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Last year's GOP dominated legislature accomplished exactly zero in 120 days..then wasted \$\$ on a couple more special sessions. Adding more partisanship in the form of a lobbyist to this legislature isn't going to help it arrive at the necessary bi-partisan solutions needed right now to solve Alaska's budget problems. And Haines can spend the money budgeted for a lobbyist on actual needed projects. Perhaps an option for a one-month lobbyist contract could be considered at a later date, rather than diving headlong into a one-year contract at this time..

New interim manager should be hired first and have some voice in moving forward with hiring a head hunter firm and a police chief. As long as we are getting some dual services out of an Interim Manager/Public Works Director, Haines is getting a good deal. Sounds like Brad is working hard to put things before the Assembly (aka Community Center at Mosquito Lake, aka Senior Center/Preschool concept) which should be good for all. Assembly should respect that and him, and stop pushing so hard for last minute decisions prior to the Interim Manager hire.

The community is not well-served by the kind of executive session proposed for this meeting..

Regards, Kathleen Menke