

THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA
REGULAR ASSEMBLY MEETING
Meeting Minutes – August 3, 2020

MEETING NO. 2020-39: The Regular Meeting of the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly held virtually via Zoom webinar and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Beth Weldon.

I. FLAG SALUTE

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly Members Present: Mayor Beth Weldon, Maria Gladziszewski, Loren Jones, Rob Edwardson, Wade Bryson, Carole Triem, Michelle Hale, Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, and Greg Smith

Assembly Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Manager Rorie Watt, Deputy City Manager Mila Cosgrove, City Attorney Robert Palmer, Municipal Clerk Beth McEwen, Deputy Clerk Diane Cathcart, Library Director and EOC/PSC Robert Barr, Engineering/Public Works Director Katie Koester, Parks and Recreation Director George Schaaf, Lands Manager Dan Bleidorn, Finance Director Jeff Rogers

III. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Instruction for Public Participation

Ms. McEwen provided instructions for the public to participate in the virtual meeting either via Zoom or telephonically.

B. Census Update

Ms. Cosgrove shared that they are still in the process of gathering data from the 2020 Census. She also reminded the Assembly of all the different programs and resources that the Census contributes to. She reported that Juneau has a response rate of 64.8%, mostly through online and telephonic reporting. Ms. Cosgrove said that the Census enumerators are in the process of completing their door-to-door training, and are expected to begin visiting neighborhoods relatively soon.

C. COVID-19 EOC Update

Ms. Cosgrove provided the COVID-19 Update, and said that Juneau currently has 15 active cases: 8 residents and 7 non-residents. There was only one positive case reported today. She also shared that Alaska Glacier Seafood has had 66 total positive COVID-19 cases, 15 of which were residents, and 51 of which were nonresidents. AGS currently has five active cases, and the residents in their workforce have been quarantining. Ms. Cosgrove also said that the EOC had been working hard to create an updated Risk Matrix and a Dashboard that would feature Community Mitigation Strategies.

Ms. Hale expressed concern about COVID-19 cases which have been attributed to community spread, and asked Ms. Cosgrove to clarify what that means. Ms. Cosgrove clarified that Juneau has had four cases in the last fourteen day cycle have been attributed to community spread because the Department of Public Health and Social Services (HSS/PH) has been unable to identify the source of spread. She added that there is still risk and the community should be aware of that risk, which she describes as a part of the reason why Juneau has a mask ordinance. She encouraged the community to be COVID-conscious and follow personal mitigation strategies.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs mentioned that she had received multiple requests from constituents regarding the COVID-19 case count table graph. She asked if the EOC could include a sum total amount of collective cases in Juneau, the graph currently features “resident” and “nonresident” case counts in separate tables, but never combined as a total.

Mr. Smith asked Ms. Cosgrove if she knew why the Travel Mandate was being revised by the State of Alaska. Ms. Cosgrove answered that she only knew what the Governor had publicly shared thus far. She said that the Governor is interested in ensuring testing supplies and lab capacity are being used primarily for Alaska residents rather than out-of-state travelers.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 1, 2020 Special Assembly Meeting #2020-14 Draft Minutes

B. April 6, 2020 Regular Assembly Meeting #2020-16 Draft Minutes

C. April 13, 2020 Special Assembly Meeting #2020-17 Draft Minutes

MOTION by Ms. Triem to approve the minutes of the April 1, April 6, and April 13, 2020 meetings and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the minutes were approved with unanimous consent.*

V. MANAGER’S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

The City Manager had no requests for agenda changes.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

J.W. King, a Juneau resident spoke about the face covering ordinance, specifically the exceptions of the ordinance. He asked the Assembly if they would be willing to add clarifying language to Ordinance 2020-41 about the exceptions.

Mariana Moreno-Goodwin, a Juneau resident said she was present at the earlier Human Resources Committee meeting and would like to speak to the Human Rights Commission regarding a resolution related to reviewing systemic racism. She encouraged the Assembly to approach this with an open mind so that all perspectives could be heard. She shared one example of previous work or work that is currently in the mill that should be examined for systemic racism and that was the Wayfinding signage project. Specifically the writings on the historical material, much of it was censored and it does not deal with the repression and ethnic cleansing of

the A'akw people. She and her family are the direct descendants of the A'akw people of Juneau and to take the history away and not share that is part of the racism and discrimination of which Mr. Edwardson spoke. She also shared that it would be important for the city to start a folder for their own scholarship and research so the public can share with them the information they have spent a lifetime fighting for their human rights. She said that since this is a learning platform, she wanted to share with them that when they use statements and comments such as "holding the fort down" can be offensive and insensitive towards Native Americans. She thanked the Assembly for their time and for being considerate of this matter.

Following Ms. Moreno-Goodwin's testimony, additional testimony was opened up and the individual participating expressed offensive remarks towards Ms. Triem. Mayor Weldon took a brief at ease to remedy the issue and to have the speaker removed.

Terri Lauterbach, a Downtown resident said she was grateful that the wheels have been turning on reopening the Augustus Brown Pool. She highlighted the Engineering Department, the Parks & Recreation Department, and the Pool Manager for their efforts in the reopening process. She mentioned that Augustus Brown Pool is currently hiring for open positions, and thanked the CBJ staff and the Assembly for making this possible.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

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

There were no public requests for Consent Agenda changes.

B. Assembly Requests for Consent Agenda Changes

There were no Assembly requests for Consent Agenda changes.

C. Assembly Action

MOTION by Ms. Gladziszewski for the Assembly to adopt the Consent Agenda and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection the consent agenda was adopted.*

1. Ordinances for Introduction

a. Ordinance 2020-32(b): An Ordinance Establishing a Systemic Racism Review Committee.

Ordinance 2020-32 was discussed by the Assembly Committee of the Whole on July 20, 2020. The Assembly referred it to the August 3 Assembly Human Resources Committee for further discussion, set it for introduction at the August 3 Regular Assembly meeting, and referred it to the August 10 Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Version (b) of the ordinance reflects changes proposed by Assemblymember Edwardson since the July 20 meeting.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly introduce version (b) of this ordinance and refer it to the August 10, 2020, Assembly Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

b. Ordinance 2020-42: An Ordinance Amending the Land Use Code Relating to Floodplain Maps and Regulations.

The National Flood Insurance Program allows property owners in the CBJ to continue obtaining flood insurance. To participate in the National Flood Insurance Program, the CBJ must adopt updated floodplain maps, a flood insurance study, and enforce a floodplain management ordinance.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) dictates much of the process and standards.

Based on the flood insurance study, the flood map revisions have gone through an extensive public review process beginning in April 2018. The Planning Commission reviewed this item multiple times, including most recently on June 23, 2020.

The Flood Insurance Rate Maps and the Flood Insurance Study (139 pages) are available online: <https://beta.juneau.org/community-development/special-projects/flood-map-revisions>

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

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Ordinance 2020-40(b) An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$15,000,000 to Finance Capital Improvements to the Facilities of the City and Borough, and Submitting a Proposition or Propositions to the Voters at the Election to Be Held on October 6, 2020.

This ordinance would send a bond package to the voters to consider in the municipal election on October 6, 2020. As currently drafted, this ordinance would send one general obligation bond proposition of up to \$15 million for the following types of municipal infrastructure projects:

- Approximately \$5 million for critical repairs to schools, including roof replacements;
- Approximately \$5 million for repairs and capital improvements to municipal parks;
- Approximately \$5 million for street infrastructure and building maintenance repair and energy efficiency projects.

The Assembly Finance Committee discussed this matter on July 8 and July 23, 2020. This ordinance was introduced at the July 20, 2020 Special Assembly meeting. Version (b) of this ordinance reflects the changes made by the Assembly Finance Committee.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt version (b) of this ordinance.

Public Comment

Martin Stepetin, a West Juneau resident, spoke in favor of the ordinance, and said that the school roofs are in need of repair. He urged the Assembly to pass this Ordinance.

Assembly Action

MOTION by Mr. Smith to adopt Ordinance 2020-40(b) and asked for Unanimous Consent.

Mr. Jones proposed an amendment to the language of Section 3 of the ordinance to change it to read: "...critical roof repairs/replacements and other critical repairs."

Ms. Triem asked if Mr. Jones' amendment included the initial reference to school roofs.

Amendment #1: Mr. Jones changed his amendment to state "...critical school roof repairs/replacements and other critical repairs." *Hearing no objection, Amendment# was adopted by unanimous consent.*

Mayor Weldon called for any further discussion on Ordinance 2020-40(b) as amended. Objection by Mr. Edwardson for the purpose of a question. He asked Mr. Watt to explain why the bonds were bundled. Mr. Watt explained that bundling the bonds created one ordinance in which they have the authorization to do as they please on up to three packages.

Mr. Palmer clarified that the title of this bond ordinance was specifically written to allow for the Assembly to have flexibility if they wished to change anything. Mr. Jones added that the AFC decided at its last meeting to keep this bond ordinance bundled.

Mr. Edwardson removed his objection and hearing no further objection, Ordinance 2020-40(b) as amended passed by unanimous consent.

B. Ordinance 2019-06(AG) An Ordinance Appropriating up to \$8,500,000 to the Manager for Phases 2 and 3 of a COVID-19 Business Sustainability Grant Program; Funding Provided by the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund.

The Economic Stabilization Task Force has been developing options for the Assembly to help the local economy recover from the harm caused by COVID-19. This ordinance would provide additional funding of \$8.5M for Phases 2 and 3 of the Business Sustainability Program. This topic was discussed by Assembly committees on May 20 (AFC), June 1 (COW), June 17 (AFC), July 8 (AFC), and July 20 (COW). The ordinance was introduced at the June 8, 2020 Regular Assembly meeting.

Version (c) of this ordinance reflects the changes recommended by the Committee of the Whole. Since then, the Economic Stabilization Task Force, the Juneau Economic Development Council, and the Mayor reviewed the changes and recommend that version (d) be adopted.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt version (d) of this ordinance.

Mayor Weldon clarified that the changes made in version (d) were slight changes that would assist the JEDC in administration of the grant.

Public Comment

None.

Assembly Action

MOTION by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs for the Assembly to adopt Ordinance 2019-06 (AG)(d) and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, Ordinance 2019-06(AG)(d) passed by unanimous consent.*

C. Ordinance 2020-36: An Ordinance Appropriating up to \$3,000,000 to the Manager for a COVID-19 Nonprofit Sustainability Grant Program; Funding Provided by the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund.

This ordinance would create a program to assist nonprofits with the financial hardship resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. It designates the Juneau Community Foundation as the grant administrator. The program is intended for nonprofits that provide services to the general public in the community and sets up a tiered approach for grants. Depending on annual revenue, a nonprofit can receive up to \$99,000 under this program.

This topic was discussed by the Assembly Finance Committee on July 8 and July 23, 2020, and by the Committee of the Whole on July 20, 2020. This ordinance was introduced at the July 20, 2020 Special Assembly meeting.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment

Terri Lauterbach, a Downtown resident said that she hoped that these past ordinances will provide more transparency and more funding towards smaller businesses and non-profits.

Assembly Action

MOTION by Mr. Bryson for the Assembly to adopt Ordinance 2020-36 and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the motion passed by unanimous consent.*

D. Ordinance 2020-29 An Ordinance Authorizing the Manager to Lease a Fraction of U.S. Survey 1041, Located at 10020 Crazy Horse Drive, to Vertical Bridge Holdings LLC, for a Communications Tower and Facility.

This ordinance would authorize the manager to lease municipal property at the end of Crazy Horse Drive for a cell tower. On April 14, 2020, the Planning Commission approved the special use permit for this tower. On June 1, 2020, the Lands Committee passed a motion of support to lease this property to the applicant for fair market value. Fair market value has been determined by appraisal to be \$1,075 per month.

This cell tower lease is unrelated to the cell tower proposed at Merganser Road, which is the subject of the Lee v. Planning Commission appeal.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment

None.

Assembly Action

MOTION by Ms. Hale to adopt Ordinance 2020-29 and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections, the motion passed by unanimous consent.*

E. Ordinance 2019-06(AK) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$130,979 for the Alaska Municipal League's COVID-19 Response Supplemental Billing Request; Funding Provided by the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund.

These funds would be used to pay the Alaska Municipal League's (AML) COVID- 19 supplemental billing request, which includes crisis communications, CARES Act counsel, bookkeeping and grant compliance, and increased member support. CBJ's supplemental payment to AML will ensure the organization can continue strengthening its support to members during the public health emergency.

This request was reviewed and advanced by the Assembly Finance Committee on June 17, 2020. This ordinance was introduced at the Regular Assembly meeting on July 13, 2020.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment

None.

Assembly Action

MOTION by Ms. Triem for the Assembly to adopt Ordinance 2019-06(AK) and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the motion passed by unanimous consent.*

F. Ordinance 2020-09(C) An Ordinance Appropriating up to \$500,000 to the Manager as a Grant to Airlift Northwest to Support Emergency Air Transport Services in Southeast Alaska; Funding Provided by the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund.

This ordinance would authorize a \$500,000 grant to Airlift Northwest to support emergency air transport services in Southeast Alaska through retaining the PC 12 Turboprop Plane. This plane is a critical component of Southeast Alaska's healthcare infrastructure, as it can land on shorter runways and therefore better support many smaller communities in Southeast. Airlift Northwest has experienced a 50-70% decrease in flight volume and operating revenue since April 2020 over

prior year. Airlift Northwest is an entity of University of Washington Medicine, and is therefore ineligible for most of the CARES Act funds available to for-profit businesses and traditional nonprofits.

The Assembly Finance Committee reviewed this request on July 8, 2020. This ordinance was introduced at the July 20, 2020 Special Assembly meeting.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Mayor Weldon asked Kara Holitz and Shelly Deering of Airlift Northwest to attend the meeting to answer any questions that the Assembly may have. Kara Holitz thanked the Assembly for letting her join the meeting to speak regarding Airlift NW. She explained that Airlift NW is technically a government agency, which makes them ineligible for most of the relief funds available. She said that Airlift NW appreciates the Assembly for considering this ordinance.

Public Comment

Dr. Lindy Jones, an Auke Bay resident, spoke in favor of this ordinance and shared that he was speaking as the medical director of Bartlett Regional Hospital. He explained that the Turboprop Plane is critically important for BRH, as it brings patients from smaller communities who are in need of care. He encouraged the Assembly to strongly consider supporting this ordinance.

Rebecca Young, an Auke Bay resident spoke in support of this ordinance, and said that as a medical provider and as a former Airlift NW nurse, she supported Airlift NW. She said that Airlift NW were the first to establish medevac service to Southeast Alaska, and are committed to the safety of their patients and collaborating with other healthcare providers in the area.

Martin Stepetin, a Juneau resident spoke in support of Airlift NW, and said that they are an invaluable asset to Juneau. He added that this is a huge Alaskan problem, and it takes a lot of effort to keep these services intact during these unprecedented times. He urged the Assembly to pass this ordinance.

Darwin Feakes, a Haines, Alaska resident and Haines Assistant Fire Chief of the Haines VFD, said that Haines is a small community that is served by a small clinic. He stressed the importance of having a way to transport their patients to a stable environment, and said that most of their patients end up being sent to Juneau to receive care. Mr. Feakes said that losing Airlift NW could result in losing lives in Alaska, due to longer transport or waiting times. He strongly encouraged the Assembly to consider passing this ordinance and to keep Airlift NW in service throughout Southeast.

Assembly Action

MOTION by Mr. Edwardson for the Assembly to adopt Ordinance 2020-09(C) and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the motion passed by unanimous consent.*

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to attend to.

X. NEW BUSINESS

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

There are 46 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.

Ms. Hale said she reviewed all of these applications and noted that Mr. Graham did not own the home prior to March 31 so was not eligible for the exemption request.

MOTION by Ms. Gladziszewski for the Assembly to accept 45 out of the 46 applications they received, with the exception of Mr. Graham’s application, and refer those 45 late filed applications to the Assessor for review and she asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the motion passed by unanimous consent.*

XI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Torrey Pines Senior Development Update

Mr. Watt provided an update on the Torrey Pines Senior Development Group, which is currently working on the senior housing project, though they have had some setbacks due to COVID-19.

He said that he mainly wanted to give the Assembly a status report and specifically with respect to the consequence related to the loan subrogation. Essentially, when CBJ bought the property for a senior housing project, they bought it for three reasons:

- 1) They wanted to be sure the land would be available for a project;
- 2) They wanted some control of the public process in selecting a developer; and
- 3) They wanted to make the land available in a manner that would reduce the need for a high rate of return of venture capital.

The result of that was that CBJ purchased the land, made it available and they selected Torrey Pines. As Torrey Pines works through their financing, they are receiving the \$2 million grant from CBJ. They will take that with the venture capital that they raise (\$6-7 million) and they will take those combined amounts to the bank and the bank will hold all of that money and the bank will provide a line of credit for construction of the facility at approximately \$28-29 million. The bank sees their agreement with CBJ on the land as a competitor potentially for security for their loan so they wish to subrogate our loan to theirs. That means that CBJ's loan on the property would be secondary. He said that the risk in doing that is if everything goes wrong, the bank gets everything including the land. He said that he thinks this is a natural consequence on how CBJ has approached this project. He said as they were working through the details, he and Mr. Palmer wanted to make sure the Assembly was aware of all this and were O.K. with this process. He said the developer is about to start the permitting phase and they expected construction beginning in early spring 2021. Mr. Watt answered questions from Assemblymembers regarding the project and the subrogation agreement. Mayor Weldon asked Mr. Watt what he needed from the Assembly at this time. Mr. Watt said he was mainly looking to provide the Assembly with information but also wanted to make sure that no one objected to his signing the subrogation agreement. *Hearing no objections, the Assembly approved Mr. Watt signing the subrogation agreement on this project.*

B. COVID-19 Incident Risk Matrix

Ms. Cosgrove provided the COVID-19 Incident Risk Matrix update for the Assembly, and shared that the EOC had considered updating their Risk Matrix for that past few weeks. She said that the EOC has created a draft proposal of the new Risk Mitigation Strategies, which are meant to serve as policy level-type indicators. She said that these measures will also be introduced at the next COW meeting on August 10 for further discussion.

Ms. Cosgrove gave a detailed explanation of the draft Dashboard and Risk Metrics. The Risk Metrics were split up into four categories: Minimal, Moderate, High, and Very High. She mentioned that the "Very High" level is similar to Ketchikan's model, and would most likely result in another "Hunker Down" measure. She said the data collected is both quantitative and qualitative, and includes community mitigation strategies that provides suggestions for the community to help reduce the risk of spread. The Risk Metrics also featured a detailed table that measured Disease Containment, Hospital Capacity, Public Health Capacity, and Testing Capacity.

Ms. Cosgrove also shared the Mitigation Measures, and encouraged the Assembly to look through their suggestions. These measures include: Social Distancing, Restaurants and Bars, Masks and Face Coverings, Large Gatherings, Personal Services and Gyms, and Travel.

Mayor Weldon asked Ms. Cosgrove to clarify what level Juneau would be at if we were to have differing categories for different measures (i.e., some measure being in Level 4, some measures being in Level 2, some being in Level 3, etc.).

Ms. Cosgrove answered that it is the responsibility of the EOC to measure the totality of the event, and to understand how all of the factors move together to create the overall risk burden in the community. She added that no one factor is indicative of risk, which is why the EOC determines risk based off of the quantitative and qualitative balance of things.

Mr. Jones expressed concern about the risk metrics and how it would impact schools and students. He said that schools reopening might be the largest gathering in Juneau, even with social distancing measures in place. He asked for more thought to be put into the potential impact this may have on students, teachers, and parents.

XII. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

Mayor Weldon shared that during the discussion of Mr. Edwardson's Systemic Racism Review Committee at the last COW meeting, she said that some people mistook her efforts to be lighthearted on a tense subject as coming across as glib and disrespectful. She apologized and explained that was not her intent to appear that way, and shared that she has spoken with Mr. Edwardson since then.

Mayor Weldon reported that she served as a panelist at the How to Run for Local Office, and thanked the League of Women Voters for hosting that event. She was also able to speak with the Governor and the Southeast Mayors through the Alaska Municipal League to check in with Southeast communities.

She also spent some time at her cabin up Taku River, and is in the process of returning emails and catching up.

B. Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole Chair Gladziszewski reported that the COW last met on July 20 and discussed business sustainability grant and nonprofit ordinances, as well as the Systemic Racism Review Committee. The next scheduled COW meeting will be August 10, where they will discuss the COVID-19 Risk Matrix in more detail.

Assembly Finance Committee Chair Jones reported that the AFC last met on July 23 to talk about the bond package and the nonprofit package. The next AFC meeting is scheduled for August 5, where they will receive an update on CARES Act Funding. Chair Jones also said that the AFC plans to discuss childcare and CARES Act funding.

Chair Jones shared that the Assembly held a joint meeting with the School Board (JSD) on July 22. They discussed CIPs and school roofs, and reviewed the list that JSD submits to the State Department of Education. The proposals drafted at that joint meeting were presented to the AFC, which he said did not necessarily change the approach to the bond issue, but the bond package passed tonight will allow for flexibility in fixing school roofs.

Lands and Resources Committee Chair Edwardson reported that the last Lands meeting was cancelled on July 20 to make room for full agenda at the COW meeting. He shared that the next scheduled meeting is on August 10.

Public Works and Facilities Committee Chair Hale reported that the PWFC cancelled their last meeting, and their next meeting is scheduled August 10.

Human Resources Committee Chair Bryson shared that the HRC met held a joint meeting with the Juneau Human Rights Commission just prior to this meeting. They discussed the draft Anti-Racism Resolution, and talked about working collaboratively with the Systemic Racism Review Committee. Mr. Bryson also reported that he too served as a panelist for the How to Run for Local Office workshop.

Liaison Reports, Assembly Comments, and Questions

Ms. Gladziszewski had nothing to report.

Mr. Jones said that the JSD held a public forum last Monday to listen to citizen questions regarding the Smart Start program. School begins on August 24, and teachers are expected to return on August 17. The following day the Juneau School Board held a work session with Superintendent Weiss to discuss the feedback they received during the public forum. Mr. Jones shared that the Economic Stabilization Task Force K-12 Children's Group met on July 29 to discuss childcare and issues related to school openings. The next scheduled School Board meeting is August 11, and they will have a retreat on August 22.

Mr. Jones said that he had a question for the City Manager but didn't raise it when they discussed the non-profit ordinance. He said that when Mr. Watt originally had the pie chart showing set at \$3.5 million for the non-profits but then \$500,000 was pulled out of that. Mr. Jones said that they will be looking at a number of those at the AFC meeting. Mr. Watt said that his recollection was a little different and that he thought the ESTF had originally recommended \$250,000 for food security but that he would look into those figures and bring a report to the AFC meeting on August 5.

Mr. Edwardson shared that there has not been a Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting since the Assembly's last meeting, however the next scheduled LEPC meeting was scheduled for August 12. He also reported that the Airport Board met on July 16, but he was not present at the

meeting so he does not have anything to report. The next scheduled Airport Board meeting was scheduled for August 13.

Ms. Triem reported that she had attended the Juneau Chamber of Commerce Board meeting on July 15 where they discussed the Business Grant Ordinance and the Bond proposals, which were both passed tonight. The Aquatics Board held a meeting last week, but she did not attend. She said that at that meeting, the Aquatics Board worked on annual reports and commercial use regulations. They also address public feedback regarding reopening of the pools and how to keep people safe. Travel Juneau also held a board meeting last week that she did not attend.

Ms. Hale said that she was participating in the lab testing group trying to figure out if Juneau should stand up its own testing facility. She said that the Downtown Business Association will meet August 4. She missed the Bartlett Regional Hospital Board meeting on July 28.

Mr. Bryson shared that he had all five of his children home for dinner together for one night last week.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs reported that the Juneau Commission on Sustainability will have a meeting on August 5 with Katie Koester. She said that she missed the last Docks and Harbors Board meeting that was held last week. Ms. Hughes-Skandijs also said that she was sorry that her fellow Assemblymember was targeted and denigrated at the beginning of this Assembly meeting, and it served as a reminder of the pervasive sexual bias and violence prevalent in Alaska. She said that behavior is unacceptable at Assembly meetings, and is unacceptable everywhere else. Ms. Hughes-Skandijs is proud that Juneau has elected an Assembly with many women and the capable women in CBJ staff who rise a wide range of challenges.

Mr. Smith reported that the Planning Commission had met twice since the last Assembly meeting. At that meeting, they approved Conditional Use Permits for an Emergency Shelter behind Nugget Mall. At their meeting last week, they approved asphalt on Juneau-Douglas Bridge. He thanked the candidates who stepped up to run for office. He also expressed gratitude towards people who have been wearing masks and businesses which encourage mask use.

C. Presiding Officer Reports

1. Lee v. CBJ Planning Commission

Presiding Officer Jones shared that he worked with Attorney on questions and motions. The appellant's briefs were due August 4, which will start the time clock for other briefs to be submitted.

XIII. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Terri Lauterbach, a Downtown resident, wished to clarify her earlier comments regarding the Augustus Brown pool timeline. She said that while the roof may not be put on until spring, the bids for that project are being held on August 11. While the current hope is to open the pool

sometime in September, the lifeguard positions are currently being advertise and the closing date is next Monday so she encouraged anyone interested to apply for the open lifeguard positions.

Martin Stepetin, a Juneau resident, spoke to Mr. Smith's Planning Commission report regarding Land Disposal. He said that there is a property being sold after many years of being leased, and the property itself is next to a cemetery. He expressed concern about how the management of how that land would be taken care of. Mr. Stepetin shared that he has been working on a state bill that has similarities to this property. He appreciated the work that has gone into taking care of this property. He said that he thinks it is being done the right way but he wanted to be sure the property is being handled with the utmost respect due to its proximity to the cemetery.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Assembly, the meeting adjourned at 9:18p.m.

Signed: _____
Elizabeth J. McEwen
Municipal Clerk

Signed: _____
Beth A. Weldon
Mayor