

THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA
REGULAR ASSEMBLY MEETING
Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2020

MEETING NO. 2020-37: The Regular Meeting of the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly held virtually via Zoom webinar, 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.

Special Guest: United States Senator Dan Sullivan

Staff Present: City Manager Rorie Watt, City Attorney Robert Palmer, Municipal Clerk Beth McEwen, Deputy Clerk Diane Cathcart, Library Director and EOC/PC Robert Barr, Engineering/Public Works Director Katie Koester, Community Development Director Jill Maclean, Parks and Recreation Director George Schaaf, Port Director Carl Uchytel.

III. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan

Mayor Weldon welcomed Senator Dan Sullivan, and thanked him for joining the Assembly for tonight's meeting.

Sen. Sullivan spoke to the work that they have been doing in Congress related to the pandemic. This work includes bringing Alaskans home from overseas when the borders were being shut down, and the distribution of PPP loans. He is heading back to Washington D.C. on Friday to continue working on a bi-partisan bill he is trying to put forward, the CARES Act Flexibility Act that would allow local communities to use money received from the State CARES Act funds towards lost revenues directly related to the pandemic.

Sen. Sullivan shared that he is also trying to get the WARDA Bill and the Ports and Harbors Bill passed through the Environment and Public Works Committee. He added that both of these bills are bipartisan, and are the exact infrastructure bills that we need. He said there has been a focus on industries particularly that have been affected by the pandemic, such as hospitality, tourism,

restaurants, and small businesses. Sen. Sullivan told the Assembly that the Port of Alaska (Anchorage) has received \$50 Million in grants towards the Build Act.

Sen. Sullivan said that he appreciates the hard work of the Assembly and the ESTF, and wants to keep working with the Assembly and its constituents to meet their needs.

Ms. Gladziszewski asked Sen. Sullivan if there would be an extension for the deadline to spend CARES Act funding, or would the deadline continue to be December 31, 2020. She also asked if there will be an extension to the additional \$600 for unemployment benefits, or if that would expire on July 31, 2020.

Sen. Sullivan agreed with Ms. Gladziszewski, mentioning that the CARES Flexibility Act seeks to extend the deadline for CARES Act spending. He said that December 31, 2020 is probably too close of a deadline to have everyone spend that money.

Sen. Sullivan shared that he and his colleagues are trying to find a balance for unemployment benefits. He said that there has been criticism against the additional unemployment benefits from those who believe that amount of money is disincentivizing those who are unemployed from returning to work. He added that there are a number of bills looking at addressing that issue, and since it expires at the end of July, it will be a high priority.

Mr. Edwardson asked Sen. Sullivan about the milestones they are looking at such as a vaccine, therapeutics and testing and if they are looking to introduce new legislation next year if those milestones aren't met. Sen. Sullivan said that they are looking at those metrics and while he is not on the health committee, Senator Murkowski is and that they targeting having a vaccine by December. He then addressed the rate of testing across the country as well as other issues including economic concerns.

Mayor Weldon asked Sen. Sullivan if education would receive any additional CARES Act funding, as the new school year is about to begin. Sen. Sullivan answered that University of Alaska Southeast received approximately \$7 million. He added that the Governor had established his own education fund that was approximately \$6-7 million. He asked the Assembly if they think extra funding is needed. Mayor Weldon said she does believe extra funding is needed to make up for costs due to increased bussing, increased laptops and tablets, increased teacher salaries, etc. Sen. Sullivan mentioned that the Naval Academy in Annapolis is opening for in-person teaching, and asked if Juneau has any reopening plans in place. Mayor Weldon answered the Juneau School Board is proposing a Smart Start Plan, which includes half-days for elementary school students split between two groups. She adds that it has been a difficult process, and this proposal will end up costing more than having school open all day for everyone.

Mr. Smith asked if Alaska would receive any assistance for conducting COVID-19 tests and screening. Sen. Sullivan said that he has been working on allocating funds to support Juneau's testing capabilities. He had requested a surge in testing and the medical capacity to handle a possible spike in cases. He added that testing will be useful for reopening schools, and he continues to advocate for testing.

Mayor Weldon thanked Senator Sullivan for his time and information he shared. He encouraged them to send any constituents in need of assistance to his office.

B. Special Recognition: Dan Beason, Juneau Douglas City Museum (JDCM) Volunteer

Juneau Douglas City Museum Director Beth Weigel provided recognition for Dan Beason in his work as a JDCM volunteer. Mr. Beason has been a dedicated volunteer for the JDCM for the past 25 years; as of July 13, 2020 he has put in 7,008 hours of volunteer work. Ms. Weigel shared that he is employed full time for the State of Alaska, and he works two shifts every weekend. He has only been unavailable to come in once during his 25 years of service. Ms. Weigel invited everyone to come visit Dan "The Man" Beason on a Saturday morning or a Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Beason shared that he enjoys volunteering at the JDCM, and the staff is great.

C. COVID-19 Update Mr. Barr provided tonight's COVID-19 report.

The EOC spent this past week figuring out if they could switch their services to a commercial lab to improve turnaround times. Unfortunately, Mr. Barr said that the EOC is limited in the number of tests that they can send to that lab due to the low staffing there. The majority of turnaround times for the airport screening tests and the mobile screening tests have been within 2-4 days on average. However, some results have been taking longer than 4 days to return.

Mr. Barr shared that the EOC is currently transitioning the COVID-19 hotline staff from Juneau School District nurses to hiring 7-10 full and part-time staff. Mr. Barr reported that travel numbers at the airport have been rising, noting that August is typically the highest travel month in Juneau. The EOC has intercepted 7 positive cases through the Airport Screening Task Force. He added that those cases were mostly asymptomatic.

He said that they have been having conversations with Tourism Best Management Practices (TBMP) and Travel Juneau about starting a program for COVID prevention and screening for businesses. Mr. Barr also mentioned the Governor's recent press briefing that shared that UAF had successfully trained over 100 staff to conduct contact tracing.

Mr. Watt displayed COVID-19 metrics and a map from Global Epidemics (conducted by the Brown School of Public Health) detailing the pandemic across the country.

Mr. Edwardson said that we should avoid comparing Juneau to other states, and we should not be grading ourselves on a curve with everyone else. He adds that we should strive for having no cases, and for us to ensure that we are doing the right thing.

Ms. Gladziszewski asked Mr. Barr if the turnaround time of 2-4 days was increasing. Mr. Barr responded that turnaround time is decreasing, and wait times used to be longer than 2-4 days. Ms. Gladziszewski mentioned that some tests conducted in Anchorage are experiencing a turnaround time of 14 days, and asked if he thinks Juneau may get to that level. Mr. Barr answered that he does not believe the turnaround testing time in Juneau will reach up to 14 days.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Watt if there have been any concerns raised regarding intrastate travel from Alaskan communities with high infection rates. Mr. Watt said that travelers are required to receive testing under Health Mandate 10. He said that he would like to explore ways to make voluntary testing available, and added that we need to be cognizant of the cost of testing. Mr. Watt said the state is using funds at a rapid clip for testing out of state travelers.

Ms. Hale asked if the city has the ability to refer residents to a resource that states the necessary standards for reopening churches, day care centers, etc. Mr. Barr said that they refer people to CDC guidelines, but there are a lot of guidelines that make it difficult to navigate specific situations. Mr. Watt spoke to the phases they took with the Aquatics Center and Treadwell Arena – beginning with a soft opening and gradually increasing capacity, allowing time to adapt to a new way of using a facility, and being open to feedback from patrons.

Mayor Weldon asked Mr. Barr if he could provide a brief version of the report he gave to the Human Resources Committee regarding testing. Mr. Barr shared that the EOC is pursuing laboratory-based testing options, while the hospital is pursuing rapid testing. He said that he will keep the Assembly updated throughout the process.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. March 23, 2020 Regular Assembly Meeting #2020-11 Draft Minutes
- B. April 2, 2020 Special Assembly Meeting #2020-15 Draft Minutes
- C. July 8, 2020 Special Assembly Meeting #2020-36 Draft Minutes

MOTION by Ms. Hale to approve the minutes of the March 23, April 2, and July 8, 2020 meetings and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the minutes were approved.*

V. MANAGER'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

Mr. Watt requested the removal of Ordinance 2019-06(AG)(b) from the Public Hearing section of the agenda as it was still pending in the Finance Committee. *Hearing no objections, that change was made to the agenda.*

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Noalani Randolph – Valley resident. Ms. Randolph wanted to know why the City and Borough of Juneau has not passed a mask mandate yet. She believes that a mask mandate is very important for the community, particularly for elder residents. She works in healthcare, and urged that wearing a mask is what will keep our community safe. She also addressed the fact that HECLA mining has not been requiring their out-of-state employees to receive COVID-19 testing when they come into Juneau. Ms. Hale asked Ms. Randolph if she was aware that the mask ordinance is scheduled for introduction at the COW meeting on July 20. Ms. Randolph said that she was not aware of that meeting, and she thanked Ms. Hale.

VII. 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 Ms. Gladziszewski for the Assembly to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended and asked for unanimous consent.

Hearing no objection the consent agenda was adopted as amended.

1. Ordinances for Introduction

a. 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.

Vertical Bridge Holdings LLC submitted an application to lease city property at the end of Crazy Horse Drive, in the Mendenhall Valley. In April 2019 the Lands Committee passed a motion of support to work with Vertical Bridge Holdings LLC towards the lease of city property contingent on a Planning Commission recommendation. The Planning Commission, at its regular public meeting on April 14, 2020, approved the special use permit for this tower. At its May 18, 2020 meeting the Assembly passed a motion of support to work with the original proposer, Vertical Bridge. At the June 1, 2020 meeting, the Lands Committee passed a motion of support to lease this property to Vertical Bridge for fair market value. Fair market value has been determined by appraisal to be \$1,075 per month.

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

b. Ordinance 2020-38 An Ordinance Authorizing Docks and Harbors to Execute a Reservation Agreement with Goldbelt, Inc. for Seadrome Dock and the Merchant's Wharf Float.

This authorizing ordinance would allow Docks and Harbors to manage the reservations on behalf of Goldbelt, Inc. at the Seadrome Dock for the remainder of the 2020 season. Title 85 only allows Docks and Harbors “the development and marketing of municipality owned facilities”, which

includes the Intermediate Vessel Float, the Port Field Office Float and Statter Harbor Breakwater. This authorization would allow Docks and Harbors to evaluate, alongside with Goldbelt, whether a moorage reservation call center operated by Docks and Harbors would provide efficiencies and cost savings for the two entities.

The Docks and Harbors Board favorably recommended this matter at its meeting on February 27, 2020. The Assembly Human Resources Committee also favorably recommended this matter at its meeting on July 1, 2020.

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

c. 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 by the Assembly Finance Committee on June 17, 2020, where the committee moved to draft an ordinance that would pay the supplemental request in full from CARES Act funding.

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

2. Liquor License

**a. Transfer of Controlling Interest Liquor Licenses: 188 & 1690
Bullwinkle's Inc.**

These liquor license actions are before the Assembly to either protest or waive its right to protest the license action.

Liquor License Transfers of Controlling Interest

License Type: Restaurant/Eating Place, License #188

Transfer From: **Bullwinkle's Inc. d/b/a Bullwinkle's Pizza, 318 Willoughby Ave., Juneau**
Mitch Falk & Lynette Anderson

Transfer To: **Bullwinkle's Inc. d/b/a Bullwinkle's Pizza, 318 Willoughby Ave., Juneau**
Falk-Anderson Community Property Trust

License Type: Restaurant/Eating Place, License #1690

Transfer From: **Bullwinkle's Inc. d/b/a Bullwinkle's Pizza, 9108 Mendenhall Mall Rd., Juneau**

Mitch Falk & Lynette Anderson

Transfer To: **Bullwinkle's Inc. d/b/a Bullwinkle's Pizza, 9108 Mendenhall Mall Rd., Juneau**

Falk-Anderson Community Property Trust

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. Copies of the documents associated with these licenses are available in hard copy upon request to the Clerk's office.

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

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Ordinance 2020-28(b) An Ordinance Amending the Land Use Code to Extend the Sunset Dates for the Alternative Development Overlay Districts.

The purpose of the alternative development overlay district is to provide adequate minimum standards and procedures for the construction of new residential buildings and the expansion, restoration, or repair of existing residential buildings, while providing time to implement new zoning regulations. This extension provides adequate time for the review and adoption of new zoning for the downtown neighborhoods due to the unforeseen impacts of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Version (b) changes the downtown Douglas deadline from August 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment

None.

Assembly Action

MOTION by Mr. Smith to adopt Ordinance 2020-28(b) and asked for unanimous consent.

Hearing no objection, the motion passed by unanimous consent.

B. Ordinance 2019-06(AF) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$90,000 as Partial Funding for the Statter Improvement-Phase III Capital Improvement Project and the Harris Harbor Pump Out Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by the ADF&G Harris and Statter Harbors Boat Sewage Pump-Out Facility Improvements Grant and the Harbor Fund's Fund Balance.

The Alaska Department of Fish & Game has awarded a \$75,000 Clean Vessel Act Grant to CBJ to construct, manage, and maintain sewage pump out stations in Harris and Statter Harbors. These improvements will better serve recreational boaters and other public users.

The Clean Vessel Act Grant requires 25% local match. The Statter Harbor project already has sufficient funding for the required local match. This ordinance appropriates the required local match of \$15,000 for the Harris Harbor project from Harbor Fund balance.

This ordinance appropriates \$90,000, for the following purposes:

Harris Harbor Pump	
Out CIP (H51-126)	\$45,000
Statter Improvement-Phase III	
CIP (H51-108)	<u>\$30,000</u>
Total Grant Funding	\$75,000

Required Match for Harris	
Harbor Pump Out CIP (H51-126)	<u>\$15,000</u>
Total Appropriation Amount	\$90,000

At its June 17, 2020 meeting, the Docks & Harbors Operations Committee recommended approval of this action. This ordinance was also reviewed by the Public Works & Facilities Committee on June 22, 2020.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment

None.

Assembly Action

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

C. Ordinance 2019-06(AG)(b) 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 would provide additional funding of \$8.5M for Phases 2 and 3 of the Business Sustainability Program. This topic was discussed by the Assembly Committee of the Whole on June 1 and the Assembly Finance Committee on May 20, June 17, and July 8 and remains in Finance Committee at this time.

This ordinance was still pending in Assembly Finance Committee so it was removed under Manager's Request for Agenda Changes at the beginning of the meeting.

D. Ordinance 2020-09(A) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$50,000 as Funding for the Municipal Arts and Culture Matching Grant Program; Grant Funding Provided by the Rasmuson Foundation.

The Rasmuson Foundation is matching a municipality's allocation of CARES Act funds to arts and culture organizations through the Municipal Arts and Culture Matching Grant Program. This program is designed to fund arts and culture organizations whose local revenue sources are disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Rasmuson Foundation will match municipal grants 1:1 up to \$20,000. The Foundation's match limit is \$50,000 per municipality. This program will be managed in coordination with the existing Business Sustainability Grant program. This ordinance was reviewed by the Assembly Finance Committee on June 17, 2020.

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(A) and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the motion passed by unanimous consent.*

E. Ordinance 2020-09(B) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$233,960 as Funding for the Juneau Electric Public Transit Bus and Associated Charging Infrastructure Purchase; Grant Funding Provided by Alaska Energy Authority.

This ordinance would appropriate \$233,960 for the purchase of Juneau's first electric bus and associated charging infrastructure for Capital Transit. The electric bus purchase will replace the anticipated purchase of a diesel bus. The grant funding, provided by Alaska Energy Authority, will reimburse the CBJ its local match portion, up to 20%, of the total cost of the electric bus and associated charging infrastructure. The remaining funding for the electric bus and charging infrastructure is supplied by previously appropriated grant funding from the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. The bus is scheduled for delivery in October, 2020.

The Public Works and Facilities Committee reviewed this request at its June 22, 2020 meeting and recommended forwarding it to the Assembly for approval.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment

None.

Assembly Action

MOTION by Ms. Hale for the Assembly to adopt Ordinance 2020-09(B) 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. Forbidden Peak Brewery Late-File Export Manufacturing Exemption

CBJC 69.10.020(10) provides a business personal property tax exemption for export manufacturing businesses only upon approval by the Assembly. Forbidden Peak Brewery requested the exemption and the Assessor's Office has determined the request satisfies the code requirements.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly approve the manufacturing exemption request for Forbidden Peak Brewery.

MOTION by Ms. Triem for the Assembly to accept the exemption request for Forbidden Peak Brewery and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the motion passed by unanimous consent.*

XI. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

A. Municipal Clerk's Report

Ms. McEwen provided a reminder for anyone interested in running for public office that the candidate filing period for Assembly and School Board would be opening this upcoming Friday, July 17 at 8:00 a.m. Filing will run for a ten-day period and close at 4:30 p.m on Monday, July 27. The Declaration of Candidacy and Nominating Petition forms are available on the CBJ website through the Municipal Clerk's Office Election page. Ms. McEwen shared that there are three Assembly seats and two School Board seats coming up for election this year.

Ms. McEwen then provided information on an upcoming "How to Run for Local Office" workshop scheduled for Saturday, July 18 that will be held telephonically via Zoom webinar. The workshop is being hosted by the League of Women Voters, with support from the Municipal Clerk's Office, the City Libraries, School District and will have a variety of panelists including some current and past School Board and Assemblymembers. The workshop requires registration in advance in order for participants and receive the invitation to attend. Participants can register at www.juneaulwv.org/run.

B. Mayor's Report

Mayor Weldon shared that she had planned to participate in the "How to Run for Local Office" workshop; however she is unable to. She said that she has spent time between meetings enjoying her cabin near Taku River.

C. Committee Reports, Liaison Reports, Assembly Comments and Questions

Committee of the Whole Chair Gladziszewski shared the COW last met on June 22 and discussed a long list of items, including JPD and their "Use of Force" policies. The next COW meeting is scheduled for next Monday at 6:00 p.m., and the agenda is currently still being worked

on. One of the items they plan to discuss is the ordinance establishing a Systemic Racism Review Committee.

Assembly Finance Committee Chair Jones reported the AFC last met on July 8, and spent the majority of the meeting discussing the CARES Act. Their next scheduled meeting is August 5. Mr. Jones also mentioned a joint meeting with the AFC and the School Board that has yet to be scheduled. The purpose of the meeting is to review the CIP list, as well as the JSD revised grant request.

Lands and Resources Committee Chair Edwardson reported that Lands last met on June 22 before the last Assembly meeting. The next scheduled Lands meeting will be August 10.

Public Works and Facilities Committee Chair Hale shared that PWFC last met on June 22, and their next scheduled meeting is July 20 at noon.

Human Resources Committee Chair Bryson reported the HRC met earlier this evening, and brought a few appointments for the Assembly to review.

MOTION by Mr. Bryson for the Assembly to appoint Roger Healy to the Bidding Review Board for a term beginning immediately and ending May 31, 2023 and he asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the motion passed by unanimous consent.*

MOTION by Mr. Bryson for the Assembly to appoint Christine Woll and James Powell to the Juneau Commission on Sustainability for terms beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2023 and he asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the motion passed by unanimous consent.*

Mr. Bryson shared that the HRC will be having a joint meeting with the Juneau Human Rights Commission before the next Regular Assembly meeting.

Mr. Smith shared that there had not been a Planning Commission meeting since the last Regular Assembly meeting; however they are meeting tomorrow. He said that he has been discussing a bond proposal and mask mandates with constituents.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs shared that the Juneau Commission on Sustainability met on Wednesday, July 1 via Zoom, and they presented their annual report to the Human Resources Committee earlier today. At their last meeting, the JCOS discussed increasing access to community gardens. She also reported the Docks and Harbors Board met Thursday, June 25, during which they met with the Worldwide Ports Association. The rates for the D&H to become a member has increased five times, so they have given Mr. Uchytel the latitude to negotiate to bring that rate down.

Mr. Bryson shared the Eaglecrest Board met last Thursday, July 9, where they decided to be closed on Mondays so that they can be open on Wednesdays to accommodate school children who do not attend school on Wednesdays. He attended the Chamber of Commerce's Government Affairs meeting, and believed they had mixed feelings on the bond package. He is happy to report his day job is open and operating again.

Ms. Hale reported the Downtown Business Association's July meeting was cancelled, and the next meeting is scheduled for early August. She attended the Fred Meyer Intersection Focus Group meeting on July 1, and said that many creative ideas and short-term solutions were shared with DOT.

Ms. Triem shared that the groups that she is a liaison to have not met since the last Regular Assembly meeting. She mentioned that the Dimond Park Aquatic Center has moved into its next phase of reopening, which includes lane reservations no longer being required, and the locker rooms being open. Face coverings are still required. Ms. Triem also met with members of the Economic Stabilization Task Force to work on the nonprofit ordinance.

Mr. Edwardson shared that the Airport Board has not met since their last Assembly meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 16. The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met on July 8 at 12:00 p.m. where they discussed Red Cross operations and the BRH screening tent will be staying up through the fall. The next LEPC meeting is August 12.

Mr. Jones reported the Juneau School Board had a community listening session on July 6, which 300 people attended via Zoom. The session was primarily focused on the Smart Start program for reopening schools. The JSD Policy Committee met on July 7, and had an internal discussion regarding what was shared at the listening session. The School Board meets tomorrow at 4:30p.m on Zoom to discuss the CARES Act funding and grant submissions, as well as CIP requests for the Department of Education. They will meet again on August 11.

Ms. Gladziszewski clarified that there is normally no public testimony at COW meetings, but there will be public testimony for the meeting next Monday.

D. Presiding Officer Reports

Mr. Jones provided an update on the Lee Appeal, stating that the record has been submitted, and he has not heard any objections or motions from that. The hearing is set for the Assembly on September 2.

XII. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Terri Lauterbach, a downtown resident mentioned that she spoke to the Assembly at its June 29 Assembly meeting about the Augustus Brown Swimming Pool. She said that she sent an email to the Assembly at the request of the Mayor, and an Assemblymember responded that they would speak with Parks & Recreation the next day. Ms. Lauterbach said she sent a follow-up email a week later after she had not heard anything. She mentioned the recent reopening of the Dimond Park Aquatic Center (DPAC), and said she feels left in the dark about the plans for Augustus Brown Swimming Pool. She added that downtown and Douglas residents would rather not take a bus out to the valley to visit DPAC. Ms. Lauterbach said she would like to know what Parks & Recreation has in mind for the Augustus Brown Swimming Pool.

Ms. Triem responded that the roof construction project for Augustus Brown Swimming Pool is on hold until the Assembly makes a decision, which leads to the opening of the pool to be on hold as well. Another issue that affects the pool reopening is regarding staffing, as the pool lost staff members during the closure, and they are in the process of hiring new staff.

Mr. Norton Gregory, a Douglas resident. Mr. Gregory wished to speak on the bond proposition that was proposed by the Mayor, and he encouraged the Assembly to move forward cautiously. He sees school building constructions as an important issue, one that the state may not fully reimburse. Mr. Gregory also mentioned the high cost of living in Juneau, and said that raising property tax will ultimately raise the cost of living even more. He really thinks that Juneau should save its money, and avoid borrowing money from bond banks.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Signed: _____
Elizabeth J. McEwen
Municipal Clerk

Signed: _____
Beth A. Weldon
Mayor