

**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES - REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 19, 2018, 4:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM.

Committee Members Present: Loren Jones, Beth Weldon, Norton Gregory, Maria Gladziszewski – Late.

Staff Present: Rorie Watt, Mila Cosgrove, Roger Healy, John Bohan, Greg Smith, Ed Foster, Beth McKibben, Rob Steedle, James Langel, Kit Watts, and Janet Sanbei

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 26, 2018 – Regular Meeting

No comments or changes.

Minutes passed.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION on NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

IV. ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Centennial Hall Governance

Craig Dahl, Executive Director of Juneau Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber submitted a letter March 16, 2018, encouraging this Committee and the Assembly to move forward with working out a management agreement to allow the JACC to manage Centennial Hall.

Mr. Dahl also stated that over the past 40 years he has been personally involved in over 60 events at Centennial Hall. He has written at least 4 very long letters urging certain changes. He feels it is time for the City to take this type of approach for management of the facility. It is important to the facility and the community.

Marjorie Menzi, 6000 Thane Road, Juneau, AK. She is a 46-year resident of Juneau. She has been an involved member of the community over the years. She is also an arts advocate. She is a member of the Capital Campaign Committee for the new JACC. She stated she has over the years watched as more and more events are coming to the JACC. She believes that through the JACC management of Centennial Hall, it will bring new life to the Hall and allow for new vitality

when the new JACC is built and running. She is in support of the combined management of Centennial Hall and the JACC. She feels a step in the right direction happened when an agreement between the two facilities for JACC event attendees to use Centennial Hall unused spaces. She feels this action is in line with trying to make hard budget decisions at this time. She urged the Committee to move forward with the plan.

Ben Goldrich, MEBA Union Representative. He stated he represents many of the employees at Centennial Hall. He has a concern for these employees. They have served the public well. He also feels the City has done a great job of keeping the employees in the loop, as to the progress of this possible merger. He would like to encourage the City to continue to keep employees informed in the matter.

No more public comment on this topic.

Mr. Jones stated the Committee has received many emails concerning this matter. They are kept on file in the Clerk's Office. He stated the current comments will be forwarded to the Assembly Committee of the Whole for their review.

Mr. Jones would like to add to the record that he would like to encourage the Committee of the Whole to look seriously at the issues that were raised. He stated most of the comments talked about flexibility, the joint management being able to make better decisions and be more flexible to the needs of the community. The Travel Juneau letter supported the management but considered keeping the same priorities where some events i.e., weddings and such, would get a low priority at Centennial Hall. He encourages the Committee of the Whole to look at the priority list and determine whether they should change that priority list. It needs to be put in the management agreement.

Comments will be forwarded with a record of this hearing.

V. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Snow Plowing

Mr. Healy discussed the memo in the packet about what the Streets Department will do, and what they can't do. He stated the goal is to get the streets cleaned up as quickly and efficiently as possible. They will not clean out the berms of residents or do individual sidewalks in front of residences. They will sometimes clean the sidewalk on major streets, once street cleaning has been completed. He stated he drove through the Borough, and everyone seemed to be in similar situations. He didn't feel some residents were given a lighter load. Streets can be covered in chemicals, or have salt and gravel thrown down, but once the temperature dips below a certain point, everything is just slippery.

Ms. Weldon asked regarding the shifts. She asked about the rest period required. Is it possible to call them in during the night?

Ed Foster stated shift work is typically 8 hours. Sometimes shifts will be called in early, or held in later. It is not reasonable to call in a day person and ask them to plow all day and then stay up all night. It is not safe, everyone needs to get sleep.

Mr. Gregory stated he is grateful for the job the Streets Department and their ability to keep up with the snow plowing as well as they do. He asked about the appearance of fairness for residents. He stated that it seems the plows will put most of the snow on one side of the street, while the other side gets hardly any.

Ed Foster stated that some streets require the snow to be plowed to one side of the street. They do try to get a truck to open up the driveways. This is not easy, as it takes a person out of equipment. Also, it depends on where the drains are. They can't block the drains with snow, or the street will not drain properly. Normally the practice is to split it.

Discussion ensued.

B. Meander LID Update

Mr. Healy stated that because of publications in the newspaper, the hearing has been moved to the April 23, 2018, meeting.

Ms. Weldon said she feels that this seems to be in limbo mode. She feels that after several discussions the residents seem to be farther apart than when they started.

Mr. Healy indicated the direction was to bring an LID Ordinance forward, with an \$80,000 assessment. The process for that is to introduce the ordinance and then have a public hearing. The public hearing is the opportunity for the residents to state whether they object or agree with the formation of the LID. There is no opportunity for a vote.

Mr. Bohan said the Committee of the Whole gave direction to come forward with a firm decision point. This is the process to get to the firm decision point.

Mr. Jones stated that FEMA has come forward with new flood maps. The public hearing is April 4, at DZ. He asked Staff to review those maps. He feels the maps are forgetting about the Mendenhall River corridor completely.

VI. CONTRACTS DIVISION ACTIVITY REPORT

A. February 23, 2018 to March 14, 2018

No comment.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 PM.