

**SPECIAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**

Meeting Minutes - January 14, 2019

MEETING NO. 2019-02: The Special Meeting of the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly, held in the Assembly Chambers of the Municipal Building, was called to order at 8:37 p.m. by Mayor Beth Weldon.

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Assemblymembers present: Mayor Beth Weldon, Mary Becker, Jesse Kiehl, Loren Jones, Rob Edwardson, Carole Triem, Wade Bryson, Maria Gladziszewski and Michelle Hale (telephonic)

Assemblymembers absent: None

Staff present: City Manager Rorie Watt, City Attorney Rob Palmer, Deputy Manager Mila Cosgrove, Municipal Clerk Beth McEwen, Chief Housing Officer Scott Ciambor; Community Development Director Jill Maclean, Emergency Manager Tom Mattice, Finance Director Bob Bartholomew, Port Director Carl Uchytel, Port Engineer Gary Gillette; Police Chief Ed Mercer, Deputy Police Chief David Campbell, Fire Chief Rich Etheridge

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Assembly Member Transitions

Mr. Jesse Kiehl tendered his letter of resignation to Mayor Weldon effective immediately. Mayor Weldon recognized Mr. Kiehl for a lifetime of service and specifically his service to the community. Mr. Kiehl first served CBJ as a member of the Juneau Human Rights Commission and the Board of Equalization. He then became an Assemblymember October 2011 through January 14, 2019. He served as Deputy Mayor from 2016-October 2017.

Mayor Weldon recognized Mr. Kiehl for his participation at one time or another on all the Assembly Standing Committees. He served as the Chair of the Assembly Human Resources Committee October 2012-October 2014 and was Lands Committee Chair October 2014-December 2015 and then the Chair of the Assembly Finance Committee October 2016 until January 14, 2019. She also recognized his service on the following Special Committee Assignments: Joint Assembly/School Board Project Team, he co-chaired the Tax Exemption Review Committee, he was the Chair of the City Attorney Search Committee, he was a member of the Assembly Ad Hoc Housing Committee, the Assembly Marijuana Committee and the Assembly Lobbyist Subcommittee.

He has served as Assembly Liaison to the following groups: Juneau Board of Education (School Board), UAS Campus Council, Willoughby Arts Complex Committee, Alaska Municipal League Boardmember for two terms, and liaison to the Affordable Housing Commission, the Parks & Rec. Advisory Committee, to the Eaglecrest Board, and to the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Mayor Weldon noted that as for his major legislative accomplishment, Mr. Kiehl authored and championed the Human Rights Ordinance creating CBJ Title 41 via Ordinance 2016-23(d).

Mayor Weldon thanked Mr. Kiehl for his lifetime of service to the community and wished him all the best as he moves on to continue to serve the community in his role of State Senator for District Q. She congratulated Mr. Kiehl and presented him and his family with gifts of appreciation from the Assembly.

Mr. Kiehl thanked everyone and shared that it has been a singular privilege to serve with each of the Assemblymembers and especially to serve our community. He said that they occupy these seats for a time, voters willing but they do not belong to the Assembly. He said that everyone he has had the privilege of serving with understands that. He said that he went to the back of the room to verify his count and the current Assembly consists of eight of the twenty three he has had the honor to serve with in the past seven and half years. Ms. Becker is the only one who was serving before him who is still serving which shows tremendous dedication. He said we occupy these seats for a time but they are not theirs, they are the privilege of getting to work for our community. He said he often would speak at length about the importance of planning for the long term and he wished them every success in their ongoing efforts to do that. He said he has the utmost faith, leaving the city in the hands of the current leadership and that isn't limited to the Assemblymembers, it also includes the staff members sitting to the right of the Assembly, all but one of whom was working at CBJ before he came. They too represent a team of hundreds of truly dedicated public servants who inspire him whenever he thinks about the city, what it does, and how it does it. He extended his heartfelt thanks to all!

After thanking Mr. Kiehl, Mayor Weldon then invited the Assemblymembers to reorganize their seats if they wished to based on seniority order.

MOTION by Mr. Edwardson to appoint Alicia Hughes-Skandijs to the District 1 Assembly seat for a term beginning immediately to serve until the next regular election and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the motion passed by unanimous consent.*

City Attorney Robert Palmer then performed the swearing in ceremony of Assemblymember Alicia Hughes-Skandijs.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Ms. Becker to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2018 Special Assembly Meeting with minor corrections and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the minutes were approved as corrected.*

- A. October 22, 2018 Special Assembly Meeting Minutes

V. AGENDA TOPICS

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Public Requests for Consent Agenda Changes, Other Than Ordinances for Introduction

None.

- B. Assembly Requests for Consent Agenda Changes

None.

- C. Assembly Action

MOTION by Ms. Gladziszewski to adopt the Consent Agenda and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the consent agenda was adopted.*

- 1. Ordinances for Introduction

- a. **Ordinance 2019-02 An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Archipelago Properties LLC for Real Property located at Lots 1, 2 and 4, Archipelago Subdivision, Plat No. 2013-22, Juneau Recording District, near 356 South Franklin Street.**

The rapidly growing visitation of cruise ships and their passengers necessitates additional facilities to serve the industry. Since the opening of the new floating berth at Alaska Steamship Wharf, dockings have increased 44% and the number of passengers visiting has increased 182%.

Cruise ship vessels exist to take passengers on vacations, and their sole purpose for entering the port of Juneau is to allow passengers to disembark for the day and to enjoy walking about downtown and/or getting on ground transportation to their tours. This project would provide necessary services to the vessel, to the passengers, and will advance the marine enterprise of the cruise ship industry.

This Ordinance would authorize the Manager to enter into an agreement to

purchase private property and sell municipal property resulting in a net cost to the CBJ of \$922,175.

The City Manager recommends this ordinance be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Ms. Gladziszewski to recess into Executive Session to discuss pending CBJ litigation, specifically the CLIAA litigation, and also to discuss labor contract negotiations.

No members from the public commented on the Assembly recessing into Executive Session. Mayor Weldon recessed the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

The Assembly returned from Executive Session at 10:56 p.m.

Ms. Gladziszewski reported that the Assembly gave direction to the City Manager regarding the labor negotiations and the CLIAA litigation.

Mayor Weldon then distributed a draft of the new Assembly Standing Committee/Liaison assignments sheet.

MOTION by Ms. Gladziszewski to approve the Assembly Standing Committee/Liaison assignment sheet as presented by the Mayor and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the assignment sheet was approved.*

A. Contract Negotiations

B. CLIA Litigation Update

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the body, Mayor Weldon adjourned the meeting at 10:59 p.m.

Signed: _____
Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk

Signed: _____
Beth A. Weldon, Mayor