

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

Meeting Minutes - August 29, 2018

MEETING NO. 2018-28: 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 8:31 p.m. by Mayor Ken Koelsch.

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Assemblymembers Present: Ken Koelsch, Mary Becker, Rob Edwardson, Loren Jones, Jesse Kiehl, Jerry Nankervis, Maria Gladziszewski.

Assemblymembers Absent: None. *(Clerk's Note: There were two vacant Assembly seat at this time due to former member Beth Weldon resigning effective July 31, 2018 and Norton Gregory resigning effective August 13 in order to file candidacy for Mayor.)*

Staff present: City Manager Rorie Watt, Deputy Manager Mila Cosgrove, Interim Municipal Attorney Robert Palmer, Municipal Clerk Beth McEwen, Finance Director Bob Bartholomew; HRRM Director Dallas Hargrave; Airport Manager Patty Wahto; Airport Architect Catherine Fritz; Police Chief Ed Mercer, JPD Deputy Chief David Campbell; CSO Bob Dilley; Community Development Director Jill Maclean; CDD Planning Manager Beth McKibben

II. AGENDA TOPICS

Mayor Koelsch changed the agenda to allow for Public Participation on Non-Agenda items to come before the Agenda Topic: City Attorney Replacement.

A. City Attorney Replacement

Mr. Jones, Chair of the City Attorney Replacement Committee reported that the committee, consisting of Mr. Nankervis, Ms. Weldon, and Mr. Jones met to discuss the salary and recruitment process. They advertised the City Attorney position at a minimum salary of \$140,000. After their interview held at the Special Assembly meeting on August 28, the instructions to Mr. Jones was to make that offer and that offer was accepted.

MOTION by Mr. Jones that the Assembly officially appoint Robert Palmer as City Attorney at a salary of \$140,000 annually and asked for unanimous consent.

Mayor Koelsch requested unanimous consent via roll call vote.

Roll call

Yeas: Becker, Edwardson, Gladziszewski, Kiehl, Nankervis, Jones, Koelsch

Nays: None.

Motion passed with unanimous consent.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Rich Harris requested the Assembly take over his appeal of the Community Development Department's Director's decision APL2018-0003 under the grounds that they cannot receive a fair hearing through the Planning Commission. He stated that they have been prejudged by the Title 49 committee and the Subdivision Review Committee, one of which includes the presiding officer. He said that the Title 49 and Subdivision Review Committee members at the meeting of June 18, 2018 made comments prejudging his case. He said that his violation stems from the Subdivision Review Committee and the Title 49 Committee, all of whom serve on the Planning Commission which is now to hear his case. He stated that this is a conflict of interest and the Title 49 and Subdivision Review Committee and he believes those members are just as much a part of the decision to write a violation notice to him as the director herself. He asked that the Assembly take over the appeal so he can receive a fair and expedited hearing for what only consists of one question that needs answering which would then answer all the other questions and that one question is whether they are a condominium or a subdivision. He said his project is damaged and they are damaged and there is a cloud hanging over them and he'd like to get this resolved. He said the system and process he is currently going through before the Planning Commission is not a fair hearing. Mr. Harris said that his situation is different than all other appeals since the membership of all the committees he has been through are made up of Planning Commission members.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Signed: _____ Signed: _____
Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk Kendell D. Koelsch, Mayor