



## REGULAR ASSEMBLY MEETING

MINUTES 2026-02

January 12, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar

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**MEETING NO. 2026-01:** The Regular Meeting of the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Beth Weldon. The meeting was conducted as a hybrid format, allowing for both in-person attendance and virtual participation via Zoom webinar

**A. FLAG SALUTE** - Led by Mr. Kelly

**B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** – Led by Mr. Steininger

We would like to acknowledge that the City and Borough of Juneau is on Tlingit land and wish to honor the indigenous people of this land. For more than ten thousand years, Alaska Native people have been and continue to be integral to the well-being of our community. We are grateful to be in this place, a part of this community, and to honor the culture, traditions, and resilience of the Tlingit people. *Gunalchéesh!*

**C. ROLL CALL**

**Assembly Members Present:** Mayor Weldon; Deputy Mayor Smith (via Zoom);

Assemblymembers: Ms. Hughes-Skandijs, Ms. Woll, Mr. Kelly, Ms. Adkison, Mr. Steininger, and Mr. Brooks.

**Assembly Members Absent:** Assemblymembers: Ms. Hall

**Staff Present:** City Manager Katie Koester; Deputy City Manager Robert Barr, City Attorney Emily Wright, City Clerk Breckan Hendricks, Fire Chief Rich Etheridge, and Meeting Clerk Kevin Allen.

**D. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Mayor Weldon acknowledged the passing of long-time Juneau resident Jirdes Baxter, noting her historic connection as the last known survivor of the Nome diphtheria epidemic, and extended condolences to her family.

**1. Proclamation in Recognition of Chief Richard Etheridge**

The Assembly adopted a proclamation recognizing Fire Chief Richard Etheridge for his 27 years of service with the City and Borough of Juneau and his retirement effective December 31, 2025. Mayor Weldon and Deputy City Manager Barr highlighted Chief Etheridge's leadership, community service, and contributions to public safety, including the CARES program, and Chief Etheridge expressed his appreciation to the Assembly and City leadership.

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. 2025-12-17 Special Assembly Meeting No. 2025-22 Minutes - Draft**
- 2. 2025-12-15 Regular Assembly Meeting No. 2025-21 Minutes - Draft**

**MOTION** by Mr. Kelly to adopt the December 15, and December 17, 2025, minutes. *Hearing no objection, the minutes were approved.*

**F. MANAGER'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES**

The City Manager requested to amend the agenda to add a staff report on the December 2025–January 2026 winter storm event, with the intent of providing timely information on the ongoing emergency response and a report on the GLOF (Glacial Lake Outburst Flood) mitigation. The Mayor moved staff reports ahead of public participation.

- G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** (Limited to no more than 20 minutes, with each speaker limited to a length of time set by the Mayor not to exceed three minutes.)

**Max Rosen** spoke on behalf of the Friends of the Juneau Public Libraries, emphasizing the organization’s mission to support libraries through fundraising, advocacy, and community engagement. He highlighted the libraries’ role in providing accessible resources, literacy support, and lifelong learning, and urged the Assembly to continue supporting them as a core community service.

**Heather Marlow**, an Auke Bay resident, discussed downtown development, noting roughly ten privately owned properties could yield about 250 housing units, including the Bill Ray Center. She recommended targeted outreach to property owners to identify barriers and explore solutions, including programmatic support or a dedicated project manager.

**Larry Talley**, a resident of the Flats, addressed the proposed \$9 million for Telephone Hill demolition and site prep, suggesting the funds could instead create new housing on CBJ-owned sites, via subsidies, or through small-scale development. He urged preserving existing housing, increasing overall housing stock, and supporting private developers.

**Tony Tengs**, a downtown resident, spoke against the Telephone Hill redevelopment, citing a lack of public input, the demolition of historic housing, and past decisions by former City Manager Rorie Watt. He urged the Assembly to ensure greater transparency and community engagement in future development decisions.

**Joshua Adams**, an incremental developer, spoke on the historic Bosch-Carrigan House on Telephone Hill, highlighting its architectural and historical significance and connection to early Juneau history. He urged the Assembly to reconsider the proposed \$9 million demolition to preserve the property.

**Catherine Fritz**, a Highlands resident, criticized the Telephone Hill demolition as risky, costly, and neglectful of historic protections, urging the Assembly to pursue Concept D, which preserves existing homes, enables new development, and reduces public spending.

**Susan Clark**, a downtown resident, noted that 3rd Street's steep, narrow, and hazardous conditions make it a major safety and access concern for Telephone Hill redevelopment, with no plans for widening or improvements despite recent upgrades.

**Page Bridges**, a downtown resident, emphasized the need for green space and a public park downtown, arguing that housing could be built elsewhere. She urged preserving Telephone Hill's historic homes and character, suggesting smaller infill apartments rather than large-scale demolition, and cautioned that the current redevelopment plan is likely unworkable.

**Bruce Simonson**, a downtown resident, urged the Assembly to ensure transparency in the Telephone Hill redevelopment, noting voter petitions to pause evictions. He posed questions on affordable housing, developer influence, costs, preservation of existing homes, and protecting the community's vision.

**Mary Alice McKean**, a downtown resident, raised concerns about the Telephone Hill Redevelopment Project, noting that a local architect's plan proposes only 87 units, far fewer than the publicly stated 155 units. She urged the Assembly to compare demolition with alternative approaches, such as Concept D, to ensure cost-effective use of public funds and avoid repeating past development issues.

**Angie Mend Bayer**, a downtown resident, expressed concern that demolishing Telephone Hill is not a cost-effective solution for affordable housing. She noted that high construction costs on the hill would make units unaffordable and suggested selling the parcels and using the proceeds plus demolition funds for infill development or rebuilding existing structures to better retain families in Juneau.

## H. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Public Request for Consent Agenda Changes Other Than Ordinances for Introduction**
2. **Assembly Request for Consent Agenda Changes**

Transfer T2606 was pulled from the consent agenda by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs for discussion and was scheduled as the first item under Public Hearing.

3. **Assembly Action**

**MOTION** by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.*

*[Break: The Assembly recessed at 7:13 p.m. and returned to session at 7:22 p.m.]*

**A) Ordinances for Introduction**

- 1) Ordinance 2026-06 An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City and Borough to Change the Zoning of Seven Mile LT 4, Located at 7170 Glacier Highway, from D18 to Light Commercial.**

At the Regular Planning Commission meeting on [October 28, 2025](#), the Commission voted to deny the requested rezone of 4.03 acres at 7170 Glacier Highway from D18 to Light Commercial. The Commission adopted the Director's findings and analysis, which concluded that the proposed rezone is inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan's adopted land use maps. The Plan designates the area as Medium Density Residential (MDR), supporting densities of 5 to 20 units per acre. Under the MDR designation, commercial development should be consistent with the residential neighborhood. In contrast, the Light Commercial district allows densities up to 30 units per acre, permits a wide range of non-residential uses, and does not require residential development, making it incompatible with the MDR designation.

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

- 2) Ordinance 2026-05 An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City and Borough to Change the Zoning of HDK LT 2A and SSG IV TR B, Located at 5200 and 5220 Commercial Boulevard, from Industrial to Light Commercial.**

At the Regular Planning Commission meeting on [October 28, 2025](#), the Commission voted to deny the requested rezone of 3.79 acres at 5200 and 5220 Commercial Boulevard from Industrial to Light Commercial. The Commission adopted the findings and analysis of the Director establishing that the proposed rezoning does not conform to the adopted maps of the Comprehensive Plan, which designates the area for light industrial uses. Preserving land zoned for industrial uses has been a long-standing goal of the Comprehensive Plan, and changing the zoning to Light Commercial opens the area to many uses that are not complimentary to the noisy, noxious, odorous uses found in industrial zones.

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

- 3) Ordinance 2025-01(b)(V) An Ordinance Appropriating up to \$900,000 to the Manager for a Loan to Brave Enterprises, LLC; Funding Provided by the Affordable Housing Fund.**

During the Fall 2025 Round Five competition of the Juneau Affordable Housing Fund (JAHF), five projects were awarded funding through a competitive funding round. The awards were announced at the [November 3, 2025](#), Lands Housing and Economic Development Committee meeting.

This ordinance appropriates \$900,000 to Brave Enterprises, LLC, for the

construction of new housing in downtown Juneau. This project will include eighteen (18) units affordable to individuals with income of 80% or less of Area Median Income (AMI). This project meets the intent of the JAHF award guidelines document and the 2016 Housing Action Plan.

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

**4) Ordinance 2025-01(b)(W) An Ordinance Appropriating up to \$200,000 to the Manager for a Loan to Southeast Endeavors, LLC; Funding Provided by the Affordable Housing Fund.**

During the Fall 2025 Round Five competition of the Juneau Affordable Housing Fund (JAHF), five projects were awarded funding through a competitive funding round. The awards were announced at the [November 3, 2025](#), Lands Housing and Economic Development Committee meeting.

This ordinance appropriates \$200,000 to Southeast Endeavors, LLC, for the construction of a new fourplex in Juneau. This project will include four (4) units affordable to individuals with income of 80% or less of Area Median Income (AMI). This project meets the intent of the JAHF award guidelines document and the 2016 Housing Action Plan.

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

**5) Ordinance 2025-01(b)(U) An Ordinance Appropriating \$150,000 to the Manager for a Grant to St. Vincent de Paul for the Long-Term Maintenance of the Teal Street Sobering Center Facility; Funding Provided by the Affordable Housing Fund.**

During the Fall 2025 Round Five competition of the Juneau Affordable Housing Fund (JAHF), five projects were awarded funding through a competitive funding round. The awards were announced at the [November 3, 2025](#), Lands Housing and Economic Development Committee meeting.

This ordinance appropriates \$150,000 to Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Therese Conference, Inc. (SVdP) for long term maintenance of their Teal Street facilities.

This project meets the intent of the JAHF award guidelines document and the 2016 Housing Action Plan.

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

**6) Ordinance 2025-01(b)(T) An Ordinance Appropriating \$250,000 to the Manager for a Grant to Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority for the Séet Kanax Dutéen Project; Funding Provided by the Affordable Housing Fund.**

During the Fall 2025 Round Five competition of the Juneau Affordable Housing Fund (JAHF), five projects were awarded funding through a competitive funding round. The awardees were announced at the [November 3, 2025](#), Lands Housing and Economic Development Committee meeting.

This ordinance appropriates \$250,000 to Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) for the construction of new housing in North Douglas as the first phase of a mixed income, multi-unit complex. This first phase will include five (5) units affordable to individuals with income of 80% or less of Area Median Income (AMI).

This project meets the intent of the JAHF award guidelines document and the 2016 Housing Action Plan.

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

**7) Ordinance 2025-01(b)(S) An Ordinance Appropriating \$800,000 to the Manager for a Grant to Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority for the Pederson Hill Phase 1B Project; Funding Provided by the Affordable Housing Fund.**

During the Fall 2025 Round Five competition of the Juneau Affordable Housing Fund (JAHF), five projects were awarded funding through a competitive funding round. The awardees were announced at the [November 3, 2025](#) Lands Housing and Economic Development Committee meeting.

This ordinance is appropriating \$800,000 to Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority (THRHA) for the construction of new housing in Pederson Hill as the first phase of a mixed income, multi-unit complex. This first phase will include sixteen (16) units affordable to individuals with income of 80% or less of Area Median Income (AMI). This project meets the intent of the JAHF award guidelines document and the 2016 Housing Action Plan.

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

**8) Ordinance 2026-09 An Ordinance Authorizing the Port Director to Negotiate and Execute a Lease of Alaska Tidelands Survey No. 857, for the Purpose of Waterfront Commercial Activity.**

This ordinance authorizes the Port Director to negotiate and execute a new 35-year lease with Petro 49, Inc. for 3,822 square feet of tideland property described as Alaska Tidelands Survey No. 857, which is in the vicinity of the National Guard Dock. The existing lease, expiring September 2026, was negotiated by the State of Alaska in 1971 to provide for preferential right of the lessee to renew.

This lease proposal was reviewed by the Docks and Harbors Board at its meeting

on [December 10, 2025](#), and will take action at the January 29, 2026 Regular Board meeting following the receipt of an updated appraisal.

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

**9) Ordinance 2026-04 An Ordinance Amending the Rebate for Qualifying Senior Citizens Code.**

This ordinance would remove the requirement to hold a Senior Sales Tax Exemption Card and replace it with eligibility language (age and residency) that reflects the current eligibility for a card. The Exemption Card costs \$20 and is no longer required for a sales tax exemption on food or utilities. The remaining benefit of the card is full access to Capital Transit. Approval of this ordinance allows qualified seniors to apply for the rebate without having to purchase an exemption card.

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

**B) Resolutions**

**1) Resolution 4036 A Resolution in Support of Raising the Maximum Available Alaska Department of Transportation Harbor Facility Grant to \$7,500,000 for Eligible Projects on an Annual Basis.**

This resolution recommends increasing the maximum grant award eligibility under the State of Alaska Department of Transportation's Harbor Facility Grant Program from \$5M to \$7.5M. This would not affect CBJ's current applications but may impact grant strategies in the future, should the Legislature take action to amend AS 29.60.800.

The proposed resolution was drafted and adopted by the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators (AAHPA) at its annual conference on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. AAHPA encourages its member municipalities to also provide local support for this change.

The Docks & Harbors Board reviewed this resolution at its regular Board meeting on [November 20, 2025](#), and recommended approval by the Assembly.

**The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this Resolution.**

**2) Resolution 4035 A Resolution Supporting Full Funding for the State of Alaska Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program in the FY2027 State Capital Budget.**

This resolution recommends full funding for the State of Alaska Department of Transportation's Harbor Facility Grant Program. CBJ has been a beneficiary of approximately \$22 million in harbor grant funding since the program's inception, including a \$1.4M grant for local match to construct a new drive down float at Aurora Harbor which is planned for award in late 2026. For the current legislative session, Docks & Harbors does not have an application under consideration. Statewide, six communities – Anchorage, Kake, Kodiak,

Petersburg, Unalaska and Wrangell, have committed to contribute \$18M in local match funding for FY2027 towards in projects of significant importance.

The Docks & Harbors Board reviewed this resolution at its regular Docks & Harbors Board meeting on [November 20, 2025](#) and recommended approval by the Assembly.

**The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this Resolution.**

**3) Resolution 4033 A Resolution of the City and Borough of Juneau Declaring a Local Emergency in Response to the 2025 Glacier Outburst Flood and a Request for State Assistance.**

On [August 6, 2024](#), the Assembly adopted Resolution 3071, a local emergency declaration issued in response to the historic 2024 glacier outburst flood. Since that time, the Assembly has declared an ongoing emergency due to the continuing threat to the community of the annual floods and the need to identify and implement both an interim and enduring solution. This resolution extends the local emergency for 180 days.

**The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this Resolution.**

**C) Liquor/Marijuana Licenses**

These liquor and marijuana license actions are before the Assembly to either protest or waive its right to protest the license actions.

**Liquor License — Transfer of Ownership**

**Transfer From: DJ, LLC d/b/a Asiana Garden**

**Transfer To: Mi Yong Lee d/b/a Asiana Garden**

License Type: Restaurant/Eating Place License: #4731 Location: 9116 Mendenhall Mall Rd.

**Liquor License — Renewals**

**Licensee: Alaska Sustainable Seafoods, LLC d/b/a Deckhand Dave's**

License Type: Beverage Dispensary License: #4349 Location: 109-117/127-139 S. Franklin St.

**Licensee: Alaska Sustainable Seafoods, LLC d/b/a Deckhand Dave's**

License Type: Restaurant/Eating Place License: #5231 Location: 127/139 S. Franklin St.

**Liquor License — New**

**Licensee: AK Parlor, LLC d/b/a Madam's Parlor**

License Type: Restaurant/Eating Place License: #60463 Location: 157 S. Franklin St.

**Marijuana License — Renewal**

**Licensee: Always Redeye LLC, d/b/a Stoned Salmon Farms**

License Type: Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility License: #11605 Location: 2005 Anka St.

**Licensee: The Fireweed Factory LLC d/b/a The Fireweed Factory LLC**

License Type: Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility License: #10266 Location: 8415 Airport Blvd. Space B

**Licensee: The Fireweed Factory LLC d/b/a The Fireweed Factory LLC**

License Type: Retail Marijuana Store License: #10800 Location: 237 Front St.

Staff from the Police, Finance, Fire, Public Works (Utilities) and Community Development Departments reviewed the above licenses and recommended the Assembly waive its right to protest these applications. Copies of the documents associated with these licenses are available in hard copy upon request to the Clerk's Office.

**The City Manager recommends the Assembly waive its right to protest the above-listed liquor and marijuana license actions.**

**D) Transfers**

**1) Transfer Request 2606 A Transfer of \$20,586,040 from Various CIPs to CIP D12-112 Municipal Building.**

This request would transfer \$20,586,040 of Sales Tax funds and General funds from various CIPs to the Municipal Building CIP. \$6,000,000 would be transferred from the Capital Civic Center, North State Office Building Parking, Waterfront Museum, Lemon Creek Multimodal Path, River Road, and Deferred Building Maintenance CIPs. \$14,586,040 of the transfer would be housekeeping, consolidating previously established CIPs for City Hall and general downtown office space solutions. This transfer would provide for the purchase and renovation of the Municipal Building.

The Assembly Finance Committee discussed the Municipal Building project funding at the January 7, 2026 meeting.

**The Manager recommends approval of this transfer.**

*[Clerk Note: Transfer Request T2606 was pulled from the Consent Agenda and moved under Public Hearing.]*

**Public Comment:** None

**Assembly Action:**

**AMENDMENT #1** by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs to Transfer Request 2606, to remove \$525,000 for the Lemon Creek Multimodal Path from the transfer and instead allocate that amount from the general fund to CIP D12-112 (Municipal Building). She explained that the Lemon Creek project is not yet mature but still important, and funding it via the transfer could delay progress.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Steininger raised questions about whether the amendment would delay renovations and whether future funding could still be considered. Attorney Wright confirmed

the amendment would not slow the transfer and that separate ordinances could address the general fund allocation. After discussion of prior investments and funding priorities in Lemon Creek.

OBJECTION by Mr. Smith, citing funding concerns and the project's interaction with Lemon Creek.

OBJECTION by Mayor Weldon, citing protection of the general fund balance and prior investments.

**Roll Call Vote on Amendment #1**

Yeas: Hughes-Skandijs, Steininger, Woll, Kelly

Nays: Smith, Adkison, Brooks, Weldon

**Amendment motion failed: 4 Yeas, 4 Nays**

**MOTION** by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs to adopt Transfer Request 2606, a transfer of \$20,586,040 from Various CIPs to CIP D12-112 Municipal Building.

OBJECTION by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs

OBJECTION by Mr. Brooks for the purposes of an amendment.

**AMENDMENT #2** by Mr. Brooks proposed transferring \$14,586,040 from CIP D12-108 and D12-102 to CIP D12-112 (Municipal Building) and requested unanimous consent.

OBJECTIONS:

Ms. Adkison, noting that while the Burns Building purchase was not her preferred option, renovations are necessary to provide safe and functional workspaces for city employees.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs, emphasizing there is no workable alternative and renovation funds are needed to make the project successful.

Mr. Steininger, stating remodeling now is more cost-effective than delaying, which would result in higher future costs.

Mr. Smith, questioning how the amendment would affect the purchase and renovation process; Manager Koester responded that insufficient funding could compromise the move.

Mr. Kelly, noting that while voters rejected borrowing funds to build a new city hall, this project involves neither of those things, and he supports funding the transfer as an efficient use of city funds.

Mayor Weldon, citing the poor condition of city facilities and the need to ensure employee safety and well-being.

**Roll Call Vote on Amendment #2**

Yeas: Brooks

Nays: Kelly, Smith, Woll, Adkison, Steininger, Hughes-Skandijs, Weldon

**Amendment motion failed: 1 Yeas, 7 Nays**

**Roll Call Vote on Main Motion - Transfer 2606**

Yeas: Kelly, Smith, Woll, Adkison, Steininger, Hughes-Skandijs, Weldon

Nays: Brooks

**Motion passed: 7 Yeas, 1 Nays**

**I. PUBLIC HEARING**

- 1. Ordinance 2025-01(b)(X) An Ordinance Transferring \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Marine Passenger Fee Fund for Unused Federal Staffing Support Related to Tourism; Funding Provided by State Marine Passenger Fees.**

This ordinance would transfer a total of \$200,000 from the General Fund to the State Marine Passenger Fee Fund. [Ordinance 2024-01\(b\)\(AL\)](#) appropriated these funds as a contingency to supplement organizations with existing operating agreements at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitors Center to maintain staffing continuity in the event further Reductions in Force or other unforeseen circumstances occurred during the 2025 summer tourism season. These funds went unused and will be returned to the State Marine Passenger Fee Fund.

The Systemic Racism Review Committee reviewed this ordinance at its [December 16, 2025 meeting](#).

**The City Manager recommends the Assembly take public testimony and adopt this ordinance.**

**Public Comment:** None

**Assembly Action:**

**MOTION** by Ms. Woll to adopt An Ordinance Transferring \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Marine Passenger Fee Fund for Unused Federal Staffing Support Related to Tourism; Funding Provided by State Marine Passenger Fees. ***Hearing no objection, the motion passed by unanimous consent.***

- 2. Ordinance 2025-44 An Ordinance Amending the Commercial Passenger Vehicle Fine Schedule to Include Fines Relating to Vehicle Standards.**

This ordinance is a housekeeping measure following the adoption of [Ordinance 2025-04 in June](#). This ordinance updates the commercial passenger vehicle fine schedule to include fine amounts for violations relating to commercial passenger vehicle standards, such as violations of regulations regarding vehicle markings, documentation, and taximeter.

The Systemic Racism Review Committee reviewed this ordinance at its [December 16, 2025 meeting](#).

**The City Manager recommends the Assembly take public testimony and adopt this ordinance.**

**Public Comment:** None

**Assembly Action:**

**MOTION** by Mr. Brooks to adopt Ordinance 2025-44 An Ordinance Amending the Commercial Passenger Vehicle Fine Schedule to Include Fines Relating to Vehicle Standards. ***Hearing no objection, the motion passed by unanimous consent.***

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. FY2027 CBJ Legislative Capital Priorities List**

The annual Legislative Capital Priorities (LCP) process began on [September 29, 2025](#), at the Public Works and Facilities Committee (PWFC). Various boards and commissions provided input. At the [December 1, Assembly Finance Committee meeting](#), the Assembly made some modifications to the order of the ranking and referred it to the Assembly for approval.

The Systemic Racism Review Committee reviewed the draft Legislative Capital Priorities at its [October 28, 2025](#) meeting. The report was introduced at the [December 15, 2025 Regular Assembly meeting](#).

**The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ranking and report.**

**Public Comment:** None

**Assembly Action:**

**MOTION** by Ms. Adkison to adopt the FY2027 CBJ Legislative Capital Priorities List and accompanying report and asked for unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objection, the motion passed by unanimous consent.***

**K. NEW BUSINESS**

**L. STAFF REPORTS**

*[Clerk Note: Staff Reports were moved before Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items]*

The Assembly received a staff report on the December 2025 through January 2026 winter storm event, including local and state disaster declarations, activation of the Emergency Operations Center [EOC], and coordination with state, tribal, and nonprofit partners. Staff provided updates on avalanche risk and evacuations, shelter operations, snow removal and roof load mitigation efforts, impacts to transit and facilities, damage reporting, and anticipated weather conditions, and responded to Assembly questions regarding avalanche response and public safety.

The Assembly also received a staff report on federal advocacy efforts for flood and GLOF (Glacial Lake Outburst Flood) mitigation, including meetings in Washington, D.C. with members of the Alaska delegation, federal agencies, and funding partners. Manager Koester highlighted progress on Phase 1 and Phase 2 projects, discussed permitting and funding challenges, and emphasized ongoing coordination to advance long-term flood mitigation solutions for the community.

## **M. ASSEMBLY REPORTS**

### **1. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Weldon reported on her recent trip to Washington, D.C., thanking lobbyists and City Manager Koester for coordinating meetings and preparing a compelling slideshow. She announced that she requested legislation to make the Eaglecrest board advisory rather than empowered, citing recent resignations of the Eaglecrest Director and board chair, as well as ongoing financial challenges. She emphasized this action is intended to increase city oversight and is not a reflection on current staff or board members, expressing appreciation to board members, especially Brandon Cullum, for his service during this period of transition.

### **2. Committee, Liaison Reports, Assemblymember Comments and Questions**

#### **Committee Reports:**

Mr. Smith reported on the Community of the Whole, noting that the next meeting is scheduled for two weeks from today. He reminded Assemblymembers to review upcoming agenda items, including the Douglas West Juneau Area Plan and new Assembly goals and implementing actions. He emphasized the importance of considering the extensive public process these plans have already undergone when proposing amendments.

Ms. Woll reported on the Finance Committee, noting the committee met last week and will hold its next official meeting the first Wednesday in February. She stated that preliminary discussions this week may include the audit, partner agency budgets, deferred and lost revenue, and planning a joint Assembly/Empowered Board meeting at the end of January as part of the budget process. She encouraged Assemblymembers to maintain their sense of humor during the ongoing budget discussions.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs reported on the Lands, Housing, and Economic Development Committee meeting held December 1. She noted that JEDC presented economic indicators and discussed potential impacts from large infrastructure projects, including cruise ship developments. She also highlighted a property donation from Duran Construction for parkland and reported on discussion of CBJ Christmas tree and firewood harvesting policies.

Ms. Adkison reported that the Public Works Committee has not met since the last Assembly meeting and reminded the Assembly that the Visitor Industry Task Force will hold its first official meeting later this week.

Mr. Kelly reported on the Human Resources Committee, noting several appointments brought forward.

**MOTION** by Mr. Kelly to reappoint **Douglas Salik** to the Board of Equalization for a full term beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028. ***Hearing no objection, the motion passed by unanimous consent.***

**MOTION** by Mr. Kelly to appoint **Laurel Shoop** and **Michael Beasley** to the Douglas Advisory Board for terms beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2028. ***Hearing no objection, the motion passed by unanimous consent.***

**MOTION** by Mr. Kelly to appoint **Theresa Ross, Travis Wolfe,** and **Britta Tonnessen** to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for full terms beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2028. ***Hearing no objection, the motion passed by unanimous consent.***

**Liaison Reports:**

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs reported on ongoing discussions regarding short-term rentals, potential fee structures for blighted lots, and approved designs for ADUs. She also previewed her attendance at the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference in February.

Ms. Woll reported that the PRAC will not meet in January and that the Airport Board recently met but did not finalize its budget. She noted continued work on a new fee model and anticipated scheduling a joint meeting with the Assembly to review proposals.

Mr. Brooks reported on the School Board, highlighting progress on the playground project and ongoing funding discussions. He also reported that the Juneau Commission on Sustainability discussed new member appointments and restructuring, and reminded Assemblymembers of an upcoming Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting.

Ms. Adkison reported that her liaison committees had no recent meetings due to snow events, but noted the Visitor Industry Task Force will meet Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and the Travel Juneau Annual Retreat is approaching.

Mr. Steininger reflected on community volunteer efforts during snow events and reported on the SRRRC, Eaglecrest, and ongoing leadership transitions, including the resignation of the Eaglecrest General Manager and appointment of an interim manager, Erin Lupro. He noted discussions on infrastructure maintenance and public communication at Eaglecrest.

Mr. Kelly reported on the Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority, the Juneau Commission on Aging, and the Downtown Business Association, noting recent meetings, transitional issues with a new service provider, and legislative committee activities.

Mr. Smith reported on the Planning Commission, highlighting an upcoming orientation for new members, the Juneau Commission on Housing and Homelessness, and the Title 49 Advisory Committee's discussion of flexibility measures for developers and zoning incentives. He also

reminded Assemblymembers of upcoming legislative events, including the Welcome Reception.

**3. Presiding Officer Reports - None**

**N. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None**

**O. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None**

**P. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

**1. December 15, 2025 Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes - Draft**

**2. Proclamation in Recognition of Chief Richard Etheridge**

**Q. INSTRUCTION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The public may participate in person or via Zoom webinar. Testimony time will be limited by the Mayor based on the number of participants. **Members of the public that want to provide oral testimony via remote participation must notify the Municipal Clerk prior to 4pm the day of the meeting by calling 907-586-5278 and indicating the topic(s) upon which they wish to testify.** For in-person participation at the meeting, a sign-up sheet will be made available at the back of the Chambers and advance sign-up is not required. Members of the public are encouraged to send their comments in advance of the meeting to BoroughAssembly@juneau.gov.

**R. ADJOURNMENT**

***With no further business to come before the Assembly, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.***

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Breckan L. Hendricks,  
Municipal Clerk

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beth A. Weldon,  
Mayor