THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA
REGULAR ASSEMBLY MEETING
Meeting Minutes – May 24, 2021

MEETING NO. 2021-13: The Regular Assembly Meeting of the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly was held in the Assembly Chambers, as well as virtually via Zoom webinar. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Beth Weldon at 7:00p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Assemblymembers Present: Maria Gladziszewski, Loren Jones, Wade Bryson, Michelle Hale (via Zoom), Christine Woll, Greg Smith, Carole Triem, and Mayor Beth Weldon.

Assemblymembers Absent: Alicia Hughes-Skandijs.

Staff Present: City Manager Rorie Watt (via Zoom), Deputy City Manager Mila Cosgrove, City Attorney Robert Palmer, Municipal Clerk Beth McEwen, Deputy City Clerk Diane Cathcart, Library Director EOC/PC Robert Barr, Parks and Recreation Director George Schaaf, Assistant City Attorney Sherri Layne, Community Development Director Jill Maclean, CDD Planning Manager Alix Pierce, CDD Planner Irene Gallion

II. LAND ACKNOLWEDGMENT

Ms. Woll acknowledged that the City and Borough of Juneau is on Tlingit land, and wished to honor the people of this land, the Auk Kwaan and Taku Kwaan. 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. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Instruction for Public Participation

Municipal Clerk McEwen provided instruction to the listening public on how to participate in the meeting via the Zoom platform.

B. US Coast Guard Certificate of Merit to CBJ's Docks and Harbors

Captain White presented the United States Coast Guard Certificate of Merit to the City and Borough of Juneau Docks and Harbors. Capt. White commended CBJ Docks and Harbors for their outstanding performance and duties while overseeing responses to multiple marine environmental threats from January 2020 to October 2020.

Most notably, Docks & Harbors were recognized for their response and their exceptional stewardship in the towing and removal of the *Lumberman*, a local nuisance vessel since 2017. When the vessel became adrift in Gastineau Channel on January 20, Docks & Harbors volunteered a cruise ship dock to safely moor the vessel, preventing any marine pollution or potential property damage as the result of a collision.

This past summer, Docks and Harbors devoted substantial resources to clean the vessel of all hazardous petroleum waste, meeting stringent environmental protection agencies' specifications. Docks and Harbors accommodated the vessel at a valuable cruise ship berth, sacrificing potential moorage income. These efforts, combined with the significant cost of clean-up operations, accumulated in a total cost of approximately $174,000.

The certificate was given to Carl Uchytil of Docks and Harbors, and Capt. White remarked on how much USCG appreciates CBJ's can-do attitude and teamwork efforts.

Mr. Uchytil thanked Capt. White and the Coast Guard for their professionalism and for working with Docks and Harbors.

Mayor Weldon congratulated Mr. Uchytil and his staff for their dedication, and thanked Capt. White for presenting this certificate.

C. EOC COVID-19 Update

Ms. Cosgrove provided the EOC COVID-19 Update. Juneau is currently at Incident Level 1b, which indicates low case counts and a vaccination rate between 50% - 70%. It is worth noting that while there has been low case counts, there has also been recent community spread, most of which has been identified as secondary transmission. She presented a graph to the Assembly which detailed the average new COVID-19 cases per day for each month since April 2020, this graph showed that the cases for Juneau have been steadily decreasing.

She displayed another graph that showed Juneau's vaccinated population numbers; at the time of the meeting, 57.3% of Juneau's total population have been fully vaccinated: 18,211 individuals in total. 14% of Juneau's population are children under the age of 12, who are unable to be vaccinated as of current CDC guidelines. Ms. Cosgrove explained that youth under 12 are one of Juneau's most vulnerable populations, as they are unable to be vaccinated, and spoke to the potential long-term lasting health impacts on children who have since recovered from COVID-19.

Ms. Cosgrove said that once Juneau reaches over 70% vaccination rate, masking requirements will become less restrictive; unvaccinated individuals will be required to wear masks when individuals who are not yet eligible by age for vaccination (i.e. children) are present.

Ms. Cosgrove described the "Green" level (which is not yet formally defined) as allowing for masks to not be required. This level would be potentially achieved when Juneau continuously has only one case per 100k population (at most 2.3 cases a week), and when youth aged two and older can receive the vaccine.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 22, 2021 Regular Assembly Meeting 2021-07 Draft Minutes

B. April 21, 2021 Special Assembly Meeting 2021-10 Draft Minutes

C. April 26, 2021 Regular Assembly Meeting 2021-11 Draft Minutes
D. May 12, 2021 Special Assembly Meeting 2021-12 Draft Minutes

MOTION by Ms. Hale for the Assembly to approve of the above meeting minutes, and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections minutes were approved by unanimous consent.*

IV. MANAGER'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

There were no requests for Consent Agenda changes.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Paula Terrell – Thane resident. Ms. Terrell's testimony was in regards to Resolution 2170, a resolution passed in 2002 that adopted policies directed towards tourism management in Juneau. She said that the resolution requires indicators to measure the cruise ship industry, and believes that nothing has been done to establish those indicators. Ms. Terrell mentioned Jim Powell from UAS has been offered a grant to develop two focus groups to identify measurable indicators to evaluate Juneau's tourism industry.
Ms. Gladziszewski asked Ms. Terrell if she recalled the Collaboration Juneau efforts that went on for several years that made significant progress related to the issues on flightseeing and tourism in Juneau. Ms. Terrell said that she was familiar Collaboration Juneau, as she had been a member of the task force and mentioned that it was disbanded in 2008.

William Quayle – Downtown resident. Mr. Quayle described his pedi-cab service becoming completely idle throughout last year as a result of the pandemic, and mentioned that he was denied COVID-19 grant funding. He spoke to the current regulations that require pedi-cabs to refuse service after dark. Mr. Quayle asked the Assembly to amend the requirements to allow for pedi-cabs to run at night, and serve tourists who are tired after a long day of sightseeing.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Quayle to clarify that there is a current CBJ code that prohibits pedi-cabs from operating at night. Mr. Quayle explained that the rule prevents him from giving rides to potential customers at night, which is particularly difficult when cruise ships are still coming in October when it is getting dark outside. He detailed the amount of lighting in and around his pedi-cab.

Capt. Starr Parmely – Douglas resident. Capt. Parmely recognized Docks & Harbors staff for their efforts in removing the *Lumberman* vessel, and expressed support for Mr. Quayle's pedi-cab service and said he should be able to operate at night. He spoke to the struggling career fields in Juneau, and asked the listening public to support alternative job creation and sole proprietor businesses. Capt. Parmely feels that the Docks & Harbors Board applicant pool should represent the live-aboard community, and expressed his intent to run for the board in the future.

Karla Hart – Valley resident. Ms. Hart spoke on behalf of Juneau Cruise Control. JCC have discussed Norwegian Cruise Lines' offer of $2M in humanitarian relief to Juneau. JCC encouraged the Assembly to make the donation directly to the Juneau Community Foundation.

Ms. Hart said that JCF could distribute this donation out into the community, and she believes it would remove any appearance of impropriety considering the business nature of the relationship.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Public Requests for Consent Agenda Changes, Other Than Ordinances for Introduction
None.

B. Assembly Requests for Consent Agenda Changes. *None.*

C. Assembly Action
MOTION by Mr. Jones for the Assembly to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented. *Hearing no objections, the Consent Agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.*
1. Ordinances for Introduction:
a. **Ordinance 2021-17 An Ordinance Providing for the Levy and Collection of a Temporary 3% Areawide Sales Tax on the Price of All Taxable Sales of Goods and Services Delivered within the City and Borough of Juneau, to be in Effect Five Years from July 1, 2022, through July 1, 2027; and Calling for an Election on Whether Such Sales Tax Shall Be Levied.**

The CBJ has a 5% sales tax rate, which is comprised of a permanent 1% tax, a temporary 1% tax, and a temporary 3% tax. The voters have authorized the temporary 3% tax every five years, and it currently expires on July 1, 2022.

The temporary 3% tax is necessary to provide a stable revenue base for municipal services like police, fire, parks, libraries, and capital projects. This ordinance would place the temporary 3% tax on the ballot for the October 5, 2021, election.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance, refer it to the Finance Committee on June 2, 2021, and set it for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

b. Ordinance 2020-09(AX) An Ordinance Deappropriating $2,500,000 from the Manager as Funding for the Purchase of a Building at 3225 Hospital Drive, and Appropriating $2,750,000 to the Manager as Funding for the Crisis Stabilization Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by Bartlett Regional Hospital Fund's Fund Balance.

This ordinance would deappropriate $2,500,000 of Bartlett Regional Hospital (BRH) Fund's fund balance and appropriate $2,750,000 as funding for BRH's Crisis Stabilization CIP (B55-080). BRH was unable to purchase the office building located at 3225 Hospital Drive which currently houses a BRH clinical program. BRH's lease on the clinic space expires in December 2022 and is unlikely to be renewed. To house the clinical program at the hospital campus, BRH is proposing to use this funding to add a floor to the behavioral health facility currently under construction.

Funding for the appropriation would be provided by Bartlett Regional Hospital Fund's fund balance.

This request was reviewed and approved by the BRH Board at its April 27, 2021 meeting. This request was reviewed by the Public Works and Facilities Committee at its May 10, 2021 meeting.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance and set it for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

c. Ordinance 2020-09(AY) An Ordinance Transferring $550,000 from CIP H51-116 Marine Park to Taku Improvements/Archipelago to CIP H51-120 Seawalk Major Maintenance and CIP R72-144 South Franklin Sidewalk Safety and Capacity Improvements.

This ordinance would transfer $550,000 of state marine passenger fees from the Marine Park to Taku Improvements/Archipelago CIP to two related waterfront projects. $500,000 will go to the South Franklin Sidewalk Safety and Capacity Improvements CIP to relocate light poles and install sidewalk stanchions on South Franklin, which will increase pedestrian safety along this busy transportation corridor. $50,000 will go to the Seawalk Major Maintenance CIP to repair the seawalk between Taku Smokeries and the Fishermen's Memorial.

Work on both of these projects is anticipated to be completed prior to the 2022 cruise ship season. After this transfer, a balance of $496,000 will remain in the Archipelago CIP to finish the project.

This request was reviewed by the Public Works and Facilities Committee meeting on May 10, 2021.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance and set it for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

d. Ordinance 2020-09(AZ) An Ordinance Transferring $500,000 from CIP P47-073 Centennial Hall Renovation Phase 2 to CIP F21-041 Downtown/Glacier Fire Stations Mechanical and Electrical Upgrades.

This ordinance would transfer $500,000 from the Centennial Hall Renovation CIP to the Downtown/Glacier Fire Stations Mechanical and Electrical Upgrades CIP. The $500,000 to be transferred was provided on a short-term basis to the Centennial Hall Renovation CIP to complete the project design.

The $500,000 would be transferred to the Fire Station Mechanical and Electrical Upgrades CIP to install ground source heat pump (GSHP) loop fields at the Downtown and Valley fire stations. The additional funding is needed to upgrade the heat system from air source to ground source after a study determined the GSHP to provide the best long-term heating solution at the two fire stations. The study found the life cycle costs of the two options similar but the ground source heat system offered redundancy in the form of an electric boiler that the air source system did not provide.

This request was reviewed by the Public Works and Facilities Committee at its meeting on May 10, 2021.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance and set it for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

e. Ordinance 2021-20 An Ordinance Amending the Compensation for Assemblymembers, the Mayor, and Certain Boards.

CBJ Charter section 3.10 provides the Assembly—by ordinance—shall provide for compensation for the Mayor and other Assemblymembers. However, an ordinance that increases Assemblymember compensation shall not take effect until after the October election.

This ordinance would establish the compensation for the Planning Commission and the Hospital Board of Directors at $225 per month, establish the compensation for the Mayor at $3,500 per month, and establish the compensation for other Assemblymembers at $750 per month. Currently, this ordinance has an effective date of January 1, 2022.

On March 10, 2020, the Assembly Finance Committee amended this ordinance to include the Planning Commission and Hospital Board. On May 5, 2021, the Assembly Finance Committee also discussed this topic.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance and refer it to the Committee of the Whole.

2. Resolutions

a. Resolution 2946 A Resolution Expanding Membership for the Juneau Human Rights Commission.

This resolution would increase the membership of the Juneau Human Rights Commission from five to seven members. The Assembly Human Resources Committee recommended this change.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this resolution.

b. Resolution 2947 A Resolution Repealing and Reestablishing the Assembly Rules of Procedure.

This resolution would update the Assembly Rules of Procedure to facilitate the transition to in-person meetings (1) by allowing members of the public to continue following Assembly and CBJ enterprise board meetings online; (2) by allowing up to three Assemblymembers to participate remotely via telephone or video programs, like Zoom; and (3) by providing for a land acknowledgement.

On May 10, the Assembly Committee of the Whole recommended these revisions.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this resolution.

c. Resolution 2950 A Resolution Ratifying the Labor Agreement between the City and Borough and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union AFL-CIO, Healthcare Unit 2201.

This resolution would provide Assembly ratification of the tentative agreement negotiated between Bartlett Regional Hospital and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Healthcare Unit 2201, for a collective bargaining agreement that will expire on December 31, 2023.

The tentative agreement includes the following wage increases: 2% in fiscal year 2022, 2% in fiscal year 2023, and 1% in fiscal year 2024. The economic terms also include a one-time $1000 lump sum bonus payment for full time employees employed on June 1, 2021 or a $500 lump sum bonus payment for part time, casual or PRN employees employed on June 1, 2021. The total cost of these provisions over the life of the contract for both union and non-represented employees is projected to be approximately $6,219,000.

In addition, there are other non-economic language changes to the collective bargaining agreement.

This tentative agreement has been put out for ratification vote by the ILWU membership, but the voting period is not yet complete, so the votes have not been counted. Assembly ratification of this tentative agreement is conditioned on ILWU ratification of the tentative agreement.

The Bartlett Regional Hospital Board of Directors reviewed the tentative agreement in a Committee of the Whole meeting and unanimously recommended that the Assembly ratify the tentative agreement.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this resolution.

d. Resolution 2948 A Resolution Providing For Interest Rates For The Hospital Revenue Refunding Bond Being Issued Through The Alaska Municipal Bond Bank.

On April 26, the Assembly adopted Ordinance 2021-15 which authorized the refinancing of several bond issues through Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority.

This resolution delegates to the Manager the authority to approve final interest rates for the refinancing of the Hospital Revenue Bond. Savings from the refinancing over the remaining life of the bond are expected to be approximately $1,054,768.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this resolution.

e. Resolution 2952 A Resolution Providing For Interest Rates For The Port Revenue Refunding Bond Being Issued Through The Alaska Municipal Bond Bank.

On April 26, the Assembly adopted Ordinance 2021-15 which authorized the refinancing of several bond issues through Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority.

This resolution delegates to the Manager the authority to approve final interest rates for the refinancing of the Port Revenue Bond. Savings from the refinancing over the remaining life of the bond are expected to be approximately $1,542,700.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this resolution.

f. Resolution 2951 A Resolution Providing For Interest Rates For The General Obligation Refunding Bond Being Issued Through The Alaska Municipal Bond Bank.

On April 26, the Assembly adopted Ordinance 2021-15 which authorized the refinancing of several bond issues through Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority.

This resolution delegates to the Manager the authority to approve final interest rates for the refinancing of the General Obligation Bond. Savings from the refinancing over the remaining life of the bond are expected to be approximately $140,659.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this resolution.

g. Resolution 2954 A Resolution Reducing the 2021 Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Fee for Commercial Passenger Vehicles.

Every year, commercial passenger vehicle businesses in the CBJ are required to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate. The certificate fee for Class A and Class B businesses is $1,500 and for Class C businesses is $750.

Many commercial passenger vehicle businesses derive the bulk of their customers from cruise ship passengers, but cruise ships are not anticipated to arrive until later this summer, if at all. This resolution would reduce the certificate fee by 66% to account for the anticipated reduction in cruise ship passengers for 2021.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this resolution.

3. Bid Award

a. Bid Award - BE21-219 Crest Street Reconstruction

Bids were opened on this project on May 18, 2021. The bid protest period expired at 4:30 p.m. on May 19, 2021. Results of the bid opening are as follows:

RESPONSIVE BIDDERS	TOTAL BID
North40 Construction Corporation	$1,963,613
Admiralty Construction, Inc.	$2,043,243
Coogan Construction	$2,336,769
Architect's/Engineer's Estimate	$2,001,166

The City Manager recommends award of this project to North40 Construction Corporation for the total amount bid of $1,963,613.

b. Bid Award - BE21-150 Tongass Boulevard Reconstruction
Bids were opened on this project on May 11, 2021. The bid protest period expired at 4:30 p.m. on May 12, 2021. Results of the bid opening are as follows:

RESPONSIVE BIDDERS	TOTAL BID
Henricksen Constructors, Inc.	$1,812,730
North40 Construction Corp.	$2,059,480
Admiralty Construction, Inc.	$2,139,335
Architect's/Engineer's Estimate	$1,778,812

The City Manager recommends award of this project to Henricksen Constructors, Inc., for the total amount bid of $1,812,730.

4. Liquor License
a. Liquor License Renewals
These liquor license actions are before the Assembly to either protest or waive its right to protest the license action.
Liquor License Renewal
License Type: Beverage Dispensary, License #76
Licensee: The Narrows Bar LLC, d/b/a The Narrows Bar LLC
Location: 148 S. Franklin St., Juneau

License Type: Package Store, License #176
Licensee: Breeze-In Corporation d/b/a Breeze-In Liquor
Location: 2200 Trout St., Juneau

License Type: Beverage Dispensary, License #447
Licensee: David McGivney d/b/a No DBA
Location: None, Juneau

License Type: Restaurant/Eating Place, License #2175
Licensee: Midnight Ninja Ventures Inc. d/b/a Lupo
Location: 120 2nd Street Suite B, Juneau

License Type: Beverage Dispensary, License #2533
Licensee: The Viking Lounge LLC, The Viking Lounge
Location: 216 Front St., Juneau

License Type: Beverage Dispensary, License #2766
Licensee: Alaska Red Dog Saloon LLC d/b/a Red Dog Saloon
Location: 278 S. Franklin St., Juneau

License Type: Recreational Site-Grandfathered, License #5095

Licensee: PINZ LLC d/b/a PINZ
Location: 608 W Willoughby Ave., Juneau

License Type: Club, License #5414
Licensee: BPO Elks Lodge #420 d/b/a Juneau Elks Club No. 420
Location: 9321 Glacier Hwy., Juneau

License Type: Distillery, License #5506
Licensee: Amalga Distillery LLC d/b/a Amalga Distillery
Location: 134 N Franklin St., Juneau

Staff from the Police, Finance, Fire, Public Works (Utilities), and Community Development departments have reviewed the above licenses and recommend the Assembly waive its right to protest the applications.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly waive its right to protest the above-listed liquor license renewals.

5. Transfers

a. **Transfer Request T-1037 A Transfer of $108,000 from CIP A50-102 Terminal Construction to CIP A50-092 Float Pond Improvements.**

This transfer of $108,000 from the Terminal Construction CIP consists of Airport fund balance from the Revolving CIP Fund which will be transferred to the Float Pond Improvements CIP to supplement the available $34,000 for design of Phase 2 construction.

The proposed design contract consists of survey and design work for the float pond road and shore protection, as well as additive alternates for design engineering to pave the access road and west finger road, for a total design services cost of $142,000.

Funds were previously transferred from the Revolving CIP Fund to the Airport Terminal Reconstruction project, but are no longer needed for that project. These funds are available for use until anticipated federal grants are awarded.

The Airport Board approved this request at its May 13, 2021 meeting.

The City Manager recommends approval of this transfer.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Ordinance 2021-03 An Ordinance Regulating Fireworks and Providing for a Penalty.

This ordinance would create a comprehensive set of regulations to govern the use, sale, and possession of fireworks. Fireworks would be classified as concussive, holiday, and allowable. Notably, concussive fireworks, like mortars, would be prohibited inside the fire service area.

The Assembly Committee of the Whole discussed fireworks multiple times including: February 1, 2021; March 15, 2021; April 12, 2021; and May 10, 2021.

As this is a policy matter, the City Manager has no recommendation on this ordinance.

Public Comment:

Tlingit & Haida Central Council President Richard Peterson thanked the Assembly for allowing public comment on this ordinance, and thanked the Auk Kwaan and Taku Kwaan tribes for allowing this meeting to be conducted on their lands. President Peterson said that throughout this fireworks debate, THCC has acted as a good neighbor towards CBJ, provided transparency when asked, and advocated for safe and responsible fireworks usage to the public. THCC agrees that large fireworks such as mortars do not belong in residential neighborhoods, and have referred their customers to CBJ policy regarding the use of fireworks. President Peterson said that exemption for tribal governments to apply for permits is an appropriate recognition of tribal sovereignty. He noted that the land on which THCC conducts fireworks sales is a tribal allotment of Inuit Country, pursuant to 18.USC.11.51.C. President Peterson said that municipal governments do not have the authority to regulate conduct on allotments, and imposing a municipal permit requirement is not honoring tribal sovereignty. He also expressed concern regarding the potential sales tax for fireworks, and noted that doing so would be government-to-government taxation, as well as taxation on an entity which had been recognized by CBJ as tax-exempt. President Peterson said that THCC felt that these challenges were directed at THCC, as they are the only firework retailers in Juneau. He said that THCC is still committed to being a good neighbor, but that being a good neighbor is a two-way street.

Mr. Bryson asked President Peterson if they feel that removing high-powered mortars from the neighborhoods would be the appropriate compromise to solve the community issues with neighborhood fireworks. President Peterson confirmed that they agreed with the compromise.

Mr. Bryson asked if President Peterson was advocating against the sales tax for fireworks because it would only impact their entity. President Peterson said that it would feel as if CBJ were singling out THCC, and said that CBJ would not have the ability to do so on an Indian allotment. He added that doing so would ultimately lead to litigation.

Captain Starr Parmely – Douglas resident. Capt. Parmely supported THCC, and urged the Assembly to come to a compromise with the tribe.

Assembly Action:

<u>MOTION</u> by Ms. Woll to adopt Ordinance 2021-03 and asked for unanimous consent.

Objection by Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones believed that the ordinance was not enforceable and will exacerbate the problem. He said that the impact of all the firework sales happen off of tribal lands. Mr. Jones added that it is fine for THCC to sell and use fireworks on their land, but that the customers take them into the residential areas, parks, and beaches to shoot off their fireworks.

Ms. Gladziszewski believes that this is the best compromise they have come up with. She noted that this issue is complicated and she anticipated that the Assembly will be back looking at this after the 4th of July. She added that she is trying to get big mortars out of the neighborhoods.

Mr. Bryson believes that the community will be able to grasp the concept of mortars being prohibited from neighborhoods. He identified the mortars as the main firework type that was causing issues, and this problem has been eliminated. Mr. Bryson said he has faith that residents comply with this ordinance.

Ms. Hale mentioned that CBJ and the Assembly must do a better job regulating fireworks. She advocated for keeping large-scale fireworks like mortars out of neighborhoods and residential areas.

Objection by Mayor Weldon. She said that this ordinance seemed confusing. She commended the Assembly for creating a fireworks ordinance, because contrary to popular belief, there was never a previous Fireworks ordinance.

Roll Call Vote on adoption of Ordinance 2021-03:
Ayes: Woll, Smith, Gladziszewski, Hale, Triem, Bryson.
Nays: Jones, Mayor Weldon.
Motion passed. Six (6) Ayes, Two (2) Nays.

B. Ordinance 2021-18 An Ordinance Regarding Taxing the Sale of Fireworks.
This ordinance would clarify the sale of fireworks is not exempt from sales tax.
The Assembly Committee of the Whole discussed this ordinance at its meeting on May 10, 2021.

The City Manager has no recommendation for this ordinance.

Public Comment:
Tlingit & Haida Central Council President Richard Peterson spoke against this ordinance, and said that this will lead to lengthy amount of litigation. He noted that THCC brought in over $44M into the Juneau economy, and partnered with CBJ during CARES Act funding by providing essential services. He mentioned that THCC has never lost a case of this kind before, and that they are prepared to bring the full force of the tribe into litigation. President Peterson added that doing so would be a very unfortunate thing to do to our community, particularly for what he described as a very small amount of money.

Assembly Action:
MOTION by Mr. Smith to adopt Ordinance 2021-18 and asked for a NO vote.

Mr. Smith spoke to his objection, saying that he wants to be good partners with THCC and would not want to damage their existing relationship.

Objection by Ms. Triem for purposes of a question. She asked Mr. Palmer if the Assembly were to pass this ordinance, would that require for a different type of entity – that was not a tribal government – to collect and remit sales tax. Mr. Palmer said that this ordinance would remove exemption for any non-profit organization, including tribes, but any for profit entity would be required to collect and remit sales tax.

Mr. Jones believes that this has been portrayed as a tax on the tribe, and he said it was not. He mentioned that the City should be able to collect revenue as a response to the impact from the fireworks sold by THCC. He spoke in support of this ordinance.

Objection by Ms. Hale. She referenced President Peterson's testimony which informed the Assembly that this is an allotment and is not subject to CBJ laws. She said that there is no reason for the Assembly to hastily pass this ordinance, particularly one in which she described none of them fully understand. She added that the Assembly could always come back to this when they have a better understanding of this ordinance as a whole.

Objection by Ms. Woll. She said that exemption of sales tax for tribes is important and serves as a sign of respect for tribal sovereignty.

Roll Call Vote on adoption of Ordinance 2021-18:
Ayes: Jones.
Nays: Smith, Woll, Bryson, Hale, Gladziszewski, Triem, Mayor Weldon.
Motion failed. One (1) Ayes, Seven (7) Nays.

The Assembly took a break at 8:02p.m. and the meeting resumed at 8:12p.m.

C. Ordinance 2020-09(AW) An Ordinance Appropriating $109,500 to the Manager as Funding for Security Camera Equipment for Capital Transit; Grant Funding Provided by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, with Local Match Funding Provided by the Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund's Fund Balance.

This ordinance would appropriate $109,500 for the purchase of security camera equipment for Capital Transit. Grant funding in the amount of $87,600 is comprised of Federal Transit Administration funds passed through the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. The local match requirement of $21,900 is provided by the Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund's fund balance. This funding will replace older cameras on transit buses with high-definition security camera equipment with wireless download capabilities that will result in operational efficiencies due to the staff time necessary to retrieve videos from the current system. Additionally, this funding will be used to purchase cameras for the Downtown Transit Center.

The Public Works and Facilities Committee reviewed this request at its January 11, 2021 meeting.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment:
None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Mr. Bryson for the Assembly to adopt Ordinance 2020-09(AW) and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections, Ordinance 2020-09(AW) was adopted by unanimous consent.*

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 2021-09 An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Treasury for FY22 School District Operations.

This ordinance will appropriate to the School District an FY22 operating budget of $92,396,600. This is an overall increase in the budget of $838,500 from the FY21 Amended Budget. The FY22 school budget is supported with a combination of funding sources including CBJ local funding of $29,336,100 and state and federal funding of $55,506,800. The local funding consists of $27,264,600 for general operations and $2,071,500 for programs and activities not subject to the state funding cap.

State statute requires the Assembly to determine the total amount of local educational funding support to be provided and provide notification of the support to the School Board within 30 days of the School District's budget submission. The district's budget was submitted April 1, 2021. During the April 21, 2021 Special Assembly meeting, the Assembly approved the local funding portion of $27,264,600 for school district general operations. During the May 12, 2021 Assembly Finance Committee meeting, the Assembly approved $2,071,500 for programs and activities not subject to the state funding cap.

By Charter, the Assembly is required to appropriate the School District's budget no later than May 31, 2021.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Mayor Weldon noted that since they have already taken public testimony on this ordinance, they would not be taking public testimony at this time but that Juneau School District Superintendent Dr. Bridget Weiss and JSD Acting Finance Officer David Means were present via Zoom and available to answer questions from the Assembly.

Assembly Action
MOTION by Ms. Hale for the Assembly to adopt Ordinance 2021-09 and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections, Ordinance 2021-09 was adopted by unanimous consent.*

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ratifying the CBJ COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies of Emergency Ordinance 2021-11.

Please see the attached memorandum from Municipal Attorney Palmer describing the two prominent options to ratify the recent CDC changes into the CBJ Mitigation Strategies.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly either introduce Ordinance 2021-22 or adopt Resolution 2953.

B. (Introduction) Ordinance 2021-22 Reestablishing the City and Borough of Juneau COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies and Providing for a Penalty.

On April 26, 2021 the Assembly enacted Emergency Ordinance 2021-11(am), which reestablished the COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies and provided for a penalty. That ordinance is set to expire on July 31, 2021, and requires the Manager to keep it consistent with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance and "present the revisions to Exhibit A at regular or special Assembly meetings for ratification." The CDC has revised its guidance for fully vaccinated people. Consistent with Emergency Ordinance 2021-11, the Manager has updated Exhibit A and it is ready for Assembly ratification.

Ordinance 2021-22 would ratify the CDC changes to Exhibit A and continue to keep the COVID-19 Mitigation Measures in Exhibit A as requirements. If the Assembly introduces this ordinance on May 24, it could be set for public hearing on June 14, and it could be effective on July 15.

The Assembly has discretion to extend the expiration date beyond July 31. Between now and the effective date, the Manager's changes to Exhibit A would still be in effect, which would allow fully vaccinated people to forgo masking in most places while still requiring unvaccinated people to wear a mask in most indoor public settings.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance and set it for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

C. (Public Hearing) Resolution 2953 A Resolution Repealing Emergency Ordinance 2021-11 and Re-establishing the COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Strategies as Recommendations.
On April 26, 2021, the Assembly enacted Emergency Ordinance 2021-11(am), which reestablished the COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies and provided for a penalty. That ordinance is set to expire on July 31, 2021, and requires the Manager to keep it consistent with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance and "present the revisions to Exhibit A at regular or special Assembly meetings for ratification."

The CDC has revised its guidance for fully vaccinated people. Consistent with Emergency Ordinance 2021-11, the Manager has updated Exhibit A and it is ready for Assembly ratification.

Resolution 2953 would terminate Emergency Ordinance 2021-11(am), ratify the CDC changes to Exhibit A, and change the provisions of Exhibit A to recommendations. However, due to federal law, even if Resolution 2953 was adopted on May 24, vaccinated and unvaccinated people would still be required to wear a mask on public transportation, on airplanes, in the Juneau Airport, and in any building or facility that requires masking.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly introduce Ordinance 2021-22 and table Resolution 2953.

Staff Report on items A. B. & C. above:
Mr. Palmer explained to the Assembly that what appears to be three items on the agenda are really just one item with multiple options available to the Assembly. The question for the Assembly at this meeting is how and what process they want to use to ratify the changes that the CDC guidance has provided, specifically as it relates to the wearing of masks and vaccinated individuals. He explained that the options for the Assembly are to choose to a) introduce Ordinance 2021-22, or b) take action with Resolution 2953. He explained that if they choose to adopt Ordinance 2021-22, the requirements found on Exhibit A would be adopted rather than just having recommendations as found in Resolution 2953.

Ms. Hale noted that one of the City Manager recommendations was to table Resolution 2953, and she asked if the City Manager would speak to that recommendation.

Ms. Cosgrove explained that the EOC and the Manager's Office believes that there is value in keeping the COVID-19 Mitigation Measures, specifically regarding the masking of unvaccinated individuals, as a requirement rather than a recommendation. Following behind vaccination, masking is one of the most important tools available to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and protect Juneau's vulnerable population.

Mr. Bryson asked Ms. Cosgrove to clarify if passing this ordinance would simply act as an extension of our current guidelines. Ms. Cosgrove confirmed that was correct, and referenced Mr. Palmer's memo which indicated that doing so would be the recommended course of action.

Public Comment:
None.

Assembly Action:
MOTION by Ms. Gladziszewski for the Assembly to introduce Ordinance 2021-22, set it for public hearing at the next Regular Assembly meeting, and table Resolution 2953. She asked for unanimous consent.

Objection by Ms. Hale. Ms. Hale questioned the value of having a requirement, when a recommendation is all that can be done, since vaccination status cannot be confirmed. She said that she was leaning toward Resolution 2953.

Ms. Woll shared that she spoke with some people who work in offices, and they appreciated having masking be a requirement because it took office politics out of the discussion.

Mr. Smith believed that having the requirement as an ordinance would provide some level of certainty and would allow for the community to cautiously emerge. He supported this ordinance and Ms. Gladziszewski's motion.

Mr. Bryson mentioned that the community has been diligent in informing the Assembly when they disagree with the Assembly action. He added that Juneau has had the best outcome in terms of low case counts of COVID-19, which is why he is in favor for continuing their requirements that brought about these positive results.

Ms. Hale removed her objection.

Hearing no objections, Ordinance 2021-22 was introduced and set for public hearing, and Resolution 2953 was tabled by unanimous consent.

D. Supplemental Agreement Bartlett Regional Hospital Crisis Stabilization CIP
Bartlett Hospital wishes to add a third floor to the Behavioral Health Facility Project. The project bid was awarded in March for approximately $8.5M for the demolition of an old building and the construction of a new two-story facility.

The addition of a third floor would require a Supplemental Agreement as governed by CBJ's purchasing code and the dollar amount of the approval requires Assembly approval, provided that the Manager provides a best interest finding. That finding is in the Assembly packet. The City Manager recommends that the Assembly accept the best interest finding and authorize the execution of Supplemental Agreements to the Behavioral Health facility construction contract with Dawson Construction Company to facilitate the addition of a third floor to the new facility.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly approve the supplemental agreement request as presented by the Manager.

Public Comment:
None.

Assembly Action:
Mayor Weldon recused herself from participating from this part of the meeting due to a conflict of interest and passed the gavel to Deputy Mayor Loren Jones.

MOTION by Ms. Triem for the Assembly to approve the supplemental agreement request as presented by the City Manager, and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections, the request was approved by unanimous consent.*

Mayor Weldon rejoined the meeting.

E. Regulation 05 CBJAC 15 Dockage Rate Change
This regulation would increase the charge assessed to vessels for berthing at the Intermediate Vessel Float, Steamship Wharf, Cruise Ship Terminal, Port Field Office Float, Inside of the Cruise Ship Terminal, and vessels making reservations at the Statter Harbor breakwater.

The proposed changes would double the fees currently assessed vessels at these locations based on a tiered linear feet basis. This fee does not affect moorage at the small boat harbors.

The Docks and Harbor Board recommended these fees be increased at a special Board meeting held on May 19. The Board received public comment through verbal testimony before deliberating on the recommended fee increase. This regulation was last changed in 2004.

The Assembly's review is guided by CBJC 01.60.260. Notably, the Assembly cannot amend the regulations tonight. However, the Assembly may do one of the following:

1. Not take up consideration of the regulations by moving the regulations with orders of the day, which means the regulations are approved;
2. Discuss the regulations and move to adopt the regulations;
3. Discuss the regulations and direct the Manager to consider reasons to review the regulations again; or
4. Direct the Attorney to prepare an ordinance or resolution for consideration of the substance of the regulations.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly choose #3 and direct the Manager to consider reasons to review the regulations again.

Public Comment:
Captain Starr Parmely – Douglas resident. Capt. Parmely was concerned about the dates for this increase, as it would coincide with the annual Alaska Folk Fest and might affect travelling performers and festival-goers.

Assembly Action:
MOTION by Mr. Jones for the Assembly to refer this back to the Manager to consider reasons to review the regulations again.

Mr. Jones said he hoped that the Manager could provide some guidance to Docks & Harbors (D&H) staff and the board regarding the rates and regulations process with D&H, and believes that there should be serious consideration on the need for doubling of the rates for D&H.

Ms. Gladziszewski said she would like to see some analysis as to why this was chosen, and would appreciate if the Manager would help facilitate that request.

Ms. Hale mentioned that this is the second fee proposal that has been brought to the Assembly in which fees have doubled. She commented that doubling fees is harsh and she would recommend a more gradual approach.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed by unanimous consent.

F. Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF) application to acquire 380 square feet of City property for the Douglas Highway Reconstruction Project.

The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) has submitted an application to acquire 380 square feet of City property for the Douglas Highway reconstruction project. The requested square footage is located at 750 St. Ann's Avenue at the Mayflower Building.

The area being requested is located outside of the Montessori School fence and is adjacent to the existing ROW. This request is part of a package of requests that include easements and temporary construction easements on City property along Douglas Highway. The Lands, Housing and Economic Development Committee provided a motion of support for this disposal at its April 12 meeting.

The City Manager requests a motion of support to work with the DOT&PF towards the disposal of City property through a negotiated sale.

MOTION by Ms. Gladziszewski to support the Manager to negotiate a sale with DOTPF. *Hearing no objections, the motion passed by unanimous consent.*

G. Hardship and Senior Citizen/Disabled Veteran/Non-Profit Late-Filed Real Property Tax Exemption Applications.

There are 21 property owners that are requesting that the Assembly authorize the Assessor to consider a late-filed exemption request for their property assessment. The action required by the Assembly is to determine whether or not the late-filed exemption requests will be heard. Evidence on the assessment itself or the merit of the request is not relevant. The Assembly should consider each request separately and determine whether or not the property owner was unable to comply with the 30-day filing requirement.

The burden of proof is upon the property owner to show the inability to file a timely exemption request. In this context, the word "unable" does not include situations in which a property owner forgot about, or overlooked, the assessment notice, was out of town during the period for filing an exemption, or similar situations. Rather, it covers situations that are beyond the property owner's control and would prevent a property owner from recognizing what is at stake and dealing with it. Examples of this would include physical or mental disability serious enough to prevent a person from dealing rationally with their private affairs.

Disagreeing with the amount of the assessment does not constitute inability to submit a timely exemption request, nor does a notice of assessment being sent to a wrong address. The property owner is responsible for keeping a current, correct address on file with the assessor's office. If the Assembly decides to accept one or more late-filed exemption requests, those applications will be referred to the Assessor for review and action.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly act on each of these applications individually.

Public Comment:
None.

Assembly Action:
Ms. Gladziszewski asked for the record to reflect that the Assembly considered each of these applications individually, as follows:

<u>Hardship List</u>: William Boatman, Wayne Powers, James Martin Nelson, Mary Szczepanski, Patricia Conners-Allen.
<u>Late File Senior Exemption List</u>: William Boatman, Tony Shattenberg, Beverly Gelston, Jane Edwards, Naida James, Elmer Lindstrom, Nanci Spear, Edward Page, Pauline Marte-Peguero, Charles Patrick Quigley, Terry Searles, Julie Staley, Martha Taylor, Ray Vidic, and Michael Race.
<u>Late File Non-Profit Exemption List</u>: SeaDogs.

<u>MOTION</u> by Ms. Gladziszewski for the Assembly to accept the above applications for consideration and to forward them to the Assessor's Office for additional review.
Hearing no objections, the motion passed by unanimous consent.

H. Resolution 2955 A Resolution Authorizing the Manager to Enter into Port Agreements with Cruise Line Corporations for the Purpose of Satisfying Requirements of the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention to Allow Cruise Ships to Visit the Port of Juneau in Calendar Year 2021.

Over the last few months, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued orders and technical guidance for cruise ships to resume carrying passengers. One of the CDC requirements is for each port to sign a Port Agreement outlining important health and safety terms. The various ports in Southeast Alaska are working together with the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services to develop a common Port Agreement.

This resolution would authorize the Manager to only sign a Port Agreement if (1) the cruise lines provide the ship schedules in advance and (2) the cruise lines agree to the requirements of the CDC for a vaccinated cruise (currently at least 95% of the passengers and crew vaccinated). The Assembly and CBJ Emergency Operations Center can add other conditions to protect the public health.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this resolution.

Public Comment:
Captain Starr Parmely said he was concerned about passengers from cruise ships arriving into Juneau without masks, and the risk that could have on our community's health and safety.

Assembly Action:
<u>MOTION</u> by Mr. Jones for the Assembly to adopt Resolution 2955 and asked for unanimous consent.

Ms. Gladziszewski asked what status of CDC requirements for pre-boarding testing is.
Mr. Watt said that his understanding was that each ship is doing its own protocols which vary slightly, but each ship will be requiring pre-boarding testing.

Mayor Weldon asked if passengers and crew members will have to show they have been vaccinated and test before boarding. Mr. Watt confirmed that passengers and crew will need to provide proof of vaccination to the ships, and each ship will be responsible for certifying the validity of each vaccination card.

Mr. Jones asked if the Assembly was being presented with a resolution to authorize the manager to negotiate port agreement with cruise lines. Mr. Watt explained that this resolution would authorize the manager to enter into port agreements, and would act as a draft agreement for one company to enter into agreements with individual companies.

Mr. Jones thought the regional port agreements had to all be the same. Mr. Watt clarified that the current CDC requirement is that cruise ship companies all meet a port agreement. He explained that from a regional perspective, the southeast regional communities have worked together to look at this and due to coordinating role of State Attorney General and the Dept. of Health and Social Services, the port agreements will largely look very similar. He said that NCL was the first to come up with a port agreement document and he would anticipate to most of the other agreements will look substantially similar with a few unique differences from one company to another. He said that he would expect multiple port agreements for Juneau; one with NCL, one with Carnival Cruise Lines which would all the Carnival brands including Princess, and Carnival itself, and likely two agreements with the Royal Caribbean subsidiaries.

Mr. Smith asked if there will be final review or approval by the Assembly prior to finalization of a port agreements. Mr. Watt explained that this resolution would authorize the manager to enter into a number of these types of agreements, and it would not come back to the Assembly for further approval.

Ms. Gladziszewski commented that cruise ships should have the capacity to care for their passengers in the event that an outbreak happened. She described this capacity being achieved through having ships operate at partial capacity, and to allow enough space for onboard quarantine and dedicated isolation rooms.

Mr. Watt agreed with Ms. Gladziszewski's notion, and confirmed that cruise ships would have space for onboard quarantine. He also mentioned that some ships have one type of protocol to respond to an infected individual, such as returning them to the home port or partnering with medivac flights.

Mr. Watt added that the capacity of the ships will be less than full, due to the fact that the companies are going to be retraining staff and ensuring their COVID protocols work. He believes that most cruise ships are targeting for approximately 60% capacity. He added that there has been space on the ships specifically reserved for quarantine and isolation for both crew and passengers.

Mr. Watt noted there are certain cruise line brands that cater to families, and they have asked him to find out if there was an openness to consider some non-vaccinated levels marketing to families, particularly towards children who are not yet old enough to receive a vaccine. He asked if this would be something the Assembly might be willing to consider and follow-up on at a later point in time.

Ms. Woll asked Mr. Watt to clarify how this was related to CDC guidelines. Mr. Watt said that it would still require a port agreement with the communities. It would require more discussion with CDC and require the test driving of protocols. The global vaccination on the ship – it would be 90% of the floor of the ship. It would be worth querying the companies to get more details of on board protocols before they would be agreeing with a port agreement.

Mr. Smith said that he did not feel that he had the scientific expertise to make that decision. He asked Mr. Watt to explain why this decision was being asked of the Assembly instead of the CDC. Mr. Watt explained that this is a decision that involves everyone, and added that the CDC requires more in depth review. Ultimately, it is up to the port agreement for local control to determine which measures they consider sufficient. Mr. Watt said that the Assembly has an opportunity to assent to this or to decline.

Mr. Bryson asked for the general timeframe the Assembly has to make this decision, as he does not want to hamper a family's decision to visit Alaska, but he is not ready to make this decision at this time. Mr. Watt explained that he is only looking for a general yes/no consensus from the Assembly to determine whether the City Manager should pursue this decision further, or to drop it entirely.

Ms. Hale said that it seemed that the Assembly is being asked to give an indication on whether or not they are willing to explore this option, however they need better information on the risks and benefits. She shared that she would be open to exploring this option in the near future.

Ms. Triem said that if she had to make a decision tonight, then she would say no. She did not anticipate that vaccine distribution for children to open up before the end of the cruise ship season. She added that she would be willing to keep an open mind when it is brought back to the Assembly.

Ms. Gladziszewski said that the process of allowing this to happen seems complicated, however, she added that she would consider it if the CDC allowed cruise ships to demonstrate that this would be a possibility. She also agreed with Ms. Triem, saying that it is hard to believe that children would be able to be fully vaccinated before the cruise ship season.

Ms. Triem asked if every port community would have to come to the same agreement.
Mr. Watt confirmed that was correct.

Mayor Weldon asked if the general consensus of the Assembly would be to initially say no to this decision, but would be willing to see what the CDC would require moving forward. The Assemblymembers present at the meeting nodded their heads in agreement.

Mr. Jones suggested that if the Manager does enter into a negotiated port agreement, it should be brought back to the Assembly as informational items to be shared with Assembly, and made public so everyone can see it.

Mr. Watt agreed with Mr. Jones' recommendation, and confirmed that all documents and negotiations will be public and transparent.

The Assembly took a break at 9:21p.m. The meeting resumed at 9:30p.m.

XI. STAFF REPORTS

None.

XII. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

A. **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Weldon thanked Municipal Clerk Beth McEwen and Deputy Clerk Diane Cathcart, as well as MIS Craig Bergstrom for getting the Assembly back in the Assembly Chambers for in person meetings.

Mayor Weldon also extended her congratulations to all the graduates.

She reminded the listening public that this upcoming Monday is Memorial Day, and encouraged everyone to reflect on the meaning of Memorial Day.

B. **Committee Reports, Liaison Reports, Assembly Comments and Questions**

Committee of the Whole (COW) Chair Jones reported that the COW last met on May 10 to tackle the Fireworks Ordinance and the Assembly Rules of Procedure. The next scheduled COW meeting is June 7, which will include on its agenda a joint meeting with the Systemic Racism Review Committee (SRRC) on their legislative review criteria, updates on AEL&P and the electrification of cruise ship docks. The COW meeting scheduled on June 28 has been cancelled.

Assembly Finance Committee (AFC) Chair Triem shared that the AFC discussed the Juneau School District Budget that was passed on tonight’s agenda, and held an hour-long conversation about audits. The next Assembly meeting, on June 14, will include the other budget ordinances up for adoption. The next scheduled AFC meeting will be held on June 2, which will return to regular AFC events.

Lands, Housing, and Economic Development Committee (LHEDC) Chair Gladziszewski reported that the LHEDC last met on May 10, and passed the recommendation regarding Lena Tower. They also talked about Off Road vehicle proposals, as there is a working group looking diligently for potential locations for the community to drive off road vehicles. The LHEDC also revived discussion on 35 mile parcel, and are beginning to explore a management agreement for the management of Mile 35. The next scheduled LHEDC meeting will be on June 7. There will be no LHEDC meeting on June 28.

Public Works and Facilities Committee (PWFC) Chair Hale reported that the PWFC last met on May 10 where they discussed ground source heat pumps, and adding an additional floor at BRH. Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS) introduced follow-up recommendations regarding solid waste, and they would like to discuss their recommendations at multiple committees. The PWFC also had a conversation about Calhoun Ave underground utilities, and possible grant opportunities for dock electrification. The June 28 PWFC meeting was cancelled, and the next scheduled PWFC meeting will be on June 7.

Human Resources Committee (HRC) Chair Bryson forwarded the following recommendations for board appointments:

Treadwell Arena Advisory Board appointments:
Sigrid Dahlberg, Nicchia Leamer, and Paulette Schirmer to terms beginning June 1, 2021, and ending on May 31, 2024. *Hearing no objections, the appointments were approved by unanimous consent.*

Board of Equalization appointments:
Barbara Sheinberg, for a term beginning immediately and ending on December 31, 2021.
David Epstein, for a term beginning immediately and ending on December 31, 2024.
Barbara Mecum, for a term beginning immediately and ending on December 31, 2024.
James Collman, for a term beginning immediately and ending on December 31, 2022.
Gary Sonnenberg, for a term beginning immediately and ending on December 31, 2023.
Raymond Williams, for a term beginning immediately and ending on December 31, 2023.
Hearing no objections, the appointments were approved by unanimous consent.

The HRC also recommended the Assembly forward the following nomination to the State of Alaska Emergency Response Commission for the appointment of Daniel Wiersma to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for the BRH Primary Seat for a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2023. *Hearing no objections, the nomination was approved by unanimous consent.*

Mr. Bryson reported that the HRC met earlier this evening prior to tonight's Assembly meeting, and discussed the definition of Assembly and Board liaisons and received an update on proposed revisions to the CBJ Elections Code.

Liaison Reports and Member Comments:
Ms. Woll reported that Juneau Commission on Aging (JCOA) continues to distribute and discuss the results of the 2020 senior survey. They are looking for ideas on how they can work on moving forward their recommendations from the findings of the survey. She also reported that Travel Juneau talked about the cruise ship initiative petitions and the Iron Man competition potentially coming to Juneau. The Downtown Business Association did not meet. The Systemic Racism Review Committee met four times this month, including a five-hour training held on Saturday. Ms. Woll recognized that tomorrow, May 25, is the one-year anniversary of the murder of George Floyd, and acknowledged that the struggle for racial equity is never over.

Mr. Smith shared that the last Chamber of Commerce meeting delved into an interesting discussion regarding property taxes. The Airport Board met recently to consider methods to maintain the parking lot, particularly the large potholes. This maintenance might be covered by CARES Act funding. Mr. Smith also attended the Blessing of the Fleet Ceremony on May 1 at the Fisherman’s Memorial. He anticipates attending the upcoming Centennial Hall expansion meeting on May 27. Mr. Smith also congratulated all of the Class of 2021 graduates.

Mr. Bryson shared that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee earlier this month to welcome its new committee members. They received a presentation from Ginger Hudson, the new director of the Jensen Olson Arboretum. They also discussed the new anti-discrimination policy that will be enforced at the Zach Gordon Youth Center.

Mr. Bryson shared that his daughter Alana graduated from Linfield University on Saturday as a certified nurse, and his other daughter Mary Ellen just became a CBJ employee at the Valley swimming pool.

Ms. Hale reported that the BRH Board met on April 27 to discuss machine testing and hospital funding through the American Rescue Plan. There will be a testing meeting on May 10. The Juneau Coalition on Housing and Homelessness met on May 20, where they had a thorough discussion about severe mental illness, particularly how to bring the clinic to those in crisis. She mentioned that thirteen people in Juneau have been assisted through that service.
Ms. Hale is currently attending the Alaska Municipal League (AML) Board meeting in Anchorage today. The AML Board focused on a variety of topics, such as income tax vs. sales tax, new revenue options, a potential spending cap, legislative strategy, and the special sessions taking place now and the ones scheduled for August. Ms. Hale also noted that there will be a 5% increase in membership dues for AML.

Ms. Triem shared that the Aquatics Board last met on April 27 and continues to discuss commercial regulations. The public process has included discussions over the past year with at least three public comment meetings. She also attended one of Jim Powell’s focus group meetings that Ms. Terrell mentioned in her testimony, and believes that good ideas for metrics will likely coming out of that study.

Ms. Triem spoke at the Chamber of Commerce last week about the Visitor Industry Task Force. She also attended a meeting with AML staff where they discussed planning for the Conference of Young Alaskans (CYA). She encouraged those aged 16-25 interested in applying to be a delegate at the CYA conference in Fairbanks this summer. She also attended the Southeast Conference Visitor Industry Committee meeting, where Lt. Gov. Meyer discussed plans for CARES Act funding.

Ms. Gladziszewski reported that the School Board met on May 11, where they recognized State Spelling Bee Champion, Ishita Khiani, a seventh grader at Dzantik'i Heeni Middle School.
All of the retirees came to the meeting to talk about graduation and congratulate the graduating Class of 2021. To date, 450 students have received vaccines through the JSD in-person vaccination clinics. JSD is currently planning for next school year to offer full-time in-person instruction.

Ms. Gladziszewski asked Mr. Palmer if there was anything that the Assembly should know regarding the cruise ship initiatives. Mr. Palmer explained that CBJ staff and Assembly cannot spend any CBJ time for or against the initiatives unless the Assembly has appropriated money specifically for that purpose. He added that the City can provide facts-only, neutral information, otherwise an appropriation has to be made to include any persuasive information one way or another.

Mr. Jones shared that the Planning Commission met and continued a hearing on a variance, a portion of which is coming to Assembly/Lands Committee. They are meeting again tomorrow as the Planning Committee/Committee of the Whole to discuss the CUP for nearly 90 residents at Vintage park area. The PC has also been discussing Title 49 Changes which are likely to come to Assembly in the next few meetings. They have also discussed parking waivers. Mr. Jones said he attended one or two of Downtown Blueprint meetings, although one of the meetings lacked quorum due to sunny weather. After speaking with CDD staff, he expects Downtown Blueprint might be brought before the Assembly sometime in November. He also shared that the Visitor Product Cluster received a report from JEDC that detailed some of the potential impacts from the cruise ship initiative petitions. Mr. Jones also attended the Blessing of the Fleet Ceremony on May 1 at the Fisherman's Memorial.

Mr. Jones reminded the Assembly of a grant that they passed last November for a testing program at the brewery and the brewery signed on one business in May. He said that he would like a formal report with full details on what happened with that grant, considering that a program funded at approximately $160,000 seems to have dropped off the radar.

C. Presiding Officer Reports.
None.

XII. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS
None.

Mayor Weldon thanked all the folks who helped clean up the Douglas Cemeteries.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business to come before the Assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24p.m.

Minutes drafted by Administrative Assistant Lacey Davis and respectfully submitted for approval by Municipal Clerk Beth McEwen.

Signed: ____________________________	Signed: __________________________
Elizabeth J. McEwen	Beth A. Weldon
Municipal Clerk	Mayor