

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

Meeting Minutes - April 11, 2018

MEETING NO. 2018-10: 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 5:15 p.m. by Mayor Ken Koelsch.

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Assemblymembers Present: Mayor Ken Koelsch, Norton Gregory, Rob Edwardson, Mary Becker, Beth Weldon, Loren Jones, and Jesse Kiehl (joined the meeting at 5:19).

Members Absent: Jerry Nankervis, Maria Gladziszewski

Staff Present: Rorie Watt, City Manager; Mila Cosgrove, Deputy City Manager; Bob Bartholomew, Finance Director; Elisabeth Jensen, Budget Analyst.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Ordinance 2018-25 An Ordinance Authorizing the Manager to Execute a Use Permit for Approximately One Acre of Lot C2A, Juneau Subport Subdivision, Located at 300 Egan Drive, to the State of Alaska.

This ordinance is a companion to Ordinance 2017-06(AP), which would appropriate funds to the Manager to lease Lot C2A of the Juneau Subport from Develop Juneau Now, LLC.

This ordinance would authorize the Manager to grant a use permit to the State to use property leased by the CBJ from Develop Juneau Now, LLC, for parking. The State has an immediate need for parking in order to alleviate new demands caused by the State relocating a number of employees from the Valley to downtown Juneau. The initial permit term would be six months renewable thereafter on a month-to-month basis, consistent with the CBJ's lease of the property.

Under CBJ code, use permits normally require Planning Commission review. However, considering the State's immediate parking needs, the fact that Lot C2A is privately owned, and that CDD determined the parking lot use does not require a conditional use permit, Planning Commission review is not necessary.

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

- B. Ordinance 2017-06(AP) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$75,000, as Funding for Leasing the Juneau Subport Parking Lot; Funding Provided by the Downtown Parking Fund's Fund Balance.

This ordinance would appropriate \$75,000 from the Parking Fund to lease additional parking spaces at the subport (near downtown). Between government employers (CBJ, State & Legislature) there is a shortage of parking spaces to meet demand. The State recently moved more employees into their downtown offices. Leasing additional spaces will allow CBJ to work with interested parties to determine how best to allocate and fund limited parking spaces to meet the expanded need.

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III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

IV. MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Watt reported that he had a timely issue of which he needed to advise the Assembly regarding the RCA and the stipulation resolving the disputed issues that had been filed by the City and Hydro One. He said that when they last discussed the RCA issue, the Assembly gave staff direction to approve a stipulation resolving the disputed issues. He said that was done and reported widely in the media. On April 10, 2018, the RCA issued a notice that they would partially accept the stipulation and they basically accepted everything except for the interconnection provisions. He said the reason the RCA didn't accept that is because it would run afoul of their public notice requirements. They also gave further notice that to accept this stipulation, the city has until April 16 to withdraw and if the city doesn't withdraw, the RCA's decision is final.

He said that Ms. Mead and Mr. Gibson have been in contact with legal counsel for the power companies and they have worked out an agreement whereby the applicants would jointly notice the RCA, that we acknowledge the ruling and won't protest. He said that after the RCA case is closed, the power company applicants will then refile that tariff piece as a stand-alone case and we would be required to submit a letter of support. In the end, there will be no changes to the stipulations but the timing is a little different. He was raising this issue at this time so the Assembly knows he will be proceeding with this

action and will be signing the joint notice and letter of agreement on that unless there is objection from the Assembly.

Mr. Edwardson asked what the RCA noticing requirement is and how did run afoul of it.

Mr. Watt said they have many noticing requirements but in this case, when the RCA issued their decision to partially accept this stipulation, they said they accept the stipulation except they reject the portion addressing the interconnection process. They don't reject the interconnection on a substantive basis, but on a public notice basis. Any party electing to withdraw from this stipulation, would have to notify the RCA that they withdraw from the negotiated settlement by April 16.

Additional discussion took place between Mr. Edwardson, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Jones clarifying the RCA notice and the interconnection process.

Mr. Kiehl apologized for arriving late and asked staff what Mr. Gibson's comfort level was with this ruling and with the proposed extra step in the process. Mr. Watt explained that Ms. Mead has been on the phone quite a bit on this and that Mr. Gibson and Hydro One counsel have also been in contact about this. Mr. Watt said he has not spoken directly with Mr. Gibson but in speaking with Ms. Mead, his understanding is that Mr. Gibson noted that process is in a somewhat different order, it achieves the same affect as the stipulation.

There being no further questions and hearing no objection, Mr. Watt will proceed as he outlined above.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the body, Mayor Koelsch adjourned the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

Signed: _____
Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk

Signed: _____
Kendell D. Koelsch, Mayor