THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Meeting Minutes - February 3, 2020

MEETING NO. 2020-06: The Regular Meeting of the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly held in the Assembly Chambers of the Municipal Building, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Beth Weldon.

I. FLAG SALUTE

II. ROLL CALL

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

Assemblymembers Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Manager Rorie Watt, City Attorney Robert Palmer, Deputy City Manager Mila Cosgrove, Municipal Clerk Beth McEwen, Finance Director Jeff Rogers, Chief Housing Officer Scott Ciambor, Lands Manager Greg Chaney, Port Director Carl Uchytil, JPD Lt. Jeremy Weske, Community Development Director Jill Maclean, Senior Planner Irene Gallion, Code Compliance Officer Nate Watts

III. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Ms. Triem to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2019 Assembly meeting and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the November 4, 2019 minutes were approved.*

MOTION by Ms. Hale to approve the minutes of the November 25, December 5, and December 18, 2019 Assembly meetings with minor corrections and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the minutes were approved.*

A. November 4, 2019 Regular Assembly Meeting 2019-34

B. November 25, 2019 Regular Assembly Meeting 2019-35

C. December 5, 2019 Special Assembly Meeting 2019-36

D. December 18, 2019 Special Assembly Meeting 2019-39

V. MANAGER'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

None.

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Vicki Jo Kennedy expressed her concern that the Care-A-Van buses are still sitting in the rain. There were only three Care-A-Vans on the road and there are at least five Care-A-Vans in the fenced in area at Capital Transit that are being worked on and not in use. She urged them to be put on the road immediately.

Ms. Hale commented that the Public Works & Facilities Committee (PWFC) will be receiving an update on the status of the paratransit vans at the February 10 PWFC meeting at Noon in the Chambers.

Ms. Kristin Garot, Principal of Yaakoosgé Daakahidi High School (YDHS) said that they polled students at the school in the fall and the students wanted to share some of the feedback they received from those polls.

YDHS student Max Wheat shared a list of those poll results with the Assembly. The list included students: having a strong bond with teachers, being greeted each morning by staff, feeling safe, feeling like they deserve the best and are equal to other schools. He said the YDHS teachers are great and it is a good environment with smaller classes that help them achieve success. He did say that they would like to see students provided with reliable transportation just like all other schools since YDHS students have to ride the city bus. Things they would ask for Assembly/community support include providing food, helping teens get drivers licenses or permits, and providing bus passes as an alternative to student transportation.

Mr. Bryson asked how many students attend YDHS and was told they have 90 students.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Public Requests for Consent Agenda Changes, Other Than Ordinances for Introduction

None.

B. Assembly Requests for Consent Agenda Changes

C. Assembly Action

MOTION by Ms. Gladziszewski to adopt the Consent Agenda and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections, the motion passed.*

1. Ordinances for Introduction

    a. Ordinance 2019-06(S) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the

Sum of $200,000 as Funding for the Centennial Hall Renovation Phase II Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by the Hotel Tax Fund's Fund Balance.

This ordinance would appropriate $200,000 from the Hotel Tax Fund to begin design work on Centennial Hall renovations and upgrades. These funds will allow design work to begin ahead of anticipated construction in the summer or fall of 2021. The scope of work will include items 1-4 as discussed at the December 9, 2019 Public Works and Facilities Committee meeting, which specifically includes upgrades to mechanical and electrical systems, renovation of ballrooms, and renovation and expansion of the building foyer. The source of the funds is the additional 2% hotel tax enacted on January 1, 2020 for the purpose of improvements to Centennial Hall, which is expected to generate new revenue of $210,000 in FY2020.

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

b. Ordinance 2019-06(T) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of $4,000,000 as Funding for Douglas Highway – David to I Street Water System Replacement Capital Improvement Project; Loan Funding Provided by the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, Alaska Drinking Water Fund State Revolving Fund.

This appropriating ordinance provides $4 million for the replacement of the water system in Douglas Highway between David Street and I Street, including a segment down Capital View Avenue to 2nd Street Douglas. The water system was constructed in the early 1980's, is past its useful life and prone to leaks and failures. This work is scheduled to occur during the 2020 construction season, prior to the Alaska Department of Transportation rehabilitating Douglas Highway during the next couple of years.

The Public Works and Facilities Committee moved the appropriation forward at their meeting of September 23, 2019.

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

2. Bid Award

a. Bid Award - BE20-022 Douglas Highway Water Main Replacement Phase II

This project consists of replacement of an existing ductile iron water main and associated services with HDPE along Douglas Highway from David Street to the Crow Hill CBJ Water Pump Station building adjacent to Gastineau Elementary School. The work will also include erosion and sediment control, traffic control, sanitary sewer repair, removal and replacement of roadway asphalt, removal and replacement of concrete curb and gutter, removal and replacement of asphalt and concrete sidewalk and other miscellaneous related work.

Bids were opened on this project on January 22, 2020. The bid protest period expired at 4:30 p.m. on January 24, 2020. Results of the bid opening are as follows:

RESPONSIVE BIDDERS	TOTAL BID
Glacier State Contractors	$3,361,727
Admiralty Construction, Inc.	$3,423,220
Arete Construction Corp.	$3,435,923
Engineer's Estimate	$3,517,953

The City Manager recommends award of this project to Glacier State Contractors for the total amount bid of $3,361,727.

b. Bid Award - Bid No. BE20-183 Household Hazardous Waste Facility

This project consists of the construction of a new CBJ Household Hazardous Waste Facility at Juneau's landfill located in Lemon Creek. The work includes site preparation, utilities, and all work associated with the new building construction. Site work generally includes AC pavement removal, clearing and grubbing, excavation, shot rock borrow, 2-inch minus shot rock with D-1 base course, storm drain improvements, water service, sanitary sewer service, gas infiltration prevention and venting system, grading, and asphalt pavement. Building work generally includes building foundation systems, pre-engineered metal building, modular building, electrical service, and other miscellaneous related work.

Bids were opened on this project on January 28, 2020. The bid protest period expired at 4:30 p.m. on January 30, 2020. Results of the bid opening are as follows:

RESPONSIVE BIDDERS	TOTAL BID
Alaska Commercial Contractors, Inc.	$1,653,800.00
Dawson Commercial Contractors, LLC	$1,668,712.03
AHTNA Environmental, Inc.	$2,525,197.07
Engineer's Estimate	$1,744,560.00

The City Manager recommends award of this project to Alaska Commercial Contractors, Inc. for the total amount bid of $1,653,800.

3. Liquor License

a. Liquor License Renewals for Licenses: 3507, 4742 & 521

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

<u>2020-2021 Renewal of Liquor Licenses</u>
License Type: Package Store, License #3507
Carr-Gottstein Foods Co. d/b/a Oaken Keg Spirit Shops #1820
Location: 3011 Vintage Blvd., Juneau

License Type: Package Store, License #4742
Thibodeau's Market Inc., d/b/a Thibodeau's Liquor
Location: No Premises, Juneau

License Type: Package Store, License #521
Thibodeau's Market Inc., d/b/a Thibodeau's Home Liquor
Location: 465 W. Willoughby Ave., 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. Copies of the documents associated with this license are in the Assembly's e-packet or available in hardcopy upon request to the Clerk's office.

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

4. Transfers

a. Transfer T-1026 A Transfer of $450,000 from Various Capital Improvement Projects to CIP R72-143 Aspen Ave – Mendenhall Boulevard to Taku.

This transfer of $450,000 of funds from two CIPs to the Aspen Avenue Reconstruction CIP will provide funding for the reconstruction of Aspen Avenue from Taku to Mendenhall Boulevard. Additional water and sewer infrastructure repair work was discovered and the construction cost estimate came in higher than anticipated. Bid documents are being prepared in anticipation of bidding the project during the month of

February. The current construction estimate is $1.3 million.

R72-131	Birch Lane Sewer Replacement	$400,000
U76-115	Kaiser Forcemain Replacement	$50,000

The Public Works and Facilities Committee recommended approval of this transfer at its January 15, 2020, regular meeting.

The City Manager recommends approval of this transfer.

VIIIPUBLIC HEARING

A. Ordinance 2019-30 An Ordinance Related to the Regulation of Nuisance Properties.

Over the last five years, the City and Borough of Juneau has dealt with multiple properties that received an inordinate amount of city resources. These properties have required years of time, attention, and resources from entities including Community Development, Engineering and Public Works, the Law Department, the City Assembly, and first responders like the Police Department and Capital City Fire/Rescue in an effort to abate the problem. Neighborhoods affected by these problem properties feel the process is inefficient and resolutions are far too slow. The Chronic Nuisance Ordinance will give the City a tool to ensure neighborhoods are not subject to problem properties for extended periods of time and to hold landlords and tenants accountable for their actions.

The chronic nuisance concept was presented to the Assembly Committee of the Whole on May 20, June 10, and September 23, 2019. Public testimony regarding the ordinance was taken at the Committee of the Whole on December 9, 2019, and the committee recommended the ordinance be forwarded to the Assembly.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment:
None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Mr. Bryson to adopt Ordinance 2019-30 and asked for unanimous consent.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs objected.

Members discussed the ordinance and asked the City Attorney for clarification on the definitions as found on page 3 of the ordinance.

AMENDMENT 1 - M. Gladziszewski strike "for serious bodily injury or death." from line 19 on page 3 of the ordinance. *Hearing no objection, Amendment 1 passed.*

Additional discussion took place with Mr. Palmer and Lt. Weske answering questions from Assemblymembers.

ROLL CALL VOTE on adoption of Ordinance 2019-30 as amended.
Ayes: Bryson, Edwardson, Gladziszewski, Hale, Jones, Smith, Weldon
Nays: Hughes-Skandijs, Triem
Motion passed 7:2

B. Ordinance 2020-01 An Ordinance Amending Title 69 of the City and Borough Code by Adopting the Uniform Alaska Remote Seller Sales Tax Code.

In 2018, the United States Supreme Court decided *South Dakota v. Wayfair*, allowing governments to assess sales taxes on remote sales. On November 2019, CBJ joined the Alaska Remote Sellers Sales Tax Commission, which is charged with developing and administering a *Wayfair*-compliant remote sales tax system. On January 6, 2020, the Commission adopted the Uniform Alaska Remote Seller Sales Tax Code, which implements the collection of remote sales tax. Pursuant to its membership agreement with the Commission, the CBJ is required to adopt the Uniform Remote Sales Tax Code. While the CBJ's authority to assess, collect, and remit remote sales tax will be delegated to the Commission, the CBJ retains its authority to establish and modify local sales tax rates and exemptions.

The Finance Committee reviewed this ordinance at its meeting on January 8.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment:
None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Mr. Smith to adopt Ordinance 2020-01 and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections, the motion passed.*

C. Ordinance 2020-05 An Ordinance Authorizing the Manager to Dispose of Eight Lots in the Vintage Business Park, Located near 3041 Clinton Drive, to Torrey Pines Development for Fair Market Value.

In August 2019, CBJ acquired eight lots located in Vintage Business Park for $1.519M, for the purpose of developing assisted living housing primarily for seniors. The CBJ solicited proposals to develop the proposed housing and Torrey Pines Development was determined to be the best and most qualified bidder.

During negotiations, a proposal was made for Torrey Pines to purchase the eight lots for fair market value for the construction and operation of 80 units of senior housing, assisted living, and memory care. The Assembly Committee of the Whole heard the proposal on January 6, 2020, and recommended that the Manager proceed with negotiations for the sale.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment:

Lorilyn Swanson spoke in favor of this ordinance and recounted her work with the Juneau Commission on Aging (JCOA) and that the senior surveys done every ten years by JCOA have identified this project as a long time need in the community. She provided examples of the partnerships and support given by CBJ for the creation of Fireweed Place and Wildflower Court in the past and this project would be similar to those.

Sioux Douglas spoke in support of this and the next ordinance. She said this has been a 7 year process and she personally thanked each member of the Assembly and staff for their hard work, and thoughtful, responsible, and creative approach. She publicly thanked all the community support for this and said that are all deeply grateful.

Don Gotschall also spoke in support of this ordinance as he has also been working on this for the past 7 years. He spoke to all the community members who have had to leave town since Juneau doesn't currently have the memory care and other services that this project would provide. As an engineer, he looked at the Torrey Pines proposal and he liked the economics of it. He thanked the Assembly, Manager and Housing staff with getting the project this far.

Beth Kerttula spoke in favor of the ordinance. She recounted her experience in growing up in Juneau and serving as a state legislator representing Juneau. In 2017, she brought her father home to Juneau and if there had been an assisted living facility at that time, she feels he may have had a better quality of life. They remodeled an apartment for him. She said her father fell and broke his hip and while he has phenomenal care givers, it has been extraordinarily difficult and expensive. She said for those families who have had to leave family members outside of Juneau to receive care, it is heart breaking. She thanked the Assembly for moving forward on this and said it is a big boost to our economy bringing $32,000,000 and 47 new jobs as well as meeting the needs of our citizens.

Emily Kane, a current member of the JCOA, encouraged the Assembly to pass Ordinances 2020-05 and 2019-06(Q). She said this may set a precedent for successful models within Juneau and there may need to be more ways to consider helping people with different abilities.

Jim Schull also spoke in support of the ordinance. He has been on the board of Senior Citizens Support Services Inc (SCSSI) for the last few years. He said that by 2022 they have estimated that Juneau will need an additional 117 assisted living beds. Those numbers came from a study that they did which was partially funded by CBJ. Juneau's population over age 80 and especially over 85 continues to increase and these are the people who may need assisted living facilities the most. He said they determined Vintage Business Park was the best of locations for this need since it has primarily flat ground, provides opportunities to get around, and has the river walking path. He urged the Assembly to pass both ordinances in front of them.

Kathleen Strasbaugh spoke in favor of the ordinance. She is a former member of SCSSI and she thanked everyone for the work that they have done in particular with the financing and planning efforts. She encouraged the Assembly to support the needs of the community in this way.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs to adopt Ordinance 2020-05 and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the motion carried.*

D. Ordinance 2019-06(Q) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of $2,000,000 as Funding for the Assembly's Senior Assisted Living Grant; Funding Provided by the General Fund's Fund Balance, and the Juneau Affordable Housing Fund's Fund Balance.

Torrey Pines Development requests a $2 million grant to assist with overall construction costs, to help attract equity capital, and to ensure that rental rates for seniors remain low for potential residents. The grant would assist the overall viability of the project. Without the grant, it is estimated that in order to meet financial projections, room rental rates would be 20-25% higher than indicated in the proposal. If this happened, the rates would be too high for most prospective tenants and development of the project would not proceed.

Staff recommend that the source of the $2 million grant be split between General Fund dollars and the Juneau Affordable Housing Fund.

i. $1.6 million in General Fund; and
ii. $400,000 grant from the Juneau Affordable Housing Fund covering the 8 Medicaid eligible beds at $50,000 per unit.

At its January 8, 2020 meeting, the Assembly Finance Committee approved this action.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment:

Ms. Sioux Douglas spoke in favor of the grant to assist the high cost of senior housing care. She said that staff has analyzed the Torrey Pines proposal and this grant is essential for the success of this project. She said the two other developers who initially tried to do something about this project learned that this was not an easy thing. This grant would reduce the overall equity investment to get the numbers to where they need to be for Torrey Pines to see the project through. She said that timing is of the essence.

Dr. Emily Kane spoke in favor of this ordinance and noted that CBJ would recoup their investment if each unit spent $22,000/year.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Ms. Triem to adopt Ordinance 2019-06(Q) and asked for unanimous consent.

AMENDMENT #1 by Ms. Gladziszewski to add the last line as underlined below:

Section 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Manager the sum of $2,000,000 as funding for the Assembly's Senior Assisted Living Grant to partially fund the construction cost of a senior assisted living facility. A grantor/grantee agreement is required, which shall be approved by the Assembly before disbursement of any funds.

Ms. Hale asked if Ms. Douglas could speak to the question. Mr. Watt said that this is the conversation they have been having with Torrey Pines and this is what they are expecting.

Hearing no objection, Amendment #1 passed by unanimous consent.

Mr. Jones was concerned about the use of Affordable Housing Fund monies. He said the ordinance did not require more Medicaid beds. The Assembly hasn't come up with a formula for the Affordable Housing Fund money and he felt they could afford to fund this all with general funds.

AMENDMENT #2 by Mr. Jones to strike Housing Fund Fund Balance as the source of funds and change that to General Fund.

Mr. Palmer explained that since the funding source is identified in the ordinance title, that change would require it to be re-introduced and set for future public hearing/Assembly action.

Mr. Jones said in light of Mr. Palmer's comment, he withdrew his amendment and his objection.

Assemblymembers asked additional questions on the loan vs. grant and Mr. Watt answered their questions.

Hearing no objection, Ordinance 2019-06(Q) as amended, passed by unanimous consent.

E. Ordinance 2019-06(R) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of $1,000,000 as Funding for the Recycleworks Consolidated Facility Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by the Waste Management Fund's Fund Balance.

CBJ Engineering estimates an additional $1,000,000 is necessary to complete the construction of the Recycleworks Consolidated Facility. It is anticipated that the eventual sale of the existing Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) building on Shaune Drive will more than cover this cost; however, the sale of that building will not be complete prior to when funds are needed to award a construction contract. This ordinance would transfer the necessary amount from the Waste Management Fund's Fund Balance which will later receive the proceeds from the HHW building sale.

This ordinance was reviewed at the January 15, 2020, Public Works and Facilities Committee meeting.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment:
None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Ms. Hale to adopt Ordinance 2019-06 (R) and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections, the motion passed.*

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Planning Commission Notice of Recommendation to Dispose of CBJ Property to Torrey Pines Development for Senior Assisted Living

At the Planning Commission meeting on January 28, 2020, the Planning Commission recommended the Assembly sell the eight CBJ-owned lots in Vintage Business Park to Torrey Pines Development for fair market value for the purpose of developing 80 units of senior assisted living.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly consider the Planning Commission's recommendation as the Assembly decides Ordinance 2020-05.

This recommendation was taken into account by the Assembly when considering Ordinance 2020-05 above.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Hardship Late-Filed Real Property Tax Exemption Application: Dolitsky

Public Comment:

None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Ms. Gladziszewski to accept the hardship late-filed real property tax exemption application from Mr. Dolitsky and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the motion passed.*

XI. STAFF REPORTS

A. Ordinance 2019-37 re Nonconforming Development

The ordinance amending the land use code (Title 49) related to nonconforming development will be presented to the Assembly for introduction on February 24, 2020. The City Attorney is still conducting a final legal review.

Mr. Bryson expressed a concern regarding housing not being able to be rebuilt if it burns to the ground. Mr. Palmer said the intent/overarching goal of the ordinance was to address that issue. He also suggested that Mr. Bryson might want to consult with the Community Development Director for in depth information about how this ordinance might fit different scenarios.

B. River Road Junk Cars

Staff will provide an oral update at the meeting.

Mr. Palmer explained that at the last Assembly meeting, the Assembly appropriated $250,000 for the abatement of the River Road property which CBJ is in litigation with. He provided an update since things have changed somewhat due to the court proceedings. He said that after the Assembly appropriated that money, there was a flurry of motions, injunction type, filed by the property owner. There was a hearing held with the judge in this case and although it wasn't explicitly ruled on by the judge, the judge suggested that if the city had the ability to delay the contract for abatement until March 11, to give the court an opportunity to review any motions and to give Mr. Losselyong an opportunity for one last shot to clean up his property, that might be the best interest. He said that was inferred and they were able to reach a stipulation with Mr. Losselyong which was signed off by the court in which Mr. Losselyong will pay for all the bid preparation costs that the city incurred and for the bidders who bid to the order of approximately $15,000 which there is now money in a trust account for. There is a series of other terms and conditions that was ordered by the judge. The contract has been cancelled for now and Mr. Losselyong has until March 11 to have his property cleaned up.

Mr. Palmer then answered questions from Assemblymembers regarding this action.

C. Whittier Street Parking Permit

Mr. Watt noted that the packet contains a memo Parks and Recreation Director George Schaaf to Mr. Watt regarding the Whittier Street parking lot. They are switching up the direction on this. Rather than doing a lease to Sealaska Heritage Institute (SHI) for their temporary parking during construction, CBJ is changing to a parking permit approach that will allow more flexibility in managing those parking needs as well as other uses.

Mr. Watt then answered a number of questions about the location/spaces to be used for this as well as what type of enforcement and public parking will be available.

XII. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

Mayor Weldon reported that some of the members expressed concern with her about the meeting with the Governor so she wanted to provide them with a little history of what happened. The Governor's office reached out to her to talk to the Mayor, Assembly, Police Chief, and anybody else that they wanted to bring. When the Governor's office was advised that it would need to be a public meeting, they said that was not what the Governor wanted to do. They wanted to know more about what Juneau was all about and how some of his cuts affected the city. She countered with a proposal that they would change that and have the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and some staff and the Governor's office said they preferred that. In the meantime, public notice had been sent out. Mayor Weldon noted that the talking points discussed with the Governor were included in the red folder and it could be released now that it was publicly noticed. She said that what they learned from this experience was that when they canceled the public meeting, they should have said what they were doing instead. She said the other thing they should have done was to notify the Assembly that they were going up to talk with the Governor since that is different from her going to talk to the Legislature. She apologized for any mistakes made and said she will work to fix those and will try to communicate better with everybody in the future. She said they did request a Town Hall meeting to be held in Juneau similar to what the Governor is doing in Petersburg and Wrangell. She said she would be happy to answer any questions about the meeting with the Governor before proceeding with her Mayor's Report. Seeing and hearing no questions, she provided the following Mayor's Report.

Mayor Weldon reported that the Assembly met with the Juneau legislators and lobbyists for breakfast on January 15. They also held a joint meeting with the Hospital Board which went well and answered many questions by members of both bodies.

She extended huge thanks to the whole community for the annual legislative reception which was well attended and she extended special thanks to the Alaska Committee, Municipal Clerk staff, Juneau Chamber of Commerce, Travel Juneau, and the business community. Huge thanks too for everyone in the community who came out to welcome the legislators.

Mayor Weldon said she also attended with Ms. Hughes-Skandijs the Canada/Alaska friendship reception. She said that she also entertained second graders in the Assembly Chambers and was told she should remain Mayor forever. She received cards with creative artwork and questions from the students that she shared with all the Assemblymembers. She said they held a mock meeting with the students taking the seats of Assemblymembers and they debated the question of whether cats should be licensed like dogs and it was a tight vote and the final outcome was to NOT license the cats on a vote of 5:4.

Mayor Weldon reported that she spoke on Action Line on the radio, she was a speaker at the ROAR (Reclaim, Own, And Renew) Women's Conference as well as at the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association.

She attended the Alaska Committee annual meeting and she congratulated Greg Smith who is a new board member of that committee.

She reported on the recent joint meeting with the Docks and Harbors Board.

She briefly attended the Juneau Project Homeless Connect event and thanked Chief Housing Officer Scott Ciambor and his team's work on putting that event together.

Mayor Weldon said she attended the celebration of life services for Tom Cashen who was a longtime member of the community and a great friend of labor having served as the IBEW Labor Union representative for many years.

Upcoming events of note include:
February 4-5: Southeast Conference Meetings in Juneau
February 7: Employee Recognition at JPD at noon.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Assembly Human Resources Committee (HRC)- Chair Bryson reported that the HRC met just prior to the Assembly and forwarded the following recommendations for board appointments. Appointments were to terms beginning immediately and expiring on the dates listed next to each name below:

Juneau Commission on Aging (JCOA)
Emily Kane - 12/31/2021
Paul Douglas - 12/31/2021
Susan Warner - 12/31/2021
Jennifer Carson - 12/31/2020
Kathleen Samalon - 12/31/2021

Building Code Advisory Committee:
Patrick Gorman - 11/30/2022

Board of Equalization:
Paul Nowlin - 12/31/2022
Ken Solomon-Gross - 12/31/2022

Hearing no objection, the above appointments were made as recommended.

Mr. Bryson also reported that the HRC forwarded the recognition program proposed by the Juneau Commission on Sustainability to the Committee of the Whole. That program will recognize and reward Juneau businesses for taking sustainable actions in the community.

Lands Committee - Chair Edwardson reported that the Lands Committee met January 6, 2020 and on that agenda was an easement for the Twilight Cafe. He said that has been a longstanding problem and there is hopefully a solution. The committee also considered a proposed land trade with Aurora Arms Condominiums to provide right of way access. The committee also discussed the Sealaska Heritage Institute parking.

Mr. Edwardson said that they bumped the discussion on extending the Fire Service Area that was listed under staff reports and they hope to have that on either the February 10 or a future meeting as the February 10 agenda is filling up.

The Lands Committee also received an update on the Pederson Hill land sale. The next Lands Committee meeting will be held on Monday February 10 at 5p.m.

Public Works and Facilities Committee (PWFC) - Chair Hale reported that PWFC met on January 15. They talked about SCADA which is the computer assisted operation of the wastewater plant. They thought it was going to go through an alternative procurement process and discovered that it did not have to go through an alternative procurement process after all. The PWFC also received an update on one of the Lo No grant (for electric buses) application.The committee also discussed the CIP schedule and the next committee meeting is schedule for February 10 at Noon.

Committee of the Whole (COW) - Chair Gladziszewski reported that there has not been a COW meeting since the last meeting of the Assembly. The next meeting will be on

February 10.

Assembly Finance Committee (AFC) - Chair Jones reported that there has not been an AFC meeting since the last meeting of the Assembly; however they are meeting on Wednesday, February 5. He said that those packets were in people's boxes and that Mr. Edwardson will be participating on the phone and Ms. Triem will be present until she has to catch a plane.

Joint Assembly/School Facilities, CIP & Maintenance Team - Chair Jones reported that group will be meeting on February 16 at 8:15a.m. in City Hall Conference Room #224.

Eaglecrest Summer Operations Task Force - Chair Gladziszewski reported that the next meeting will be March 5. They were going to have a meeting on February 6 but the City Manager and Eaglecrest Manager are working on the feasibility/RFP and they will hear more about that on March 5.

Visitor Industry Task Force (VITF) - Chair Triem reported that they have been very busy. They met on January 16 and received a presentation from the City Attorney. She recommended people go online and read the memo from the City Attorney if they haven't already read it. The VITF met on Saturday, February 1 as well as two public testimony meetings. They had to reschedule one of those due to high winds and they ended up having approximately 50 people provide testimony.

Additional discussion took place regarding the VITF webpage being temporarily down and is likely to be up the next morning and that public comments received to date are posted to that webpage.

LIAISON REPORTS & ASSEMBLY COMMENTS:

Mr. Bryson reported that he attended the Juneau Homeless Connect event, the Juneau Chamber of Commerce event at which Governor Dunleavy spoke and he attended the best VITF meeting ever on Saturday, February 1. He said that he was able to visit his parents in Nashville for a weekend.

Mr. Smith reported that he attended the Planning Commission meeting on January 28 which went until 11:45p.m. They approved a private shared access ordinance and the conditional use permit for the Archipelago lot. The Planning Commission will be holding a meeting on February 4 to continue the meeting of Tuesday, January 28 to take up the request for a variance for parking to go to zero for the Archipelago property.

Mr. Smith said he was excited to be selected as a member of the Alaska Committee. He helped do some intake at the Juneau Project Homeless Connect.

He said that he also volunteered at the re-entry simulation that some of the Assemblymembers participated in during the fall. He said that it was helpful for people to see the process and some of the things people have to go through as they are trying to reenter society following incarceration.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs said that she attended the Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS) meeting on January 8 and then attended their retreat on January 18. She congratulated their newest officers: Gretchen Keiser, Anjuli Grantham, and Christine Woll. She said that JCOS held a work session on January 22 and they worked on situating their goals for the upcoming year around the Assembly's goals.

She reported that the Docks & Harbors Board met with the Assembly on January 30. Just before that joint meeting, they held a regular board meeting.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs said that she was a speaker at Lunafest on January 17 and it was well attended. She attended the Legislative Welcome Reception. She also had the opportunity to judge "Juneau's Got Talent" on February 1 and she confirmed that Juneau really does have talent. She spoke with Pete Carran on Action Line. She attended Juneau Project Homeless Connect, and the Native Affairs Forum.

Ms. Triem said she attended a number of board retreats since the last Assembly meeting. The Juneau Chamber of Commerce held their retreat on January 14. They were very interested in discussing Centennial Hall. They also received a report from Bill Legere on a project to get cameras wired up throughout the Capitol Building. She reported that both the Juneau Chamber of Commerce and the Travel Juneau board is very interested in the work of the VITF.

Ms. Triem reported that the Aquatics Board has been pretty busy meeting on January 21 and 28 to discuss and approve their budget. Because of an expedited budget timeline, they were not able to discuss the commercial use regulations. They will be taking up that discussion in February. She said that much of their discussion was about how the scheduled temporary closure of the downtown pool will affect their budget. They also have a desire to consolidate the budget for the two pools and they are working with staff on that.

Ms. Hale said that she missed the Downtown Business Association meeting on January 14 but she will be attending the meeting on February 4.

She reported that she heard at the Juneau Commission on Aging (JCOA) that there is a lot of concern in the community about what is going on with the Care-A-Van program because there is a change with the new contract. She spoke with the Public Works Director and they will be receiving an update on that at the Public Works & Facilities Committee meeting on February 10.

Ms. Hale reported that February is the deadline for closing comments on the JCOA senior survey. They have been combing the community to make sure people fill out the survey.

Ms. Hale reported that she spoke at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration on behalf of the Mayor and she said it was a fantastic event. She also attended SEARHC's ROAR conference and volunteered at the reentry simulation.

Ms. Hale reported that the Hospital Board met and has received three responses to the provider network RFP which used to be called the "affiliation analysis." She reported that they have also seen a wolf repeatedly on campus which is rather rare.

Mr. Edwardson reported that he had been traveling and didn't attend last month's LEPC or Airport Board meetings. He said he will be in town for the next meetings of both those bodies. The LEPC was looking at getting a speaker to talk about the corona virus at their meeting on February 12 at Noon. They did get some public requests to see if someone could talk about that and the LEPC picked up that request and is pursuing it.

Mr. Jones reported that the School Board's last meeting was January 14. He said he was able to attend that meeting but didn't attend the board's retreat on January 25 as he was attending his brother's memorial service. He said the School Board held a public forum on the budget on January 30 which he also did not attend since he was attending the joint meeting with the Docks and Harbors Board that night.

Mr. Jones said he attended the AML Legislative Committee meetings which are being held each Friday at 3:00p.m. There was a lot of discussion about bills and the legislative process. He said the Governor will be submitting his supplemental budget request sometime within the next week and rumor has it that it is supposed to be the largest supplemental budget to date by a governor. There was some discussion of the motor fuel tax increase that is going through the Senate. He said they will likely amend that to increase the registration fee for electric vehicles and for hybrid vehicles. He said that a couple of the other municipalities who were on the call asked if any of the increase in motor fuels tax would be returned back to the communities in which they were collected. The answer was that under the current legislation, only the amount that is currently in statute would come back, not any additional amounts.

Mr. Jones said they also had discussion about the bill to increase the oversight and staff to make it easier to staff and set some higher rules for the VPSO (Village Public Safety Officer) program. There was discussion of whether AML should support that when there is a lack of law enforcement in urban centers.

He said there was also a concept paper out in terms of school bond debt and a possible way to help if the legislature wanted to look at a different way of formulating that which would help those who wanted to bond but it wouldn't necessarily put back the 50% that was vetoed. He sent that to the Mayor, Manager, and Finance Director. He said two of them had comments and the other thought it was good. He also sent it to the superintendent and the director of administrative services for the schools and the School Board president and asked for comments. He has not heard anything back from them. It is now just in a concept phase.

Ms. Gladziszewski reported that she attended many of the same events others did including Lunafest, Legislative Reception, Juneau Project Homeless Connect.

Ms. Gladziszewski thanked the YDHS students for coming and she said that she hoped they would take some of their concerns to the School Board as well. She said she learned several things from them and the reminder to say that we have three high schools in Juneau and not just two.

She said that speaking of students, the Drama, Debate and Forensics (DDF) statewide tournament is coming to Juneau February 13-15 and they need 300 judges. It is the first time the statewide tournament is coming to Juneau. She encouraged the public and Assemblymembers who can to sign up to judge.

Mr. Jones said he didn't see it on the agenda but said all the Assemblymembers received an email from Mr. Heumann about request for gravel and he asked if they need to take official action to refer that matter to the Lands Committee.

Mr. Watt said that he has asked Mr. Edwardson to coordinate that issue with Lands Division staff and schedule it for a Lands Committee meeting when they have time. Mr. Edwardson said that is one of the time critical things that he was referring to coming up on a future Lands Committee agenda.

C. Presiding Officer Reports

None.

XIII. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

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