

ASSEMBLY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

June 24, 2019 6:00 PM
Assembly Chambers

AGENDA

I. ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

V. AGENDA TOPICS

A. Board Matters

1. Juneau Human Rights Commission - Annual Report and Appointment

The Juneau Human Rights Commission (JHRC) consists of five public seats each for a 3 year term. There is currently one vacant seat with a term beginning immediately and ending May 31, 2021.

The Clerk's Office has received one application for the Juneau Human Rights Commission.

2. Juneau Commission on Aging - Appointments

The Juneau Commission on Aging consists of nine members appointed from the general public. Members shall be appointed to staggered two-year terms. The Assembly shall appoint members from a diverse population of people with knowledge of issues relating to aging or with expertise on health, housing, transportation, finances, insurance, and other areas of concern for seniors in Juneau. At least five public members shall be 65 years of age or older. Four public members shall serve without restriction as to age.

There are currently two vacant general public seats on the commission. One term is beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2019 and one term is beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2020.

Since the term ending December 31, 2019 is within 6 months of expiring, the HRC can appoint an applicant to serve out the remainder of the current term and then fill a full term with a term beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2021.

The Clerk's Office has received three applications for the Juneau Commission on Aging.

3. Wetlands Review Board - Appointments

The Wetlands Review Board is composed of seven members of the public and two members from the Planning Commission. When making appointments, the Assembly is required to consider obtaining the 'broadest possible representation from those technical fields with knowledge of the values, functions and uses of wetlands, such as fish or wildlife biology, geology, hydrology, land use planning, and engineering'.

There are currently two vacant seats on the Wetlands Review Board up for renewal, each with terms beginning immediately and ending either December 31, 2020 or December 31, 2021.

The Clerk's Office has received two applications for the Wetlands Review Board.

4. Board of Equalization - Appointment

The Board of Equalization (BOE) is a nine member board. There are currently two vacant seats on the BOE. Both seats have terms beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2021.

The Clerk's Office has received one application for the Board of Equalization.

B. Other Business

1. Resolution 2854 A Resolution Changing the Methodology for Calculation of Reimbursement for Emergency Service Volunteers, and Repealing Resolution 2554.

The volunteer firefighter stipend program has been updated to more effectively meet the needs of the organization and to comply with federal and state labor laws. The proposed update was created with input from a committee of volunteers, volunteer mentors and officers. The updates are supported by the Gastineau Chapter of Alaska State Fire Fighters.

Under the proposed revisions, stipends are distributed in three parts. There is a stable fixed stipend that all volunteers in good standing receive based on their current certification level. Additional stipend amounts can be earned through responding to an emergency call. The third element of the revised program provides a predictable quarterly reimbursement to volunteers for general expenses such as vehicle maintenance and/or day care. This program also fixes inequities that are created when a volunteer rides on a 24 hour shift.

It is anticipated that the revised volunteer stipend system will cost approximately \$60,000 less in FY20. The additional \$60,000 will be used to help pay for volunteers and volunteer officers to attend additional training and relevant conferences and used for volunteer recognition and retention programs. Currently these costs are paid for through volunteer fundraising efforts. Volunteer time is a very valuable commodity; it is a benefit to the community to utilize their time in training and responding to emergencies instead of fundraising for items not normally covered in a department budget.

2. Review Draft HRC Survey

VI. STAFF REPORTS

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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