



SPECIAL ASSEMBLY MEETING 2026-13 AGENDA - UPDATED 6/15/2026

June 18, 2026 at 12:00 PM

Zoom Webinar Only

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 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

D. MANAGER'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

E. CONSENT AGENDA

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

2. Assembly Request for Consent Agenda Changes

3. Assembly Action

A) Resolutions

1) Resolution 4050 A Resolution of the City and Borough of Juneau Declaring a Local Emergency in Response to the 2026 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. Most recently, Resolution 4033 extended the local emergency through July 11, 2026. Resolution 4050 declares a local emergency for the anticipated 2026 glacier outburst flood (GLOF) and requests continued state assistance to support flood preparedness, response, and mitigation efforts and extends the local emergency declaration for 180 days following its adoption.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this Resolution.

2) Resolution 4051 An Emergency Appropriation Resolution Appropriating \$3,500,000 to the Manager for School Roof Repairs Required Due to the 2026 Winter Storm Disaster; Funding Provided by Risk Management Funds.

Engineering and design work has been completed on one of the two schools which had roof damage as a result of the 2026 Winter Storm disaster. Work is nearing completion on the second. Preliminary estimates indicate total project costs may be as high as \$3.5M. The majority of these costs will be reimbursed by property insurance. Due to the work spanning two fiscal years and the magnitude of the repair, additional risk fund appropriation authority may be needed, which this resolution provides. This is presented to the Assembly as an emergency appropriation so that the most disruptive work can be completed before school starts in the fall.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this Resolution.

3) Resolution 4052 A Resolution Supporting the Homeporting of Two Major United States Coast Guard Cutters, Including the CGC STORIS, in Juneau, and Affirming the Community's Commitment to Supporting Coast Guard Personnel and Their Dependents.

This non-binding resolution communicates the City & Borough of Juneau unwavering support of the US Coast Guard and advocating for an additional major cutter to be homeported alongside the CGC STORIS. This resolution reaffirms Juneau's commitment to collaborate with federal agencies, the local Navy League, and regional partners to ensure exceptional housing, schooling, and community support for incoming service members and their families.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this Resolution.

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

G. STAFF REPORTS

1. Update on Citizens Initiatives

The Clerk's review of the [1% Seasonal Sales Tax initiative petition](#) signatures is nearing completion. If the petition is determined sufficient prior to this meeting, the Certificate of Petition will be uploaded to the agenda packet under Supplemental Materials.

CBJ Charter § 7.10(a) states, in part: "When an initiative or referendum petition has been determined sufficient, the clerk immediately shall submit it to the Assembly. If the assembly fails to adopt a proposed initiative measure without any change in substance within forty-five days after the date the petition was determined sufficient, it shall submit the proposed initiative or referred measure to the electorate of the municipality."

H. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

I. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

1. Final Certification of 1% Seasonal Sales Tax

J. INSTRUCTION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION The public may participate 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 11am the day of the meeting by calling 907-586-5278 and indicating the topic(s) upon which they wish to testify.** Members of the public are encouraged to send their comments in advance of the meeting to BoroughAssembly@juneau.gov.

K. ADJOURNMENT

ADA accommodations available upon request: contact the Clerk's Office (907)586-5278 or city.clerk@juneau.gov at least 36 hours prior to a meeting, to request ADA arrangements.

Presented by: The Manager
Introduction: 06/18/2026
Drafted by: Law Department

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA
Serial No. 4050

**A Resolution of the City and Borough of Juneau Declaring a Local
Emergency in Response to the 2026 Glacier Outburst Flood and a
Request for State Assistance.**

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau (the “City and Borough”) is a political subdivision of the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, a side basin (Suicide Basin or K’óox Kaadí Basin) of the Mendenhall Glacier above Juneau, Alaska, has released outburst floods (also known as jökulhlaups) since 2011, with record flood events in August 2023, 2024, and 2025; causing repeated damage to public and private infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the August 2023, 2024, and 2025 glacier outburst floods were unprecedented in nature; and

WHEREAS, the August 2023 glacier outburst flood resulted in severe riverbank erosion compromising residences, and structural damage and collapse of homes; and

WHEREAS, the August 2024 glacier outburst flood resulted in flooding of homes, including homes outside anticipated flood areas; flooding of vehicles; countless hazardous material spills causing portions of the Mendenhall River and floodwaters to smell like petroleum; 43 people sought refuge in an emergency shelter and countless others evacuated to other locations; and public utilities and infrastructure were severely damaged; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Alaska issued a state disaster declaration on August 12, 2024, and the State of Alaska received a federal disaster declaration for the designated areas of the City and Borough of Juneau on October 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough has operated under an ongoing emergency since August 2024 as flood events of this scale have caused riverbank collapse, major flooding, residential evacuations, property losses, damage to public utilities and infrastructure, and hazardous material releases; and

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WHEREAS, both the City and Borough of Juneau and the Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska (CCTHITA) issued disaster declarations on August 8, 2025, to allow for timely protective actions, including the deployment of state resources and pre-positioning of equipment, emergency permitting, public alerts, and interagency coordination; and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued a preemptive disaster declaration on August 10, 2025, to allow for timely protective actions, including the deployment of state resources and pre-positioning of equipment, emergency permitting, public alerts, and interagency coordination; and

WHEREAS, on August 13, 2025, the 2025 glacial outburst flood occurred at a new historic rate of 49,000 cubic feet per second; and

WHEREAS, due to emergency placement of flood barriers, the CBJ was able to protect hundreds of homes and City infrastructure in the Mendenhall Valley; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough is committed to proactive, coordinated flood preparation and response which includes working closely with CCTHITA, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the National Weather Service, and the University of Alaska Southeast in anticipation of 2026 outburst floods; and

WHEREAS, the immediate repair and fortification of Phase 1 and the new installation of Phase 2 of the HESCO barriers to an anticipated level of 62,500 cubic feet per second is necessary to protect life and property along the entirety of the river in anticipation of the 2026 GLOF; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough is pursuing both mid- and long-term solutions with all due diligence, but anticipates operating under emergency declarations until the threat to life, safety, and property is mitigated; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough Manager is the chief administrative officer who reports to the Assembly (CBJ Charter 4.1 & 4.5); and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City and Borough is the Assembly, which has legislative and policy-making powers (CBJ Charter 3.1), and the City and Borough Mayor is the presiding officer with special powers in emergencies; and

81 WHEREAS, CBJ Charter 3.12(c) allows for the Assembly to declare an emergency and
82 CBJC 03.25.040(a) authorizes the City Manager to declare an emergency, subject to
83 confirmation by the Assembly; and
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85 WHEREAS, the Assembly authorizes the Manager to implement orders necessary to
86 protect the health and safety of the residents of the City and Borough.
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88 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:
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90 **Section 1. Local Emergency Declaration.** The City and Borough Manager and
91 Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau **declare a disaster emergency** to exist
92 within the City and Borough of Juneau per CBJ Charter 3.12(c), CBJC 03.25.040(a), and
93 A.S. 26.23.140. A copy of this Resolution shall be filed promptly with the Alaska Division of
94 Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

95 **Section 2. Reasonable and Necessary Emergency Orders.** Consistent with
96 CBJC 03.25.040(6), CBJC 03.25.090, and A.S. 29.23.190, the Assembly authorizes the
97 Manager to take and implement any and all reasonable emergency actions and orders
98 necessary to protect the health, safety, or welfare of the residents of the City and Borough of
99 Juneau.

100 **Section 3. Request for State Assistance.** The City and Borough of Juneau
101 requests that the Governor of the State of Alaska provide continued state public assistance
102 and individual assistance as may be available, assistance with emergency permitting within
103 and near Mendenhall River.

104 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately after
105 its adoption. Because of the ongoing nature of the emergency, this declaration of local
106 emergency shall remain in effect for 180 days.
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108 Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026.
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112 Beth A. Weldon, Mayor
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115 Katie Koester, City Manager
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117 Attest:
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120 Breckan L. Hendricks, Municipal Clerk

Presented by: The Manager
Introduced: June 18, 2026
Drafted by: Finance

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Emergency Appropriation Resolution Serial No. 4051

An Emergency Appropriation Resolution Appropriating \$3,500,000 to the Manager for School Roof Repairs Required Due to the 2026 Winter Storm Disaster; Funding Provided by Risk Management Funds.

WHEREAS, consistent with Charter 9.10(b), upon declaration by the Assembly that a public emergency exists and describing the emergency in clear and specific terms, the Assembly by resolution may make an emergency appropriation upon approval by all Assemblymembers present or by seven of its membership, whichever is the lesser number; and

WHEREAS, from December 2025 through early January 2026, Southeast Alaska experienced severe winter storm conditions, including record-breaking snowfall, extreme cold, and rain that caused significant impacts to public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Governor Dunleavy issued a disaster declaration for the January 2026 Southeast Alaska winter storm on January 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the January 2026 winter storm caused damage to school facilities within the City and Borough of Juneau, necessitating repairs to school roofs to protect public property and ensure the continued operation of educational facilities; and

WHEREAS, immediate appropriation of funds is necessary to facilitate timely repairs, prevent further deterioration of school facilities, and ensure student education can proceed as scheduled in the fall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. Emergency Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Manager the sum of \$3,500,000 for school roof repairs required due to the 2026 winter storm disaster.

Section 2. Source of Funds	
Risk Management Funds	\$3,500,000

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026.

Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:

Breckan L. Hendricks, Municipal Clerk

Presented by: The Manager
Presented: 06/18/2026
Drafted by: Port Director

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 4052

A Resolution Supporting the Homeporting of Two Major United States Coast Guard Cutters, Including the CGC STORIS, in Juneau, and Affirming the Community’s Commitment to Supporting Coast Guard Personnel and Their Dependents.

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau was officially designated as a United States Coast Guard City in April 2025, a title that reflects our deep-rooted pride, historical partnership, and enduring appreciation for the sea services; and

WHEREAS, the Navy League - Juneau Council officially stood up in February 2024 to champion the arrival of the CGC STORIS and to provide unwavering community, social, and moral support for all Coast Guard personnel stationed in our capital city; and

WHEREAS, the United States Coast Guard is broadly assessing environmental impacts to address expanding Arctic mission demands and vital polar icebreaker fleet capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard Commandant formally announced in July 2024 to homeport the CGC STORIS (WAGB-21) 360-foot medium polar icebreaker in Juneau, Alaska; and

WHEREAS, Congressional funding provided in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act in 2025 enables the Coast Guard to construct critical shore homeporting infrastructure and Arctic Security Cutters (ASC); and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard’s existing Juneau waterfront wharf, originally constructed circa 1942, has been deemed completely unsafe and deteriorated by structural engineers, making total replacement necessary to accommodate modern vessels; and

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard’s Environmental Assessment evaluates multiple design concepts, highlighting the *New Wharf and Finger Pier* as the Preferred Alternative, which builds an up to 560-foot-long pier to deliver navigational safety, vital utility upgrades, and providing an option in which Juneau is a strong candidate to homeport a second major vessel alongside the *Finger Pier*; and

42 WHEREAS, at the Coast Guard Information Sharing Session in May 2026, it was
43 disclosed that the Coast Guard is considering homeporting up to two major cutters in
44 Juneau following the shoreside improvements; and
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46 WHEREAS, the arrival of both cutters will bring an estimated 214 active-duty
47 personnel (120 for STORIS and 94 for the ASC) along with approximately 424 dependents,
48 weaving new families into our schools, neighborhoods, and economy.
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50 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:
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52 **Section 1. Full Support for Two Cutters.** The Assembly strongly supports and
53 encourages the United States Coast Guard to homeport two major cutters in Juneau: the
54 CGC STORIS and a future Arctic Security Cutter.
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56 **Section 2. Endorsement of Preferred Alternative.** The Assembly formally
57 endorses the New Wharf and Finger Pier (Preferred Alternative) design concept. This option
58 provides the best safety margins for shared harbor traffic and updates vital public utilities.
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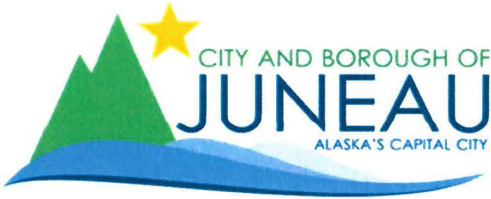
60 **Section 3. Commitment to Families.** As a proud Coast Guard City, Juneau
61 pledges to actively collaborate with federal agencies, the local Navy League, and regional
62 partners to ensure exceptional housing, schooling, and community support for incoming
63 service members and their families.
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65 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately after
66 its adoption.
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68 Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026.
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71 Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

72 Attest:
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76 Breckan L. Hendricks, Municipal Clerk



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ELECTION OFFICIAL**
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June 12, 2026

Michael Cole (*via e-mail and USPS*)
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michael.g.cole95@gmail.com

Re: Final Certification of "1% Seasonal Sales Tax" Initiative Petition

Dear Mr. Cole,

On June 12, 2026, the Municipal Clerk's Office completed its review of the petition booklets submitted for the proposed 1% Seasonal Sales Tax Initiative.

Pursuant to [CBJ Charter § 7.3](#), the petitioners committee was required to submit signatures equal to twenty-five percent of the votes cast in the preceding regular municipal election. Accordingly, 2,566 certified signatures were required for the petition to be deemed sufficient.

The petitioners committee submitted petition booklets containing 3,231 signatures on June 5, 2026, in a single instrument in accordance with [CBJC 29.10.060](#). Upon review and verification by Clerk's Office staff, the petition was determined to contain at least 2,566 valid signatures and therefore meets the requirements for certification. Accordingly, the Municipal Clerk has certified the petition as sufficient.

In accordance with [CBJ Charter § 7.10\(a\)](#), the certified petition will be submitted to the Assembly for the next steps in the process.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Municipal Clerk's Office at 907-586-5278.

Sincerely,


Breckan Hendricks
CBJ Municipal Clerk/Election Official

cc: Mayor & Assemblymembers, City Manager Katie Koester, Deputy Manager Robert Barr, City Attorney Emily Wright,

¹ **Section 7.10. Action on petitions.**

- (a) When an initiative or referendum petition has been determined sufficient, the clerk immediately shall submit it to the assembly. If the assembly fails to adopt a proposed initiative measure without any change in substance within forty-five days or fails to repeal the referred measure within thirty days after the date the petition was determined sufficient, it shall submit the proposed initiative or referred measure to the electorate of the municipality. If the subject matter of the proposed initiative or referred measure relates only to a service area, the measure shall be submitted only to the electorate of the service area.
- (b) The election on a proposed initiative or referred measure shall be held at the next regular election, or, if already scheduled, a special election occurring not sooner than 90 days from the last day on which the assembly action may be completed on the proposed initiative or referred measure. If no regular election is scheduled to occur within 75 days after the certification of a petition and the Assembly determines it is in the best interest of the municipality, the Assembly may, by ordinance, order a special election to be held on the matter before the next scheduled election. The notice of election shall contain at least a summary of the proposed initiative or referred measure.
- (c) Copies of the proposed initiative or referred measure shall be available for distribution to the public at the office of the clerk within a reasonable time before the initiative or referendum election and shall be available for distribution to the voters at the polls.

(Serial No. 2005-18(am), § 3, 2005/10-4-2005)

CERTIFICATE

I, Breckan L. Hendricks, the duly appointed and qualified Municipal Clerk of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, a municipal corporation of the State of Alaska, DO HEREBY CEFTIFY receipt of the Initiative Petition submitted by the Petitioners Committee *re: 1% Seasonal Sales Tax*:

Initiative Short Title: 1% Seasonal Sales Tax

SHALL THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU CODE BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE A NEW CODE SECTION AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment of Section. CBJC 69.05.020, Imposition of rate, of the Code of the City and Borough of Juneau is amended to read as follows:

(a) There shall be levied and collected a tax equal to the percentage of the selling price on retail sales and rentals made and services performed within the City and Borough as follows:

(5) Within the entire City and Borough an additional one percent from April 1 to September 30.

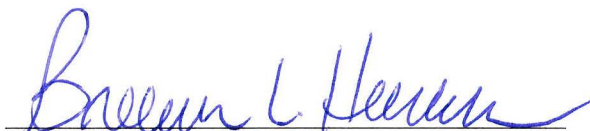
Section 2. Effective Date. This initiative shall be effective 30 days after enactment.

1% Seasonal Sales Tax. Yes

1% Seasonal Sales Tax. No

And that the above petition was filed in the proper form and bears the 2,566 signatures required for certification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City and Borough of Juneau this 12th day of June, 2026.



Breckan L. Hendricks
Municipal Clerk/Election Official
City and Borough of Juneau

