

ASSEMBLY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

April 4, 2022 6:00 PM
Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hughes-Skandijs called the Assembly Human Resources Committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A. 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!

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, Michelle Hale, 'Wáahlaal Giidaak and Christine Woll

Members Absent: None

Staff/Other Present: Deputy Clerk, Di Cathcart, City Clerk, Beth McEwen and Deputy City Manager Robert Barr.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved as presented.

A. February 7, 2022 HRC Minutes-Draft

VI. AGENDA TOPICS

A. Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) - Appointments

Resolution 2974, *A Resolution Re-establishing the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)* added seats 13 & 13a: Healthcare Systems (primary/alternate) to the LEPC, no one has applied for the seat 13a alternate. Seat 10a is up for action due to the previous member moving from the alternate to the primary seat.

Seat 13 – Healthcare Systems Seat [Primary Member]{NEW SEAT} Elaine Hickey, term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2024

Seat 10a – Haz/Mat Transporter Seat [Alternate Member] {seat formally held by Jonathan Suk} replacing him is Ryan Bare [Alternate Member], starting immediately and ending 12/31/2023.

Recommended Motion:

"to forward to the full Assembly for approval, the recommendation to forward to the State of Alaska Emergency Response Commission appointment of Elaine Hickey to LEPC Healthcare Systems Primary Seat for a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2024 and the appointment of Ryan Bare to LEPC Haz/Mat Transporter Alternate Seat for a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2023 and ask for unanimous consent."

MOTION: by Ms. Woll to forward to the full Assembly for approval, the recommendation to forward to the State of Alaska Emergency Response Commission appointment of Elaine Hickey to LEPC Healthcare Systems Primary Seat for a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2024 and the appointment of Ryan Bare to LEPC Haz/Mat Transporter Alternate Seat for a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2023 and ask for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections, motion passed.*

B. Juneau Human Rights Commission - Appointments

Per Resolution 2738 the Juneau Human Rights Commission is a seven member commission appointed by the Assembly for staggered three-year terms. Members shall be selected to provide the most balanced representation possible.

Due to the nature of turnover and subject matter of this commission, staff recommends the HRC make appointments to the one year terms first and leave the soon to be full term seat vacant at this time while continuing to advertise the vacancy. Two of the seats are for terms beginning immediately and ending May 31, 2023. The third seat is for an unexpired term ending May 31, 2022 with the ability to extend to a full term ending in 2025 due to the term expiring within six months.

MOTION: by 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak to forward to the full Assembly for approval, the recommendation to appoint Lance Mitchell and Mallory Nash to the Juneau Human Rights Commission for terms beginning immediately and ending May 31,

2023. *Hearing no objections, motion passed.*

C. Res 2981 A Resolution Supporting the People of Ukraine and Suspending the Juneau Sister City Relationship with Vladivostok, Russia

Russian President Vladimir Putin has engaged in an unprovoked and unjustified attack on the sovereign nation of Ukraine. The CBJ stands firmly with Ukraine and its people. This resolution would join the CBJ into the international community in strongly condemning the egregious actions of President Vladimir Putin for ordering the invasion of Ukraine and would suspend the CBJ's Sister City relationship with Vladivostok, Russia. The CBJ shall continue to support the people of Vladivostok and looks forward to a time when true people to people cooperation can be restored.

The Assembly Human Resources Committee discussed this resolution on March 14, 2022 and requested more information. The Systemic Racism Review Committee reviewed this resolution on March 15, 2022.

Sister Cities International lists two Alaska members [Juneau and Palmer] with seven partnerships, Palmer: Saroma, Japan; Juneau: Whitehorse, Canada, Kalibo, Aklan, Philippines and Vladivostok, Russia with Mishan City, China, Camiling, Philippines and Chia-Yi, Taiwan in Emeritus Status.

SRRC RECOMMENDATION TO THE ASSEMBLY: while the SRRC feels Resolution 2981 is generally outside of its purview, being political in nature, the committee recommends the Assembly use the SRRC toolkit as a guide, specifically the first two questions, as this or similar legislation is discussed and adopted. (SRRC Toolkit included in HRC packet)

Ms. Woll stated that if the Assembly does not pass the resolution during tonight's regular Assembly meeting she will make a motion requesting the Mayor draft and send a letter to the Mayor of Vladivostok outlining the concerns brought forth in the resolution.

MOTION: by Ms. Hale to recommend the Assembly Human Resources Committee move Resolution 2981 *A Resolution Supporting the People of Ukraine and Suspending the Juneau Sister City Relationship with Vladivostok, Russia* to the full Assembly for consideration. *Hearing no objection, motion passed.*

VII.ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.