

THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Meeting Minutes - January 9, 2017

MEETING NO. 2017-01: 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; Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk; Bob Bartholomew, Finance Director; Rob Steedle, Community Development Director; Bryce Johnson, Police Chief; David Borg, Harbor Operations Superintendent.

II. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 19, 2016 Regular Assembly Meeting 2016-38

MOTION, by Becker, to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2016 Regular Assembly Meeting 2016-38. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

IV. MANAGER'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

Mr. Watt asked to amend his manager's recommendation for Ordinance 2016-43, amending the land use code regarding sobering centers and emergency shelters - to introduce and refer to the Committee of the Whole prior to setting the matter for public hearing. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

William Quayle asked to get the pedicab issue on the Assembly's agenda and get it taken care of soon.

Rebecca Gaguine encouraged sympathy and empathy for the homeless. Camping is a symptom and homelessness is the problem. She would like to see money spent on re-housing people.

Shawn Summerall spoke about being homeless and said he keeps a clean camp and he understands that the stores are close to resources and fining people is not the answer, putting them into the system is not the answer. He spent time in prison and has seen people with depression and jailing the homeless will not solve the problem. He understands why businesses don't want campers and the mess. He has stayed at the shelter and there is a lot of help there.

Paula Gonzalez Rohrbacher said she works at an agency serving the homeless and is a board member of an agency serving the mentally ill and homelessness and substance abuse go hand in hand. The current weather situation has her worried about the people on the street. The Glory Hole, for good reason, bans people with behavioral problems or who are intoxicated, leaving them on the street, and there are those that don't want to be at the Glory Hole. She would like to see a temporary warming shelter set up and has heard the bus depot on Main street as a suggestion.

Elizabeth Davis lives in the flats area downtown. The JDP has been responsive and kind but the problem of thefts has increased, with break-ins to homes, fuel syphoning and car rifling. They installed security cameras at their home and found the perpetrator to be a young person who is a "person in our community." She needs more information about addressing the root causes - mental health, addiction and homelessness - please redirect resources from things that can wait to this issue that can't wait.

Mandy Cole said she is the chair of the Juneau Coalition on Housing and Homelessness, which has 42 member agencies addressing the problem. The police chief is a wonderful person and is engaged in this issue and she addressed his comment at the COW meeting regarding using doorways as the "choice" of a place to stay. Staying in a doorway in this weather is not a choice. We who are free from substances and mental illness have a different way of thinking about choice, and she asked people to put themselves in the shoes of someone who can't make choices in the same way. Ms. Cole spoke about the idea of a mobile shower van, that could provide a warm shower, then this can help make a connection to help them work towards getting more long term housing because they need to fill out paperwork to get inside, and this often is difficult to do because this populations has challenges. Ms. Cole said public safety is a concern for everyone and we can't control other's behavior, we can only control our own. It is impacting some people more than others and we have laws on the books to address violent behavior. We can find out the names of the people who are sleeping in doorways and we can find ways to address those who are hurting others. Adding tickets to someone who is at the end of their rope will be not benefit and does not solve the problem.

Mary Bailey said she is homeless and living at the shelter. She spoke about the danger of being a woman and homeless. She is not trying to hurt anyone, she is just trying to survive. People need help, whether the reason is mental illness, drugs, or alcohol.

Steve Lythgoe said he is currently staying at the shelter and has seen people thrown out of the shelter for no reason and they are being more strict, the enforcement is selective, they don't offer help to everyone, and they are throwing more and more people out of the shelter and have no where to go. It is desperation that makes people stay in doorways. He knew someone's mother recently died from being outside. The shelter is not providing the correct help and they should be looked at by a state official. He said you can stay for 60 days, and then you have to enter the PATH program, and that is selective. People down there are afraid to talk to the staff because this can cause an immediate eviction. In the eye of the public everything looks great but they are different behind closed doors. They help some but not all and they don't follow their own rule book. He said the shelter was full most nights, and they do allow people to stay on the floor sometimes, and it is getting crowded. If you are sleeping on the sidewalk you will get beat and robbed - there needs to be more help at the Glory Hole. There are people that come in there and are violent and cause problems but they are the minority.

Chloe Abbot said she has been delivering coats and boots to people on the streets and she has seen young people, some pregnant women, and we need to respect the business owners, but we

can't sweep the homeless under the rug, because there will be continuing problems. She asked the Assembly to allow camping at the Thane campground at one's own risk, have a tent city, and many people in the community are willing to volunteer.

Theresa Sarabia said she has lived in the Marine View Apartments since the 1970's and is opposed to the camping ordinance. Downtown is for everyone and she said a camping area should be set up. Homeless Connect will be this weekend, sleeping bags will be issued but that is not a fix. There are not enough rehab services, mental health services, and we need to work together on this problem, which has gotten worse over time. Use taxes from tourism to help solve the problem.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

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

None.

B. Assembly Requests for Consent Agenda Changes

Mr. Jones requested that Resolution 2781 - the Assembly Rules of Procedure - be removed from the consent agenda. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

C. Assembly Action

MOTION, by Nankervis, to adopt the consent agenda as amended, revising the manager's recommendation in Ordinance 2016-43 and removing Resolution 2781. Hearing no objection, the consent agenda was adopted as amended.

1. Ordinances for Introduction

- a. 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 introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

- b. 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 introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

- c. Ordinance 2016-43 An Ordinance Amending the Land Use Code Relating to Sobering Centers and Emergency Shelters.

This ordinance would amend the Land Use Code with respect to sobering facilities by amending the Table of Permissible Uses to identify the use, defining the term, and by providing for minimum parking requirements. Additionally, the ordinance would define "emergency shelters" as one type of assisted living facility.

The Planning Commission considered this ordinance on November 10 and December 27, 2016, and recommended it be moved forward to the Assembly for adoption.

One small change has been made to the ordinance as approved by the Commission. The definition of 'emergency shelter' was modified to apply to temporary accommodations for 'homeless persons' instead of 'displaced persons.' The reason for this change was to clarify CDD's intention that the definition of 'emergency shelter' not be interpreted to include emergency lodging and shelter needed in the event of a disaster.

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

With the approval of the Assembly, Mr. Watt revised his recommendation and the Assembly introduced Ordinance 2016-43 and referred the matter to the Committee of the Whole.

- d. 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 introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

2. Resolutions

- a. Resolution 2777 A Resolution in Support of Full Funding from the State of Alaska for the Municipal Harbor Facility Grant Program.

The substantive portions of this resolution were drafted by the Alaska Association of Harbormasters and Port Administrators (AAHPA), of which CBJ Docks and Harbors is a member.

This resolution recommends full funding for the State of Alaska Department of Transportation's Harbor Facility Grant Program. Last year, the CBJ received a \$2 million Tier II grant for Phase II of the Aurora Harbor project. Prior to that, the CBJ has been a beneficiary of approximately \$9 million in harbor grant funding since the program's inception.

This year, the City of Kake, the City of Ketchikan, the City and Borough of Sitka, the Municipality of Skagway, the City of Valdez, and the City and Borough of Wrangell have offered to contribute \$18,160,055 in local match funding for the FY2018 grant program, to be used towards seven harbor projects of significant importance for Alaska.

The Docks & Harbors Board reviewed this resolution at its meeting on October 26, 2016, and recommended forwarding it to the full Assembly for approval.

The City Manager recommends this resolution be adopted.

- b. 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.

MOTION, by Jones, to readdress at the next regular assembly meeting.

He has some suggestions for the city attorney, including on page 6 item b, regarding the wording about liquor and marijuana licenses. I would like to see the changes drafted and be brought back.

No objection.

- c. Resolution 2782 A Resolution Certifying that the City and Borough of Juneau Did Suffer Significant Effects during the Program Base Year from Fisheries Business Activities Occurring within the Northern Southeast Fisheries Management Area.

This resolution would facilitate the CBJ's participation in the State's FY2017 shared fisheries business tax program by certifying to the State that the CBJ suffered significant effects during calendar year 2015 from fisheries business activities. Pursuant to this program, the State distributes to each participating community in the affected management area a share of state fishery revenues.

It is anticipated that the CBJ's share this year will be approximately \$8000.

The City Manager recommends this resolution be adopted.

- d. Resolution 2783 A Resolution Proclaiming Calendar Year 2017 a Year of Civility and Respect and Calling Upon the Citizens and Visitors to Our Community to Act in a Manner that Reflects Those Qualities.

This resolution would proclaim calendar year 2017 a year of civility and respect in the City and Borough of Juneau.

The CBJ encompasses citizens from a wide variety of backgrounds and perspectives and every year Juneau hosts over one million visitors from across the world. As citizens, we directly influence the community we inhabit through our daily interactions with friends, neighbors, community members and visitors. The hallmark of a functional democracy and a healthy society is the ability to engage in discourse and reasoned debate in a manner that is civil and respectful of all concerned. A community culture where civil and respectful behavior is the norm is one that fosters a positive climate for public safety, vibrant economic development, and creating strong healthy families.

This resolution affirms the CBJ's intent to be a community where all citizens can thrive.

The City Manager recommends this resolution be adopted.

3. Liquor License

a. Liquor License Renewals 2017-2018

The following is a list of 2017/2018 liquor license renewal applications that have been received from the Alcohol Beverage Control Board so far for this renewal cycle.

Package Store Licenses:

License #849 Oke Hui Rodman d/b/a Percy's Liquor Store; 214 Front St., Juneau

License #828 Thibodeau's Market, Inc. d/b/a Thibodeau's Liquor; No Premises

Restaurant/Eating Place License:

License #1384 Alfonso Soriano d/b/a Jovany's Italian Restaurant; 9121 Glacier Hwy., Juneau

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.

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

4. Transfers

a. Transfer T-983 Transfers \$4,600,000 from Cruise Ship Dock Project to Statter Harbor Phase III.

This transfer moves \$4.6M from the existing Cruise Ship Dock project to a new CIP project to dredge and construct a Commercial For Hire Float at Statter Harbor (Statter Harbor Phase III). The source of these funds is the FY17 State Commercial Passenger Vessel Excise Tax which was initially allocated to augment the downtown Cruise Ship Dock Project. The funds are

currently in excess to the needs of the dock project and the Assembly Finance Committee approved the transfer to the Statter Harbor Phase III CIP at its meeting on December 14, 2016.

The City Manager recommends this transfer be approved.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Ordinance 2016-09(Z) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$459,909 Plus Interest through January 10, 2017, as Funding for IRS Arbitrage Rebate (Related to Tax-Exempt Bonds); Funding Provided by the Debt Service Fund's Fund Balance.

The 2006 CBJ General Obligation bonds have arbitrage rebate owed in the amount of \$487,103.60 including interest of \$72,180.40 on the rebate liability of \$414,923.20. The total liability needs to be paid within 60 days from December 5, 2016, the date the recently refunded (refinanced) bonds were officially retired. The Debt Service Fund Balance has \$490,000 available from prior interest earnings and a sales tax funding allocated to pay school bond debt.

The Assembly Finance Committee forwarded this request to the Assembly at its December 14, 2016, regular meeting.

The City Manager recommends this ordinance be adopted.

Public Comment:

None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Gregory, to adopt Ordinance 2016-09(AZ). Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

- B. Ordinance 2016-45 An Ordinance Amending the Official Land Use Maps of the City and Borough to Change the Land Use Designation of Two Parcels Located on a Fraction of USMS 164 near the End of St. Ann's Avenue in Downtown Douglas from Natural Area Park to Medium Density Residential.

In July 2016, CDD received an application to rezone a parcel, located near the end of St. Ann's, from D-5 to D-18. The rezone was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on September 13, 2016, and the rezone ordinance, 2016-41, was introduced at the November 7, 2016, regular Assembly meeting.

Prior to the public hearing, it was discovered that the Comprehensive Plan Map designations of both the subject parcel and the parcel adjacent to it were incorrectly designated as Natural Park Area. Natural Park Area is defined as "CBJ-owned lands suitable for community recreational purposes, which are not to be zoned for residential, commercial, or industrial development." The subject parcels in this ordinance are privately held and suitable for development.

Staff forwarded a recommendation to the Planning Commission that the Land Use Maps be amended to change the parcels' designation from Natural Park Area to

Medium Density Residential. The Planning Commission considered the map amendment issue at its meeting on November 30, 2016, and approved making the recommendation to the Assembly.

The City Manager recommends this ordinance be adopted.

Public Comment:

None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Weldon, to adopt Ordinance 2016-45.

Mr. Jones asked if there was any residential zoning higher than D-18 and why medium density residential was chosen for this map change. Ms. McKibben said D-18 was compatible with MDR and there were zoning districts with higher residential uses but they were mixed use zones.

Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

- C. Ordinance 2016-41(b) An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City & Borough to Change the Zoning of a Southeast Fraction of USMS 164, Located near the End of St. Ann's Avenue in Downtown Douglas, from D-5 to D-18.

In July 2016, CDD received an application to rezone a parcel, located at the end of St. Ann's in Douglas, from D-5 to D-18. A neighborhood meeting on the proposed rezone was held on August 17, 2016.

Pursuant to Ordinance 2016-45, the Comprehensive Plan identifies the subject parcel as Medium Density Residential. The lots adjacent to the subject parcel are zoned D-18.

The Planning Commission approved the rezone at its September 13, 2016, meeting.

The City Manager recommends this ordinance be adopted.

Public Comment:

None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by White, to adopt Ordinance 2016-41(b). Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Liquor License #4405 - Tides Complex, Inc. dba Dragon Inn Chinese Cuisine Inc.

The Finance Department recommended the Assembly file a mid-cycle protest of the Tides Complex, Inc. dba Dragon Inn Chinese Cuisine Inc. Liquor License #4405 in accordance with AS 04.11.480 which states the following:

“The local governing body may protest the continued operation of a license during the second year of the biennial license period by sending the board and the licensee a protest and the reasons for the protest by January 31 of the second year of the license. The procedures for action on a protest of continued operation of a license are the same as the procedures for action on a protest of a renewal application....”

The initial protest was based on the continued delinquency on the Confession of Judgment (COJ) which was in default for the second time with a total of 7 missed monthly payments as of November 30, 2016 resulting in a total of \$10,000 in back payments due to bring the COJ current again. In addition to the defaulted COJ payments, there was a total of \$141.12 in outstanding sales taxes, penalties, and interest also owing to pay the sales tax account current through December 2016. Following notice sent to the licensee of these delinquencies, a payment was received on December 16, 2016 bringing current the sales tax balances. A \$9,000 payment via cashiers check brought the COJ current through November 2016. The licensee also provided a post-dated check for December 23 in the amount of \$1,000 for the December 2016 COJ payment.

At its meeting on December 19, 2016 the Assembly Human Resources Committee recommended postponement of action on this license to the January 9, 2017 Assembly meeting in order to ensure the December 23 payment went through as well as to ensure the payment due January 1, 2017 was received in a timely manner.

As of January 5, 2017, when this packet was going to print, staff from the Finance Department reported that the postdated check of December 23, 2016 has cleared the bank. They also reported that the January payment of \$1,500 was dated January 1, 2017 and there is only one remaining payment due on February 1, 2017 for a little over \$1,300 to pay the COJ balance in full.

In light of the above payments having been received, Finance staff is removing its request for a protest of the continued operation of this liquor license.

The complete details regarding this item can be found in the January 9, 2017 Assembly Human Resources Committee packet and the HRC will be forwarding its recommendation for Assembly action.

The City Manager recommends this mid-cycle liquor license protest be withdrawn.

Mr. Watt said the HRC met prior to this Assembly meeting and supported the motion to withdraw the protest on this license. No action was needed by the Assembly on this matter.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None.

X. STAFF REPORTS

None.

XI. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

Mayor Koelsch invited the public to participate in a public meeting on Tuesday, January 17, at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers. Chief Johnson of JPD would provide an overview on crime in Juneau and would provide steps that business owners and residents can take to reduce crime.

Mayor Koelsch said he would bring forth a resolution reaffirming the Assembly's support for the Juneau Access project at a future meeting.

B. Committee and Liaison Reports

Eaglecrest Board: Liaison Gregory provided information about work on Nordic ski trails, recent upgrades to the cafeteria, and a recent event to host the Guinness Book of World Records "Largest Ski Class." 2017 will be the 40th year of operations for Eaglecrest. The board is investigating beer and wine sales, bringing electricity to "Black Bear" for night skiing and snow production, and installation of fiber. Eaglecrest Foundation will assist with fundraising.

School Board: Liaison Weldon reported the board was back to work now that school was back in session.

Juneau Economic Development Council: Liaison Weldon reported on the upcoming Innovation Summit and Juneau students traveling to Anchorage for the STEM Robotics Championship. The next meeting is set for January 11.

Aquatics Board: Liaison White said Juneau will see a slight uptick to admission prices at the pools. Concessions are now sold at the valley pool.

Travel Juneau: Liaison White said BBC television will be in Juneau for three weeks this summer to do two live broadcasts.

Planning Commission: Liaison White said the next meeting was set for January 10 at which time the PC will elect officers, set meeting dates, and discuss Title 49 updates on parking and updates on the Auke Bay Area Plan.

Bartlett Regional Hospital Board: Liaison Gladziszewski said the board met on December 27 and recognized outgoing board members Mary Borthwick and Lauree Morton, and thanked Dr. Fisher for her work as Chief of Staff. The union contract was ratified by members, General Surgeon candidates are visiting Juneau now, and the hospitalist program started January 1. The next meeting was set for January 24.

Juneau Commission on Sustainability: Liaison Gladziszewski said the commission met on December 14 and reviews ways to incorporate sustainability into the CIP program. The commission has held 6 public comment sessions on the energy plan and is working to finalize the document. It held a meeting on innovative energy solutions and the "chicken ordinance" is working its way to the Planning Commission - then on to the Assembly.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Liaison Gladziszewski said the board reviewed the public comment on the master plan and board operations at a recent meeting. The board would like to preserve Gunakadeit Park as a park, and the next meeting is set for February 7.

Human Resources Committee: Chair Jones said the HRC met and reviewed the liquor license on tonight's agenda under new business. The next meeting is set for January 23 and candidates for the Bartlett Hospital Board will be interviewed. He distributed a memo for Assembly review regarding some thoughts he has on identifying skill sets needed of board members on the enterprise boards to aid the Assembly in making board appointments. He asked to discuss the memo at the January 23 meeting.

Airport Board: Liaison Jones said the next meeting was set for January 10.

Downtown Business Association: Liaison Jones said the next meeting was set for January 10.

Local Emergency Planning Committee: Liaison Jones said the next meeting was set for January 11.

Finance Committee: Chair Kiehl said the next meeting was set for January 11 and the packet was distributed.

UAS Campus Council: Liaison Kiehl said the next meeting was set for February 6.

AML Board of Directors: Liaison Kiehl said the Board met prior to this Assembly meeting and discussed a proposed "community dividend" bill which has a potential to replace revenue sharing. The Board made change on how it accepts resolutions and has pushed the deadline back to shortly before city elections to receive resolutions for the November meeting, and to require that at least one community support the resolution before the League would consider it.

Public Works and Facilities Committee: Chair Becker discussed plans for work with Douglas Island Indian Association, JSD and CBJ for restitution regarding the graves found while doing school renovation at Gastineau Elementary School. The committee discussed Auke Bay speed limits with representatives of DOT and requested a speed study in the area. The board also discussed the CBJ recycling program and heard a status report on the Mendenhall river erosion and potential LID.

Docks and Harbors Board: Liaison Becker said the board is continuing discussion about its fee structure and have determined that house boats do not have to pay for tidelands. There will be public meetings on January 17th and 19th to discuss planning efforts for the area between Norway Point and Bridge Park.

Chamber of Commerce: Liaison Becker said that Mayor Koelsch and Port Director Uchytel were recently featured speakers and were both well received.

Alaska Committee: Liaison Becker said that the committee was busy preparing the annual Legislative Welcome Reception - the public is invited to attend on January 18, from 5 - 6:30 p.m. in Centennial Hall.

Committee of the Whole: Chair Nankervis said the committee met and discussed Airport operations, the Willoughby Art Complex, and received an update on the Juneau Economic Development Plan. The next meeting was set for January 30 with a full agenda.

C. Presiding Officer Reports

Nestler v Planning Commission Appeal: Presiding Officer Jones said that on January 4, Ben Nestler submitted a written request to withdraw his appeal. Hearing no objection, the Assembly agreed to allow Mr. Nestler to withdraw the appeal.

MOTION, by Jones, to refund the \$500 appeal filing fee to Mr. Nestler. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

SEAL Trust v CBJ Assessor: Presiding Officer Kiehl said the Clerk e-mailed a link to the record in the seal trust appeal. The final reply brief was still pending and the hearing was on schedule for February 1 at 5 p.m.

XII. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Ms. White said she met with several property owners about areas suitable for winter camping and attended a press conference at JPD.

Mayor Koelsch urged people to check the new city museum photo show on North Douglas mailboxes.

Mr. Nankervis said he was a "political-cicle" at Eaglecrest for the Guinness event but it was a cold, enjoyable day.

Ms. Becker asked for more information about the proposal for beer and wine at the Eaglecrest lodge. Mr. Kiehl said he was not aware of any available licenses and he would like a report from the risk manager on this topic.

Mr. Kiehl congratulated the figure skating club for their recent participation in skating events in Fon du Lac, Wisconsin. He encouraged people to attend the legislative welcome reception and noted that the annual Martin Luther King Day observance would be held on January 16 at 1 p.m. at St. Paul's Church. Mr Kiehl asked for an update regarding the Mendenhall River Erosion project.

Mr. Jones expressed concerns about the explanation of the "Continuum of Care" and the need to add support for supportive services to ensure that people with challenges, especially mental health issues, who do find housing are able to keep their housing.

Ms. Gladziszewski said she appreciated the ad hoc meetings on homelessness to get the ball rolling and encouraged consultation with the service providers in the community to find alternatives to criminalization of homelessness. The camping ordinance can only be a part of a solution.

Ms. Weldon said JPD will hold an "encouragement rally" on the Capital Steps on January 17th.

Mr. Gregory said he spoke with representatives from the National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependency (NCADD) about the opiate issue and the organization would like to share information with the Assembly about ways to address this issue of growing concern.

XIII. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Cynthia Dau said she has cared for homeless people in the community for years and they have no voice. She agrees that they should not leave garbage on people's property, but she has brought cardboard and plastic to warm people. They don't have a place to use the restroom. She was willing to help with a warming station and she suggested using the bus station, with a porta potty, and to provide the basics.

Dane Kemp said he arrived from Phoenix Arizona a few years ago and for one third of the money for the Housing First Facility, Juneau could house a lot more people by providing a location with heat, mats and restrooms. Some won't stop drinking or using drugs. He spoke about his experience living at the Glory Hole Shelter.

Deacon Charles Rohrbacher spoke about the idea of sobering centers and emergency shelters. He said the issue of homelessness is an emergency and requires an emergency response in this cold weather. Much of substance abuse is related to mental illness and is no fault of the individual. He asked the Assembly to respond with some type of emergency shelter. This issue will get worse with the criminal justice reform measures and those in jail now will be out on the street. It is good to address this in a comprehensive way but to act quickly to address this emergency situation.

William Quayle said homelessness can happen to anyone and it should be addressed in that manner. He said he was fortunate to have a housing voucher and suggested that there should be a transitional period for people to gain housing, with conditions that you have to be clean and sober and looking for a job. If people want to sleep in their car allow them to be in the "boonies." If you have a misdemeanor you can't get a housing voucher. He has weathered the storm and every time he paid his rent he pinched himself - he was grateful. Rent is so high and he spoke about the legislator's per diem being high and driving up rent prices. He urged the Assembly to not criminalize homelessness or even cite with an infraction.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Assembly, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Signed: _____
Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk

Signed: _____
Kendell D. Koelsch, Mayor

XVI. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS