

**KENAI CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 16, 2022 – 8:00 A.M.  
KENAI CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
210 FIDALGO AVE., KENAI, AK 99611  
MAYOR BRIAN GABRIEL, PRESIDING**

**MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A Special Meeting of the Kenai City Council was held on November 16, 2022, in City Hall Council Chambers, Kenai, AK. Mayor Gabriel called the meeting to order at approximately 8:00 a.m.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Gabriel led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call**

There were present:

Brian Gabriel, Mayor  
Teea Winger  
Alex Douthit  
Henry Knackstedt

James Baisden, Vice Mayor  
Deborah Sounart  
Victoria Askin

A quorum was present.

Also in attendance were:

Christine Cunningham, Human Resource Director  
Scott Bloom, City Attorney  
Randi Broyles, Assistant to the City Manager  
Tony Prior, Fire Chief  
Shellie Saner, City Clerk

**3. Agenda Approval**

**MOTION:**

Council Member Knackstedt **MOVED** to approve the agenda and requested **UNANIMOUS CONSENT**. Vice Mayor Baisden **SECONDED** the motion.

**VOTE:** There being no objection; **SO ORDERED**.

**B. INTERVIEWS**

**1. City Council Interviews of City Manager Applicant Finalists.**

Elke B. Doom was interviewed by the City Council.

*[Clerk's Note: Following the interview with Elke B. Doom City Council recessed from 9:04 a.m. through 9:57 a.m.]*

Anton Graff was interviewed by the City Council.

*[Clerk's Note: Following the interview with Anton Graff City Council recessed from 11:23 a.m. through 12:00 p.m.]*

Terry Eubank was interviewed by the City Council.

*[Clerk's Note: Following the interview with Terry Eubank City Council recessed from 1:20 p.m. through 1:31 p.m.]*

David Ross was interviewed by the City Council.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.**

**D. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. City Council Discussion of Interviews and Qualifications of City Manager Applicant Finalists. *[AS 44.62.310(C)(2)(D)(5) a Subject that Tends to Prejudice the Reputation and Character of an Applicant, and Meetings of the Governmental Body when Holding a Meeting Solely to Act Upon Matters of Professional Qualifications.]*

**MOTION:**

Council Member Knackstedt **MOVED** to enter into executive session to discuss the interviews and qualifications of the City Manager applicant finalists pursuant to AS 44.62.310(C)(2)(D)(5) a subject that tends to prejudice the reputation and character of an applicant; and meetings of governmental body when holding a meeting solely to act upon matters of professional qualifications.

All applicants for consideration have been notified of their statutory right to have the discussion regarding their application take place in public session. All applicants elected to have the discussion regarding their interview and application take place in Executive Session.

The executive session will include Mayor Gabriel, City Council Members, City Attorney Bloom, Human Resource Director Cunningham and City Clerk Saner if requested.

Vice Mayor Baisden **SECONDED** the motion.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT** was requested on the motion.

**VOTE:** There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

*[Clerk's Note: City Council entered into Executive Session at 2:17 p.m. and reconvened into regular session at 4:32 p.m.]*

**MOTION:**

Council Member Knackstedt **MOVED** to reconvene into regular session. Vice Mayor Baisden **SECONDED** the motion.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT** was requested on the motion.

**VOTE:** There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

**MOTION:**

Council Member Knackstedt **MOVED** to conditionally offer the position of City Manager to David Ross subject to satisfactory reference check, background check and contract negotiations. Council Member Winger **SECONDED** the motion.


**UNANIMOUS CONSENT** was requested on the motion.

**VOTE:** There being no objection; **SO ORDERED.**

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

I certify the above represents accurate minutes of the Kenai City Council Special meeting of November 16, 2022.



Michelle M. Saner, MMC  
City Clerk