REGULAR ASSEMBLY MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar

MEETING NO. 2026-12: The Regular Meeting of the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly was called to order at 6:01 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 Mr. Kelly

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - Led by Deputy Mayor Smith

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, Christine Woll, Paul R. Kelly, Ella Adkison, Neil Steininger, Maureen Hall, and Nathaniel (Nano) Brooks.

Assemblymembers Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Manager Katie Koester; Deputy City Manager Robert Barr; City Attorney Emily Wright; Municipal Clerk Breckan Hendricks; and Meeting Tech Kevin Allen.

D. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS - None

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *Approved by unanimous consent.*

1. **April 29, 2026 Special Assembly Meeting Minutes - Draft**

2. **May 18, 2026 Regular Assembly Minutes - Draft**

F. MANAGER'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

Manager Koester reported no agenda changes but noted for the public that a brief verbal staff report on flood mitigation solutions would be provided later in the meeting.

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.)

Michael Cole (Lemon Creek) a member of the petitioners' committee for the 1% Seasonal Sales Tax initiative, spoke in support of the measure. He emphasized its focus on recreation and noted that a similar tax in Ketchikan has helped provide stable and reliable revenue.

Susan Clark (Flats) expressed her concerns about the expenditure of $1.4 million on consultants for the Telephone Hill redevelopment project, suggesting that these funds could be allocated more effectively to address other pressing needs within the community.

Joshua Adams advocated for the redirection of $9 million, initially intended for the Telephone Hill demolition, proposing instead that this significant sum be used to support community needs, such as funding the Juneau Douglas City Museum to better serve the interests of the residents.

[Clerk Note: The Assembly took an at-ease from 6:34p.m. to 6:35p.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 as presented and asked for unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objection, the Consent Agenda was adopted.***

A) Ordinances for Introduction

1) Ordinance 2026-13 An Ordinance Providing for the Levy and Collection of a Temporary 3% Areawide Sales Tax on the Price of All Taxable Sales of Goods and Services Delivered within the City and Borough of Juneau, to be in Effect Five Years from July 1, 2027, through July 1, 2032; and Calling for an Election on Whether Such Sales Tax Shall Be Levied.

The CBJ currently levies a 5% sales tax, consisting of a permanent 1% tax, a temporary 1% tax, and a temporary 3% tax. Voters have authorized the temporary 3% tax every five years, and it is currently scheduled to expire on July 1, 2027. Revenue from the temporary 3% tax provides a stable funding source for municipal services, including police, fire, parks, libraries, and capital improvement projects. This ordinance would place the temporary 3% sales tax before the voters on the ballot for the October 6, 2026, Municipal Election.

This ordinance was reviewed by the Assembly Finance Committee at its April 22, 2026 meeting.

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

2) Ordinance 2026-34 An Ordinance Amending Real and Personal Property Tax to Adjust the Senior Citizen and Disabled Veteran Hardship Exemption.

This ordinance was reviewed by the Assembly Finance Committee on May 13, 2026. This ordinance modifies the income requirement to 250% of the federal poverty guidelines. For an individual, that amount is $49,875; for a family, the amount is $67,625. Currently, the income threshold is $120,000.
The City Manager recommends this ordinance be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

3) **Ordinance 2026-33 An Ordinance Amending the Uniform Sales Tax Code to Repeal the Exemption of Agent Commissions for Negotiated Sale or Lease.**

This ordinance was reviewed by the Assembly Finance Committee on May 13, 2026. This ordinance repeals the exemption for agent commissions in its entirety.
The City Manager recommends this ordinance be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

4) **Ordinance 2026-29 An Ordinance Amending Real and Personal Property Tax Code to Repeal the Historic Property Repair Exemptions.**

This ordinance was reviewed by the Assembly Finance Committee on May 13, 2026. This ordinance removes the exemption for repair and rehabilitation of historic property in its entirety.
The City Manager recommends this ordinance be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

5) **Ordinance 2026-32 An Ordinance Amending the Uniform Sales Tax Code to Repeal the Exemption of Sales by Non-profit Organizations.**

This ordinance was reviewed by the Assembly Finance Committee on May 13, 2026 and discussed at its June 3, 2026 meeting. This ordinance narrows exemptions available to non-profits to only include governments and social services.
The City Manager recommends this ordinance be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

6) **Ordinance 2026-31 An Ordinance Amending Real and Personal Property Tax to Amend the Property Tax Exemptions for Vessels.**

This ordinance was reviewed by the Assembly Finance Committee on May 13, 2026. This ordinance narrows the property tax exemption for vessels and establishes a flat property tax for commercial vessels (other than those exempted) based on length.
The City Manager recommends this ordinance be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

7) **Ordinance 2026-30 An Ordinance Amending Real and Personal Property Tax to Adjust the Commercial Fixed-Wing and Rotary-Wing Aircraft Flat Tax.**

This ordinance was reviewed by the Assembly Finance Committee on May 13, 2026. This ordinance updates the flat tax for commercial fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft over a period of three years, to bring all rates up to current CPI.
The City Manager recommends this ordinance be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

8) Ordinance 2025-01(b)(AO) An Ordinance Appropriating $118,407 to the Manager for the Ramp Improvements and Remain Overnight Aircraft Parking Apron Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by Airport Capital Reserve Funds.

This ordinance appropriates $118,407 from Airport Capital Reserve to the Ramp Improvements and Remain Overnight Aircraft Parking Apron CIP. The funding provides for localized runway repairs at seven locations on Runway 08/26. The work includes milling, repaving, and surface grooving to repair potholes and other pavement failures. These expenses are ineligible for grant reimbursement 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 its May 14, 2026 meeting.
The City Manager recommends this ordinance be introduced and set for public hearing at the next Assembly meeting.

9) Ordinance 2025-01(b)(AP) An Ordinance Appropriating $12,000,000 to the Manager for Bartlett Regional Hospital's Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Costs; Funding Provided by Hospital Funds.

This ordinance appropriates $12 million for Bartlett Regional Hospital’s FY2026 operating costs. During FY2026, the hospital expanded operations to include Bartlett Family Medicine, Bartlett Glacier Peds, and orthopedic and general surgery specialty clinics. These expanded services were not reflected in Bartlett's FY2026 Amended Budget, creating a need for additional expenditure authority to support the associated operating costs. Funding for this appropriation is provided by increased user fee revenue generated by these expanded services.
The Bartlett Regional Hospital Board of Directors will review this request at its June 30 meeting.
The City Manager recommends this ordinance be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

10) Ordinance 2026-36 An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the Principal Amount Not to Exceed $9,400,000 to Finance Water and Wastewater Utilities Capital Improvements within the City and Borough, and Submitting a Proposition to the Voters at the Election to Be Held Therein on October 6, 2026.

This ordinance would send one general obligation bond proposition of up to $9.4 million for water and wastewater utility infrastructure improvements, including, but not limited to, work at the Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plant. As part of the utility rate-setting process, the Assembly determined a rate structure that would require cash infusion from outside the utility in order to maintain the water and wastewater infrastructure. This bond proposal addresses the capital project needs in the short-term. Project costs exceeding the bond amount will be funded from Water and/or Wastewater fund balance.

The Assembly requested staff introduce an ordinance to submit a proposition to the voters on the October 6, 2026 election ballot during the May 20, 2026, Assembly Finance Committee meeting. The Assembly Finance Committee reviewed this ordinance at its June 3, 2026 meeting.
The City Manager recommends this ordinance be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

11) **Ordinance 2026-35 An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the Principal Amount Not to Exceed $16,000,000 to Finance Capital Improvements at Various Schools within the City and Borough, and Submitting a Proposition to the Voters at the Election to Be Held Therein on October 6, 2026.**

This ordinance would send a bond package to the voters to consider in the municipal election on October 6, 2026. This ordinance would send one general obligation bond proposition of up to $16.0 million for school capital improvements in the borough. School improvement projects identified include reroofing projects at several schools, security and safety upgrades districtwide, boiler room renovation and upgrades at several schools.

The Assembly requested staff introduce an ordinance to submit a proposition to the voters on the October 6, 2026 election ballot during the May 20, 2026, Assembly Finance Committee meeting. The Assembly Finance Committee reviewed this ordinance at its June 3, 2026 meeting.
The City Manager recommends this ordinance be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

B) Resolutions

1) **Resolution 4048 A Resolution Regarding the Allocation of the Hotel-Bed Tax.**

This resolution repeals Resolution 3040(b)(am) and establishes a new annual allocation of Hotel-Bed Tax (HBT) revenue. The resolution maintains the voter-approved 2% temporary HBT allocation for Centennial Hall improvements and allows the Assembly to establish annual funding priorities for tourism promotion, Centennial Hall operations, affordable housing, and necessary general government expenditures which benefit the community. The change is adding necessary government expenditures into the use of HBT.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this Resolution.

2) Resolution 4049 A Resolution Ratifying the Tentative Agreement between the City and Borough and the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 4303, for Fiscal Years 2026, 2027, and 2028.

This resolution would provide Assembly ratification, as required by CBJC 44.10.020, of the terms of the tentative agreement negotiated between the City and Borough of Juneau and the International Association of Firefighter (IAFF) for a collective bargaining agreement that will go into effect on July 1, 2025 and expire on June 30, 2028.

The tentative agreement includes economic modifications that include implementation of a new wage schedule that is based on recommendations from an independent market wage analysis and other more minor economic terms at a cost of an 11.28% wage increase. In addition, there are CPI-U based increases to the wage schedule of 2.2% in FY26, 2.1% in FY27 and an increase between 1% and 4% in FY28. There are no retroactive wage payments in FY26; however, the tentative agreement includes a $6000 lump sum payment for each full time member employed on June 15, 2026 in lieu of retroactive wage increases. In addition, there are increases to the employer contribution to health insurance of up to approximately 5% in the final two years of the contract. The economic terms are in keeping with previous Assembly direction. There are other operational changes to the collective bargaining agreement that do not increase costs at CCFR.

The IAFF has begun the process of putting the tentative agreement through their membership ratification process and the results will be known before the end of June 2026. This Assembly action is conditioned on IAFF ratification of the tentative agreement.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this Resolution.

C) Liquor/Marijuana Licenses

1) Liquor/Marijuana Licenses

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

<u>Liquor License — Renewals</u>

Licensee: Juneau's Waterfront Restaurants, LLC d/b/a Alaskan Brewing Public House

License Type: Beverage Dispensary License: #673 Location: 406 S. Franklin St. Suite B & Adjoining Pier

Endorsement Type: (Restaurant): 15603

Licensee: V's Grinders, LLC d/b/a V's Cellar Door

License Type: Restaurant/Eating Place License: #848 Location: 222 Seward St.

Licensee: Taku Glacier Lodge, Inc. d/b/a Taku Glacier Flightseeing/Salmon Bake
License Type: Restaurant/Eating Place License: #1416 Location: Taku Valley, Lot 75, Juneau
Licensee: Fred Meyer Stores Inc. d/b/a Fred Meyer #158
License Type: Package Store License: #2066 Location: 8181 Glacier Hwy.
Licensee: Genuine Ventures, LLC d/b/a Tracy's King Crab Shack
License Type: Restaurant/Eating Place License :#2812 Location: 432 S. Franklin St.
Licensee: Valley Restaurant, LLC d/b/a The Valley Restaurant
License Type: Restaurant/Eating Place License: #3049 Location: 9320 Glacier Hwy.
Licensee: The Odom Corporation d/b/a The Odom Corporation
License Type: General Wholesale License: #3166 Location: 5452 Shaune Dr. Bay 1
Licensee: The Odom Corporation d/b/a The Odom Corporation
License Type: Limited Wholesale Brewed Beverage & Wine License: #4715 Location: 3143 Channel Dr.
Licensee: Abigail May Laforce Barnett d/b/a Zerelda's Bistro
License Type: Restaurant/Eating Place License: #5278 Location: 9106 Mendenhall Mall Rd.
Licensee: The Crêpe, LLC d/b/a The Wagon
License Type: Restaurant/Eating Place License: #5482 Location: 3038 Clinton Dr.
Licensee: Goldbelt Aerial Tramway, LLC d/b/a The Tr'Ale House
License Type: Destination Resort License: #60411 Location: 1800 Ft. Level Mt. Roberts Interpretive Shelter, Juneau

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 license actions.

D) Transfers

1) Transfer Request 2617 A Transfer of $41,181 from CIP D12-083 Juneau Renewable Energy Strategy Implementation to CIP D12-113 Waste Transfer Station.

This request would transfer $41,181 of sales tax funds from the Juneau Renewable Energy Strategy (JRES) Implementation CIP to the Waste Transfer Station CIP. These funds will be used for the planning of Juneau's new waste transfer station. The JRES Implementation CIP is ready to be closed and does not require the remaining funds.

The Public Works and Facilities Committee reviewed this request at its June 5, 2026 meeting.

The City Manager recommends approval of this transfer.

2) Transfer Request 2616 A Transfer of $199,003 from CIP D24-049 Contaminated Sites Reporting to CIPs P41-116 Savikko Park Contamination Remediation and D12-113 Waste Transfer Station.

This request would transfer $100,000 of sales tax funds from the Contaminated Sites Reporting CIP to the Savikko Park Contamination Remediation CIP and $99,003 to the Waste Transfer Station CIP. These funds will be used for upcoming work in both new projects. The Contaminated Sites Reporting CIP is ready to be closed and does not require the remaining funds.

The Public Works and Facilities Committee reviewed this request at its June 5, 2026 meeting.

The City Manager recommends approval of this transfer.

3) Transfer Request 2618 A Transfer of $27,887 from CIPs P46-110 Lemon Creek Park and P41-100 Capital School Park to CIP P41-108 Parks and Playground Maintenance.

This request would transfer $25,957 from the Lemon Creek Park CIP and $1,929 from the Capital School Park Reconstruction CIP to the Parks & Playground Maintenance CIP. These funds will be used for ongoing maintenance at CBJ's parks and playgrounds. The Lemon Creek Park CIP and Capital School Park Reconstruction CIPs are ready to be closed and do not require remaining funds.

The Public Works and Facilities Committee reviewed this request at its June 5, 2026 meeting.

The City Manager recommends approval of this transfer.

4) Transfer Request 2619 A Transfer of $106,884 from CIP R72-172 Bridge Repairs to CIP P44-091 Parks & Recreation Deferred Building Maintenance.

This request would transfer $106,884 from the Bridge Repairs CIP to the Parks & Recreation Deferred Building Maintenance CIP. These funds would help support ongoing CBJ deferred maintenance needs, which remain a priority and continue to require additional funding. The Bridge Repairs CIP is ready to be closed and does not require remaining funds.

The Public Works and Facilities Committee reviewed this request at its June 5, 2026 meeting.

The City Manager recommends approval of this transfer.

5) Transfer Request 2620 A Transfer of $ 1,298,824 from CIPs H51-116 Marine Park to Taku Upland Improvements/Archipelago and D23-060 Waterfront Museum to CIP H51-113 Waterfront Seawalk.

This request would transfer $798,824 from the Marine Park to Taku Upland Improvements/Archipelago CIP and $500,000 from the Waterfront Museum CIP to the Waterfront Seawalk CIP. Project work for the Marine Park to Taku Upland Improvements/Archipelago CIP is complete and the project is ready to be closed. The Assembly has directed staff to pause all work on the Waterfront Museum CIP indefinitely; accordingly, the remaining funds will be reallocated to the next highest priority passenger-fee eligible project requiring additional funding, the Waterfront Seawalk CIP.

The Public Works and Facilities Committee reviewed this request at its June 5, 2026 meeting.

The City Manager recommends approval of this transfer.

6) Transfer Request 2621 A Transfer of $756,000 from CIP D71-091 Power Upgrades for Electric Buses to CIP D71-095 Bus Barn Improvements.

This housekeeping request would transfer $756,000 from the Power Upgrades for Electric Buses CIP to the Bus Barn Improvements CIP. The FY25 CIP Resolution allocated these funds to the incorrect project; this transfer corrects for this error and ensures adequate funding is provided for improvements at the bus barn.

The Public Works and Facilities Committee reviewed this request at its June 5, 2026 meeting.

The City Manager recommends approval of this transfer.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ordinance 2026-27 An Ordinance Amending the Uniform Sales Tax Code to Amend the Cap on Single Goods and Services Under CBJC 69.05.040.

This ordinance was reviewed by the Assembly Finance Committee on May 13, 2026 and introduced at the May 27, 2026 Special Assembly meeting. This ordinance addresses the threshold for the exemption on single goods and single services.

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

Public Comment:

Steve Ball, General Manager of Coeur Alaska's Kensington Mine, opposed eliminating the tax cap, pointing out that Kensington contributed nearly $3 million in taxes and employed 400 year-round workers. He mentioned that removing the cap would add about $5 million more to their tax burden.

Cody Richardson of Juneau Auto Mall discussed concerns about increasing the cap. With an average transaction price of about $35,000, most vehicles sold would exceed the proposed cap. Richardson warned that customers could save roughly $1,500 by purchasing vehicles in Anchorage and bringing them to Juneau. He favored a moderate cap increase, suggesting $20,000 to $25,000.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs to adopt Ordinance 2026-27. Objection by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs for the purpose of proposing an amendment to eliminate the sales tax cap entirely.

AMENDMENT #1 by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs to remove sections 21 and 22, thereby eliminating the sales tax cap entirely. Ms. Hughes-Skandijs argued that every tax exemption must be justified by substantial public good. She contended that the Assembly had fallen short of its $2 million service reduction target and that the budget's positive fund balance had been achieved only by drawing down CIP reserves. She maintained that funding city services for the community outweighed the benefit to the small number of taxpayers affected by large-purchase exemptions.

Ms. Woll supported the amendment, acknowledging the economic value of the mines and local dealerships but emphasizing the severity of next year's projected deficit. She outlined that closing both pools, the Fieldhouse, Eaglecrest, the museum, JEDC, Travel Juneau, eliminating the housing fund, and other reductions would total approximately $7 million—the scale of the gap the Assembly faces. She argued that removing the cap would solve that structural problem and must be considered.

Mr. Brooks opposed the amendment, arguing that the economic harm to private industry—not just mining and automotive, but heavy equipment, boats, and others—would likely outweigh the anticipated revenue gains. Ms. Hall also objected, contending it was inequitable to place the burden predominantly on the mining industry, which provides family-wage jobs. She noted commodity prices fluctuate and that mines also pay sales tax on contractors, food service, and drilling.

AMENDMENT #1A by Mr. Kelly to amend section 21 to fully exempt commercial and personal electric vehicles. Mr. Kelly argued the fiscal impact would be minimal while meaningfully supporting EV adoption. Mr. Brooks opposed it as precedent-setting and inequitable. Deputy Mayor Smith asked whether hybrids would qualify. Mr. Kelly clarified only fully electric vehicles were intended.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment #1A: Yeas: Kelly, Smith (2); Nays: Brooks, Woll, Adkison, Steininger, Hall, Hughes-Skandijs, Weldon (7). **Amendment failed 2-7.**

Roll Call Vote on Amendment #1: Yeas: Hughes-Skandijs, Kelly, Woll (3); Nays: Smith, Brooks, Hall, Steininger, Adkison, Weldon (6). **Amendment failed 3-6.**

[Clerk Note: Mayor Weldon passed the gavel to Ms. Hughes-Skandijs]

AMENDMENT #2 by Deputy Mayor Smith to add a tiered vehicle provision: retaining the existing $15,000 cap (CPI-adjusted) for vehicles priced at $50,000 or less, and applying a $30,000 cap (CPI-adjusted) for vehicles priced above $50,000. Deputy Mayor Smith explained that vehicle purchases represent the largest sales-taxable expense for most Juneau families and that the tiered structure protects affordability at lower price points while generating additional revenue from more expensive purchases. Attorney Wright clarified that CPI-adjustment language would need to be explicitly included, which Smith confirmed as his intent. Ms. Hughes-Skandijs noted her objection but characterized the amendment as not the worst outcome.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment #2: Yeas: Smith, Woll, Kelly, Adkison, Steininger, Hall, Brooks, Weldon (8); Nays: Hughes-Skandijs (1). **Amendment carried. 8-1.**

[Clerk Note: Ms. Hughes-Skandijs passed the gavel back to Mayor Weldon]

AMENDMENT #3 by Mr. Brooks to lower the cap from $30,000 to $20,000, calling for gradual growth due to uncertain downstream revenue. Ms. Adkison, Mr. Steininger, Ms. Woll, and Ms. Hughes-Skandijs objected, asserting that $20,000 wouldn't substantially impact revenue or address the fiscal shortfall.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment #3: Yeas: Brooks (1); Nays: Steininger, Adkison, Woll, Kelly, Smith, Hughes-Skandijs, Hall, Weldon (8). **Amendment failed. 1-8.**

AMENDMENT #4 by Ms. Adkison to raise the single-item/service cap to $50,000. Mayor Weldon stated that she had considered this but preferred evaluating the $30,000 impact first.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment #4: Yeas: Adkison, Steininger, Kelly, Woll, Hughes-Skandijs, Smith (6); Nays: Brooks, Hall, Weldon (3). **Amendment carried. 6-3.**

The Assembly confirmed applying the $50,000 threshold across the ordinance, affecting the tiered vehicle amendment.

Roll Call Vote on Ordinance 2026-27 as Amended: Yeas: Hughes-Skandijs, Woll, Kelly, Adkison, Steininger, Smith (6); Nays: Hall, Brooks, Weldon (3). **Motion carried: 6-3.**

2. **Ordinance 2026-26 An Ordinance Amending the Uniform Sales Tax Code to Modify the Geographic Parameters for the Sale of Goods Aboard Cruise Ships Under CBJC 69.05.040.**

   This ordinance was reviewed by the Assembly Finance Committee on May 13, 2026 and introduced at the May 27, 2026 Special Assembly meeting. This ordinance defines the geographic boundaries for sales of goods within CBJ waters.
   The City Manager recommends the Assembly take public testimony and adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment: No public comment was received.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Ms. Woll to adopt Ordinance 2026-26 and requested unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.***

3. **Ordinance 2026-28 An Ordinance Amending the Uniform Sales Tax Code to Repeal the Sellers' Compensatory Collection Amount.**

This ordinance was reviewed by the Assembly Finance Committee on May 13, 2026 and introduced at the May 27, 2026 Special Assembly meeting. This ordinance removes the $30 compensation available to sellers utilizing the online portal.

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

Public Comment: No public comment was received.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Mr. Brooks to adopt Ordinance 2026-28 and requested unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.***

4. **Ordinance 2026-25 An Ordinance Amending the Uniform Sales Tax Code to Repeal the Exemption of Commission Charged by an Agent of Travel, Lodging, or Tours Under CBJC 69.05.040.**

This ordinance was reviewed by the Assembly Finance Committee on May 13, 2026 and introduced at the May 27, 2026 Special Assembly meeting. This ordinance would repeal the exemption for commissions charged by an agent in its entirety. The Assembly Finance Committee reviewed this ordinance at its June 3, 2026, meeting.

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

Public Comment:

Jeff Fanning (Douglas), a travel agent and tour operator, argued against the ordinance, highlighting that the exemption prevents "cascading taxes," where a single transaction is taxed twice in the supply chain.

Greg Pilcher (Douglas) echoed these concerns, suggesting the ordinance wouldn't yield substantial new revenue.

Serene Hutchinson (Downtown) supported Mr. Fanning's analysis, emphasizing that independent agents have no control over pricing or unsold inventory.

Cody Richardson (West Juneau) illustrated that a rental car sale would be doubly taxed under the proposed changes, impacting local businesses rather than tourists.

Assembly Action:

<u>MOTION</u> by Ms. Adkison to adopt Ordinance 2026-25. Deputy Mayor Smith objected for the purpose of an amendment.

<u>AMENDMENT #1</u> by Deputy Mayor Smith to change the effective date to January 1, 2027. ***Approved by unanimous consent.***

The Assembly then debated the ordinance as amended. Mr. Brooks objected, arguing the exemption was functionally similar to existing resale exemptions designed to prevent cascading taxes, and that businesses would simply restructure to avoid the new liability, yielding no net gain. Deputy Mayor Smith stated he remained unconvinced that the structure truly resulted in double taxation and could not find a parallel in other service sectors. Ms. Hughes-Skandijs spoke in support, arguing the agent's commission is clearly a taxable service and that it is inconsistent to exempt it while taxing other services that businesses rely upon. Ms. Woll supported the ordinance, analogizing the agent-operator relationship to her own experience as a yoga instructor charging tax to a studio while the studio also charges tax to students.
The City Attorney confirmed, in response to Deputy Mayor Smith's question, that Ms. Woll would indeed be required to remit sales tax on her teaching services. Mr. Kelly inquired about the history of the exemption, and the attorney confirmed that there was no documentation explaining why it was originally enacted in the late 1970s.

Roll Call Vote on Ordinance 2026-25 as Amended: Yeas: Adkison, Kelly, Woll, Hughes-Skandijs (4); Nays: Brooks, Hall, Steininger, Smith, Weldon (5). **Motion failed: 4-5.**

[Clerk Note: The Assembly recessed at approximately 7:39 p.m. and reconvened at 7:53 p.m.]

5. Ordinance 2026-01(b) An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Treasury for FY27 City and Borough Operations.

This ordinance appropriates $545,829,100 in expenditure authority for the City and Borough of Juneau's FY27 operating budget, excluding the School District. This ordinance appropriates all transfers between funds that support operations, debt service and capital projects as well as the associated expenditures within the funds themselves.

This ordinance also recognizes $525,218,000 of forecast revenue and transfers-in and decreases fund balances, across all funds, by $20,611,100. The forecast revenue and draw from fund balance are sufficient to fund the budgeted expenditures.

The original ordinance was introduced at the April 1, 2026 Special Assembly meeting and referred to the Assembly Finance Committee (AFC) for deliberation. An opportunity for public comment was provided at the Special Assembly meeting on April 29, 2026. The AFC referred the amended budget ordinance to the full Assembly for adoption at its May 20, 2026 meeting. The

Charter requires adoption of the FY27 operating budget by June 15.

The Systemic Racism Review Committee reviewed this ordinance at its April 7, 2026, meeting.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly take public testimony and adopt this ordinance, as amended by the Assembly Finance Committee.

Public Comment:

Dixie Clough (Director of Museums Alaska) expressed concern that the Juneau Douglas City Museum was bearing a disproportionate share of budget cuts compared to other services, warning that reducing staff to one collections member and one administrative member would effectively shut down the museum's functions.

Alex Wertheimer (Out the Road) supported the amendment by Mr. Kelly and Ms. Hall to restore museum funding, emphasizing its essential role in community history, education, arts, and tourism.

Carlos Cadiente (Downtown) recommended a 5% across-the-board cut for all departments, a hiring freeze on vacant positions, and consideration of privatizing EMS services from the fire department along with other related concerns.

Dan Cannon (The Flats) urged the Assembly to consider a Gross Smelter Return tax tied to a Juneau Permanent Fund, proposing it could generate substantial annual revenue and requested a special public meeting on this proposal.

Chuck Cohen (West Juneau) questioned why the museum's budget was being cut while the overall city budget was $545 million and urged adoption of the amendment to restore museum funding.

Ben McIntyre-Coble (Douglas) raised concerns about the Juneau School District's $2.2 million contract with Verkada for security systems and requested that the project be discussed at a school board meeting in advance of the October bond measure.

Sharon Denton (Valley) spoke in support of the museum, emphasizing its valuable programming for community events and education.

Mona Stevick (Valley) described the museum as crucial to Juneau's history, likening staff cuts to reducing a school's effectiveness without a principal.

Mary Marks (Valley) expressed concern about budget burdens between residents and industry impacts, proposing a phase III year tourism impact review framework to directly inform policy decisions.

Mary Pat Wyatt (Douglas) highlighted the museum's operation on minimal staffing and significant volunteer contributions, emphasizing public trust for preserving historical heirlooms.

Kim Metcalfe (Downtown) advocated for full museum funding, suggesting recurring contributions from profitable cruise corporations.

Bonita Nelson (Out the Road), President of the Friends of the Juneau Douglas City Museum, urged retention of key staff, comparing the museum to a community history library.

Jean McBrien (Downtown) emphasized the Assembly's moral obligation to protect the museum as it preserves Tlingit history and leadership.

Sally Donaldson (Downtown Star Hill), a museum volunteer, highlighted public enthusiasm for historical tours and urged full funding.

Susan Watson (The Flats), a visual artist, described the museum as invaluable to artists, fostering non-commercial creativity.

Lois Killewich (West Juneau), credited the museum with enhancing the city's cultural vibrancy, supporting over 120 local artists, and facilitating educational programming.

Carole Bookless (Douglas) recommended against budget increases for specific departments, suggesting postponed demolition of Telephone Hill to protect museum and services funding.

Daniel Monteith (Douglas) warned against the significant consequences of closing the city museum to the public, supporting amendments to retain current staff.

Kathleen Harper (North Douglas) emphasized the difficulty of rebuilding programming if staff positions are cut.

Michelle Stewart (North Douglas) warned that lost staff positions would disrupt institutional continuity and emphasized the museum's role in understanding Juneau's history.

Bo Anderson (North Douglas), an artist, praised the museum's role in supporting local artists during the pandemic and expressed more worry about community-cultural loss than taxes.

David Noon (The Flats) described the museum as an irreplaceable educational resource and noted a lack of support for budget cuts.

Brendan O'Mara Moore (Valley) criticized the Assembly's community responsiveness, arguing the museum as a basic public good like a library.

Mary Irvine (North Douglas), Field Services Curator at the Alaska State Museum, supported full museum funding, citing the high level of professional excellence at the city museum.

Assembly Action:

<u>MOTION</u> by Ms. Woll to adopt Ordinance 2026-01(b). Ms. Woll spoke to the motion, acknowledging the budget did not fully reflect her values but that the Assembly had made meaningful progress—canceling approximately $5 million in projects, identifying $2.4 million in new revenue, and achieving $4 million in operational efficiencies. She noted the city entered the process facing a roughly $14 million structural deficit and had approximately halved it, while preserving a fund balance sufficient to navigate the coming year, though with significant work remaining. Mr. Brooks objected for the purpose of an amendment.

<u>AMENDMENT #1</u> by Mr. Brooks to reduce assembly member expenditures by $12,000 by specifically forgoing his own stipend for FY27. He stated it was important to show shared sacrifice at a time when the community was being asked to give up so much, and that the Citizens' Initiative was not simply the community's fault but a symptom of the Assembly not adequately listening to residents over several years. He added that he would be donating that amount to the city regardless of the vote's outcome. Mr. Kelly objected, noting that the seat belongs to the public and that if a vacancy arose mid-year, an incoming member would receive no compensation. Mr. Steininger expressed concern that making such a gesture publicly creates pressure on other members who may genuinely need the stipend, potentially deterring future candidates. Ms. Woll noted that the stipend is a modest tool to make public service accessible, particularly for hourly workers and parents with childcare costs, and that Mr. Brooks could achieve the same goal privately.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment #1: Yeas: Brooks, Hughes-Skandijs (2); Nays: Kelly, Steininger, Woll, Adkison, Hall, Smith, Weldon (7). **Amendment failed: 2 -7.**

<u>AMENDMENT #2</u> by Ms. Hall to allocate an additional $261,000 in recurring general funds to the City Museum, restoring it to the manager's originally proposed funding level. She argued that the positions in question—the director and program curator—carry highly technical expertise that would be lost permanently, and that other recurring services such as the pools and ice arena had been fully funded. She noted the budget contained many moving pieces, including potential ballot measure revenue and snow disaster reimbursements. Objection by Mr. Kelly for the purpose of an amendment.

<u>AMENDMENT #2A</u> by Mr. Kelly moved to amend that funding source to be one-time FY27 funds drawn from the Lemon Creek Multimodal CIP. He argued there was no planned action on that project in the coming fiscal year and that the impact of pausing it was more visible than the impact of defunding the museum. Ms. Hughes-Skandijs objected to the Lemon Creek CIP as a funding source, stating the Assembly had already raided that project the prior year and that habitual diversion from it ensured the project would never advance. She also cautioned against the broader pattern of covering operating costs through CIP cannibalization, which she described as the only reason the fund balance remained positive at all. Deputy Mayor Smith also opposed using one-time funds for recurring expenses on principle.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment #2A: Yeas: Kelly, Steininger, Hall, Brooks (4); Nays: Hughes-Skandijs, Smith, Adkison, Weldon (5). **Amendment failed: 4-5.**

The Assembly returned to Ms. Hall's underlying amendment. Ms. Hughes-Skandijs objected, stating that although she valued the museum and recognized strong public support for it, the City faced a real revenue shortfall and the museum reduction was one of the few substantive operating-service cuts made toward the Assembly's budget goals. Ms. Woll echoed those concerns, saying she did not want to make the cut but believed the City's fund balance had become too precarious to support restoring the funding. Mr. Kelly supported the amendment, arguing that despite concerns about the fund balance, the City had met or exceeded its recurring revenue goals and could restore the museum funding while remaining above its original revenue target. Mayor Weldon stated that while she liked the museum, she was not able to support the amendment given that the Assembly had not met its service reduction targets.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment #2: Yeas: Hall, Steininger, Kelly, Brooks (4); Nays: Hughes-Skandijs, Woll, Adkison, Smith, Weldon (5). **Amendment failed: 4-5.**

AMENDMENT #3 by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs amend the Special revenue funds, marine passenger fees for a total amount of $360,000 and to zero out the amount that is going to the AJ Dock And the Franklin Dock for the security and restroom costs and to move the marine passenger fees into the seawalk expansion CIP. She explained that following the year-long process of adjusting dockage rates, the original intent had always been for private docks to fund their own security and restroom expenses. The City Attorney noted that the CLIA lawsuit settlement had explicitly listed private dock security as a permissible use of marine passenger fees, and that any change could expose the city to a lawsuit from the two private dock operators, though no formal notice had been received. Ms. Hall and Mr. Brooks objected, arguing that the docks serve the general public and that the economic activity they generate justifies the expenditure. Ms. Woll supported the amendment, noting that the public did not understand why private docks received city funds when they charge sufficient dockage fees to cover these costs themselves.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment #3: Yeas: Hughes-Skandijs, Adkison, Kelly, Woll (4); Nays: Hall, Brooks, Steininger, Smith, Weldon (5). **Amendment failed: 4-5.**

MOTION by Deputy Mayor Smith to extend the meeting to 10:30 p.m. ***Adopted by unanimous consent.***

MOTION by Ms. Woll to adopt Ordinance 2026-01(b). ***Hearing no further objection, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.***

6. **Ordinance 2026-03 An Ordinance Establishing the Rate of Levy for Property Taxes for Calendar Year 2026 Based Upon the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2027.**

This ordinance establishes the mill rates for property taxes for 2026, which funds a significant portion of the City and Borough of Juneau's FY27 operating budget. The Charter requires the Assembly to adopt, by ordinance, the tax levies necessary to fund the budget before June 15.

The mill levies presented in this ordinance support the Manager's FY27 Proposed Budget as amended by the Assembly Finance Committee (AFC). As part of the budget review process, the AFC reviews, amends and recommends to the Assembly the final mill levies.

For FY27, the AFC recommends a decrease of 0.32 mills from the FY26 Adopted Budget, resulting in a total mill levy of 9.92 mills, the components of which are:

FY2027 Mill Rate
Areawide: 6.24 (a decrease of 0.16 from FY26 Adopted)
Roaded Service Area: 2.45 (flat from FY26 Adopted)
Fire Service Area: 0.31 (flat from FY26 Adopted)
Debt Service: 0.92 (a decrease of 0.16 from FY26 Adopted)

Total FY27 Mill Rate: 9.92 (a decrease of 0.32 from FY26 Adopted)

The Systemic Racism Review Committee reviewed this ordinance at its April 7, 2026, meeting. An opportunity for public comment was provided at a Special Assembly meeting on April 29, 2026. The AFC referred the ordinance to the full Assembly for adoption at the May 20, 2026 meeting.
The City Manager recommends the Assembly take public testimony and adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment: No public comment was received.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Mr. Steininger to adopt Ordinance 2026-03 and requested unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.***

7. **Resolution 4044(b) A Resolution Adopting the City and Borough of Juneau Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2027 through 2032, and Establishing the Capital Improvement Project Priorities for Fiscal Year 2027.**

This resolution would adopt the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2027 through 2032, as required by Charter Section 9.4, and lists the capital projects that will be initially appropriated by ordinance in FY27.

The Public Works and Facilities Committee reviewed the preliminary CIP at its March 16, 2026 meeting and forwarded the plan to the Assembly.

The CIP resolution was introduced at the April 1, 2026 Special Assembly meeting and referred to the Assembly Finance Committee (AFC) for deliberation. An opportunity for public comment was provided at the Special Assembly meeting on April 29, 2026. The AFC referred the amended resolution to the full Assembly for adoption at its May 20, 2026 meeting. The Charter requires adoption of the FY27 CIP by June 15.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly take public testimony and adopt this resolution, as amended by the Assembly Finance Committee.

Public Comment: No public comment was received.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Ms. Hall to adopt Resolution 4044(b). ***Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.***

8. Ordinance 2025-01(b)(AM) An Ordinance Appropriating $18,015,000 to the Manager for the HESCO Barriers Additional Phases Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Clean Water Nonpoint Source Loan State Revolving Fund.

Resolution 4045 introduced on May 18, 2026, amends the loan application authorized under Resolution 3093 with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation to increase the loan amount from $7,830,000 to $25,845,000, for a total increase of $18,015,000 for the HESCO Barrier Project. This ordinance is being introduced prior to the official loan amendment to allow sufficient time for construction before the estimated 2026 GLOF. CBJ anticipates an executed amendment prior to public hearing and adoption on June 8, 2026.

The loan funding will support continued fortification of the HESCO flood barriers used to protect the residential areas and public infrastructure, which includes work associated with the fortification, repair, and raising of the existing HESCO barriers and riverbank armoring to protect the barriers from catastrophic failure due to riverbank failure. The Clean Water Nonpoint Source Revolving Funds offer 50% loan forgiveness with a fee of 0.5% of the disbursed loan funds.

The appropriation will be allocated to capital projects in accordance with the Assembly's direction on flood protection levels. Authority above the summer 2026 HESCO work will be directed to a new capital project and held in reserve until the Assembly authorizes additional work along with the loan repayment mechanism.

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

Public Comment: No public comment was received.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Mr. Kelly to adopt Ordinance 2025-01(b)(AM). ***Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.***

9. Ordinance 2024-40(am)(b)(A) An Ordinance Amending 2024-40(am)(b) Creating a Local Improvement District No. 210 HESCO Barrier Project Phase 1.

This ordinance modifies the apportionment of costs set forth in the Local Improvement District No. 210. This ordinance proposes a change to the cost split from 40/60 to 0/100, with CBJ now bearing the full cost of the installation of the barrier improvements. The armoring costs for four individual properties as well as the reserve funds remain unchanged.
The City Manager recommends the Assembly take public testimony and adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment:

Debbie Penrose-Fischer (Valley) thanked the Assembly and suggested using the LID process as a model to avoid future flood-related mistakes. She highlighted inequalities, noting Phase 1 properties were charged while Phase 2 received free federal aid, and criticized the vote-by-silence approach for creating confusion and bias.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Deputy Mayor Smith to adopt Ordinance 2024-40(am)(b)(A) and requested unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.***

Deputy Mayor Smith acknowledged the imperfect circumstances under which the LID was structured and stated the Assembly's intent had been to act quickly to protect homes.

10. Ordinance 2025-01(b)(AK) An Ordinance Appropriating $2,878,000 to the Manager for the Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Capital Improvement Project; Loan Funding Provided by the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

This ordinance would appropriate $2,878,000 of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation loan funds to the Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plant (MWWTP) Improvements CIP. The funds would contribute toward the design and construction of a pyrolysis unit at the Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plant. During the last two years, the CBJ has spent over $2M annually to safely dispose of residual biosolids from its waste treatment facilities into secure landfills with diminishing capacity. The installation of the pyrolysis unit would eliminate this recurring cost.

FY26 Resolution 4021 authorized CBJ to apply for and enter into a loan agreement with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. The Clean Water State Revolving Funds were approved and offer 100% loan forgiveness with a fee of 0.5% of the disbursed loan funds.

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

Public Comment: No public comment was received.

Assembly Action:

<u>MOTION</u> by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs to adopt Ordinance 2025-01(b)(AK) and requested unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.***

11. **Ordinance 2025-01(b)(AN) An Ordinance Appropriating $99,728 to the Manager for Crossing Guard Services through June 30, 2026; Funding Provided by Marine Passenger Fee Funds.**

At the [May 6, 2026](May 6, 2026) Assembly Finance Committee meeting, the Body directed staff to introduce an ordinance that funds expanded crossing guard services for the remainder of FY26. The expanded service will cost an additional $250,976 for the remainder of the fiscal year. Travel Juneau has $151,248 left in fund balance for the crossing guard program, requiring an additional $99,728 in funding for services through June 30, 2026. Funding for the FY27 expanded program is included in the FY27 proposed budget.

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

Public Comment: No public comment was received.

Assembly Action:

<u>MOTION</u> by Ms. Woll to adopt Ordinance 2025-01(b)(AN) and requested unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.***

12. **Ordinance 2026-20 An Ordinance Amending the Uniform Sales Tax, Hotel-Motel Tax, and Real and Property Tax Codes Relating to Returns, Penalties and Interest, and Definitions.**

This is a housekeeping ordinance and contains technical changes to the Sales Tax and Property Tax code to provide clearer directions to the public for more effective and efficient processing of transactions. This ordinance provides additional definitions and links the date of payment for purposes of determining timely payments to the date received by the CBJ rather than postmarks, which has caused increasing confusion with the use of bill paying services that often send payments without postmarks.

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

Public Comment: No public comment was received.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Mr. Brooks to adopt Ordinance 2026-20 and requested unanimous consent.
Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

13. Ordinance 2026-21 An Ordinance Updating the Uniform Alaska Remote Seller Sales Tax Code.

On May 20, 2025, the Assembly required marketplace facilitators to collect and remit sales taxes and hotel bed taxes on behalf of their sellers. On March 30, 2026, the membership of the Alaska Remote Sellers Sales Tax Commission (ARSSTC) approved changes to the Uniform Remote Sales Tax Code. These changes allow communities to optionally delegate sales tax reporting, collection, and enforcement for online marketplace facilitators, including short-term rentals, vehicle sharing, food delivery, etc. to the ARSSTC. This ordinance would delegate CBJ sales tax regulation as it relates to all online marketplace facilitators to the ARSSTC, for both sales taxes as well as hotel bed taxes. ARSSTC is better positioned to oversee these online corporations that are facilitating sales into numerous jurisdictions and can manage it more effectively and efficiently. While the CBJ's authority to assess, collect, and remit remote sales tax will be delegated to the Commission, the CBJ retains its authority to establish and modify local sales tax rates and exemptions.
The City Manager recommends the Assembly take public testimony and adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment: No public comment was received.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Ms. Adkison to adopt Ordinance 2026-21 and requested unanimous consent.
Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

14. Ordinance 2026-22 An Ordinance Updating Portions of Title 69 to Comply with the March 31, 2026, Changes Recommended by the Alaska Remote Sellers Sales Tax Commission.

This is a housekeeping ordinance and contains technical changes to Title 69 in order to align with the Alaska Remote Sellers Sales Tax Commission (ARSSTC) Uniform Remote Sales Tax Code. On March 30, 2026, the membership of the Alaska Remote Sellers Sales Tax Commission (ARSSTC) approved changes to the Uniform Remote Sales Tax Code.
The City Manager recommends the Assembly take public testimony and adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment: No public comment was received.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Mr. Steininger to adopt Ordinance 2026-22 and requested unanimous consent.
Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

15. 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.

This ordinance was reviewed and forwarded to the Assembly by the Human Resources Committee at its May 18, 2026 meeting.
The City Manager recommends the Assembly take public testimony and adopt this ordinance.

[Clerk Note: Due to time limitations Items 15 (Ordinance 2026-11) and 16 (Ordinance 2026-23) were deferred to the next Regular Assembly meeting.]

16. Ordinance 2026-23 An Ordinance Amending Title 42 Penal Code Relating to the Offense of Failure to Appear.

This ordinance makes housekeeping amendments to the CBJ Code relating to the offense of Failure to Appear (FTA). The ordinance clarifies that Failure to Appear is a Class B misdemeanor, allowing CBJ to prosecute individuals who fail to attend court hearings related to an open criminal case. The amendment aligns the offense classification with the associated underlying misdemeanor offense and promotes consistency within the CBJ penal code. The ordinance also relocates the FTA provision to the appropriate title and code section to improve the organization and consistency of the Code.
The City Manager recommends the Assembly take public testimony and adopt this ordinance.

[Clerk Note: Due to time limitations Items 15 (Ordinance 2026-11) and 16 (Ordinance 2026-23) were deferred to the next Regular Assembly meeting.]

17. Ordinance 2026-19 An Ordinance Authorizing the Manager to Amend the Existing Site Lease With Vertical Bridge, LLC, for the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of a Telecommunication Tower Facility at Eaglecrest Ski Area.

This ordinance would authorize the Manager to amend the existing lease with Vertical Bridge, LLC for the telecommunications facility at Eaglecrest Ski Area (3000 Fish Creek Road), increasing the leased area from approximately 402 square feet to 1,000 square feet and extending the lease term to support installation of a new, taller communications tower to improve coverage for Eaglecrest and North Douglas. The amendment includes updated rent provisions, a one-time $5,000 amendment fee, and standard lease conditions. The Assembly Lands Committee passed a motion of support on February 23, 2026, to amend the lease of City and Borough property located at 3000 Fish Creek Road.

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

Public Comment: No public comment was received.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Ms. Hall to adopt Ordinance 2026-19 and requested unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.***

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Hardship and Senior Citizen/Disabled Veteran Late-Filed Real Property Tax Exemption Applications.

There are 11 property owners that have requested the Assembly authorize the Assessor to consider a late-filed exemption for their property assessment. The Assembly should consider each request separately and determine whether the property owner was unable to comply with the April 30 filing requirement. A.S. 29.45.030(f); CBJC 69.10.021(d). The burden of proof is upon the property owner to show the inability to file a timely exemption request. If the Assembly decides to accept one or more late-filed exemption requests, those applications will be referred to the Assessor for review and action.

[Clerk's Note: Due to the personal nature of the back-up documents, those will be provided to the Assemblymembers only.]

The City Manager recommends the Assembly act on each of these applications individually.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs stated that the Assembly had reviewed each application individually and moved to direct the Assessor to accept the late-filed senior and disabled veteran exemptions.

MOTION by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs to direct the Assessor to accept the late-filed senior and disabled veteran exemptions for the nine named applicants, considered individually and requested unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.***

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs also moved to direct the Assessor to accept the late-filed senior and disabled veteran hardship exemptions for Royce Hanger and Kristen Cohen, considered individually.

MOTION by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs to direct the Assessor to accept the late-filed senior and disabled veteran hardship exemptions, considered individually and requested unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objection, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.***

L. STAFF REPORTS

1. USACE Midterm Flood Mitigation Solution Update

Manager Koester provided a verbal update on the Army Corps of Engineers' work on a midterm flood mitigation solution for the Mendenhall River. She reported that the Corps has worked through a draft report with cost estimates for hardening and armoring the river and concluded the full project is cost-prohibitive. As a result, the Corps is now focusing on designing a phased midterm solution concentrated in the Phase 1 area, likely involving sheet piling driven into the riverbed to provide significantly greater resilience against annual glacial lake outburst flood (GLOF) events compared to HESCO barriers.

Manager Koester emphasized that specific answers about which properties would be affected, the visual and physical character of sheet piling, and timelines are not yet available, but that community engagement will occur as the design advances. She noted that she had authorized the Corps to proceed with design work. She also announced a flood preparedness open house event the following evening (June 9) at Thunder Mountain Middle School at 6:00 PM, co-hosted by the Army Corps of Engineers, CBJ, the National Weather Service, and Tlingit & Haida, focused on preparation as the community enters flood season.

Manager Koester flagged a planned Committee of the Whole session in July to provide a more comprehensive flood update, including Phase 2 progress, midterm solution design status, and a discussion of the long-term cost of maintaining HESCO barriers. She noted that sheet piling, if constructed, would substantially reduce ongoing maintenance costs.

Mr. Kelly asked what opportunity the Assembly and public would have to weigh in on the Corps' design proposals. Manager Koester responded that the Corps has committed to a parallel public engagement process and that CBJ is a required partner in permitting, property access, and ongoing maintenance—meaning the Assembly and community will necessarily be involved in consequential decisions, particularly as the Corps reaches a point of recommending specific options.

M. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

1. Mayor's Report

Mayor Weldon expressed pride that Celebration had taken place in Juneau and congratulated the Juneau-JDHS baseball team on its state championship. She thanked Ms. Woll for her service as Finance Chair,

[Clerk Note: Due to time limitations no further reports were provided.]

2. Committee, Liaison Reports, Assemblymember Comments and Questions

3. Presiding Officer Reports

N. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

O. EXECUTIVE SESSION

P. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

1. Assembly Member Kelly and Assembly Member Hall Amendment re: City Museum Funding

2. Assemblymember Brooks Amendments for 2026-01(b) and Motions

3. Weldon email exchange re: City Museum *[included in packet due to a 'reply all' response]*

4. May 18, 2026 Regular Assembly Meeting Minutes - Draft

5. Assemblymember Kelly Amendments for 2026-27

6. FY27 General Fund Balance Projection

Q. INSTRUCTION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

R. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Assembly, the meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Signed: ______________________________	*Signed: ______________________________*
Breckan L. Hendricks,	*Beth A. Weldon,*
Municipal Clerk	*Mayor*