

ASSEMBLY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

May 18, 2020 5:30 PM

Zoom Webinar

MINUTES

I. ROLL CALL

The Assembly Human Resources Committee meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

Members Present: Chair Wade Bryson, Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, Greg Smith and Michelle Hale

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Deputy Clerk, Diane Cathcart, Municipal Clerk, Beth McEwen, Municipality of Anchorage Clerk, Barbara Jones, City Manager, Rorie Watt

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Special Assembly Human Resources Committee Minutes April 30, 2020

Approved as presented

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

(Not to exceed a total of 10 minutes nor more than 2 minutes for any individual).

V. AGENDA TOPICS

A. Board Matters

A. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Committee Appointment

MOTION: by Ms. Hale to forward to the full Assembly for approval, the recommendation to appoint Ibn Bailey to the American with Disabilities Act Committee for a term beginning immediately and ending August 31, 2021 and to appoint Edmund Driscoll to the American with Disabilities Act Committee for a term beginning immediately and ending August 31, 2022. ***Hearing no objections, motion passed.***

B. Juneau Commission on Aging - Appointment

MOTION: by Mr. Smith to forward to the full Assembly for approval, the recommendation to appoint Janet Beauchamp to the Juneau Commission on Aging for

a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2020. ***Hearing no objections, motion passed.***

C. Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) - Appointments

MOTION: by Mr. Bryson to forward to the full Assembly for approval, the recommendation to reappoint Christopher Mertl and to appoint Ronald Crenshaw and Alexander Beebe-Giudice to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee for terms beginning immediately and ending February 28, 2023 and to reappoint Josh Anderson to an unexpired term seat beginning immediately and ending February 28, 2021. ***Hearing no objections, motion passed.***

D. Municipal Elections 2020 and Beyond-Presentation by Municipal Clerk McEwen

Municipal Clerk Beth McEwen gave a presentation on municipal election options for 2020 while in the middle of a pandemic. Ms. McEwen reported on the changes at the State of Alaska Division of Elections (DOE) level. The DOE purchased new election equipment for the November 2020 general election and as of May 13, 2020 the DOE had yet to make a final determination on how they would hold 2020 elections, change to vote-by-mail, a hybrid option or stay with usual and customary practices. DOE gave CBJ the accu-vote optical scan units that CBJ has been using for the last 22 years.

The Clerk's Office had planned on using those machines for the 2020 municipal election in addition to purchasing ADA voting equipment, however due to the pandemic, COVID-19 protocols and after watching Wisconsin hold in-person elections on April 7 in which 67 individuals were later diagnosed with COVID-19 after visiting the polls on Election Day, conducting a Status Quo election for Juneau is not really an option during a pandemic, with 90% of CBJ's election workers being over the age of 60 and falling into the higher risk category.

The Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) Municipal Clerk Barb Jones reached out to Ms. McEwen and offered the Anchorage Vote by Mail Election Center and MOA election workers to work in partnership with CBJ to run a vote by mail election for CBJ's October 2020 Municipal Election.

After reviewing Ms. McEwen's memo and PowerPoint presentation, committee members discussed options, costs and feasibility of partnering with the Municipality of Anchorage.

MOTION: by Ms. Hale that the Assembly call for the October 6, 2020 Regular Municipal Election to be conducted as an Election By Mail and to partner with the Municipality of Anchorage for the use of its Election Center and staffing resources and ask for unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objections, motion passed.***

E. Other Business

None

VI. STAFF REPORTS

None

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.