

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

April 27, 2015 6:00 PM
Assembly Chambers

I. ROLL CALL

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Committee members present: Karen Crane, Loren Jones, Maria Gladziszewski, Debbie White.

Other Assemblymembers present: Mary Becker, Jerry Nankervis.

CBJ Staff present: Amy Mead, Municipal Attorney; Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk, Kim Kiefer, City Manager; Robert Steedle, Deputy City Manager; Bob Bartholomew, Finance Director.

Others Present: Pierre McHugh, Goldbelt; Ben Spiess, Attorney for Goldbelt (Teleconference).

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Hearing no objection, the agenda was approved as presented.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 16, 2015 Regular Human Resources Committee Meeting Minutes

Hearing no objection, the minutes of the March 16, 2015 Human Resources Committee were approved as corrected by Ms. Becker and Ms. Crane.

B. April 6, 2015 Regular Human Resources Committee Meeting Minutes

Mr. Jones noted two missing pages in the paper packet. The clerk redistributed those pages in an email. Hearing no objection, the minutes of April 6, 2015 Human Resources Committee were 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

1. Social Services Block Grant Review Process: Follow-up from April 6, 2015 HRC meeting

Mr. Jones said this item was on the agenda as a follow up from the last meeting.

The Juneau Community Foundation (JCF) was meeting on May 2, and he had not heard back from them or any of its members. He asked if there were any comments from the committee or persons present about the topic and there were none. Mr. Jones said he would keep this as a pending item and looked forward to hearing comments from JCF.

- B. Liquor Licenses

1. Liquor License Ownership Transfer - Goldbelt Aerial Tramway to Goldbelt Incorporated

Mr. Jones said this was on the Assembly agenda on March 13 and there were questions due to clearance of sales tax issues and the improper leasing of the license. He met with the the CBJ Law and Clerk's office. He referred to a letter from the ABC Board noting that they were aware that the license had been leased. He called forward McHugh Pierre, representing Goldbelt and Mr. Ben Speiss, attorney from Goldbelt was on the phone. Mr. Jones said an email was sent immediately prior to the HRC meeting from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board staff noting that Mr. Speiss held a lengthy conversation with the ABC staff the same day, and Cynthia Franklin said that Goldbelt was willing to work towards compliance.

Mr. Pierre said it was their intent to follow and comply with the law. The lease of the license was terminated and Goldbelt was not satisfied with the way the business had been conducted. Goldbelt absorbed the cost of unpaid sales taxes. Goldbelt would like to move forward and asked the Assembly to lift any protest so there was no obstacle to using the license for the summer season.

Ms. Crane asked about the advisory notice and the alert that it may be issued, and asked how that would affect the city's ability to act and if CBJ needed to take that into consideration. Ms. Mead said that was a factor to consider in protest. The entity operating the license wasn't the same entity that was making the sales. That entity was not registered or paying sales tax and that was a separate issue with the state's concern that the license was leased and not operating under state law. Ms. Mead said the sales tax had been paid. Ms. Mead said if Timberline was the operating entity, it was not registered.

Mr. Pierre said Goldbelt was the operator, d\l\ Timberline, they were the owner, the operator, and Goldbelt's name was on the license. There was a partnership, but Goldbelt had bought out the partner and it was moving to ensure that all of the legal entities know that Goldbelt was appropriately registered in all aspects of the Tram operation.

Ms. Crane said it appeared that there was no issue at this point. Ms. Mead said that if the same entity that owned the license was registered with sales tax, then there was no issue.

Mr. Jones said the degree of control that the license holder had over the licensed operations was a factor of license compliance and review, and that issue was being resolved.

Ms. Gladziszewski asked if the CBJ was not aware that the license was leased out. Mr. Pierre said he could not speak to the history of the issue, other than the current situation. Mr. Jones said the issue came to light when the transfer was received for review by CBJ departments.

MOTION, by White, to waive the right to protest. Hearing no objection, it was so noted.

2. CBJ Protest - License #4192, Seong's Sushi Bar and Chinese Takeout

Mr. Jones noted the payment of the sales tax had brought the outstanding tax issue into compliance. The license remained suspended until ABC Board action. The ABC Board was meeting on Wednesday.

MOTION, by Crane, to remove the protest of Seong's liquor license. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

C. Other Business

1. Juneau Commission on Aging Membership Recruitment

Mr. Jones noted that there were several open seats on the Juneau Commission on Aging. There were also issues in the Juneau Economic Development Plan that were directed to action by the JCOA and he asked the committee to help recruit members.

Ms. Crane said she would forward the email list for the Retired Public Employees Association to the Clerk's office to solicit membership.

VI. STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Sica noted the recent resignation of Gordon Jackson from the Planning Commission. She said that the position was being advertised and was added to the June 15 meeting of the Full Assembly sitting as the HRC to hold interviews for empowered boards.

Ms. Sica also noted a similar meeting on June 10 of the Full Assembly sitting as the HRC to hold interviews for empowered boards.

VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Submitted by Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk