



## REGULAR ASSEMBLY MEETING NO. 2026-07 MINUTES

April 6, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar

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**MEETING NO. 2026-07:** The Regular Meeting of the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mayor Weldon. The meeting was conducted as a hybrid format, allowing for both in-person attendance and virtual participation.

**A. FLAG SALUTE** - Led by Deputy Mayor Smith

**B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** - Led by Ms. Hall

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**

**Assemblymembers Present:** Mayor Beth Weldon; Deputy Mayor Smith; Assemblymembers Alicia Hughes-Skandijs (*departed at 8:39 p.m.*), Christine Woll, Paul R. Kelly, Ella Adkison, Neil Steininger, Maureen Hall, and Nathaniel (Nano) Brooks.

**Assemblymembers Absent:** *None.*

**Staff Present:** City Manager Katie Koester; City Attorney Emily Wright; Municipal Clerk Breckan Hendricks; Public Safety Manager Erann Kalwara; Chief Thomas Hatley; Port Director Uchytel; and Meeting Tech Kevin Allen.

**D. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**1. Proclamation Recognizing Public Service Recognition Week – May 3-9, 2026**

Mayor Weldon read a proclamation recognizing May 3–9, 2026, as Public Service Recognition Week and thanked public servants at all levels of government for their service to the community.

**2. Proclamation Recognizing National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week - April 12-18, 2026**

Deputy Mayor Smith read a proclamation recognizing April 12–18, 2026, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. The proclamation honored public safety dispatchers and call takers for their role in emergency response and recognized the work of the Juneau Police and Fire Communications Center staff. Public Safety Manager Kalwara thanked the Assembly for the recognition and noted that dispatch staff were unable to attend due to staffing needs and work schedules. Ms. Kalwara stated the dispatch center was currently operating at approximately 50% staffing.

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. **2026-01-07 Special Assembly Meeting No. 2026-01 Minutes - Draft**
2. **2026-03-09 Regular Assembly Meeting No. 2026-05 Minutes - Draft**
3. **2026-04-01 Special Assembly Meeting No. 2026-06 Minutes - Draft**

**MOTION** by Mr. Kelly to approve the listed minutes and asked for unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objection, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.***

**F. MANAGER'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES – None**

**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.)

Mayor Weldon noted the large number of individuals signed up to testify on non-agenda items and discussed testimony time limits with the Assembly. By unanimous consent, the Assembly allowed the standard two minutes per speaker and extended the time allotted for non-agenda public participation beyond the standard 20 minutes.

**Joshua Adams**, an incremental developer from Juneau, urged the Assembly to pause demolition of Telephone Hill until a developer and redevelopment plan are secured, citing failed redevelopment efforts in other communities where demolition occurred before enforceable development agreements were in place.

**Molly Emerson**, a Capital Avenue resident and utility-scale project developer, urged the Assembly to delay demolition of Telephone Hill until an RFQ or RFP process is completed to better understand feasible development options and associated costs before committing public funds.

**Selena Finley**, Board Chair of the Southeast Alaska Food Bank, advocated for continued CBJ support for social service programs, highlighting increased food insecurity, rising operational costs, and the positive impact prior CBJ funding has had on food bank staffing and food distribution capacity.

**Brie Kanzlarich**, a downtown resident and Board Chair of the Alaska AIDS Assistance Association (4As), requested continued funding for the organization's HIV prevention and harm reduction programs, noting reductions would significantly limit access to testing, overdose prevention resources, and outreach services.

**Danielle Alston**, Deputy Director of NAMI Juneau and a Twin Lakes resident, emphasized increasing demand for mental health services amid reductions in available behavioral health resources and requested continued funding for preventative mental health and peer support programs.

**Rachel Gearhart**, a Highlands resident and Chief Integration Officer for JAMHI Health & Wellness, highlighted anticipated reductions in state behavioral health grant funding and emphasized the importance of CBJ support in maintaining wraparound mental health and substance use services.

**Rebecca Longshore**, a Mendenhall Valley resident and Big Brothers Big Sisters Coordinator, spoke in support of continued mentoring program funding, emphasizing positive youth outcomes and noting approximately 30 youth on the organization's waiting list.

**Jake Jackson**, a Flats resident, Vice Chair of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Board, and volunteer mentor, advocated for continued CBJ support for youth mentoring programs, emphasizing mentorship as a preventative investment supporting youth success and stability.

**Mike Helms**, a Valley resident and Executive Director of Gastineau Human Services, supported continued CBJ social service funding, highlighting the Backpack Program serving food-insecure students and support for substance-use treatment services.

**Leigh Dickey**, a South Douglas resident and statewide advocacy director for Alaska Legal Services Corporation, emphasized the economic and social benefits of civil legal aid services and noted that CBJ HOPE funding supports approximately half of the attorneys serving Juneau residents.

**Tony Tengs**, a downtown resident, opposed the Telephone Hill redevelopment project, arguing the project would heavily subsidize housing development without ensuring affordability and urging the Assembly to halt demolition plans.

**Larry Talley**, a Flats resident, urged preservation of Telephone Hill, citing recommendations from the Historic Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC) supporting adaptive reuse and historic preservation of the neighborhood.

**Catherine Fritz**, a Highlands resident, urged the Assembly to pause demolition bidding for Telephone Hill until additional planning, market analysis, and financial feasibility information is completed and incorporated into a redevelopment process.

**Joan O'Keefe**, a Douglas resident and Executive Director of Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL), urged the Assembly to maintain flat funding for social services, highlighting services supporting individuals with disabilities and the leveraging effect of CBJ funding on additional grant support.

**Joyce Niven**, a Valley resident and co-chair of the Juneau Housing First Collaborative/Glory Hall Board, highlighted data demonstrating reductions in emergency service utilization associated with supportive housing and advocated for continued social service funding and extension of the warming shelter.

**Kimberly Metcalf**, a downtown resident, urged the Assembly to halt Telephone Hill demolition plans, citing historic preservation concerns, community opposition, competing municipal funding needs, and uncertainty regarding future redevelopment.

**Steve Soenksen**, a Valley resident, described challenges encountered during permitting of a workforce housing project, stating that permitting and access requirements prevented the project from moving forward and calling for reforms to CBJ housing and permitting policies.

**Susan Clark**, a Flats resident, questioned the suitability of Telephone Hill for proposed Coast Guard housing, citing site limitations, access concerns, and discrepancies regarding acreage and development assumptions presented to the Coast Guard.

**Page Bridges**, a downtown resident, advocated for preservation of Telephone Hill as an important downtown green space and historic neighborhood, emphasizing its value to community character and mental well-being.

**MaryJane Tenney**, a North Douglas resident, expressed concern regarding the financial impacts of the Telephone Hill project, encouraged preservation and reuse of existing homes, and questioned whether new housing would address short-term rental pressures.

**Holly Handler**, a Twin Lakes resident and co-director of Haa Yatx'u Saani Kin Support Program, emphasized the importance of CBJ social service funding in supporting relatives raising children outside the foster care system and noted local funding is critical for leveraging private foundation support.

**Mary Alice McKean**, a downtown resident, urged the Assembly to suspend demolition plans for Telephone Hill until redevelopment feasibility and subsidy requirements are fully understood through the RFQ process.

**Mandy Cole**, a Valley resident representing AWARE, explained that CBJ funding serves as critical matching funds for larger state and federal grants supporting shelter and crisis intervention services.

**Bruce Simonson**, a downtown resident, questioned the anticipated costs and affordability outcomes associated with the Telephone Hill redevelopment project and presented estimated project cost calculations.

**Maureen Connerton**, an Auke Bay resident, urged the Assembly to pause Telephone Hill demolition efforts until a finalized development plan and developer are secured and expressed concern regarding reliance on older market analysis and outside consultants.

*[The Assembly took an at-ease from 7:16 p.m. to 7:26 p.m.]*

## H. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Public Request for Consent Agenda Changes Other Than Ordinances for Introduction** - None
2. **Assembly Request for Consent Agenda Changes** - None
3. **Assembly Action**

**MOTION** by Deputy Mayor Smith to adopt the Consent Agenda and asked for unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objection, the Consent Agenda was adopted.***

### A) Ordinances for Introduction

- 1) **Ordinance 2026-17 An Ordinance Authorizing the Manager to Convey Less than 1 Acre of Property with the Legal Description of ASLS 78-171 LT 3A FR on Mendenhall Peninsula Road to Mark Sams for Fair Market Value.**

Applicant requests a Property Disposal Review for the purchase of less than 1 acre of City & Borough of Juneau-owned land (PAD2025 0001).

At the Regular Planning Commission [meeting on January 27, 2026](#), the Planning Commission adopted the Director's analysis and findings and recommended approval of the proposed property disposal to the Assembly, with an additional finding to address drainage. The Director's findings conclude that the proposed land disposal is in general conformity with the 2013 Comprehensive Plan and the 2016 CBJ Land Management Plan, and that the proposal received a motion of support from the Assembly Lands, Housing, and Economic Development (LHED) Committee meeting on [September 29, 2025](#), to proceed to the full Assembly for review.

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

- 2) **Ordinance 2026-16 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 20.40, Commercial Passenger Vehicles, to Add an Allowable Fee Related to the Glacier Visitor Center.**

This ordinance updates the Commercial Passenger Vehicle (CPV) code to allow taxicabs operating under a U.S. Forest Service special use permit at the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area to add the official daily use fee to their passenger rates, which is paid directly to USFS by taxi operators. Because current CPV regulations do not account for these USFS permit fees, this amendment aligns CBJ code with USFS requirements.

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

- 3) Ordinance 2025-01(b)(AG) An Ordinance Appropriating up to \$558,000 to the Manager for the National Resources Conservation Service View Drive Buyout Program Planning; Funding Provided by General Funds or Restricted Budget Reserves.**

During the [March 9, 2026 Regular Assembly Meeting](#), the Assembly directed staff to enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to participate in the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program, which would buyout private properties on View Drive, located in the Mendenhall Valley. Due to View Drive's unique location along the Mendenhall River, flood preventative measures, such as HESCO barriers and bank stabilization, would not be effective in protecting private properties from damage caused by glacial lake outburst floods. This appropriation would provide funding to determine cost estimates for the buyout of private properties on View Drive.

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

- 4) Ordinance 2025-01(b)(AJ) An Ordinance Appropriating \$80,000 to the Manager for the Ramp Improvements & Remain Overnight Aircraft Parking Apron Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by Airport Capital Reserve Funds.**

This ordinance appropriates \$80,000 from Airport Capital Reserve to the Ramp Improvements & Remain Overnight Aircraft Parking Apron CIP. The funding will provide for grant ineligible expenses and support final project close-out. This project is expected to be completed later this year.

The Airport Board of Directors approved this request at the [March 12, 2026 meeting](#).

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

- 5) Ordinance 2025-01(b)(AI) An Ordinance Appropriating up to \$270,000 to the Manager for a Grant to Southeast Childhood Collective for Juneau Summer Childcare Programs; Funding Provided by General Funds.**

This ordinance would appropriate up to \$270,000 of general funds for a grant to Southeast Childhood Collective for summer childcare programs in Juneau. This one-time appropriation is intended to establish a targeted grant program to stabilize the three existing school-age care sites (Auke Bay Elementary School, Harborview Elementary School, Sít' Eetí Shaanáx (Glacier Valley) Elementary School) and support the startup of up to two additional sites. Stabilization funds would cover personnel and program development, updated classroom

materials, and scholarships for low-income families while programs are awaiting licensing so they can accept childcare assistance.

**The City Manager recommends this ordinance be introduced and referred to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.**

**B) Resolutions**

**1) Resolution 4042 A Resolution in Support of the City and Borough of Juneau’s Application to Acquire Tidelands from the State of Alaska for Expansion of the North Douglas Launch Ramp Facility.**

This resolution is required by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR) in the application process to acquire “unoccupied tideland” in Fritz Cove necessary for a North Douglas Launch Ramp expansion. It does not bind the City and Borough, nor does it assume a selected design has been determined. It allows for Docks & Harbors to continue planning, outreach, permitting and design improvements at the North Douglas Launch Ramp facility while ADNR evaluates the suitability of a state tideland conveyance.

The Docks and Harbors Board of Directors approved this resolution at the February 26, 2026 meeting and recommends the Assembly adopt.

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

**C) Liquor/Marijuana Licenses**

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

**Liquor License Renewals**

**Licensee: Alaskan Brewing, LLC d/b/a Alaskan Brewing Co.**

License Type: Brewery Manufacturer, License: #2534, Location: 5429 Shaune Dr.

License Type: Brewery Retail, License: #15023, Location: 5429 Shaune Dr.

**Licensee: Alaskan Brewing, LLC d/b/a Alaskan Distilling Co.**

License Type: Distillery Manufacturer, License: #5901, Location: 5366 Commercial Blvd.

License Type: Distillery Retail, License: #15076, Location: 5366 Commercial Blvd.

**Licensee: Alaskan Brewing, LLC d/b/a Alaskan Distilling Co.**

License Type: Distillery Manufacturer, License: #5905, Location: 5433 Shaune Dr.

License Type: Distillery Retail, License: #15072, Location: 5433 Shaune Dr.

**Licensee: GFA Corporation d/b/a Co-Ho Imports AK**

License Type: General Wholesale, License: #5924, Location: 2092 Jordan Ave. Suite 550

**Marijuana License — Renewals**

**Licensee: Top Hat, Inc. d/b/a Top Hat**

License Type: Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility, License: #10270, Location: 2315 Industrial Blvd. Suite A

**Licensee: Top Hat Concentrates, Inc. d/b/a Top Hat Concentrates**

License Type: Marijuana Concentrate Manufacturing Facility, License: #10271,

Location: 2315 Industrial Blvd. Suite B

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) Bid Awards**

**1) Bid Award - Dock Structural Inspection (RFP DH26-045)**

Requests for Proposals for subject project were received on March 12, 2026. A four-person evaluation committee reviewed two proposals. A posting notice was executed on March 19, 2026, indicating the selection of the [preferred proposal was PND Engineers, Inc.](#). The bid protest period expired at 4:30 p.m. on March 20.

This contract provides professional engineering services to evaluate the condition of the Alaska Steamship timber dock facilities to include: the remaining useful life of the timber structure; whether there are safety risks; and short term maintenance needs.

The Docks and Harbors Board of Directors reviewed and recommended contract award at the regular Board meeting on [March 26, 2026](#).

**The City Manager recommends the Assembly approve DH26-045 (Docks Structural Inspection) award to PND Engineers for \$194,012. Funding is provided by FY26 Marine Passenger Fees.**

**2) Bid Award - BE26-185 North Franklin Reconstruction (2nd to 6th Street)**

This Project consists of reconstruction of North Franklin Street from Second Street to Sixth Street. Work will include replacement of the ductile iron water main and services with high density polyethylene, select sanitary sewer improvements, and replacement of the corrugated metal pipe storm drain system with polyvinyl chloride and corrugate polyethylene. Work will also include reconstruction of the road section with new asphalt pavement, replacement of concrete sidewalks, and new curb and gutter. A raised concrete intersection will be constructed at Fifth Street. The stairways at Fifth Street and Sixth Street will be reconstructed, and minor upgrades and repairs will be made to the lighting system.

**The City Manager recommends award of the North Franklin Reconstruction 2nd to 6th Street project (BE26-185) to Coogan Construction Co., the lowest responsive bidder, for a total contract amount of \$2,524,816.00.**

**E) Transfers**

- 1) Transfer Request 2612 A Transfer of \$1,000,000 from CIP H51-132 Statter Harbor Wave Attenuator to CIP H51-138 North Douglas Launch Ramp Expansion.**

This request would transfer \$1,000,000 of general funds from the Statter Harbor Wave Attenuator CIP to the North Douglas Launch Ramp Expansion CIP. These funds would contribute toward the planning and design work for the North Douglas boat ramp expansion project which aims to improve safety and expand boating access. The Statter Harbor Wave Attenuator CIP will retain sufficient funds for remaining project work.

The Docks and Harbors Board of Directors approved this request at the [March 26, 2026 meeting](#).

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

- 2) Transfer Request 2613 A Transfer of \$144,098 from CIP S02-104 School Roof Replacements to CIP S02-107 Juneau School District Deferred Maintenance and Improvements.**

This request would transfer \$144,098 of general funds from the School Roof Replacements CIP to the Juneau School District Deferred Maintenance and Improvements CIP. Project work on the School Roof Replacements CIP is complete and the project is ready to be closed. Redirecting the remaining balance will help support ongoing School District deferred maintenance needs, which remain a priority and continue to require additional funding.

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

- 3) Transfer Request 2614 A Transfer of \$18,908 from CIP B55-080 Crisis Stabilization to CIP B55-086 Bartlett Regional Hospital Deferred Maintenance.**

This request would transfer \$18,908 of hospital funds from the Crisis Stabilization CIP to the Bartlett Regional Hospital Deferred Maintenance CIP. Project work on the Crisis Stabilization CIP is complete and the project is ready to be closed. Redirecting the remaining balance will help support ongoing Hospital deferred maintenance needs.

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

- 4) Transfer Request 2615 A Transfer of \$18,418 from CIP P44-086 Augustus Brown Pool Short Term Repairs to CIP P44-091 Parks and Recreation Deferred Building Maintenance.**

This request would transfer \$18,418 of general funds from the Augustus Brown Pool Short Term Repairs CIP to the Parks and Recreation Deferred Building

Maintenance CIP. Project work on the August Brown Pool Short Term Repairs CIP is complete and the project is ready to be closed. Redirecting the remaining balance will help support ongoing CBJ deferred maintenance needs, which remain a priority and continue to require additional funding.

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

## I. PUBLIC HEARING

### 1. Ordinance 2025-01(b)(AF) An Ordinance Appropriating \$208,487 to the Manager to Extend Emergency Sheltering Services at 1325 Eastaugh Way from April 15 to June 30, 2026; Funding Provided by General Funds.

Staff and social service providers have been working over the winter to identify a location and an operator to provide emergency sheltering services as an alternative to dispersed camping. CBJ as a community currently provides a significant number of housing options for its unsheltered population; however, the existing number of units is both insufficient for the number of individuals without housing, and a small proportion of the unhoused population is not yet able to be successful in non-congregate housing for varied reasons.

Dispersed camping is a solution of last resort - in past years, CBJ and its partners have not been able to identify a suitable location - either a suitable campground or facility - or an operator with capacity to provide emergency sheltering services. CBJ staff and partner agencies have identified a single option to provide emergency sheltering year-round rather than only during the winter months: extending operations at the 1325 Eastaugh Way and continuing to work with our existing provider in that space, St. Vincent de Paul. If this ordinance is adopted, staff will take that as direction to enforce existing camping code, preventing widespread dispersed camping given a suitable alternative will exist.

This ordinance was introduced at the [March 9, 2026, Regular Assembly meeting](#) and referred to the Assembly Committee of the Whole (COW). The COW reviewed the ordinance at its [March 16, 2026 meeting](#) and has returned it to the full Assembly for public hearing.

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

#### Public Comment:

**Scott Jenkins**, a North Douglas resident, urged the Assembly to end dispersed camping policies and reinstate consistent enforcement of camping regulations, arguing that the current approach contributes to instability, safety concerns, and harm for both vulnerable individuals and the broader community.

**Mollie Carr**, a Douglas resident representing St. Vincent de Paul, testified in support of year-round operation of the warming shelter, emphasizing its role in stabilizing individuals experiencing homelessness and reducing reliance on emergency services and crisis systems.

**Aaron Surma**, a North Douglas resident and NAMI Juneau employee, supported the ordinance and noted that while the warming shelter is not a solution for everyone, continued consideration is needed for safe, managed spaces for those who choose or need to camp.

**Dave Ringle**, an Airport neighborhood resident and Coalition on Housing and Homelessness co-chair, supported the warming shelter and reflected on lessons learned from dispersed camping, emphasizing the importance of structured shelter and coordinated services as part of a continuum of care.

**Logan Henkins**, a Valley resident, supported the warming shelter expansion and SSAB funding, sharing personal experience with homelessness and recovery services and emphasizing the importance of stable shelter and social service funding in supporting long-term recovery.

**Jim Erickson**, a Teal Street property owner and employer, supported the ordinance while expressing serious concerns about public safety impacts from nearby encampments, including property damage, theft, and risks to employees.

**Christine Millay**, a Valley resident, supported the ordinance and expressed concern about public safety and conditions experienced near Teal Street, urging continued enforcement and requesting assurances that encampments would not return if individuals decline shelter.

**Dawn Wolfe**, a Juneau resident and business owner near the shelter area, reluctantly supported the ordinance while requesting increased police presence and ongoing monitoring to address safety concerns and impacts on nearby businesses.

**Robert Janes**, a Juneau resident and business owner, supported the ordinance while emphasizing the need for consistent enforcement and patrol presence to ensure neighborhood safety and protect employees and property in the affected area.

**Assembly Action:**

**MOTION** by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs to adopt Ordinance 2025-01(b)(AF) An Ordinance Appropriating \$208,487 to the Manager to Extend Emergency Sheltering Services at 1325 Eastaugh Way from April 15 to June 30, 2026; Funding Provided by General Fund asked for unanimous consent.

Ms. Hall and Mr. Steininger each disclosed their respective affiliations with St. Vincent de Paul and stated, after consultation with the City Attorney, that they did not believe a personal or financial conflict of interest existed requiring recusal.

**OBJECTION** by Ms. Woll for the purpose of a question and requested clarification from the City Manager regarding how enforcement of dispersed camping regulations would be implemented

in conjunction with the availability of a year-round warming shelter and how individuals who do not utilize the shelter would be addressed. Manager Koester explained that enforcement would be complaint-driven and based on public health impact, with increased enforcement in high-impact areas, while still allowing limited dispersed camping consistent with code and outreach practices.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs, the City Manager, and the City Attorney discussed whether the City would direct individuals to specific camping locations. The City Manager and City Attorney clarified that the City would direct individuals to the emergency shelter rather than designated camping areas, and that enforcement practices would continue to follow existing code with updated internal guidance.

**OBJECTION** by Mr. Brooks for the purpose of a question and requested clarification on how the ordinance would affect individuals living in vehicles for extended periods. The City Attorney stated that existing code already governs vehicle camping and enforcement would continue under those provisions.

**OBJECTION** by Mr. Kelly for the purpose of a comment, noting that while the ordinance was not a permanent solution, it reflected the City's current coordinated approach made possible through partnership with St. Vincent de Paul and ongoing work by nonprofit and agency partners, and emphasizing that additional long-term solutions remained under development.

Deputy Mayor Smith, Ms. Woll, Ms. Hughes-Skandijs, and Ms. Hall each briefly objected for the purpose of comment, expressing support for continued monitoring of enforcement impacts, neighborhood concerns, and the need for ongoing evaluation of shelter capacity and dispersed camping practices.

***Hearing no further objections, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.***

**2. Ordinance 2026-15 An Ordinance Authorizing the Manager to Dispose of 155 Heritage Way (City Hall).**

This ordinance authorizes the Manager to sell the City Hall property at 155 Heritage Way, following the City's decision to consolidate CBJ downtown office space at 801 W. 10th Street (known as the 'Burns building'). Proceeds will help replenish the general fund for the cost of purchase and renovation of two floors of the building.

This ordinance was introduced at the [March 9, 2026, Regular Assembly meeting](#) and referred to the Assembly Committee of the Whole (COW). The COW reviewed the ordinance at its [March 16, 2026 meeting](#) and has returned it to the full Assembly for public hearing before it is referred back to the COW.

**The City Manager recommends the Assembly take public testimony and refer this ordinance back to the Committee of the Whole.**

[The Assembly took an at-ease from 8:13 p.m. to 8:22 p.m.]

**Public Comment:**

**Josh Anderson**, a North Douglas resident, urged the Assembly to consider the tax implications of any potential sale, expressing concern that purchase by a non-taxable entity could remove additional property from the tax rolls.

**Assembly Action:**

**MOTION** by Ms. Woll to refer Ordinance 2026-15 to the Committee of the Whole and asked for unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.***

**3. Ordinance 2026-11 An Ordinance Amending CBJC 42.30.010, Resisting or Interfering with an Officer, to Include Interferences with Fire Department Services.**

This ordinance adds fire department personnel to existing code that prohibits interfering with public safety personnel when they are discharging their official duties. It specifically prohibits interference or tampering with apparatus, hydrants, equipment, or objects being used by department staff, during the extinguishment of fires, or while staff are responding to an accident or medical emergency. This legislation does not restrict or limit an individual's constitutional rights to record, observe, and/or protest civic action.

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

**Public Comment:**

None

**Assembly Action:**

Mr. Brooks requested clarification from Chief Hatley regarding incidents of hydrant and fire department connection (FDC) vandalism. The Chief indicated that issues are more commonly associated with FDCs than hydrants, particularly in downtown areas, and that damage or manipulation can interfere with emergency response.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs requested broader context on the ordinance, and Chief Hatley explained that it supports firefighter and responder safety during high-stress emergency calls, including protecting personnel and equipment from interference by the public. Mayor Weldon also provided examples of scene safety concerns, including individuals interfering with emergency operations due to confusion about responder roles.

Ms. Hall and Ms. Hughes-Skandijs discussed broader concerns regarding workplace violence trends affecting emergency and healthcare personnel and the consistency of protections across public safety professions.

Mr. Brooks requested additional data on call volume and incident types. Chief Hatley stated the department responds to approximately 5,000 fire-related calls and over 2,000 CARES/community health calls annually, with the majority involving public interaction and some risk of confrontation during emergency response.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs inquired about how similar ordinances are used in other jurisdictions. Chief Hatley responded that comparable protections for emergency personnel are common nationally and considered standard practice.

Ms. Adkison asked about application of the ordinance to accidental damage scenarios (e.g., snow removal). The City Attorney clarified that enforcement would rely on the existing “knowingly” or “recklessly” standards in the municipal code, which would not typically apply to accidental conduct.

**MOTION** by Mr. Brooks to adopt Ordinance 2026-11 An Ordinance Amending CBJC 42.30.010, Resisting or Interfering with an Officer, to Include Interferences with Fire Department Services and asked for unanimous consent.

**OBJECTION** by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs for the purpose of an amendment, stating that while she supported firefighter safety, she wanted additional review regarding how similar ordinances are used within Alaska and nationally, and expressed a desire for further committee discussion before expanding criminal code provisions.

**AMENDMENT #1** by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs to refer the ordinance to HRC for further review. The motion to refer was adopted by roll call vote. The ordinance was referred to HRC for further consideration before returning to the Assembly.

**OBJECTION** by Mayor Weldon, stating that the ordinance reflected a common national standard and that she did not believe additional committee review was necessary

**Roll Call Vote on Amendment #1**

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

Nays: Hall, Brooks, Weldon

**Motion Passed: 6 Yeas, 3 Nays.**

***Hearing no further objection, the main motion as amended was adopted by unanimous consent.***

- 4. Ordinance 2026-14 An Ordinance Amending Title 85 Code Relating to the Board, Definitions, Harbor Administration, and Boat Harbor Regulations.**

These Title 85 changes are largely administrative and align code with updated Assembly decisions, definitions, and ongoing procedures.

- Regarding the Docks & Harbors Board General Powers, it removes Board responsibility for determining pay for harbor employees.
- Regarding Port Dues, it deletes this fee, which has been replaced with passenger fees and is obsolete.
- Regarding Employee Relations, it removes the responsibility for the Board to approve collective bargaining agreements.
- Regarding definitions, it clarifies words and terms.
- Regarding vehicle parking, it expands Statter Harbor to include Auke Bay Marine Station and the Auke Bay Commercial Loading Facility. As well as replacing “parking payment boxes” with “parking payment kiosks.”
- Regarding disposition of impounded boat, it allows for the minimum acceptable bid to be greater than the CBJ charges against the vessel and allows for vessels which pose a health hazard to be summarily destroyed without sale.
- Regarding overtime moorage penalties, it corrects the proper terminology for a vessel secured to a float.

The Docks & Harbors Board of Directors reviewed and forwarded this ordinance at its [February 26, 2026 meeting](#).

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

*[Ms. Hughes-Skandijs departed at 8:39p.m.]*

**Public Comment:**

None

**Assembly Action:**

**MOTION** by Ms. Adkison adopt Ordinance 2026-14 An Ordinance Amending Title 85 Code Relating to the Board, Definitions, Harbor Administration, and Boat Harbor Regulations.

***Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.***

**5. Ordinance 2025-02(b)(A) An Ordinance Transferring \$1,050,000 of Unspent RALLY Funds from the Juneau School District to the City and Borough of Juneau; Funding Provided by the RALLY Special Revenue Fund.**

This ordinance would transfer a total of \$1,050,000 from the Juneau School District to the City and Borough of Juneau. These funds were previously appropriated to the School District as restricted funds for after school child care. The RALLY Afterschool Child Care Program ceased operations in summer 2025. This ordinance returns the program’s remaining unspent balance to the CBJ

General Fund.

The Juneau School District Board of Education approved this request at the February 10, 2026 meeting.

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

*[The Assembly took a brief 1 minute at-ease at 8:40 p.m.]*

**Public Comment:**

**Susan Clark**, a Flats resident, expressed concern that funds originally intended for childcare purposes would instead be deposited into the general fund without a dedicated childcare designation. She urged the Assembly to consider directing a portion of the funds toward childcare, human services, or related community needs, including support for the Southeast Childhood Collective. In response, Ms. Hall noted that the Assembly had introduced an appropriation for up to \$270,000 for a Southeast Childhood Collective grant supporting Juneau summer childcare programs and stated that childcare funding remained a priority for the Assembly.

**Assembly Action:**

**MOTION** by Mr. Steininger to adopt Ordinance 2025-02(b)(A) An Ordinance Transferring \$1,050,000 of Unspent RALLY Funds from the Juneau School District to the City and Borough of Juneau; Funding Provided by the RALLY Special Revenue Fund and asked for unanimous consent.

**OBJECTION** by Ms. Woll for the purpose of a question and requested clarification regarding whether the ordinance was procedurally necessary in order to return the funds to the General Fund before any future reappropriation could occur. Manager Koester confirmed that the funds were required to return to their original funding source, the General Fund, prior to any future allocation decisions.

Ms. Woll removed her objection.

***Hearing no further objections, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.***

6. **Ordinance 2025-01(b)(AC) An Ordinance Appropriating \$14,240 to the Manager for the Ramp Improvements & Remain Overnight Aircraft Parking Apron Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by Airport Capital Reserve Funds.**

This ordinance appropriates \$14,240 from Airport Capital Reserve to the Ramp Improvements & Remain Overnight Aircraft Parking Apron CIP. The funding will remove failed motion sensors on recently installed apron light poles. The lights will be converted to operate without motion sensors while leaving the existing mounting hardware and internal wiring in place.

The Airport Board of Directors approved this request at the [February 12, 2026 meeting](#).

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

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Assembly Action:**

**MOTION** by Ms. Hall to adopt Ordinance 2025-01(b)(AC) An Ordinance Appropriating \$14,240 to the Manager for the Ramp Improvements & Remain Overnight Aircraft Parking Apron Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by Airport Capital Reserve Funds and asked for unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.***

**7. Ordinance 2025-01(b)(AD) An Ordinance Appropriating \$898,000 to the Manager for the Purchase of Eight Paratransit Buses; Funding Provided by the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration.**

This ordinance appropriates \$898,000 of grant funds for the purchase of eight ADA paratransit buses. These funds would contribute toward the replacement of ageing Capital Transit buses which provide ADA paratransit services to qualified riders. The local match requirement will be met with previously appropriated funds in Transit's Fleet and Equipment Reserve account.

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

**Public Comment:**

None

**Assembly Action:**

**MOTION** by Mr. Kelly to adopt Ordinance 2025-01(b)(AD) An Ordinance Appropriating \$898,000 to the Manager for the Purchase of Eight Paratransit Buses; Funding Provided by the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Transit Administration and asked for unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.***

**8. Ordinance 2025-01(b)(AE) An Ordinance Appropriating \$654,819 to the Manager and Deappropriating \$1,444,278 from the Manager for the Terminal Construction Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by Airport Funds.**

This ordinance appropriates \$654,819 of Airport Funds to the Terminal Construction CIP and deappropriates \$1,444,278 from various funding sources within the Terminal Construction CIP. The deappropriation returns funds to their respective funding sources and ensures that all project expenditures are properly allocated and accounted for in compliance with applicable budgeting and financial management requirements.

Project work is complete, and the project is ready for closeout.

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

**Public Comment:**

None

**Assembly Action:**

**MOTION** by Deputy Mayor Smith to adopt Ordinance 2025-01(b)(AE) An Ordinance Appropriating \$654,819 to the Manager and Deappropriating \$1,444,278 from the Manager for the Terminal Construction Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by Airport Funds and asked for unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.***

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

**K. NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Wright explained that Assembly action on regulations is limited to approval or disapproval under CBJ Code. She noted that regulations may not be amended directly by the Assembly, and that disapproval would instead direct the City Attorney to return with a new ordinance or resolution for further Assembly consideration and amendment.

**1. Regulation Amendments - JNU Airport Title 07 Rates & Fees Updates FY2027**

In response to a projected budget deficit for FY27 and beyond, the Airport has adjusted its rates and fees to help offset the shortfall. Rates and fees are established through the Airport's financial model.

Rate increases are proposed in Airlines Security Screening Fees, Terminal Leases, Fuel Flowage Fees, and Landing Fees. The anticipated increase to annual revenues for FY27 is \$1,262,100. A detailed description of the rates and fees regulation changes is provided in the fiscal note and accompanying draft regulation.

The Airport received no public comments during the comment period from February 12, 2026 through March 6, 2026. At the [March 12, 2026 Airport Board meeting](#), the

Airport Board approved the proposed Rates and Fees Regulation, as presented to the Assembly. The Airline Fee for Airport Security Screening, large air carrier fuel flowage fees, non-signatory fuel flowage fees, large air carrier landing fees and non-signatory landing fees are scheduled to increase May 1, 2026, with the remainder of the Airport Rates and Fees Regulation changes scheduled to take effect July 1, 2026.

**The City Manager recommends the Assembly approve this change to regulation.**

Mayor Weldon acknowledged former Airport Board member Jodi Garza for previously identifying incorrect fuel flowage fees and expressed appreciation for her efforts in bringing the issue forward.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Assembly Action:**

**MOTION** by Ms. Woll to approve the Juneau Airport Title 07 Rates and Fees Regulation Amendments and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.*

**2. Regulation Amendments - Docks and Harbors Title 05 Omnibus Updates 2026**

These Title 05 omnibus changes are recommended to provide greater clarity to patrons, update definitions, and align current procedures.

The Docks & Harbors Board of Directors reviewed and forwarded these changes at its [February 26, 2026 meeting](#). After a requisite 21-day public notice with outreach at the CBJ Libraries, Facebook, posting at harbor offices and harbor bulletin boards, a public hearing was held on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Changes made by the Board following the public hearing are incorporated into the presented Regulation Amendment.

**The City Manager recommends the Assembly approve this change to regulation.**

**Public Comment:**

None

**Assembly Action:**

**MOTION** by Mr. Brooks to approve the Docks and Harbors Title 05, Omnibus Update 2026 and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.*

**3. Airport Board Request - ARFF (Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting) Truck Lease Funding**

On March 12, 2026, the Airport Board approved the following motion to be sent to the Assembly for consideration.

"Motion to request from the Assembly the \$162,000.00 from the reimbursement of the sales tax back to the Airport for the purposes of this lease [ARFF] for up to 6 months."

Manager Koester explained that the Assembly received a request from the Juneau Airport Board regarding reimbursement of approximately \$162,000 in sales tax revenues to support leasing of an Airport Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) truck. Manager Koester noted that requests of this nature would typically be communicated to the Assembly through a memo or email rather than placement on the agenda as a formal item.

Ms. Woll, serving as Assembly liaison to the Airport Board, provided context that the request arose after the airport determined previously appropriated sales tax funds for the terminal project were no longer needed and were being deappropriated. She stated the Airport Board wished to explore whether a portion of those funds could be redirected to support the ARFF truck lease.

Ms. Adkison stated she did not believe the matter was ready for Assembly action and expressed concern that the request had not yet been fully reviewed through the normal administrative process or accompanied by sufficient background information from staff.

**MOTION** by Ms. Woll to direct staff to draft an appropriating ordinance for consideration at a future Assembly Finance Committee meeting regarding reimbursement of sales tax revenues for the ARFF truck lease.

**OBJECTION** by Ms. Adkison, who stated that the request did not need to be advanced that evening and expressed concern regarding Finance Committee workload.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yeas:** Woll, Kelly, Hall, Brooks, Smith, Weldon

**Nays:** Adkison, Steininger

**Motion Passed: 6 Yeas, 2 Nays.**

**L. STAFF REPORTS** - None

**M. ASSEMBLY REPORTS**

**1. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Weldon wished everyone a happy Easter and briefly referenced the upcoming Assembly Finance retreat planned for Saturday.

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

**Committee Reports:**

Deputy Mayor Smith reported that the Committee of the Whole discussed a potential downtown parking taxation concept and the disposition of the existing City Hall property.

Ms. Woll reported that the next Assembly Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and reminded members that meeting materials would be distributed in advance for review.

Ms. Adkison reported that the Public Works & Facilities Committee reviewed the six-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP), the Salmon Creek water outage, and microtransit services at its previous meeting. She also noted that the next meeting had been canceled.

Mr. Kelly reported that the Human Resources Committee discussed a proposed amendment to Assembly procedures regarding the default rules for public testimony at committee meetings and referred the matter to the Committee of the Whole for further consideration. He also noted that interviews for the Airport, Docks & Harbors, and Eaglecrest Boards were being scheduled for June 10–11, 2026.

Mr. Steininger reported that the Visitor Industry Task Force (VITF) held two recent meetings focused on flightseeing operations and associated noise concerns. The task force received briefings from the FAA, U.S. Forest Service, airport staff, and other stakeholders regarding existing regulations and local authority.

Deputy Mayor Smith reported that the Title 49 Advisory Committee would meet later that week to review proposed changes to the table of permissible uses.

Mr. Steininger reported that the Joint Assembly Juneau School District Facilities Committee discussed maintenance funding, reviewed information related to the school district's prior bond package request, and anticipated further updates and possible action at a meeting later in the month.

**Liaison Reports:**

Ms. Woll reported that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) had not met since the last Assembly meeting and was scheduled to meet the following day. She also noted that the Airport Board recently met and discussed the ARFF truck lease funding request previously addressed under new business.

Mr. Brooks reported that the Juneau Board of Education was finalizing agreements with support staff and educator bargaining units. He also noted that the Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS) anticipated an upcoming work session and that the Local Emergency Planning Committee had not recently met.

Ms. Adkison reported that the Travel Juneau Board discussed potential impacts of a 30% budget reduction.

Mr. Steininger reported that the Eaglecrest Board discussed recent Assembly financial direction and noted that preliminary March figures indicated one of the most profitable March seasons on record due to strong snowfall conditions.

Ms. Hall reported that the Juneau Economic Development Council (JEDC) received updates on the Summer Trades Program and Rural Health Transformation Fund program. She also noted that recent Docks & Harbors discussions had largely been covered during the Assembly agenda.

Mr. Kelly reported that the Juneau Commission on Aging (JCOA) received a housing presentation from former Assemblymember Hale and noted upcoming meetings for Southeast Alaska Solid Waste Authority (SEASWA) and the Downtown Business Association.

Deputy Mayor Smith reported that the Planning Commission recently approved one variance request and denied another consistent with staff recommendations after reviewing applicable variance criteria.

**Assemblymember Comments and Questions:**

**MOTION** by Mr. Brooks to add an agenda item to the next Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss actions that could affect Telephone Hill development or its timeline.

**OBJECTION** by Ms. Adkison, stating that while the proposal was legally distinct from prior actions, the Assembly had already considered similar issues multiple times without new information to warrant revisiting the matter, and noting concern about use of Committee of the Whole time given existing workload.

**OBJECTION** by Ms. Woll, stating that she would support additional discussion only if there were indication of changed votes or new direction, and noting that prior votes had been consistent on the matter.

**OBJECTION** by Ms. Hall for the purpose of a question, noting increased public feedback and inquiring whether the bid process could be modified to consider alternatives such as partial demolition. Attorney Wright responded that Mr. Brooks' motion would allow the Assembly to halt the current solicitation process and subsequently determine what changes, if any, should be made before issuing a revised solicitation.

**OBJECTION** by Mayor Weldon for the purpose of a question, seeking clarification on Committee of the Whole scheduling, which was confirmed as April 13. Following discussion, members clarified that the motion would allow consideration of whether to pause or modify the current RFP process pending receipt of RFQ responses and further evaluation of development options.

**Roll Call Vote**

Yeas: Brooks, Hall, Steininger, Kelly, Smith, Weldon

Nays: Adkison, Woll

**Motion passed: 6 Yeas, 2 Nays**

**3. Presiding Officer Reports - None.**

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

**O. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**1. Executive Session - Update on Collective Bargaining (IAFF)**

The City Manager recommends the Assembly recess into executive session to discuss an update to collective bargaining negotiations, the immediate knowledge of which would adversely affect the finances of the municipality.

***Suggested Motion:*** *I move that the Assembly enter into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining negotiations, the immediate knowledge of which would adversely affect the finances of the municipality and ask for unanimous consent.*

**MOTION** by Deputy Mayor Smith that the Assembly enter into Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining negotiations, the immediate knowledge of which would adversely affect the finances of the municipality, and asked for unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objection, the Assembly entered Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. and adjourned at 9:45 p.m.***

**P. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

**Q. INSTRUCTION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**R. ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business, open session adjourned at 9:20 p.m. The Executive Session adjourned at 9:45 p.m.*

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

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