

THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Meeting Minutes - January 23, 2017

MEETING NO. 2017-03 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 Ken Koelsch.

I. ROLL CALL

Assembly Present: Mary Becker, Maria Gladziszewski, Norton Gregory, Loren Jones, Jesse Kiehl, Ken Koelsch, Jerry Nankervis, Beth Weldon and Debbie White.

Assembly Absent: None.

Staff Present: Rorie Watt, City Manager; Mila Cosgrove, Deputy City Manager; Amy Mead, Municipal Attorney; Beth McEwen, Deputy Clerk; Bob Bartholomew, Finance Director; Ed Mercer, Deputy Police Chief; Dallas Hargrave, Human Resources/Risk Management Director; Roger Healy, Engineering/Public Works Director; Scott Ciambor, Chief Housing Officer

II. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 9, 2017 Regular Assembly Meeting 2017-01

MOTION by Ms. Becker to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 Regular Assembly Meeting 2017-01 with correction. Hearing no objection, the minutes were approved as corrected.

IV. MANAGER'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

Mr. Watt noted that in light of the desire for public testimony that Resolution 2784: *A Resolution Affirming the City and Borough of Juneau's Continuing Support of the Juneau Access Project* be pulled from the consent agenda.

Mayor Koelsch said that has been removed from the Consent Agenda and will be placed at the beginning of the Public Hearing section of the meeting.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Koelsch explained that this is the portion of the meeting at which the public may testify on items that do not already appear on the agenda.

Ms. Mary Ellefson said she just came from rehearsals from a play called "Home But Not Less, A Play Built on Alaskan Voices." She said that it is an expansion of a former production that her collaborator Shona Osterhout and she presented two years ago. It is inspired by Ms. Ellefson's interviews of over 100 Alaskans from Juneau, Anchorage and around the state, including people who are or have been homeless, service providers, ER doctors, police officers, school representatives, housing experts, prison inmates, native leaders, business people, a judge, state leaders and Assemblymembers as well as conferences, meetings, and a lot of eavesdropping. It is

a presentation of a slice of homelessness and they will be showing for two weekends at McPheters Hall and then move it up to Anchorage. Each performance will be followed by a post-show discussion and this is an opportunity to create a dialogue in the community about these issues that connect all in their work to create healthier communities. Ms. Ellefson handed out a flyer about the performances and invited all to attend.

Ms. Larry Johansen stated that he started filming and webcasting the Assembly meeting with this meeting. Last year, he proposed that he start this service. It was recommended by the manager at that time not to do it. He said he has been thinking that circumstances in the world this past year have highlighted the need to get people involved and he feels the time has come where webcasting and getting our public meetings out to the community is important for resolving some of the serious issues that we have. He said he thinks the best way to do that is via webcasting. 89% of Americans own a smart phone and a majority of people spend more time on their smart phones than they do television. He said there are limited resources and by encouraging public participation, it will be able to get people involved. He hopes to do this as long as he can. It is on the website [Alaskanews.TV](#) and he was broadcasting at that time.

Mr. Gregory thanked Mr. Johansen for broadcasting live from City Hall and said it was good that this was supplementing the radio broadcasting as there were issues happening with the radio broadcast.

[Clerk's note: the radio connection switch had not been activated but was activated just after Mr. Gregory noted the problem so the radio broadcast began at 7:09 p.m.]

Mr. Don Habeger reminded the Assemblymembers about the Juneau Re-entry Coalition which is in a formal partnership with the Department of Corrections, the Alaska Mental Health, and the community in connecting local community services with those coming out of incarceration. Since it has been about a year since he spoke to the Assembly, he felt an update was in order. Their accomplishments this past year have included looking at the community, assessed the resources, and have come up with the general observation that we have enough resources to meet most needs of those coming out of incarceration. There are some stress points such as housing, mental health resource issues and those may need to be augmented in time. He said another accomplishment is that they have been working through a community plan. Essentially it is to use existing resources and partnering with them to make sure the service needs are met. The last piece is case management and it is now a partnership with H&SS. The Alaska Legislature has said that there will be community reinvestment. the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD) is the recipient of that grant and they are looking for a warm handoff with Lemon Creek or any of the other 12 facilities so they can meet them first while they are incarcerated, next the warm hand-off, and then community connections. The hope is that this will provide for safe communities and recidivism is reduced..

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

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

None.

B. Assembly Requests for Consent Agenda Changes

None.

C. Assembly Action

MOTION by Mr. Nankervis to adopt the Consent Agenda with the removal of item (2)(d) Resolution 2784 as requested earlier by the City Manager. *Hearing no objection, the Consent Agenda was approved as amended.*

1. Ordinances for Introduction

- a. Ordinance 2016-10(A) An Ordinance Appropriating Funds for FY17 School District Operations.

This ordinance would make the following FY17 School District budget changes:

General Operations	\$ 2,034,200
Contributions to Fund Balance	786,000
Total Budget Changes	\$2,820,200

Funding for the changes is provided from the following:

State Foundation Funding	\$ 2,820,200
Total Funding Source Changes	\$2,820,200

These adjustments are requested by the School District due to student enrollment increasing above projections, which increases the State Foundation Funding support to education.

The Assembly Finance Committee (AFC) forwarded this request to the Assembly at its January 11, 2017, regular meeting.

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

- b. Ordinance 2016-09(AC) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$700,000 as Partial Funding for the Construction of Aurora Harbor Phase II; Funding Provided by the Harbors Enterprise Fund's Fund Balance.

CBJ Docks and Harbors requests approval of an appropriation ordinance that would transfer funds from the Harbors Fund to the Aurora Harbor Re-Build CIP account for the Phase II project.

The request is to move \$700,000 to the existing Aurora Harbor Re-Build CIP for planned improvements of Aurora Harbor Re-Build-Phase II, specifically the removal and reconstruction of a portion of the Headwalk; Mainwalks E, F, and G; electrical and lighting; domestic water lines; and fire suppression system. The project includes moving the existing boat shelters to access the work and returning the boat shelters to the new facility upon completion. The funds would come from the Harbor Fund which has a current balance of \$3,874,900.

The Public Works and Facilities Committee is scheduled to review this ordinance at its January 30, 2017, meeting.

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

- c. Ordinance 2016-09(AD) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$250,000 as Funding for the Juneau School District Deferred Maintenance and Minor Improvements Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by the General Government Fund's Fund Balance.

This ordinance would appropriate \$250,000 to the Juneau School District for JSD Deferred Maintenance and Minor Improvements including carpet replacement, water heaters, etc.

Funding is provided from the General Government Fund's Fund Balance.

The Assembly Finance Committee approved this action at its January 11, 2017, meeting.

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

2. Resolutions

- a. Resolution 2786 A Resolution Ratifying the Labor Agreement between the Bartlett Regional Hospital and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Healthcare Unit 2201

This resolution would provide Assembly ratification of the terms of the tentative agreement negotiated between Bartlett Regional Hospital and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Healthcare Unit 2201, for a collective bargaining agreement that will expire on December 31, 2017.

The tentative agreement includes a conversion to a new pay schedule on November 29, 2015, with the implementation of a new classification and compensation system. Wage rates were determined through a study that considered market wage data. Although each employee is impacted differently by the conversion to the new pay schedule, the cumulative impact of the conversion is approximately equivalent to a 2.3% increase in wages. Additionally, the tentative agreement includes a 1% increase to the pay schedule, effective the first pay day in July 2017. The total cost of these provisions over the life of the contract for both union and non-represented employees is projected to be approximately \$3,062,000.

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

This tentative agreement has been ratified by the union membership and was passed unanimously by the Bartlett Regional Hospital Board of Directors.

The City Manager recommends this resolution be adopted.

- b. Resolution 2785 A Resolution Approving the Bartlett Regional Hospital Personnel Rules.

This resolution would provide Assembly adoption of the Bartlett Regional Hospital (BRH) Personnel Rules.

Title 40.10.020(5) provides that "...the hospital administrator may issue personnel rules as required to adapt the personnel plan to allow for continuous operation of the hospital; all personnel rules issued by the hospital administrator are subject to the approval of the hospital board of directors and adoption by the assembly by resolution;..." The Bartlett Regional Hospital Board of Directors approved the BRH Personnel Rules on September 29, 2016. The BRH Personnel Rules were reviewed by the Human Resources Committee on December 19, 2016. The Human Resources Committee recommended that the BRH Personnel Rules be forwarded to the Assembly for approval.

The City Manager recommends this resolution be adopted.

- c. Resolution 2781 A Resolution Reestablishing the Assembly Rules of Procedure, and Repealing Resolution No. 2550.

This resolution would amend the current Assembly Rules of Procedure. The amendments in this resolution include requests made by the Assembly at its retreat on December 3, 2016. The text being added is underlined and the text being deleted is shown by strikeout. The specific provisions being amended are at Rule 5(C)(2)(b) and (f), Rule 6(A), and Rule 17.

The City Manager recommends this resolution be adopted.

- d. Resolution 2787 A Resolution Expressing Continued Assembly Support for the Use of Municipal Property for the Proposed Willoughby Arts Complex.

The purpose of this resolution is to affirm the Assembly's continued support for the use of CBJ property between Centennial Hall and the Juneau Arts and Culture Center for the proposed Willoughby Arts Complex. This resolution would extend the date the Juneau Arts and Humanities Council may rely on the CBJ's stated intent to commit municipal property to the project for an additional five years.

The City Manager recommends this resolution be adopted.

3. Liquor License

- a. Liquor License Renewals for 2017

The following are the 2017/2018 Liquor License Renewals received and reviewed so far:

Beverage Dispensary Licenses:

License # 1081 Shayz, LLC d/b/a Squirez, 11806 Glacier Hwy.

License # 447 Alaska Promotions, LLC, No dba, No premises (this is the former Suite 907, LLC license that was involuntarily transferred back to Ethan Billings in Oct. 2016)

Beverage Dispensary Tourism Licenses:

License # 674 MSE, LLC d/b/a Lucky Lady, 192 S. Franklin Street

Package Store Licenses:

License # 300 DeHart's LLC d/b/a DeHart's Grocery, 11735 Glacier Hwy.

Recreational Site License:

License #5095 Taku Lanes, LLC d/b/a Taku Lanes, 608 W. Willoughby Ave.

Restaurant/Eating Place Licenses:

License #4731 DJ, LLC d/b/a Asiana Gardens, 9116 Mendenhall Mall Road

License #188 Bullwinkle's Inc. d/b/a Bullwinkle's Pizza, 318 Willoughby Ave.

License #1690 Bullwinkle's Inc. d/b/a Bullwinkle's Pizza, 9108 Mendenhall Mall Road

Staff from the Finance, Fire, Public Works/Utilities, Police, and Community Development departments have reviewed the above list of renewals and recommend the Assembly waive its right to protest these renewals.

Additional licenses will be forwarded for Assembly action as soon as notice is received from the Alcohol Marijuana Control Office and CBJ staff has had an opportunity to review each license up for renewal.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly waive its right to protest the above-listed liquor license renewals for the 2017/2018 renewal period.

4. Other Items for consent

- a. Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility - Green Elephant LLC, License No. 10315

On January 3, 2017, CBJ received notice of State of Alaska Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility License #10315 for Green Elephant, LLC to be located at 101 Mill St., Ste. A, Juneau, AK 99801.

CBJ staff from the Police, Fire, Finance, and Community Development departments reviewed this application for compliance with CBJ laws and regulations and recommends the Assembly waive its right to protest the issuance of this license.

Due to the large quantity of documents associated with each marijuana license, the full set of documents will be available electronically by using the NOVUS BoardView portal in your online packets, while your paper packets will only contain the following documents:

- State of Alaska Alcohol & Marijuana Control Office – Initiating License Application #10315 online form
- Form MJ-01: Marijuana Establishment Operating Plan
- Form MJ-02: Premises Diagram
- Form MJ-04: Marijuana Cultivation Facility Operating Plan

Supplemental

- CBJ Planning Commission Conditional Use Permit USE2016-0027 Notice of Decision

Original paper copies of all the documents relating to this license are available for public review in the office of the Municipal Clerk during regular business hours.

Removed from the Consent Agenda:

- b. Resolution 2784 A Resolution Affirming the City and Borough of Juneau's Continuing Support of the Juneau Access Project.

The Mayor has provided this Resolution for the Assembly's consideration.

As this is a policy decision for the Assembly, the City Manager has no recommendation on this matter.

Mayor Koelsch explained the Assembly Rules of Procedure Rule 8 relating to Public Participation and indicated that he would limit each speaker to no more than 2 minutes to speak. The sign-up sheet for this resolution had a column in which members could express their support or opposition to the resolution and another column indicating if they wished to testify or not. A total of 36 persons on the sign-up sheet were in support of the resolution and 24 were opposed.

Mr. Albert Judson - spoke in opposition to Resolution 2784. He spoke to the opposition expressed by the residents of Haines and Skagway and said if and/when any capital move issues are brought up, that Juneau will need the support of its friends and neighbors in these communities.

Mr. Corey Baxter, District Representative for Operating Engineers, Local 302 Union. He said that several of their members were present to support this resolution but in respect for the Assembly's time, he is speaking on their behalf and he asked them to stand up so the Assembly could see who they were. He said there are also Teamsters and Carpenters representatives in the room as well. He said they all agree with everything in this resolution but wished that it included one more whereas that specifically refers to the jobs this project represents.

Mr. Craig Dahl, Executive Director for the Juneau Chamber of Commerce said the Chamber is in full support of Resolution 2784 and urges the Assembly to take whatever actions are necessary to advocate for the retention of the appropriated funds for future construction of the East Lynn Canal Highway. He said that they were disappointed with the Governor's decision. The Chamber feels it is important to stress that the previously allocated capital funds remain appropriated until such time that the EIS is complete and construction can proceed and they encouraged the Assembly to do everything it could to see this happen.

Mr. Patrick Owen stated that he has lived here approximately 53 years and has worked both in the construction industry and on the marine highway system. Mr. Owen said he feels that road is very important to the whole state and that will provide for the important ferries access to continue in the lower portions of Southeast AK. He would like to see the road go all the way up to Skagway and that a road would provide additional shipping options.

Mr. Robert Lindekugel expressed his opposition to Resolution 2784. He said, like most folks here, he supports access to Juneau but does not support a half billion dollar project that only extends the road another 50+ miles to another dead end. He said it does not make fiscal sense to do this considering the fiscal climate the state is currently in. He also stressed his concern that it will be the CBJ citizens paying for the additional emergency services that will come about as a result of the proposed road.

Mr. Dan Fabrello spoke in favor of the resolution. He spoke to the economic and social benefits a road would provide as well as the added benefits to those communities who will receive added ferry service as a result of ferries being freed up for use in other southeast communities. He spoke to the high cost of ferry service currently and that it amounts to travel being a luxury only certain segments of our population can afford in both time and financial resources.

Mr. Andy Mills spoke in favor of the resolution. He echoed many of the comments relating to economics and accessibility that others have discussed. He brought up that for air quality and water quality purposes, a road would be a much more environmentally friendly option over what is currently in use with our ferry system. He said that he supports the resolution, especially for an "East Lynn Canal" route and that it will hopefully provide a road all the way eventually in years to come.

Mr. Denny DeWitt spoke in favor of the resolution. He said that the importance of our ferry system is that we have a road system to complement it. He said we are no longer in a position to run ferries in areas where roads can provide transportation. He explained that the road would be part of an integrated transportation system and they would hope to get as far as Skagway to make connections to intercontinental highway systems. It would give Juneau and others a true option in terms of trucking for an alternative route of transportation. He said a road would help reduce the price of getting in and out of Juneau as the current ferry system costs are prohibitive.

Mr. Wayne Jensen spoke as the Chair of the Alaska Committee. He said the purpose of the Alaska Committee is to make state government work better for all Alaskans and enhancing Juneau as Alaska's Capital City. Since 1995, when the Alaska Committee was formed, they have consistently supported improving both physical and electronic access to the capital city. Great strides have been made in providing electronic access and lower airfares, physical access still remains an obstacle to many Alaskans. He said that historically, ongoing polling reflects that access to the capital city is still important to constituents throughout the state, especially during the legislative session. He said the ferry system is a necessary and important part of our infrastructure and will always remain so but it is incumbent on all to find more efficient and less costly ways for people to travel. Juneau is privileged to be Alaska's capital city and with that privilege comes a responsibility to serve all Alaskans to the best of our ability, therefore he urged the Assembly to pass resolution 2784 and support DOT/PF's work on completing the construction of the East Lynn Canal Highway. This will signal to the legislature and the rest of the state that completion of the Lynn Canal Highway is not just an important project for the community of Juneau but for the rest of the state as well.

Mr. George Elgee spoke in favor of Resolution 2784. He spoke to the issue that this is a matter of access to the state capital. He said another reason he is in favor of the road is that it provides affordable access to Juneau. He said the economic forecast for the state is not good right now but this project is one that would add \$500 million dollars to the economy and it is unbelievable that we would pass that up. He said he thought this project was totally dead after the governor's announcement but he is now hopeful that it may actually be turned around and he encouraged the Assembly to support the resolution.

Mr. Neil MacKinnon said he is a 68 year, and fourth generation, Juneau resident. His grandfather and great grandfather helped survey a road up the Taku River to Atlin, British Columbia. He said it doesn't matter which direction a road is put in, what matters is that there is a road out of here. He said the last two weeks, people trying to come down from Haines and Skagway couldn't make it for a one week timeframe. He said the ferries are rusting away before our eyes and it will not get any better. He said we need to look to a time forward when the other ships go off line and he encouraged passage of this resolution.

Mr. Wayne Coogan testimony highlighted the points covered in the letter he had sent to the Assembly earlier that day relating to Juneau access and homelessness issues, a copy of which was provided in the red folder. Mr. Coogan urged the Assembly to pass Resolution 2784.

Mr. Lance Stevens said he grew up in south central Alaska and all the roads up there lead to ferries and they dead end into Homer, Seward, and Valdez. He said he believes in the model that Washington has that provide links of ferries and roads. He said he was hoping to do a roadtrip with his son to Skagway and that it is cost prohibitive. The \$600 roundtrip ticket for he, his son, and his truck to take a ferry to Skagway costs more than the fuel costs to take a 5,000 miles roundtrip. He encouraged the Assembly pass this resolution to help fix that in-balance.

Mr. Mike Satre spoke in support of the resolution. He stated that he previously submitted written testimony. He said he believes the Governor made a pennywise poundfoolish decision and that the Lt. Gov. recently tweeted a photo saying need to grow Alaska. He said this project would do that and he encouraged the Assembly to do everything to advocate for funds for the East Lynn Canal highway.

Mr. Eric Forst said he has family that works in the ferry system and other family that lives in areas where ferries are a vital need. He spoke in favor of the resolution and emphasized the need for ferries to be targeted elsewhere and to provide road access in and out of Juneau.

Mr. Murray Walsh spoke in favor of the resolution. He spoke to the fact that this road is an equalizer for a far larger number of our population who just can't afford to travel and stressed the need for the Governor and Assemblymembers to think of them when making these decisions.

Ms. Terri Lauterbach spoke in opposition to this resolution. She stated that Juneau has the privilege of being the capital but also has the responsibility of being the capital. CBJ needs to take the lead in recognizing the current economic constraints of federal, state, and local budgets. She said that she reads regularly the comments in the Juneau Empire when anything about the state budget comes up and one of the most common things she reads is that we need to get rid of the mega projects before they start cutting anything else in the budget. She said the Juneau Access is a mega project and whether it is \$54 million they are talking about now or \$500 million later, whether it is federal, state, or local money, it is still a mega project and people are not wanting to get their PFDs cut so Juneau gets a mega project funded. She said the southeast road system is our ferry system and if the money is put to the road, it will be at the cost of our ferries. She then spoke to the avalanche concerns this project would raise and encouraged Assemblymembers to take leadership in this and not pass this resolution.

Ms. Emily Ferry said she works with the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council (SEACC) and for the past fourteen years has been looking closely at document after documents regarding the Juneau Access project. She said that she has heard many of the same statements and assumptions that they have been hearing for the past fifteen years and that one of the biggest assumptions put out by the

state DOT was that we will build the Juneau road and save the state money. That was the primary purpose for proposing the project. She said that it turns out that in DOT's own study, they found that it would cost the state \$5 million more each year compared to the marine highway system and she believes that was one of the reasons Gov. Walker made the decision that he did. She also spoke to the previous funding of \$7 million in the STIP for the Juneau Access project that was no longer there. She said that she was disappointed Juneau is having this divisive conversation and would like to see the efforts put towards issues that unite the community.

Mr. Dennis Harris, a third generation Juneau resident said the road up the Taku River is the only true option for Juneau Access. He said that it is not rocket science to build floating bridges, and it would cost a lot less to build that type of access road than those chosen by the state. He said he thought it would even be possible to get assistance from the Canadian side of the border to support that option.

Ms. Britta Tonneson spoke in opposition to the resolution. She is a supporter of SEACC and agreed with Ms. Ferry's comments. She spoke in favor of more resources being given to the Alaska Marine Highways so they can provide more access to Juneau and the other Southeast communities. She highlighted Juneau's role as a hub for social and health services within Southeast and the need for the ferry system to be funded to a level that can meet the needs of those traveling amongst the SE communities.

Ms. Janet Kussart spoke in opposition to the resolution. She spoke to the fact that for those wanting to use the ferry as a walk on, this is not access as a car will be needed to get to a ferry and not everyone has access to a car. She stressed the large number of locals without vehicles as well as the many travelers/tourists who travel as walk-ons and this not only does not support that option, it causes additional hardship.

Mr. Shawn Eisele spoke in opposition to the resolution. He asked them who ever drove to the ferry terminal and thought "I wish I drove further and had less parking?" He is disappointed that the Assembly is going this route as this action after the Governor's decision seems like a political gesture and he would like to see the Assembly spend its energy on other matters such as addressing those who are homeless. He said he often goes camping and it is fun. Homeless people in doorways is not camping and expects the Assembly to work to find ways to help them and not arrest them. Arresting them will not be efficient for our police force and will definitely not help those who need it most.

Ms. Corinne Conlon is a live aboard in Aurora Harbor. She opposed this resolution and highlighted the fjord aspects of Lynn Canal and the avalanche hazards which would prevent this from being a year-round road due to maintenance and safety considerations.

Mr. Guy Archibald spoke in opposition to the resolution. He said that he and his wife have three grown children who are ready to start raising their own families but the largest barrier for them staying in Juneau is the cost of living. The Juneau road will not alleviate that cost of living, that in fact he would like to see the money set aside for the road applied to the ferries and to understand that the words "Juneau Access" do not provide access, just a longer road to an unmanned ferry terminal.

Mr. Brynn Fluharty spoke in opposition to the road. She highlighted the high cost of the project vs. the high level of danger that one would encounter on the road as well as endangering and raising the cost for emergency response.

Mr. Ed Johnson spoke in support the Juneau Access project for all the reasons stated by the previous speakers. He said that 17-18 years ago Governor Knowles did a feasibility study and it was determined that the road out of Juneau was the most feasible alternative for access to Juneau.

Ms. Ahrah Landau (West 11th Street) spoke in opposition to the resolution. She said that there is no way CBJ can handle the emergency services and policing for the additional road miles. She said there is a real crime wave currently going on in her own neighborhood, including home invasions. She said JPD is doing everything they can but there is no way that JPD could police that additional stretch of road and still provide the quality of coverage currently needed in our neighborhoods. Ms. Landau also said we have many more serious crime, addiction, and fiscal matters than the road issue and she is opposed to the camping ordinance. We cannot turn our backs and lock our doors and levy fines on people who literally only have socks, jackets, and maybe sleeping bags. It is a nuisance, it may be expensive and it is messy to have people living in doorways but that is the price we pay for inadequately addressing mental health, substance abuse and poverty that are the root causes of homelessness. We can't shift the burden of our bad choices on people who can't bear it. A shelter place to sleep in bitter cold is a basic human right.

Mr. Rob Cadmus spoke in opposition to this resolution and the extension of the dead end road and supports making the ferry system stronger. He said with respect to this resolution, his main concern is the message the Assembly is sending to the Governor and the Legislature on what CBJ's priorities are. He said there are only a limited number of "asks" that the city will get in this budget situation and there are a lot of important issues that we do need to address. He said one think everyone in the room has in common is their love of Juneau. He would like to see that being what Juneau rallies around and the Assembly's priority should be education, basic services and local transportation needs and the ferry system.

Ms. LuAnn McVay spoke in support improved ferry access to Juneau. She spoke to the safety concerns relating to avalanches as well as the increased cost it would be to provide police and emergency services. She said that the road has been said to be an equalizer and that for walk-ons on the ferry, the road is not an equalizer, it just requires an additional 50 miles drive to be a walk-on.

Mr. Dominick Branson spoke in support of the resolution for the economic and recreational reasons that were stated previously. He said that his schedule is very tight and he even went to Sitka last week and tried to use the ferry but was unable to due to the lack of service and he feels that will only get worse as the state budget is reduced. He feels that being good neighbors to the rest of Southeast Alaska, by us having the road, it would allow for better ferry service to other communities.

Mr. Clay Frick, Haines resident spoke against the resolution. He said the road access is not access, it is a 55 mile drive to a dead end road. He reiterated the comments by Emily Ferry comments. He travels quite a bit from Haines to Juneau and he is concerned about the wind/cancelation situations and what that would mean by stranding many travelers, including all the teams that use the ferries, up at the *Katzahein* if a ferry cannot get across.

Mr. Rich Harris spoke in support of the resolution for all the previous reasons stated. He said there is a safety factor for aviation and a benefit for having a road underneath the planes flying back and forth.

Mr. Al Garrison spoke in opposition to the resolution. He stated that it would be a bad idea as it would increase the crime rate. He said there is a lot of money being shuffled around and used in

wrong places and he encouraged them to focus the money on meeting the needs of the people in the community and especially those in poverty.

Mr. Chuck Collins spoke in support of the resolution. He spoke to importance of building infrastructure in Southeast and is concerned that the Anchorage legislators will decide to redirect ferry and/or southeast infrastructure funds to other transportation projects in the Anchorage or Mat-Su areas.

MOTION by Mr. Nankervis to adopt Resolution 2784 for purposes of an amendment. Mr. Nankervis distributed copies of his amendment which read as follows: (new language is denoted by underlining below.)

Section 3. That the City and Borough of Juneau asks the Juneau Legislative Delegation to support maintaining previously appropriated statewide funds for the Juneau Access project to be held available to allow the project to proceed.

Section 4. The City and Borough of Juneau asks the Alaska Legislature maintain previously appropriated statewide funds for the Juneau Access project to be held available to allow the project to proceed.

Section 5. Effective Date.

Mayor Koelsch called for discussion on the amendment.

Mr. Nankervis said the purpose of the amendment is to add also in not just the Juneau legislative delegation but also the full Alaska Legislature which has control over those funds.

Mr. Jones said he has problems with some other sections and he wouldn't necessarily object to the added language but it seems to him that the Governor is the one who initially has determined whether or not those funds would be made available. He said that the legislature will have to act one way or another and if they do not act, the money stays where it is because it is a capital project. He said if they do act to take it away, this may give them a pause for thought about whether they will decide to use the funds for someplace else. It may hamper people's ideas on how to use it for other projects. He said there was some discussion the other day about the possibility of using those funds towards repairing the current ferry dock in Skagway which is having troubles handling the current ferries and is not set up for the new ones being built. He maintained his objection to this based on the fact that he does not feel it does much to the original resolution.

Mr. Kiehl said that he feels the original resolution called on people to do things they didn't have the power to do and this amendment makes it technically workable.

Roll Call Vote on the Amendment:

Ayes: Becker, Gladyszewski, Gregory, Kiehl, Nankervis, Weldon, White, Koelsch

Nays: Jones

Amendment passes 8:1

MOTION by Mr. Nankervis to adopt Resolution 2784 as amended.

Mr. Jones objected. He said they have heard a lot tonight and it has been heartfelt and he agrees with many of the statements on both sides. He thinks that technically, this resolution is now aimed towards the legislature with the amendment that just passed. However he is concerned that the language in the resolution is asking a state department (DOT) to go against the policy decision that

their boss, the governor made. He said he is opposed to this resolution and for many of the other reasons, brought up tonight as well as many times in the past, he does not support the road.

Ms. Gladziszewski said this has proved once again that Juneau is deeply divided. She said it is not an easy issue, and if it were to just support a road that would be one thing but it is a longer road to another ferry and she cannot support that. She said that she really hopes the Assembly would spend similar amounts of time on issues that they can work together on because everyone in this room and upstairs cars about this town.

Ms. White spoke in favor of the resolution. She said it costs \$700 for a roundtrip to Skagway, currently with a 68% subsidy and she does not see that level of subsidy being able to continue on either the state or federal levels. She said that the ferry fleet is aging and compared the numbers of the Taku ferry to operate vs. the amount of money it costs for a car to drive on a road. She spoke to the high cost of ferry maintenance and if we were to reduce the number of miles required for ferry service in upper Lynn Canal, that would enable the fleet for use in the smaller communities. She said the idea isn't necessarily to build the road all the way but rather to shorten the ferry runs. She said historically they have been talking about a road to Skagway for over 100 years. She is strongly in support of the resolution and is willing to have additional language changes made if necessary. She said this is a shovel ready project and 90% funded from the federal government and it will put our trades to work at a time when there are no other capital projects.

Mr. Jones said in response to Ms. White's comments, he will be getting on a rusty ferry Friday night for a one way trip from Bellingham burning a lot of diesel fuel to bring his all electric vehicle to Juneau. He said the ticket was not inexpensive but the one argument that he heard tonight relating to the ferry brings him back to something he has mentioned many times. That is that as a government the Assembly has to decide what they are going to fund and what they want as a service, what the public feels they want as a service and then they have to decide how to fund it. He said that the fact that a ferry system, or a swimming pool, or a ski area costs X amount of money, and we ought to fund it at a certain level because we know people want it but that it would never be self-sufficient. We always call that a subsidy when in fact it is not a subsidy. If the people and the government say they want that service, there are some cost recovery fees charges but they enter into doing know that there will always be a cost associated.

Mr. Nankervis said he appreciates hearing from everyone who came to testify. He said that during the past year budget cycles, this was the first time he had seen so many people show up to speak to an issue. He said whether people are for it or against it, they are passionate about this topic. He said he feels it is in the best long-term interest for the viability of this community to have a road so he is in favor of the resolution. He very much appreciated the public process and how respectful everyone was of each other.

Ms. Weldon thanked everyone for showing up and testifying. She said in tallying the numbers, there did seem to be more in favor than against the resolution. She also said that during her campaign she did a survey and one of the questions on the survey was "Do you support building a road out of Juneau?" She said they surveyed with a high school team in District 2 and overwhelming the answers to that answer on the survey were more than 2:1 in favor of the road.

Mr. Kiehl also thanked everyone for testifying. He said they can't really look at public testimony as polling as he has had a lot more emails against than for the resolution and those who testified were more in favor and he said that and similar to Ms. Gladziszewski, he heard a lot on both sides that he agrees with. He said this is not a cut and dried easy vote issue. He very much appreciated hearing from the gentleman from Haines. Mr. Kiehl said our Haines and Skagway neighbors have

sent resolution after resolution opposing this road and those are the same communities that have voted in our favor whenever capital move issues have come up on the ballot. He said that in terms of access to the capital, the vast majority of access is electronic. After that, a distant, distant second is by air. He said that whether or not there is an asphalt highway vs. a marine highway, there is a very minimal point of debate with respect to capitol access. He spoke to the high cost of living in Juneau and the economics of all the supplies that come in by barge. That brings it down to the cost of maintenance and the discussion of the state's budget. The State of Alaska closed four year-round highway maintenance stations up north this past year and they made one year-round station down to a seasonal road. He said that when speaking of road maintenance, he keeps thinking about a family member of his who was caught between two slides on the Old Seward Highway between Anchorage and Girdwood for hours staring uphill and praying to God that another slide didn't come down where she was. She said luckily, she got out just fine but a few years later, one of the DOT workers was clearing a slide and was killed when the next one came down. He said appreciated Mr. Nankervis' comments about public participation on the budget vs. issues like this. Other items needing attention include building the North Douglas Highway extension and the approach lighting at the Juneau Airport. Those are paths to growth in the local economy and the State of Alaska is not in a fiscal position to fund remote winter road maintenance. In light of all those concerns, he will be a no vote on the resolution.

Mr. Gregory said he grew up in Kake and spent a lot of time on those ferries and it would take a 32 hour ferry ride from Kake to Juneau. He said the ferry rides are now shorter and he was thankful for that. He said their family liked to take road trips but growing up in southeast Alaska, it was cheaper to fly out than to try to put a car on the ferry and take a road trip. He said it is a quality of life issue and when people are moving away, why are they moving away. He said this is an issue of what would attract or maintain people to stay here in Juneau and a road out of Juneau and having the ability to access the Yukon would help to incentivize people to move here and stay here. He said he also thinks about the lowest part of economic scale residents and what the quality of life is like for them. He gave the example of co-worker trying to go to Whitehorse, but the ferry schedule had changed and it derailed their entire plans and the expense to load up family and car to go to and from Skagway was costing them \$750. He said those reasons and others are why he is planning on supporting this resolution.

Roll Call vote on Resolution 2784 as amended:

Ayes: White, Weldon, Nankervis, Gregory, Becker, Koelsch

Nays: Kiehl, Jones, Gladyszewski

Motion passed 6:3.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Koelsch explained the Assembly Rules of Procedure Rule 8 relating to Public Participation and indicated that he would limit each speaker to no more than 2 minutes to speak.

- A. Ordinance 2016-44 An Ordinance Amending the City and Borough Code Relating to Camping in the Downtown Juneau Area.

This ordinance would amend the CBJ's existing camping ordinance by adding a provision designed to prohibit camping on private property in a narrowly defined geographic area in downtown Juneau. The purpose of this amendment is to partially address the issue raised by business owners in the downtown area who are experiencing a noticeable increase of unauthorized people camping on their property, resulting in a significant increase in refuse, litter, waste and harm to private businesses. This

ordinance is not an outright bar as it allows private property owners to grant permission to campers to use their property.

I recommend that you consider this ordinance in the context of other services and management measures that are already being provided or are being considered for our homeless population. This ordinance is one small piece of a larger puzzle; to be effective it must be accompanied by other measures. Absent other measures, this ordinance would likely only serve to move the problem camping to different areas. Measures that should be considered include the provision of a year round campground and a heated sheltering opportunity that is available during specified weather conditions.

The Committee of the Whole considered this ordinance at its January 9, 2016, meeting and approved moving the ordinance forward to public hearing without a final recommendation by the Committee.

I recommend that you approve this ordinance with an effective date of April 15, which is the date that the Thane Campground opens for the summer. I have explored the possibility of opening a year-round campground that is near downtown and not at risk of avalanche hazard, but do not believe it is feasible to permit and open such a campground much faster than the regular opening of the Thane Campground.

The City Manager recommends this ordinance be adopted.

Mr. Watt provided the Manager's Report for this ordinance and said that it had been discussed at the Assembly Committee of the Whole which referred it back to the Assembly without recommendation. Mr. Watt said his recommendation was that if the Assembly does adopt this ordinance that they make the effective date as of April 15, 2017 which is the date that the Thane Campground opens for the summer. Mr. Watt said that as an addendum to this report, he has asked City Attorney Amy Mead to provide a brief explanation of the legal differences between trespassing and the "no camping" prohibition as contemplated in this ordinance.

City Attorney Amy Mead explained that as the City Manager stated, both the trespass ordinance and this "no camping" amendment to our currently existing camping ordinance are specific to private property and conduct on private property. She said the difference between the two are as follows:

- 1) violating the trespass ordinance is a criminal, arrest able violation; and
- 2) violating the "no camping" ordinance is an infraction and is the equivalent to a traffic ticket.

She said the conduct and the presumption by the police are somewhat on the flip side of each other. So with the trespassing ordinance, if an officer walks by your property and sees someone walking on or camping on your property, the officer does not presume that is illegal conduct; it takes an affirmative act by the property owner to alert the police that that conduct is not wanted or allowed. The "no camping" ordinance, the officer assumes that someone camping on private property in the downtown core area is prohibited conduct and can take action. If the property owner wants to allow that, they would need to take affirmative action to allow it.

Ms. Gladziszewski asked the attorney to explain what an "infraction" means and what the consequences are if you get multiples of them. Ms. Mead explained that an infraction is what the court calls a quasi-criminal action, it is not a crime, it is something less than a crime; it is a violation. Under our code, the first offense is a \$25 ticket, the second offense is a \$50 ticket, and the third ticket is a mandatory court appearance and then it is up to the judge to do as the judge wishes. That could entail the imposition of a fine and there is a scale for the judge to be able to

impose a fine up to \$500. She said it is a similar scale to that in use for an "open container" violation. Ms. Gladziszewski asked what happens if someone could not or does not pay. Ms. Mead said that if someone had many, many tickets or did not show up for court appearances, once it got to mandatory court appearances, the court could issue a bench warrant. She said our court has not done so when a Failure to Appear has related to a ticket offense. Nothing happens until that person somehow comes into contact with the criminal justice system. She said that once they are sentenced and there are unpaid fines, there are actions that could be taken such as trying to garnish PFDs or collect that money in other ways.

Mr. Gregory asked with respect to trespassing, if a business owner calls JPD and says that someone is trespassing on their property and refuses to leave, he asked what the result of that action would be. Ms. Mead said that they would be arrested as an A or B misdemeanor depending on where it was occurring.

Ms. White said her concern is that we have narrowly defined an area in which camping is not legal without the owner's permission, she said that makes it sound as though it is easy for someone to pitch a tent on anyone's lawn and somehow that would be legal. Ms. Mead explained that the reason for switching the presumption the way it was switch is due to the fact that this is in the downtown core area where it is not residential and the property owners are not there 24-hours a day. This prohibits camping between midnight and 7am as most property owners are not in their stores during that period of time so there is no one there to direct someone to leave. If someone were to camp in your lawn, you could call the police and the police could come out and arrest that person for trespassing on your property if they didn't leave at your direction. Ms. Mead explained that the trespass code applies borough-wide.

Mr. Gregory asked for clarification what would happen if a business owner did not object to someone camping on their property. Ms. Mead explained that the business owner could post a 'camping allowed,' and they can notify the police that camping is allowed at their threshold or on their property and then camping would be allowed on that person's property.

Ms. Becker asked if Deputy Police Chief Ed Mercer could come and explain why Chief Johnson previously told the Assembly why it would be helpful to have this ordinance adopted. Deputy Chief Mercer said that right now, if JPD comes upon someone sleeping in a doorway, the police does not have any sort of authority to tell them to move on. He explained that the language of this ordinance would be very specific to give them the authority to tell them to move on or to be cited for the violation. Ms. Becker said that was what she recalled but she just wanted to make sure that was correct.

When Ms. Becker asked if she could make other inquiries, Mayor Koelsch said he would prefer to take public testimony at this time and then Assembly questions and comments could be done following the close of public testimony.

The sign-up sheets for this ordinance had a column in which members could express their support or opposition to the resolution and another column indicating if they wished to testify or not. A total of 34 persons on the sign-up sheets were in support of the ordinance and 45 were opposed.

Ms. Corinne Conlon said that during the break many of the people gathered in the Mayor's conference room had meaningful discussions with downtown business owners regarding this issue. She said it is obviously an issue and one that needs to be resolved and there is legitimate concerns from business owners about what has been happening in their businesses but she believes that the

other issues relating to providing services such as warming shelters and camping locations need to be addressed first before resorting to this ordinance being enacted.

Mr. Neil MacKinnon spoke in favor of this ordinance because of the problems he personally has to deal with on a daily basis. He said it has gotten bad recently and especially over the last six months. He explained that in his commercial building, the code requires exit doors which are required to open out, and because they have to open out, they are required to have an inset from the street. He said that if someone has to exit the building, it is a life, health and safety matter that needs to be sure there is no obstruction to the doorway. He said it is not a compassion issue, it is a life/safety/health concern.

Mr. Jones said in other buildings he has been in, there is signage stating "do not block this exit" and he wondered if Mr. MacKinnon has spoken with the police department about the fact that since those are required fire exits in the building, if that was grounds for the police to remove people from his building, absent this ordinance. Mr. MacKinnon said he has not gone as far as bothering the police about this.

Mr. Lance Stevens said that there is a crisis brewing that has caused this situation and just like all crises, it is important to remember that we are dealing with human beings. While each business in the downtown area is owned with someone who is living in this community having to deal with the ramification of another citizen in this community. Their rights are no less than the person camping in their door step. We have to remember we are dealing with a person and we need to move more quickly to find a solution prior to April, the winter months are here right now and they are still camping in the elements. This doesn't prevent them from moving to public property which is abundant downtown.

Mr. Mike Satre said these are not easy issues. He spoke in favor of this ordinance but noted that this is one small tool that will allow the police to maintain the safety of our downtown district. He said we need to come up with multiple solutions. He has been a proponent of private property rights and recently our citizens have been treating private property as public property and he encouraged the Assembly to pass this ordinance.

Mr. Eric Forst stated he is a board member of the Chamber of Commerce, Vice President of the Downtown Business Association and downtown business owner and was representing himself and his partners with businesses down South Franklin. He said that he agrees the issues are broader than any one solution but from his point of view as a business owner who wants to be open year-round that is trying to make it work, this has become a difficult problem for him and his employees. He said he is worried about their safety. There has been an element of individuals who have moved into town that are more aggressive and at a different level. He has spoken with Assemblymembers and other about this issue. He said at some point, if something isn't done, things will get worse and someone will get hurt. He gave examples of recent incidents he and Jill Ramiel have had and if the Assembly wants to keep businesses open, they need to deal with this issue.

Ms. Laura Martinsen spoke in favor of this ordinance as a tool that police officers can use to address the issues. She feels unsafe coming and going to work every day. She said she does not have time to wait for the long term solution. She deals with needles, defecation, and other unsafe things on a daily basis and would like the police to be able to remove individuals from her private property.

Mr. Chawn Summerall said if the Assembly passes this ordinance, they should provide places for the homeless to go. He said a lot of the crime currently happening is not done by the homeless but

rather the people coming out of the bars. He suggested a simple fix: create a campground with simple rules.

Mr. Daren Booton spoke in favor of this ordinance. He said it is a positive and necessary step to move forward in helping the homeless population. He said he is aware of the camping underneath the docks between People's Wharf to the Warner's Wharf. He said the problem is that they are disconnecting electrical wires that service heat tapes to keep pipes from freezing. They are plugging in extension cords for whatever they wish to use them for and the trash currently in that area could fill a 20' container at this time. He said this ordinance would be one step and would provide the police with the tool they need.

Mr. Jones asked what area Mr. Booton was referring to and if that is City property or private property.

Mr. Booton said it is the area under the docks from Marine Parking Garage across the previous location of Tracy's Crab Shack south to the end of People's Wharf and there have been buildings with frozen pipes as a result. He said he deals with JPD on a daily basis and it has escalated for the past 6-8 months. He said they have had tents built down there and they have been tapping into the power since June.

Ms. Christina Love said she is the Community Resources Coordinator for AWARE, the Disability Abuse Response Team Coordinator for Juneau, a member of Juneau's Coalition on Housing and Homelessness and a member of the reentry coalition as well as a formerly incarcerated person in long-term recovery. She said most importantly, she is a person who has been homeless many time and she is speaking in opposition to this ordinance. She spoke of her own and her autistic mother's experiences as homeless persons. She said she personally knows the barriers of raising out of poverty, overcoming disabilities and navigating our systems of care. She said there is no quick solution and it requires trust, relationship, collaboration, and most importantly community. She asks that each of the Assembly consider reasonable accommodations for our most vulnerable community members. She asked them not to criminalize or fine people who are already unable to actively move in a meaningful way in their lives. She encouraged them to see how this can cause more harm and asked them to pause and know that there are resources dedicated to changing our systems of care to make services more accessible to those who need it the most.

Ms. Becker asked if AWARE is available for women who are homeless who have been asked to move along. Ms. Love said yes they are welcome to shelter with AWARE. She explained a recent conversation she had with a women who was sleeping in one of the downtown doorways and that woman told her that she felt safer sleeping downtown in a doorway with light than she did sleeping elsewhere outside of the downtown area.

Ms. Kara Nelson echoed what Ms. Love just stated. She said that literally while she was walking into this building, she saw her cousin who was across the street and he had recently been beat up and had been in a coma for two days and had broken ribs and other injuries. He was recently released from the hospital and back to the streets. She said she is here to speak on his behalf and that he had shared with her that this is not a camping ban - it is a survival ban. He told her they were not out there trying to camp, they are just trying to survive. She said that she is a recovered addict who spent many years in incarceration as well as on the streets with 20+ years of active addiction and she is the current director of Haven House for Women and co-chair of the Juneau Reentry Coalition. She said there are many layers to this situation and she encouraged them to come up with other solutions before passing this ordinance. She said this really is a crime because

no one will be able to pay those fines and it will be the cause of additional crimes to try to pay these fines.

Ms. Terry Lauterbach spoke against this ordinance. She sympathizes with people who don't feel safe everyday and that is why she is speaking. Homeless people don't feel safe any day either and they also deserve to be safe. She said we can't have the police department telling people to just move along unless there are places that are safe for them to move along to. She said the City Manager has astutely proposed that they implement an April 15 effective date and she would suggest they also take other amendments to this ordinance such as suspending it every September 30. If they will wait until summer to start it, stop it when summer is over and recognize what our weather is like here. She said that suspension should stay in effect until the City Manager can certify that camping available downtown in an authorized place plus affordable, permanent shelter allowing alcohol plus overnight holding facilities for protective custody of inebriates adds up to the number of homeless we have that are not at the Glory Hole. Until then, we do not have the right context to say move along to the homeless. She said that none of the Assemblymembers would go camping unprepared, so why would they ask the homeless to do so.

Ms. Terry Cramer spoke in opposition to this ordinance. She spoke to the need for compassion and to try to solve the underlying problem as well as find solutions to assist the shop owners such as creating community service patrols and groups that may help clean up some of the problem areas. If adopted, she suggested that they wait at least until April as recommended by the City Manager for this ordinance to go into effect.

Ms. Jaime Rountree is a downtown business owner and stated that she doesn't know if the general public realizes the extent of the problem that this has developed within the last year, beginning in the middle of last summer. She stated that some things are a choice and some people choose to urinate, defecate, vomit, deposit used needles and used condoms in a businesses doorway. She stressed that, it is a very emotional issue, but it is really hard to be empathetic to clean up weekly and the rights of the homeless should not outweigh the rights of all others.

Mr. Dennis Harris said he is a lifelong Juneau resident and suggested that property owners take the same measures as those in other cities around the nation to protect their property/businesses. He suggested they install gates and fences so people can't camp in their doorways. He suggested that rather than this ordinance, the city might come up with some money to assist the business owners put up those gates and at the same time, provide places for people to go to get the help they need.

Ms. Robyn Anderson said she works and lives downtown and was speaking against the ordinance. She stressed the facts that no one wants to sleep on the streets. She said this ordinance doesn't follow best practices on housing and homelessness and would jeopardize the other HUD funding programs currently in our community. She advocated that the Assembly act on behalf of justice and not just order.

Mr. Robert Minch spoke in opposition to the ordinance. He said that he testified before this body 40 years ago on exactly this issue. Mayor Overstreet at that time had the same idea to criminalize homelessness it didn't work then and it wont work now. As a community, we have failed to step up and meet the needs of all our residence. The city could help solve the defecation in the doorways by leaving the public restrooms are open. He said that public restrooms at the Library and Visitor Center restroom areas are closed as soon as the cruise ships leave. He has volunteered at Glory Hole once a month with his Rotary Club ad for 25 years, he has looked in the faces of 16,500 of homeless who come through there and there will always be a need for services.

Mr. Greg Capito spoke in favor of the ordinance. He said that he spends thousands of hours downtown over the past 40 years. During that time he has spoken with homeless people as well as business owners. Everybody, whether they are a business, a homeless person, or a worker, downtown is telling him the same thing, that downtown has changed over the past year and not for the better. There is fear in the eyes of everybody. He supports this ordinance because he thinks it is reasonable when you read it through, it is not THE solution but it is an element to solving the problem. He said if that element is put together with other elements such as Housing First, more police foot patrols downtown, and several other initiatives, it will allow us to get a handle on the problem and make downtown safe for everybody.

Ms. Britta Tonnesson spoke on behalf of Juneau Human Rights Commission and read a statement with four points to be considered when the Assembly reviewed this ordinance. The statement was also sent via email and included in the red folder before the Assembly.

Ms. Jackie Bryant spoke in opposition of the ordinance. She said that she knows and love these people and worked at the Glory Hole for the last 22 months and just resigned. She spoke to the fact that these are human beings and there is one homeless shelter/soup kitchen in the city and it claims to be a private entity. She said that they can refuse services to anyone for any reason. She believes this ordinance is actually cruel and adding insult to injury; there is no alternative to them. Individuals are denied donated food for behavior both inside and outside the Glory Hole up to six months at a time. No services means no sack lunches, blankets, or donated clothing and no, not all of them have food stamps. She said they have found them outside in the snow, in really cold temperatures and Taku winds in open back shoes, sneakers and wet socks, some with no gloves and when asking them why they stay around the Glory Hole, she was told various things including the availability of day jobs and food. She asked them to not pass this ordinance but rather to identify additional resources such as an additional shelter, campground or whatever.

Mr. Eddie Jones said he lives at Marine View Center and has worked in social services for 15-20 years. He said there is an element who have embedded itself within the homeless that makes matters scary. He said that as a building manager, it is scary sometimes to see some of these individuals walking through the hallways when they do not belong there. He has quite a bit of compassion but it is now wearing thin as a result of some of the attitudes that he has been encountering. Even he doesn't feel safe when he comes to work sometimes. He believes the police need to be empowered to ask people to move along.

Ms. Chloe Abbot and her son were present and spoke in opposition of the ordinance. She said that she has lived in Juneau for 20 years and works at SEARCH and is shareholder. She said this should not be considering an ordinance relating to camping but rather to survival. She and her young son have delivered coats and blankets for months to the homeless. She said she has never felt unsafe and that hopefully they are possibly saving a life by keeping someone warmer. She said there was a lot of discussion earlier about a road and she suggested putting that money towards taking care of people.

Dr. Heidi Brocious spoke in opposition to the ordinance. She teaches social work at UAF and she provided a stack of papers relating to this issue that show the research as to why this approach does not work. The data and research says that this approach costs police departments and it doesn't make a difference. She urged them to look at what does work in other communities rather than something that the data shows it doesn't do what they are wanting this ordinance to do.

Ms. Cynthia Dau spoke in opposition to the camping ordinance. She stated that she has been spending time with the homeless and she provides hand warmers and other items to them whenever

she does go to meet with them. She was encouraged to see that the Salvation Army and some of the Alaska native organizations are now heavily involved with this issue. She told the Assembly that they represent all citizens of the community and urged them to put this camping ordinance aside and to get warming stations and places for them to go potty in this year of kindness.

Ms. Luann McVey spoke in opposition to the ordinance. She said that the intention is good but the ordinance is misguided. As a retired teacher, she has been happy to see how some of her former student have been doing but also sad to see the others who have not done so well. She urged the Assembly to look at solutions proposed from the Juneau Housing Coalition and to have access to public restrooms and institutions to take care of people with kindness.

Ms. Tanja Cadigan spoke in favor of the ordinance. She has worked at her family's S. Franklin Street business since she was 12 years old and would like to see something in place before April so she and her employees can go to work and operate her business in safety. She said that Juneau has been extremely compassionate to all, homeless and non-homeless. She said that last year BRH had 33 homeless people for which they provided services to the tune of \$103,000 per person and that plus other services Juneau provides shows how compassionate a community we are. She said that on the flip side of that, it is beginning to be a luxury to go to work and go to your job and not have the barriers of intimidation and having to clean up after people sleeping in your doorway. She said that problem has escalated and that the environment has changed. The problem right now is that she and her staff has to physically be standing there with JPD to ask them to leave, they cannot call from across the street or from another location, they must be standing there with JPD. She asked the Assemblymembers if they would want their daughters standing there with 5 men glaring at them and yelling profanities at them because right now that is what they are dealing with. She said there needs to be another location for them to move to and JPD needs to be empowered to move them there.

Mr. Darrell Miller said that he owns a business in the downtown core next door to City Hall and has been coming to work at this location since 1981. He said it is very emotional issue that they are trying to deal with tonight, there is a lot of work to be done. He is here in support of this ordinance as a starting point. There are a lot of good ideas and appreciates Rorie's plan to have a place for people to go. He said that warming stations in the winter, and safe locations where the police can see how people and a place where JPD can see how people are doing are good ideas. He said that he has come to a point in his career that he is tired of babysitting and cleaning after people on a daily basis so much so that he will be moving his business from its current location. He spoke to the lack of response from JPD about simple open container issues and said that this ordinance isn't a fix but it is a start.

Ms. Chris Dickerell said that as a business owner on S. Franklin, she was speaking in support of the ordinance. As a human being, she understands the predicament that the Assembly is in. She said her business supports many of the programs that help address these issues as well as creating jobs and paying for her employees rent. She urged the Assembly to identify solutions to help clean up downtown and said this ordinance is one step in that direction.

Mr. Will Kronick spoke in opposition of the ordinance. He is a social worker and said that statistically, homeless people are victims of crime rather than perpetrators. He asked the Assembly to not criminalize poverty and not pass this ordinance but rather look for a safer and more humane answer.

Ms. Tracy LeBarge spoke in support of the ordinance. As a downtown business owner, she has compassion for both those who are homeless but also for the workers and she finds herself in a

hard situation. She said that downtown needs to be cleaned up downtown to make it thriving once again.

Mr. Patrick Race spoke in opposition to the ordinance. He said he is a small business owner who has lived and worked in downtown most of his life. He said he was encouraged to see everyone coming out to discuss this important issue. He said there are a myriad of ordinances already in effect that aren't enforced very well such as the open container ordinance. He said if there were an attractive alternative such as the kind of shelter that is talked about in the City Manager's comments such as a warming shelter or an open campground, this ordinance would not be needed. He said they could look at ways to solve this problem and make use of all the individuals who have come out to speak about it. This ordinance has unnecessarily divided our community and we should look for long-term solutions. He said with respect to the urgency to do something about this NOW, that it is on them as businesses and community leaders who have turned a blind eye to the problem for so long that has allowed it to grow to this stage where this ordinance was even proposed. He noted to the homeless in the community that Assembly meetings are warm and open to the public and there are a lot of committee meetings as well so he encouraged them to become civically engaged.

Ms. Mariya Lovishchuk, director of the Glory Hole spoke in opposition to the ordinance. She thanked the Assembly for all the support of the projects that they have worked on. She asked that they do not pass this ordinance until CBJ has a permanent winter campground. She echoed what Mr. Race said about not needing adding ordinances that don't work on the books. She said the no trespass ordinance is already in place for those instances that need to have individual removed from a premises and she demonstrated a sign that she modified to show how the no trespass ordinance could be more effective. She stated that passage of this ordinance would place US HUD funds for housing and homeless programs in jeopardy. She said that she also wanted to mention that there are no public restrooms open downtown. She said that the real concern is the crime element downtown which is being perpetrated by both homeless and non-homeless persons. She said it will not get us anywhere trying to address that issue with this particular ordinance.

Ms. Gladziszewski said that Ms. Lovishchuk mentioned she is serving on a committee for a winter campground and she asked Ms. Lovishchuk said that is a committee made up of representatives from AEL&P, the Glory Hole, the Juneau Coalition on Housing and Homelessness, CBJ Parks and Recreation and Lands staff.

Ms. Gladziszewski asked when this committee formed and what the status is on it so far. Ms. Lovishchuk said the committee has met three times so far and the group has identified a possible property that AELP is willing to lease to the City under the same conditions as the Thane campground in a different location which is flat and has access and it outside the avalanche zone. She said that this location, due to the very complicated Community Development Department regulations and zoning laws and requirements for Conditional Use Permits, it is not currently useable for this purpose. She said that after they discussed the logistics of this issue, it is possible but it may take a long time to move this process along.

Mr. Gregory asked Ms. Lovishchuk to elaborate on her comments about the HUD funding being placed in jeopardy if this ordinance were to be adopted. Ms. Lovishchuk explained that US HUD gives the State of Alaska continuum of care funds. The funds are divided into Anchorage and then the balance of the state. The applications are very competitive so there is a question on the application that asks the community "What are you doing to work collaboratively to work on issues of homelessness?" and also it asks about regressive laws. This law would be considered by US HUD and other experts to be regressive and so there will be a certain number of points attached to

the applications that would be deducted for this ordinance. Sometimes the applications come within one or two points of each other and this ordinance would put those funds in jeopardy. Currently St. Vincent DePaul is the biggest beneficiary of the continuum of care funds in our community but other US HUD funds that we get are the ICDBG grants and CDBG grant.

Ms. Gladziszewski asked her speak about the recent grants that were and were not awarded. Ms. Lovishchuk said there were two grants: 1) Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) was applied for last year and did not receive it, they reapplied this year and received it and the grant was for \$600,000 and they applied for it on behalf of their partner Tlingit Haida Central Council. The application just below this grant missed getting it by one point. 2) The other grant applied for was the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) which are a pass through of HUD funds through the CBJ Community Development Department.

Ms. Jeanette Lacy Dunn spoke in opposition of the ordinance. She is a masters level licensed social worker and the primary mission of the social work profession is to enhance human wellbeing and to help meet the basic needs of all people with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of people who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty. She said she has worked in health care in Juneau for the past 14 years and often works with and supports homeless individuals as well as advocate for and work towards the creation of housing options for our most vulnerable citizens. She said it already increasingly difficult to meet their basic needs due to the poverty these individuals experience. She said that anyone receiving a citation for sleeping in a doorway will not have the resources to make payment and it will just mount until we take further, costly legal action. The literature that Dr. Brocius provided will demonstrate that individuals have received as many as 200 citations for such behaviors in other cities. She said the Assembly has talked about what happens when someone has 1, 2, and 3 citations but what happens when they have 200. She said the majority of this population has experienced high levels of trauma and does not choose their circumstances and she stressed the need for our community to spend our time and money implementing viable supportive interventions to address the underlying individual needs rather than ineffective punitive measures that will only serve to further shame and demoralize these individuals. She said resources could be better used to fund additional community outreach coordinators to guide individuals to the services they need. She also encouraged supporting some of the other options that have been mentioned such as supporting the campgrounds, the public restrooms, and the warming stations.

Mr. Bill Heuman said he owns People's Wharf and owns one of the four buildings that was discussed earlier with the heat tape disconnected causing frozen pipes in his building. He said that the reality is that he now understands that he can call the police and the individuals can be cited for criminal trespass. He said the Assembly needs to determine if that is more onerous than the issuance of a citation because it is likely to be one or the other because land owners are now figuring it out. He said his real challenge is determining the question of who suffers the results of this problem and right now it is the business owners in downtown. He said the Assembly could set up tents in Marine Park in the next week and heat them and open up the public restrooms. He said great strides could be made quickly if that is what they really want to do. He said the alternative is to leave people in very unsatisfactory circumstances that they are now. He said he didn't think those solutions will be done and he encouraged passage of this ordinance as it is a less onerous process and citations are a less severe punishment than the criminal trespass option currently in place.

Ms. Karenza Bott, Mr. Derek Totemoff, and Ms. Christine Dugaqua came up together to speak against this ordinance. Ms. Bott explained that she came downtown at approximately 4am yesterday and met these folks and they began talking about these issues. She explained the

breakdown in our society that begins with the inability to get ID if you do not have an ID card already. She spoke about the bureaucratic systems that are in the way for individuals to get off the streets and out of poverty. She also spoke to the hate groups out there such as white supremacist group called Kill all Alaska Natives (KLAN). She encouraged the Assembly to come up with solutions such as sorting out the ID issue and to treat people with respect. She also noted that they cannot just put gates up on the businesses downtown as that is not up to the historic district standards in the downtown area. She also pointed out the need for public restrooms to be open in the downtown area or at the very least to make a port-a-potty available.

(Meeting time at this point was 10:47 p.m.)

MOTION by Mr. Jones to extend the time to adjourn to 11:20 p.m. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. James Hoagland spoke in opposition to what he called an anti-homelessness ordinance. He said as a social worker as well as a downtown business owner he agrees with much of the previous testimony in opposition to the ordinance. He stated that something not yet brought up, as a board member of the Southeast Alaska LGBT Alliance, they are confronted with many concerns of the LGBT community and their allies and one of them is the wellbeing of LGBT youth. He said that the plight of LGBT young people is that they are at a heightened risk than their peers, including heightened risk for homelessness. They are four times more likely to become homeless than their peers, largely in part of unsupportive homes or family members who kick them out onto the streets when they come out. He said if they are under the age of 18, there are some community resources available but if they are 18-21, that is a very vulnerable population and we have seen a larger number of those individuals surfacing. He said that as a community, they have been trying to come together to scrape together resources and support for them. He said he couldn't imagine being one of these individuals and getting a ticket just for the simple human act of sleeping in someplace where they could get warm.

Ms. Lisa Williams said she is homeless and was speaking in opposition to the ordinance. She said she had been under the library and she was stuck and her boyfriend had to call the Coast Guard and they ended up calling the Fire Department to help get her out. She asked if the Assembly passes this ordinance, where are they supposed to go. They are already homeless and if they had money to pay for something, they would pay for a place to stay. They are staying in cubby holes and it is scary for them because they have no where to go and she has no place to even use the bathroom. She lost her ID because someone took it and AWARE lost her property so she can't even get a job.

Ms. Sandra DeLong spoke in opposition to the ordinance as a lifelong Alaskan. She said they need to use compassion and find solutions and many good ideas proposed during this meeting. She said this ordinance does not solve any problems, it only makes more problems. While she understands and sympathizes with those dealing with issues in the business community, this can happen to anyone and these people deserve compassion and help and this is not the solution.

Mr. Bruce Denton said he is the Vice President of the Board of Housing First and also the Glory Hole. He said that two and half years ago, Housing First was presented to a Downtown Improvement Group (DIG) meeting by Scott Ciambor. At that time Mr. Denton said he spoke with then CDD Director Hal Hart, after Mr. Ciambor said it was probably a five year project and Mr. Denton said he would like to see it happen in two years. As such he has volunteered on these boards to try to accomplish this goal. While he has been working diligently towards this goal, there has been a new demographic of individuals that has caused this problem to escalate within the past eight months and it is something that needs to be stopped right now. He encouraged the Assembly

to question Deputy Chief Mercer to speak further to the changing demographic. He said he doesn't see it any different from the city closing its public restroom facilities because they don't wish to clean up the messes. He said he was disappointed that it would take a CUP for a campground to be created up by the tram. He said if they can't find a place for people to go within thirty days, we just aren't dealing with it and it needs to be dealt with.

Ms. Joyce Levine spoke in opposition to this ordinance. She said it is not December anymore and while everyone gets into this giving feeling to help the needy in December, it is not December anymore but we still need to take care of the needy, many of whom have mental problems. We need a place in our heart for people. She said they should take the money from the road to help these people. If they need a shelter, build them a shelter. By creating this ordinance, they will be cited and fined and sent to court and possibly to jail and this just adds to their already unstable minds in many cases. Homelessness is everybody's problem and we need to help these people and deal with it that way.

Ms. Mandy Cole said she has been communicating with many of the Assemblymembers on this issue. She has made the position of the Juneau Coalition on Housing and Homeless clear that they oppose this ordinance. She said what she wants to offer is a way to avoid the yes/no, us/them, business/homelessness dilemma that is essentially unsolvable. She said it feels bad to everyone to bring it to this head so she said she is hoping the Assembly will provide additional time to put together some programs and alternatives to this kind of ordinance making it criminalized to be homeless. She would like the time to see if programs that have worked in other areas would work here to address this issue. She said she understands that business leaders are saying they don't have time because things are bad right now and she understands that and thinks that is true both for them as well as for the people on the street as well. She said they have had more public discourse on this issue in the past two months than she has had as the person who has lead the Juneau Coalition on Housing and Homelessness for years. She said they have done so much by bringing it to the front and beginning the discussion. They just need more time to take all this energy that is swirling around to help and put it good use. She said that once they put plans in place and revisit them in six to eight months and see if they have made the changes needed or if this ordinance idea needs to be revisited at that time.

Ms. Becker asked what Ms. Cole would suggest that they do in eight months if it isn't resolved. Ms. Cole said that one of the things that has not been done so well is to use the accumulated knowledge of the rest of the world who has dealt with this problem. She said Juneau is ruthlessly independent and we recreate things from the ground up all the time. She said that just today when she was sending her email to the Assembly, she wanted to give them 5-6 options and she was able to give them suggestions such as what HUD says are alternatives to criminalization. They list program after program. She said with this much will and the potential for increased funding, they could do more and target this particular demographic and get people and programs together in order to help with this goal of avoiding criminalization and a goal of having both parties served and then the issue has been reframed and it is no longer who wins and who loses, it is rather that everybody gets what they need.

Ms. Gladziszewski asked how often the Juneau Coalition on Housing and Homelessness meetings. Ms. Cole said that they meet monthly and this past month's meeting was one of the biggest and most informative and productive. She said she heard things at that meeting about things people are doing within their own agencies that she didn't even know about. She said that one of the unintended but beautiful consequences of this discussion is that there are things that may be working here on a smaller scale in Juneau if they could enlarge and support more fully, may even be beneficial to the entire community.

Mr. Gregory asked Ms. Cole to speak to an event coming up that the coalition is conducting. Ms. Cole stated that on Wednesday, January 25, the 6th Annual Project Homeless Connect event will be taking place at the JACC starting at 9am. She encouraged Assemblymembers to come to the event and see it first hand and talk with the public about what their needs truly are.

Mr. Albert Judson said he has more questions than he does answers. He asked if was possible for agreements to be made between BRH and SEARCH medical clinic medical emergencies. He also asked if it would be possible to get a van for any of the homeless to search for jobs, apartments, or other needs. He suggested having a community cafeteria at which one of the non-profits could set up a community cafeteria and recruit those who are homeless to work in the cafeteria thereby providing a warm place to get food as well as a job for the homeless. He also suggested possible solutions including renovation of abandoned buildings beside Thane Road and job development programs for which the city and the state could provide long distance education which in turn would provide for raises on jobs due to increased skills.

Mr. Fritz Moser said his business has been around since 1979. He stated that recently the locals are not coming to town in the evenings after 7p.m. and the city needs to figure out a way to improve the situation in the downtown area.

Mr. Everett Johnson spoke in opposition to the ordinance. He is homeless and if the business owners and Assembly feel they are scared, he challenged them to spend three nights in the same situation as a homeless person and see how scared they feel. He said his wife passed away 2 years ago under the bridge in his arms and he is more afraid of all of them than they are of the homeless. He said he was heartbroken to hear the way the business owners are talking and would like them to consider what it is like in his shoes. He suggested they build another shelter if they want to get the homeless off the streets. He said that each of the business owners have a warm bed, but not him. He brought his bed, his sleeping bag with him to this meeting. He suggested they try to go to bed at 2-3 am outside in the cold and see how long they can survive.

MOTION by Mr. Kiehl to that they extend the meeting adjournment time to 11:40 p.m.

Mayor Koelsch suggest the time be amended to go to midnight to be able to get through everyone who wished to testify. Mr. Nankervis and Ms. Becker objected to a midnight adjournment.

Discussion took place regarding the length of time at which the body should adjourn. Mr. Nankervis stated that he felt it was important to allow everyone an opportunity to provide their public testimony on this issue but that he did not feel there would be enough time for the Assembly to deliberate and come to a decision on the matter.

It was the consensus of the body to set the time to adjourn at 11:40p.m.

Ms. Alicia Hughes-Skandijs said that she sent an email earlier to the Assembly and that ordinances like this one do not help. Everyone is on the same side and it is just a matter of finding workable, livable situations and we should learn from the experiences of other communities with similar issues. She said she doesn't deserve to feel safe more than anyone else just because she has a home. Everyone deserves the same freedoms, even the freedom to use a restroom whether they have a home to use one in or not.

Ms. Lina Garrison said she is Eagle/Thunderbird and a natural born resident on capital hill. She said she does not support this ordinance. She said she feels for the property owners having to deal with the things she sees some of the time but we are all in the same community, in the same canoe

together. She said there is a possible resolution for everyone to be happy at a low cost. She has seen many of the same people on the streets for a long time and has seen many loose family members due to drugs, alcohol. She suggested they eliminate the liquor stores downtown which is a big part of the problem. She also suggested renovating the vacant apartments in the downtown area. She said the homeless people could be put to work remodeling them as they do have talents and can be provided with the resources to help themselves.

Mr. Gus Marx said he was asked not to comment based on the body he may be affiliated with. He is a member of the Juneau Coalition on Housing and Homelessness which opposes this ordinance. He encouraged the Assembly to give this issue more time and the time needed to see how the Housing First project works out and he likes the idea of another campground to be made available.

Mr. Mark Ridgeway said he really can't speak for or against this proposed ordinance. He said he is incredibly proud of the community for coming forth with such a broad number of possibilities for this continuous issue. He said this is a fairly simple approach to a very complex problem. He encouraged the Assembly to look at the economic incentives that this city has with respect to the taxes the city gets in selling the booze to the chronic inebriates as well as the JPD and BRH/Rainforest Recovery Center budgets that come about as a result of responding and caring for the chronic inebriates and he challenged the Assembly to look at ways to de-incentives this issue.

Mayor Koelsch said that concluded public testimony on this ordinance. [at 11:34 p.m.]

MOTION by Mr. Jones that they hold this ordinance to the Assembly meeting on February 13. He would recommend they not take any more testimony on Feb. 13 but provide an opportunity for the Assembly to ask questions of JPD and then be able to take action.

Mayor Koelsch asked if that is the will of the body or they would like to hold a special assembly meeting to deal with the remainder of this meeting.

MOTION by Ms. Gladziszewski to table this ordinance. She said she thinks that everyone in the room has essentially the same goal and are coming at it from slightly different places. She said that some people have a very urgent need to make this stop but she thinks they are trying for a simple solution to a complex problem. She said she would like to try to harness all the energy in this room and she commended the Mayor and the business community for wanting to get together and work on this issue and she said she would like to do that, give this a chance to work together to find a plan for things that can be done soon and also long term. She said would like to find solutions, whether that is working through a committee, the City Manager working on things and she feels this should be tabled for now, allow time for it to be worked on and then bring it back up if she had to.

Ms. White - objected to the motion to table.

Mr. Kiehl noted that the motion to table was non-debatable.

Additional discussion took place regarding parliamentary procedure. Ms. Mead explained the differences between a motion to table and the effect that would have vs. a motion to postpone to a date certain and the effect that would have.

Mayor Koelsch acknowledged a point of order request from Mr. Nankervis.

Mr. Nankervis asked that Ms. Gladziszewski's motion to table be set aside so that he could make a motion to extend the time of the meeting to end at midnight so they could conclude the rest of the business of this meeting.

Ms. Gladziszewski asked that since the motion to table was non-debatable, if they could take a roll call vote on her motion and then move forward with the remainder of the meeting including Mr. Nankervis' motion to extend the time.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MOTION TO TABLE ORDINANCE 2016-44

Ayes: Gladziszewski, Kiehl

Nays: Becker, Gregory, Jones, Nankervis, Weldon, White, Koelsch

Motion failed 2:7

MOTION by Mr. Nankervis to extend the meeting time to midnight to be able to determine what to do with the remainder of the meeting's agenda items. Hearing no objection, the motion carried.

Mr. Jones noted that the motion to table took precedence to his previous motion but since the motion to table failed, that brings them back to the motion he previously made which is still before the body.

Mayor Koelsch called for discussion.

Ms. White said she would prefer to have a special Assembly meeting to deal with this and all other Assembly agenda items from this meeting. Mr. Nankervis objected since he has already scheduled an additional Assembly COW meeting for Feb. 6 and he would prefer to limit the number of additional meetings they are scheduling.

Mayor Koelsch asked the Clerk to restate the motion and take a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote on *MOTION* by Mr. Jones that Ordinance 2016-44 be continued to the Assembly meeting on February 13 without any additional public testimony and provide an opportunity for the Assembly to ask additional questions and take action.

Ayes: Becker, Gladziszewski, Gregory, Jones, Kiehl, Nankervis, Weldon, White

Nays: Koelsch

Motion passed 8:1

- B. Ordinance 2016-47 An Ordinance Amending the State Permits and Licenses Chapter, CBJ 01.65, to Provide for the Review of State Marijuana Licenses.

This is a housekeeping ordinance that would amend Chapter 01.65 to provide for Assembly review of State marijuana license applications in the same manner as the code provides for the review of State liquor license applications.

The City Manager recommends this ordinance be adopted.

Public Comment:

None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Mr. Gregory to adopt Ordinance 2016-47 and asked for unanimous consent. Hearing no objection, the ordinance was adopted.

- C. Ordinance 2016-09(AA) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$2,075 as Funding for the Sister Cities Program; Funding Provided through a Donation from the Filipino Community, Inc.

On November 14, 2016, the Juneau Sister City Committee (JSCC) approved accepting funds, which were raised by the Filipino Community and the Sister City Committee on behalf of Kalibo, Aklan, Philippines. JSCC's plan for the money is to pay for a resident of Kalibo to come to Juneau for the JEDC Innovation Summit in February, 2017. If this cannot be arranged on short notice the funds will be used for another benefit for Kalibo in the future.

The City Manager recommends this ordinance be adopted.

Public Comment:

None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Ms. White to adopt Ordinance 2016-09 (AA) and asked for unanimous consent. Hearing no objection, the ordinance was adopted.

- D. Ordinance 2016-09(AB) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$30,000, as Funding for Leasing the Juneau Subport Parking; Funding Provided by the Downtown Parking Fund's Fund Balance.

At its meeting on December 12, 2016, the Lands Committee made a motion of support for staff to draft an ordinance that appropriates \$30,000 from the Downtown Parking Fund to be used for leasing the Juneau subport parking property.

The City Manager recommends this ordinance be adopted.

Public Comment:

None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Mr. Kiehl to adopt Ordinance 2016-09 (AB) and asked for unanimous consent. Hearing no objection, the ordinance was adopted.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Watt spoke briefly to the wellness report that he sent to the Assembly via email the previous day, a copy of which was in the red folder. He said the draft proposal calls for a cohesive plan on how the city will engage in working on our many issues. He said with the movement of the camping ordinance to the meeting of February 13, he will try to engage the public on this draft idea and try to develop more effort in the community to try to bring people along to a more consolidated view on how to handle these issues. He noted that they saw a lot of energy at this meeting and his goal would be to try organize and harness that energy.

XI. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

Mayor Koelsch asked that unless something is dire, that they not take up any Assembly reports, comments and questions or other items remaining on the agenda. He noted one item under Presiding Officer reports and that was the upcoming appeal hearing scheduled for February 1.

A. Mayor's Report

B. Committee and Liaison Reports

Mr. Jones reported that the full Assembly sitting as the Human Resources Committee met earlier in the evening and forwarded the following recommendations for appointment to the Bartlett Regional Hospital Board for terms beginning immediately and expiring December 31, 2019: Mark Johnson, Lance Stevens, and Dr. Bob Urata. *Hearing no objection, those appointments were approved.*

C. Presiding Officer Reports

XII. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

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 adjourned at 11:49 p.m.

Signed: _____
Elizabeth J. McEwen, Acting Clerk

Signed: _____
Kendell D. Koelsch, Mayor

XVI. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS