent Williams called the roll and three commissioners voted in favor and one, Commissioner Harcharek, abstained.

9. Comments from commissioners and LBC staff

There were no comments from commissioners or staff.

10. Adjourn

Commissioner Hargraves moved to adjourn. Commissioner Harrington seconded the motion. Brent Williams called the roll and the motion to adjourn at 11:02 a.m. passed unanimously.

Local Boundary Commission Resolution 2016 -1

In Appreciation and Sympathy for Mr. Erling T. Johansen, who passed away December 24, 2015

Whereas, Mr. Erling T. Johansen provided valuable legal service for the Local Boundary

Commission from December 1, 2009, to October 15, 2014; and

Whereas, Mr. Johansen provided wise counsel and expert lawyerly skills to the LBC; and

Whereas, Mr. Johansen brought practical knowledge of municipal law from his years serving as the

Mayor of Cordova and as legal counsel of the North Slope Borough; and

Whereas, Mr. Johansen served ably as the Royal Norwegian Honorary Consul for the State of Alaska

for many years.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the LBC express appreciation for the enduring positive legacy

that Mr. Johansen has left to the State of Alaska and the Local Boundary Commission.