

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE CITY OF KODIAK
HELD FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2011
AT THE FISHERIES RESEARCH CENTER**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Pat Branson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Councilmembers Randall C. Bishop, Charles E. Davidson, Terry J. Haines, Gabriel T. Saravia, and John B. Whiddon were present and constituted a quorum. Councilmember Josefina F. Rosales was absent. City Manager Aimée Kniazowski and City Clerk Debra L. Marljar were also present.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS PERTAINING TO INTERVIEW OF CITY LOBBYIST CANDIDATES

None.

III. TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW OF CITY LOBBYIST CANDIDATES

The Council expressed an interest in issuing an RFP for state lobbying services last spring. The Manager prepared an RFP and presented it to Council for review and comments on June 21, 2011. The RFP was issued on August 17, and two proposals were received by the deadline on September 9. Proposals were received from Ray Gillespie with Gillespie and Associates and Cliff Stone with Consulting Alaska. The Council members selected to review the responses met with the Manager on September 30 to review and discuss the proposals. They recommended the Council interview both candidates to decide which would best serve the needs of Kodiak.

The Council conducted a telephonic interview with Ray Gillespie and Cliff Stone.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session is appropriate for the Council to (a) discuss subjects that would tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person: discussion of the personal characteristics of City lobbyist applicants and (b) discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the City: discussion of terms of a lobbyist contract. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, neither candidate objects to the discussion of their proposals in executive session.

Councilmember Davidson moved to enter into an executive session, as authorized by Kodiak City Code, Section 2.04.100 (b) (1-2), to discuss lobbyist proposals and interviews, subjects that would tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person; and discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the City.

The roll call vote was Councilmembers Bishop, Davidson, Haines, Saravia, and Whiddon in favor. Councilmember Rosales was absent. The motion passed, and the Council entered into executive session.

Mayor Branson reconvened the special meeting at 3:08 p.m.

V. AUTHORIZATION OF A LOBBYIST CONTRACT

Councilmember Whiddon moved to authorize the Mayor and City Manager to negotiate a professional services contract for state lobbying services with Gillespie & Associates, with funds coming from the General Fund, Legislative, Professional Services account.

The roll call vote was Councilmembers Bishop, Davidson, Haines, Saravia, and Whiddon in favor. Councilmember Rosales was absent. The motion passed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Davidson moved to adjourn the meeting.

The roll call vote was Councilmembers Bishop, Davidson, Haines, Saravia, and Whiddon in favor. Councilmember Rosales was absent. The motion passed.

Mayor Branson adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.



CITY OF KODIAK

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Branson".

MAYOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. S. ...".

DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Minutes Approved: December 8, 2011