THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Meeting Minutes - September 21, 2015

MEETING NO. 2015-25: 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 Merrill Sanford.

I. ROLL CALL

Assembly Present: Mary Becker, Karen Crane, Maria Gladziszewski, Loren Jones, Jesse Kiehl, Jerry Nankervis, Merrill Sanford, Kate Troll and Debbie White.

Assembly Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kim Kiefer, City Manager; Rob Steedle, Deputy City Manager; Amy Mead, Municipal Attorney; Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk; Beth McEwen, Deputy Clerk; Ed Mercer, Deputy Police Chief; David Campbell, Lt. Executive Officer; Bob Bartholomew, Finance Director; Clinton Singletary, Sales Tax Administrator; Rorie Watt, Engineering & Public Works Director; John Coleman, Airport Admin Officer.

II. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 31, 2015 Regular Meeting No. 2015-24

Hearing no objection, the minutes of the August 31, 2015 Regular Assembly Meeting 2015-24 were approved.

IV. MANAGER'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

Ms. Kiefer said an update would be provided on the Gastineau Apartment demolition during staff reports.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Sandra Hicks spoke about a rampant rabbit problem in her neighborhood around Portage Blvd. in the valley. She said there are 3 - 5 dozen rabbits that stemmed from a residence in the area letting domestic rabbits loose. She presented an invoice of $3200 in veterinary bills for her dog, who is always leashed, but broke its tether when chasing the rabbits and damaged its leg falling in a depression in the neighbor's driveway. She said the city was responsible as it had done nothing to address the rabbit problem. Gastineau Humane Society has had no direction from CBJ and referred to numerous e-mails to GHS and Animal Control. Fish and Game gave her marmot traps to catch the rabbits but they were not big enough.

Mike Clemmons, presented a list of financial recommendations to the Assembly, and said the Assembly should update the Fiscal Policy Plan of 1990. He said that cuts in the state budget would dramatically effect the CBJ's finances and the Assembly should ask the voters to remove the mill rate cap of 12 mills.

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 Becker, to adopt the consent agenda. Hearing no objections, the consent agenda was adopted.

1. Ordinances for Introduction

a. Ordinance 2015-43 An Ordinance Amending Non-Code Ordinance 96-14, Authorizing the Port Director to Agree to a Lease Amendment to the 1998 Lease of a Portion of Block 87, Tidelands (A.T.S. 3).

Goldbelt Inc., leases Docks and Harbors property near the Seadrome Complex. Titled the Cultural Preservation Lease, the lease went into effect in 1998. The lease required a review and adjustment of the annual rental payment every three years with the lease rent set by the assessor at ten percent of the appraised value. During the most current review, Goldbelt Inc., raised concerns about the lease and Docks and Harbors recognized some changes it would like to see made. As a result, the parties agreed to request a lease amendment.

Under the proposed amendment, the following changes would be made:

(1) The lease amount would be set at nine percent of the appraised value;
(2) The lease rent review would be conducted every five years, consistent with CBJ code and Docks and Harbors regulations; and
(3) The leased tidelands would be reduced in size, as Goldbelt is returning Parcel "A" (1684 sf of uplands) back to CBJ Docks & Harbors to manage.

The Docks & Harbors Board approved the proposed lease amendment at its May 21, 2015, regular board meeting. The CBJ Lands Committee approved the proposed lease amendment at its August 24, 2015, meeting.

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

b. Ordinance 2014-24(AY) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of $92,955 as Partial Funding for Fire Equipment and to Maintain Compliance with NFPA Physicals; Grant Funding Provided by the United States Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency.

This ordinance appropriates $102,250 to the 2016 Capital City Fire/Rescue (CCFR) operating account to purchase equipment and provide training for CCFR employees that will allow them to assist with physical fitness assessments and annual fitness evaluations. This grant will help CCFR comply with NFPA requirements as well as those set forth in Alaska Statute AS 23.30.121, the Firefighters' Presumptive Health Bill of 2012.

The local match requirement is $9,295 or 10% of the federal contribution of $92,955.

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

c. Ordinance 2015-20(P) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of up to $8,500 as Funding for Hazmat Equipment for Capital City Fire/Rescue; Grant Funding Provided by a Memorandum of Understanding with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

This ordinance appropriates up to $8,500 to the 2016 Capital City Fire/Rescue operating account for the purchase of equipment to support emergency response to hazardous materials incidents. The funding is provided pursuant to an agreement with the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. The CBJ will be reimbursed up to $8,500 for purchase of this specific equipment and related supplies. Items to be purchased this year include: Level A Hazmat suits, Level B Hazmat suits, calibration gas & sensors, decantation supplies, and a range finder.

There is no match requirement for this grant.

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

d. Ordinance 2015-20(Q) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of $1,343,862 as Funding for the Juneau International Airport Runway Rehabilitation Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by the Federal Aviation Administration, Alaska Department of Transportation, and Juneau International Airport Fund's Fund Balance.

Funding is provided as follows:

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) grant:	$1,259,871
Alaska Department of Transportation match:	$ 41,995
Juneau International Airport Fund's Fund Balance:	$ 41,996

The FAA funding comes from two amendments to the construction grant for this CIP. The amendment work includes material quantity adjustments, installation of the taxiway edge lights (the actual light purchases were on a previous grant amendment), repainting of the runway (commonly done with new pavement due to 'bleeding') and north side runway safety area survey work, as well as conversion of the runway designation (from 8-26 to 9-27) resulting from the slow change in magnetic variation over time.

The FAA funds 93.75% of the project with the remainder being split between Alaska DOT and Juneau International Airport.

The Airport Board approved this action at its August 12, 2015, and September 8, 2015, meetings.

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

e. Ordinance 2015-20(R) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of up to $500 as Funding for the Juneau Police Department Crisis Intervention Team Operations; Funding Provided through a Donation from North Star Behavioral Health.

The Juneau Police Department received a $500 donation from North Star Behavioral Health in support of its Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program. The CIT will enhance community partnership in addressing mental health issues in our community by utilizing designated resources to assist persons with mental health disorders. These funds will be used for the operational costs of the program.

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

f. Ordinance 2015-20(S) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of up to $20,575 as Funding for Multiple Training Events for the Juneau Police Department; Grant Funding Provided by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, FY15 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

The Juneau Police Department has been awarded $20,575 in grant funding for various training opportunities. The estimated breakdown for the grant award is as follows:

$3,150 will be used for training the JPD fleet mechanic. With approximately 55 vehicles to maintain, training will allow him to plan for fleet use, determine future needs and learn valuable tools for our department.

$2,700 will allow JPD's IT staff to attend a law enforcement technology support seminar to network and learn about up-and-coming technologies available for police departments.

$4,750 will allow several dispatchers to attend training on active shooter situations, customer service, and progressive supervision.

$9,975 will be used for officers to attend homicide training to gain knowledge of current investigative standards, crime scene preservation, and evidence gathering.

There is no match required for this grant.

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

g. Ordinance 2015-20(T) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of up to $2,214 as Partial Funding to Send Two CBJ Employees to an Alaska Historic Preservation Conference; Grant Funding Provided by the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources.

This ordinance appropriates $2,214 as partial funding to send two CBJ employees to an Alaska Historic Preservation conference. Grant funding is provided by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. This travel and training grant is a 60/40 match. The State of Alaska will reimburse CBJ for conference registration fees, food (per diem), airfare, hotel and transportation costs. The CBJ provides its match in staff time. The entire estimated cost of this project is $4,243.

The Manager recommends this ordinance be introduced and set for public hearing.

2. Resolutions

a. Resolution 2730 A Resolution Expressing Assembly Support for the 2015 Juneau Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan, an Addendum to the Juneau 2014 Transit Development Plan, and Expressing Support for the Juneau Coordinated Transportation Coalition's Prioritization of Projects for Grant Funding by the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities.

In 2012, the Moving Ahead for Progress 21st Century Act (MAP-21) was signed into law, replacing the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). MAP-21 provides for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program, which is administered by the states.

Eligibility for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program requires each community to prepare a coordinated public transit - human services transportation plan. In 2014, by Resolution 2685, the Assembly adopted the Juneau 2014 Transit Development Plan. Amending the 2014 Transit Development Plan to include the 2015 Juneau Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan would allow the CBJ to be eligible for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program. The amended coordinated plan would supersede and replace the coordinated plan adopted in 2008 by Resolution 2451 and amended by Resolution 2511.

The Committee of the Whole considered the 2015 plan at its meeting on August 24, 2015, and recommended that the Assembly adopt it.

Once a plan is adopted, in order to be considered for grant funding, each community must prioritize its transportation projects, and that priority list must be endorsed by motion or resolution by the local municipal government. The Juneau Coordinated Transportation Coalition (JCTC) met on September 8, 2015, and voted on a priority list to be submitted to the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for FY17 mobility grant funding. The projects identified for priority funding have been approved by the COW. The priority list for FY17 endorsed by JCTC is included as part of the plan that would be adopted by this resolution.

See supplemental materials.

The Manager recommends adoption of this resolution.

3. Bid Award

a. Bid No. 15-214 - Purchase & Delivery of 35' Accessible Low-Floor Transit Coaches Term Contract

This bid is for a term contract to provide up to fifteen of the newest accessible 35' low -floor transit coaches within the next five years for the City and Borough of Juneau and the Ketchikan Gateway Borough.

Estimate: $1,575,000

Bidders	Brand Model	Base Bid	Additive Alternate Optional Item	Total Bid
Gillig	Gillig	$1,107,924	$17,493	$1,125,417
Newflyer	Newflyer	$1,167,087	$ 8,553	$1,175,640

The Manager recommends award of this bid to Gillig LLC on the basis of having the lowest responsive and responsible bid price. Bids opened on September 15, 2015 and two bidders responded. Because of the low bid and based on our funding, Capital Transit may be able to purchase an additional bus.

4. Liquor License

a. Restaurant-Eating Place Liquor License #5422 Application & Restaurant Designation Permit Application Canton Asian Bistro, LLC

At its August 31, 2015 meeting, the Assembly passed a motion to waive its right to protest the Restaurant-Eating Place Public Convenience liquor license #5415. A "Public Convenience" license is one which is non-transferable and is not subject to the population limitation restrictions as set out in AS 04.11.400.

On September 4, 2015, CBJ received notice from ABC that Canton Asian Bistro, LLC was submitting an application for a Restaurant-Eating Place Liquor License #5422. If approved by ABC, this license would most likely replace the "Public Convenience" type license #5415 mentioned above.

License #5422, if granted, would take up the one remaining Restaurant-Eating Place License available under the population restrictions within CBJ. If another applicant submits an application for this Restaurant-Eating Place license, it would be subject to the competing application process outlined in 3 AAC 304.112 in the same manner that the licenses for Paradise Bakery and Lunchbox were dealt with in 2014.

Staff has reviewed the applications for the Canton Asian Bistro, LLC d/b/a Canton Asian Bistro Restaurant-Eating Place License and Restaurant Designation Permit (RDP) and recommend the Assembly waive its right to protest the issuance of this license and approve the RDP.

The Manager recommends the Assembly waive its right to protest the application for Restaurant-Eating Place License #5422 and approve the Restaurant Designation Permit application.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Ordinance 2015-41(b) An Ordinance Amending the Uniform Sales Tax Code Relating to the Senior Citizen Sales Tax Exemption.

Based on recommendations from both the Assembly Tax Exemption Review Committee and the Finance Committee, this ordinance would amend CBJ 69.05.045, Senior Sales Tax Exemption, by limiting the exemption to purchases of essential items (defined as food, heating fuel, electricity, and CBJ water and sewer utilities) except as to those seniors with a gross income at or under 250% of the federal poverty level established for Alaska.

On July 30, 2015, the Finance Committee addressed two significant implementation policies and recommended the following:
1. The ordinance should define essential food items based on the Federal Food Stamp / SNAP definition of food items.
2. As to those seniors with a gross income at or under 250% of the federal poverty level established for Alaska, the ordinance should provide for an annual rebate. The rebate amount would be the estimated amount of sales tax that would be paid by the average, qualifying senior for non-essential purchases.

The ordinance would have an effective date of January 1, 2016, to allow time for senior citizen education and merchant implementation, and in order to allow the Finance Department sufficient time to plan for the implementation and administration of the program.

Version (b) of the ordinance makes the following revisions (indicated by italicized text):
1. Fixes a typographical error (changing the word "are" to "is") in 69.05.045(b) (p. 2, line 2).
2. Changes the eligibility criteria in 69.05.046(b) to remove the age requirement (necessary so as not to unintentionally exclude spouses or partners under the age of 65 who hold a valid tax exemption card from obtaining the rebate) (p. 4, lines 4 - 5).
3. Makes an additional amendment to existing text by changing the word "invalid" to "disabled" in 69.05.045 (c) (p. 2, lines 4 - 7).
4. 69.05.045(g) (p. 2, lines 12 - 16) was amended to clarify that only sales for utilities to the cardholder's principal place of abode are eligible for the exemption.
5. Amends the rebate amount being proposed from $225 to $325. 69.05.046(a) (p. 3, line 24). (An explanation as to how the amount of the rebate was determined is included in the packet.)
6. Amended 69.05.046(b)(3) to clarify that eligibility is based on the qualifying applicant's gross income, not household income. (p. 4, lines 7 - 10).

The manager recommends this ordinance be adopted.

Public Comment:

Helen Clough spoke for herself and her husband, and opposed the ordinance, which unfairly targeted seniors. There were other ways to be more efficient with the budget. She spoke about a pile of checks that was sitting on the desk in the treasury office not deposited. This sales tax is a break for seniors, who lend a positive benefit for the community. Trying to balance the budget on the backs of seniors was not right.

Malin Babcock said she retired from the Auke Bay Lab in 1997 and represented the local chapter of retired federal employees. Contrary to popular opinion, federal retirees were not "fat cats" with big pensions. She provided statistics regarding the average annuity of those retirees at $2,553 monthly. The proposed 250% poverty level was $3067 and more than one half of your neighbors who are retired federal employees will qualify and the proposed ordinance was demeaning. She asked the Assembly to postpone or not pass the ordinance.

William DeArmond explained that he preferred the term "old people" to "seniors" and asked, if means testing was to be used to identify old people as eligible for sales tax relief, why was it not applied to all people in the community? Instead of trying to squeeze more money out of sales tax, he suggested the Assembly implement a local income tax, lower sales tax for all and keep a partial exemption for old people. He asked where the Chamber of Commerce was on this issue in supporting old people to shop locally.

Tom Boutin asked the Assembly not to pass the ordinance, and he said this was an insulting process and the seniors were being disenfranchised. The ability to ask seniors for help when the economic dislocation occurred would be reduced if the ordinance passed and the ability to help local merchants was at risk.

Cathy Boutin said the decision before the Assembly was huge and the proposition made many seniors angry. She encouraged the Assembly to send the matter to a vote of the people instead of a vote of the Assembly.

Rosemary Matt spoke against the removal of the senior tax exemption. She offered a solution to save money and suggested CBJ start a water saver program. Money to treat water and wastewater could be saved by the installation of low flow toilets throughout the community and this was a simple retrofit. She said $35 per toilet per year could be saved and she estimated this would be a total of $178,000 per year or more. This was a fast, easy and a long term way to save money.

Julia Millar said she retired with a full pension from the State of Alaska. She said her utilities had gone up significantly since she retired, as well as the cost of other necessities. Money in savings did not increase at the same rate as the costs paid. She donated to many local charities and would have to choose food over donations, and an annual rebate would not help if she needed the money immediately.

Ron Sommerville spoke against the ordinance, and said the qualification age should be raised to 70 years of age, and the tax exemption phased out for new seniors over time. The food exemption only covered snap food in snap food stores. If this passed he would no longer contribute his time or money in Juneau.

Ric Iannolino, said he spoke for the community of grandparents who made efforts to hold families together and the costs they had for taking care of their families, and spoke against the ordinance.

John Cooper said 38 years ago, when Eaglecrest added a chairlift, it was made clear that Eaglecrest was going to become a self-supporting entity. This has not been the case. He encouraged the Assembly to put this measure to a vote. You have some real budget problems. You will have to cut costs and programs and he objected to funds being spent on Parks and Recreation programs.

Margaret Hedges said she did not think that seniors got a "free ride" and seniors did pay their way. Many seniors paid more property taxes than their houses were originally were worth, and we did not want to leave. We contribute, and we volunteer.

Catherine Gitkov said aging did not appeal to her but her senior hunting and fishing license and her sales tax exemption card were big bonuses. She asked why everyone went through the effort of getting new cards if this ordinance would make those moot. She had solicited a lot of donations for the animal shelter, and if the Assembly took the exemption away, seniors would not be able to collect money for all of the charities as in the past.

Craig Orsborn said he opposed the removal of the senior sales tax exemption. The seniors had paid taxes all their lives and lived on fixed incomes. They volunteered their time and money to local churches and charities. Support our seniors so they can continue to support us in a valued way. We hear this is necessary to cover the shortfall - look internally. There is new equipment that has been purchased that DOT won't allow to cross the Lemon Creek bridge. Seniors are the majority of the voting public.

Mary Ann Vandecastle, spoke as an individual, not a representative of a group, against the ordinance. The senior population was increasing and could be an asset, not a liability. The Juneau Economic Development Plan says to "build the senior economy." Senior spending had a higher than average multiplying effect, vs. the spending by tourists. Visit any local retail establishment - they are teeming with retirees. She called the proposal an austerity measure and said that cutting back on programs for vulnerable populations caused unintended results.

Mr. Kiehl asked if she got clarification that medical care remained exempt for everyone. She said she understood that, and the concern was that medical bills for seniors and their pets could be large.

Mike Clemens supported the ordinance. He encouraged people to attend an event on Sept 30 at Centennial Hall, from 6 - 9 pm to learn about the pending changes to the State of Alaska's finances. Elected officials needed to look at the whole picture, to look at all taxes. There would be a "new normal" for state and local finance.

Tom Perkins asked how the condo fees would be taxed or not taxed, and said the fees included utilities. Several seniors lived in condos.

Dixie Hood said the Assembly had made extraordinary cuts in programs and services and many efficiencies had been achieved. She followed this process as a concerned senior and as a member of the Commission on Aging. She attended the Finance Committee meetings at which the Assembly tried to balance needs, and she supported this proposal. She would never threaten to leave Juneau based on a change to the exemption - this was needed and Juneau was a special place.

Marcus Graves said he questioned the savings projected by this ordinance imposed on elders. It took a lot of work to verify income as he did this on a daily basis in his employment. Seniors invested, supported local businesses, and would purchase high ticket items elsewhere. Other Southeast communities have chosen not to tinker with this, and Juneau should do the same and keep the exemption.

Sara "Sally" Willson, said the senior sales tax exemption does not raise revenue, it is not fair and it is not easy to administer. She could support continuing to exempt seniors from sales tax on food, utilities, and heating fuel as this supported the cultural values of the community. She said the rebate did not sit well with her as young families also had to pay the sales tax and needed help. She asked the Assembly to consider other alternatives, perhaps stop issuing senior sales tax cards at the end of the year. She spoke about the schedule of rebates being out of synch and said it should be re-examined.

Lois Lennep said filling out the exemption forms for the rebate would create more red tape and would be difficult for some seniors. The sales tax exemption was very helpful for other important purchases like clothes. She said if people had to keep track of their purchases, that would create more paperwork. The exemption card allowed immediate savings and if you were close to the line, this came in handy for necessities, as from paycheck to paycheck you could estimate your expenses.

Howard Shepherd said when the initial exemption was established in 1979, the seniors were referred to as a "valuable asset to the community," and this has not been mentioned, and it appears that seniors are no longer seen as a valuable asset. With the loss of 5% of income, seniors would have to make cuts to volunteer work they do for the city. Gasoline tax was not part of this exemption. Seniors are job creators, we bring relatives into town to spend money. The exemption encourages people to live here and he asked the Assembly if it was prepared to see this sustainable source of revenue leave town. Juneau is an expensive place to retire on a fixed income andhe would be looking for a cheaper place to live if the exemption was removed.

Nora Laughlin spoke about her retirement income and the higher costs of living in Juneau. Seniors are a valuable asset and many people would like to live here. The JCVB staff was almost staffed entirely by retiree volunteers. She does free taxes for people. She encouraged the Assembly to keep the exemption.

Rich Moniak, said we will all be facing an increase in our tax situations. The current sales tax structure has been in place for so long that 5% total seems permanent, but every one of these taxes continued a regressive tax. He was more willing to support an increase of property tax even though that would be argued as unfair. He supported the changes to this tax exemption.

Ke Mell said with all due respect, this ordinance was fair and essential for CBJ to continue to deliver services to all its residents.

Melissa Highfill said senior citizens were 10% of her customers at Seaside Yarn and she could not afford to lose that business. She encouraged the Assembly to maintain the ordinance.

Soapy Lingle, asked the Assembly to leave the existing tax exemptions as they were, the seniors contributed a lot over time, were valuable, and had given much to the community.

There were some people listed in the newspaper that had not paid their taxes and the burden should not be put on seniors to make up the shortfall in the budget. Go after taxes not collected.

Janice Hotch said she represented Tlingit and Haida Tribal Council, which represented 4,000 elderly people. She had numerous elders ask her to represent them - this measure unfairly targeted a population. She was told that removing the property tax exemption for seniors would be brought forward in the future. She supported the idea of putting the issue to a public vote. There were so few Tlingit (80) and Haida (5) speakers left and we need to cherish them and keep them here. Support our valuable assets.

Ms. Crane said State statutes required municipalities to provide the senior property tax exemption and the Assembly could not change that.

Ken Koelsch said he was opposed the proposed changes. In 2000, the school district experts encouraged the Assembly to plan for higher enrollment and now the experts were proposing a geriatric wave. The tsunami of high school students didn't happen. Many seniors volunteered and provided free labor, and CBJ was receiving the benefit of those services. He suggested the Assembly encourage younger demographics to offset the seniors, such as tackling large projects like building a road. He suggested changing the effective date to July 2016 and asked the Assembly to do a mailing to all seniors explaining the changes.

Mike Donahue said the sales tax exemption should be left alone.

Arnold Liebelt supported the changes to the ordinance. He said this was a community issue, not a senior issue, although the seniors were impacted most greatly. He spoke about the population projections that could not be denied regarding the growth of the senior sector. He spoke about pending reductions to state employment that would adversely effect the working age population in Juneau. The numbers would drive this issue. This ordinance represented a modest change. He said the working class was strapped, many have kids in school and he spoke about the expenses his family managed. This was not a matter of disrespect, this was not us against them. There had to be a community solution - this was one piece. Everyone would have to make sacrifices.

Steve Suewing, said he supported the ordinance and his parents qualified for the exemption. He appreciated the decades of experience in the room and looking at the current fiscal situation, he wondered if he bought property in Juneau too soon. He paid all of his taxes and his family shopped locally. To get rid of the exemption across the board would have been a wrong decision but this decision making process was thoughtful and considered. This ordinance did not get rid of the sales tax exemption. He could find families in this town that made less than $49,000 that would love to have this exemption.

Mary Lou Spartz thanked the assembly and said she was on the Commission on Aging but she spoke as a private citizen. She worked on the JCOA position paper presented to the Assembly and she supported that. The State of Alaska was struggling on how to move forward financially. With that in mind, CBJ should be cautious until there is some understanding of where the state is headed. Personal income tax and statewide sales taxes were proposed.

Freda Westman spoke as ANS grand president and a parent and grandparent. There were things that drew people to Juneau and things that pushed them away. If there was going to be red tape attached to the proposed exemption, that would hurt the poorest of the seniors, as they were the ones that would not turn in the paperwork to receive an exemption. Seniors would have to give up the things they need.

Dennis Harris said he was the third generation of his family to live in his home and he purchased the home from the estate based on his budget, and was a working senior because he was trying to save for retirement. He consistently voted against sales taxes. Every sales tax was regressive for the poor of any age. Stop depending on sales tax. We should be paying a gasoline tax to maintain the streets, and commercial vehicles would need to pay a higher tax.

Franz Kugelmann carried a hand made wooden sign with several statistics about CBJ spending and said the city had paid for $11 million worth of rocks at Statter Harbor, saying that Juneau did not need that project. If seniors organized, there were enough seniors in Juneau to vote the Assembly out of office.

Craig Dahl CEO, Juneau Chamber of Commerce said the Chamber supported the ordinance as presented. The Chamber started meeting with the Assembly and the Tax Exemption Review Committee early on. The issue was not picking on seniors - it was looking at demographics and the state budget. The Chamber gave the Assembly a recommendation that was not chosen - we wanted to include the food exemption community wide and increase the sales tax. This was a tough issue and he appreciated the comments - he said he was a senior and he respected people sitting through an emotional meeting. This would be an easier decision than those that would need to be faced in the next 12 months.

Bob Horner said he was not in favor of the action and said a quick, easy solution would be to add one penny to each tourist that visited Juneau.

Terry Elder said he was opposed to the ordinance and agreed with previous comments. When he moved here in 1981, people lamented that seniors did not stay but moved on after they retired. Juneau did something about that and it was the sales tax exemption. If we are in for a permanent change of the finances of state and city, the solution would not be taxes. The only solution would be reduction of spending. Some cuts had been made, but cuts this deep could only be done by cutting services and spending, followed by revenue increases.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Crane, to adopt Ordinance 2015-41(b).

Ms. Becker objected.

Ms. Crane said she supported the ordinance. The Assembly had tried to be fair, and the issue was not just about seniors, there were young families struggling financially too. This proposal followed months of discussion, and there was still an exemption in place.

Ms. Becker questioned how this would help young people with their budgets, and she agreed with the comments made by the people in opposition and said this was a tax on one group of people.

Ms. White asked about the utilities being exempted and asked if garbage service could be added to this - we don't want to see people allow garbage to accumulate. Mr. Bartholomew said technically it would not be difficult, the ordinance would need to be amended. He did not have an estimate of the cost of that exemption.

<u>MOTION</u> by White, to amend the ordinance to include waste disposal as part of the essential services, including garbage pick-up, recycling charges and disposal at the landfill.

Mayor Sanford objected.

Roll call:
Aye: Becker, Crane, Gladziszewski, Kiehl, Nankervis, Troll, White
Nay: Jones, Sanford.
Motion passed, 7 ayes, 2 nays.

Ms. Troll said she wanted to see the sale tax exemption stay in place and to allow this meant these changes were needed. When this exemption was put in place, the senior population was significantly less. It was only a matter of time before the Assembly would need to consider doing away with exemptions at all. The Assembly needs to keep programs that seniors depend upon and make them sustainable, such as the pool and transit. Making modest changes kept the exemption for seniors. Ms. Troll said regardless of this action - the Assembly valued seniors. She spoke about the many programs for seniors that were not being touched, including bus passes. This did not single out a special group and the Assembly had made many changes. There was a fairness question about working families and those that were struggling to make ends meet that didn't get this benefit. The Assembly was elected to look at the big picture, including the funding of education.

Ms. Gladziszewski said this was an important debate. The statement that CBJ could do more to reduce spending was true - CBJ had reduced spending significantly and it could do more. She encouraged people to participate in the budget discussions and said the Assembly worked very hard to review the budget. This was a balancing act. Whatever was a person's favorite program, there was someone with the opposite opinion. The Assembly would continue to listen to the constituents. This ordinance was a fair proposal and was not balancing the budget on the backs of seniors. Seniors contribute time and money to the community, but the demographics show that there is a significant reduction in sales tax collected to support services that people want. She supported the proposal, which supported seniors in keeping the exemption on essential services.

Mr. Kiehl asked about what happened with a rebate if a senior died. Mr. Bartholomew said there was not guidance on how to handle some portion of the year and if there was a right to a rebate to the estate. Mr. Kiehl asked if the explanation would be done through regulations or through a change to the code. Ms. Mead said she thought this would be a decision about the IRS and probate laws, and staff would investigate and create a department policy.

Mr. Kiehl asked about cost of implementation and what the Finance staff would need to support this revised program. Mr. Bartholomew said their estimate of cost to manage was based on 40% of seniors qualifying for a rebate. This was about 1600 seniors. Married couples would be allowed to apply on one application - we estimate 600 - 1000 applications to be processed at about ten minutes to process an application, at the low end. He said the work could be done with existing staff, and the offset was no longer processing so many sales tax exemption reports from businesses. About 95% of businesses would no longer be processing this exemption. That was part of the recommendation for the rebate. He believed CBJ could process and meet the timelines of the ordinance and not add to existing resources.

Mr. Kiehl asked about securing personal data and Mr. Bartholomew explained how the information would be secured.

Ms. White asked about ways to make the rebate simple. Mr. Bartholomew said the current plan was for submission of an affidavit that stated the individual was not required to file IRS taxes due to low income. Finance staff would be doing more research if this ordinance passed.

MOTION, by Nankervis, to amend, on page 5, the effective date to change it to July 31, 2016.

Mr. Nankervis said the Assembly had already balanced the budget prior to this and it made sense to coincide implementation with the fiscal year.

Ms. Crane objected.

Mr. Kiehl asked how the application dates would coincide with the effective date. Mr. Bartholomew said the ordinance currently anticipated a calendar year based rebate.

Ms. Gladziszewski said the motion complicated matters and she opposed it.

Mr. Troll asked Mr. Bartholomew about implementation and he said there was not a preference from the Finance Department regarding a January or July effective date, however, the calendar year worked well for the rebate to use the tax forms. Ms. Troll asked if the rebate would require people to keep receipts and Mr. Bartholomew said no.

Roll call:
Aye: Becker, Nankervis, White
Nay: Crane, Jones, Gladziszewski, Kiehl, Troll, Sanford.
Motion failed, 3 ayes, 6 nays.

Ms. Becker spoke against the ordinance and said she was concerned that merchants would be hurt by a reduction of spending locally by seniors if the sales tax exemption was amended.

Mr. Jones spoke about all of the public testimony he had heard and read through the Tax Exemption Review Committees, in the Finance Committee and in the Assembly meetings. He said he and his wife were retired state employees and planned to continue to volunteer, donate, and live in Juneau whether the exemption was changed or not. His choice was to stay in Juneau, to pay the government to support the infrastructure that he enjoyed, even though he did not skate, swim or ski. Some of the decisions that the Assembly would make in the next three or four years would be more difficult than this one. He supported the ordinance.

MOTION, by Kiehl, and explained by Ms. Mead, to amend the ordinance to allow an applicant for a sales tax rebate to file an affidavit signed by the applicant, verifying that the applicant was exempt under federal law from filing a federal income tax return, as part of the qualifying requirements. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. Kiehl said he appreciated the dialogue and discussion. The growth in the senior citizen population was good for the community - for the business community and non-profits. It was phenomenal for families. In 1999 - 2000, various groups looked at the demographics and gave a warning that this program would grow, and made recommendations for change, but no change was made and now the time was here and there was a $2.8 million cost for this program, and it would grow for some time. Unfortunately for the city budget, but fortunately for the community, the demographers were right. 21 city jobs were cut and that was hard to do. This was not the first hard vote and sadly it wouldn't be the last. He said it was better to try to reform this program to make it sustainable rather than see it go away entirely. He supports and appreciates Juneau's senior citizens. This reformed exemption was more than was done for others in our community - such as active duty military, disabled veterans, and it is right to help seniors and those seniors in need.

Mr. Nankervis said everyone on the Assembly knew he disliked taxes and railed about spending. His support of this ordinance went against his normal position. His charge, when he took office, was to do what was best for the entire community, whether he personally felt it was good. The proposal before the Assembly was better than the present situation for the entire community.

Roll call on main motion, as amended:
Aye: Crane, Jones, Gladziszewski, Kiehl, Nankervis, Troll, White
Nay: Becker, Sanford.
Motion passed, 7 ayes, 2 nays.

B. Ordinance 2015-40 An Ordinance Extending the Limited Moratorium on the Receipt or Processing of Applications, Permits, or Pending Approvals Pertaining to Marijuana Establishments.

On January 12, 2015, the Assembly adopted ordinance 2014-50, establishing a moratorium on the acceptance or approval of any development permit pertaining to marijuana establishments. The purpose of the moratorium was to allow the CBJ time to consider and enact time, place, and manner legislation concerning the operation of marijuana establishments in the CBJ. The moratorium is set to end on October 19, 2015, but the CBJ's work has not yet been completed.

This ordinance would extend the moratorium to December 31, 2015, to allow the CBJ time to adopt land use regulations prior to the deadline set by state law for the State to begin the processing of marijuana establishment registrations.

The Manager recommends this ordinance be adopted.

Public Comment:

None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Kiehl, to adopt Ordinance 2015-40. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

C. Ordinance 2014-24(AW) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of $15,390,272 to Fund the City and Borough of Juneau’s Fiscal Year 2015 Public Employee Retirement System Contribution; Funding Provided by the Alaska Department of Administration.

This appropriation is the State’s FY15 42.41% on-behalf PERS benefit paid for CBJ. Funding was authorized by passage of SB119 during the 2014 legislative session.

This is a housekeeping ordinance to properly account for this on-behalf payment and has no impact on the CBJ’s finances.

The Manager recommends this ordinance be adopted.

Public Comment:

None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Nankervis, to adopt Ordinance 2014-24(AW). Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

D. Ordinance 2014-24(AX) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of $13,974,804 to Fund Bartlett Regional Hospital's Fiscal Year 2015 Public Employee Retirement System Contribution; Funding Provided by the Alaska Department of Administration.

This appropriation is the State's FY15 42.41% on-behalf PERS benefit paid for Bartlett Regional Hospital. Funding was authorized by passage of SB119 during the 2014 legislative session.

This is a housekeeping ordinance to properly account for this on-behalf payment and has no impact on BRH's finances.

The Manager recommends this ordinance be adopted.

Public Comment:

None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Troll, to adopt Ordinance 2014-24(AX). Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

E. Ordinance 2015-20(L) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of $543,671 as Funding for the Juneau International Airport Terminal Rehabilitation Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of Alaska Department of Transportation.

This ordinance would appropriate $543,671 to the Terminal Rehabilitation Capital Improvement Project (CIP). Funding is provided as follows:

Federal Aviation Administration grant:	$526,133
State of Alaska Department of Transportation:	$ 17,538

The grant funding will reimburse the CIP for the acquisition of a Passenger Boarding Bridge (jet bridge) and an ADA Passenger Loading Ramp. The CIP project forward-funded these items in order to meet the short timeframe before the start of Delta Airlines' new service in 2014.

The jet bridge replaced a 40 year-old unit, which did not have the range of movement to accommodate the Boeing 757 aircraft that Delta Airlines was bringing in, as well as a range of smaller narrow body jets. Associated work included removal and disposal of the old boarding bridge, new foundation footing for support, and electrical work.

The passenger ramp was acquired to comply with FAA grant assurances relating to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Prior to this acquisition, the airport had no equipment to help board passengers with disabilities at the two gates where passengers load via stairs.

The FAA funds 93.75% of the project with the remainder being split between Alaska DOT and Juneau International Airport local match (previously appropriated through Res 2713d Area Wide Sales Tax).
The Airport Board approved this action at its April 9, 2014, May 14, 2014, and August 13, 2014 meetings.

The Manager recommends this ordinance be adopted.

Public Comment:

None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Gladziszewski, to adopt Ordinance 2015-20(L). Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

F. Ordinance 2015-20(M) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of $500,000 as Funding for the Juneau School District Deferred Maintenance and Minor Improvements Capital Improvement Project, and $300,000 for the Juneau School District Comprehensive Facility Plan; Funding Provided by the 2009 Special Capital Projects 1% Sales Tax Fund's Fund Balance.

This ordinance would appropriate a total of $800,000.

The Juneau Board of Education requested that the Assembly provide $1.3 million for districtwide deferred maintenance and minor capital improvement projects at its June 9, 2015, meeting.

Ordinance 2015-37, authorizing the issuance of general obligations bonds in the not-to-exceed amount of $1.3 million to finance the cost of educational capital improvements and districtwide major maintenance projects, was introduced at the July 20, 2015, Assembly meeting.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Assembly use 1% CIP sales tax proceeds (from the five-year period ending June 30, 2013) in the amount not to exceed $800,000 to fund both the school district's deferred maintenance and comprehensive facilities plan at its July 30, 2015, meeting.

The manager removed Ordinance 2015-37 from the public hearing section of the August 10, 2015, Assembly agenda per the Finance Committee's directive.

Ordinance 2015-20(M) appropriating to the Manager the sum of $500,000 for school district deferred maintenance and minor capital improvement projects and $300,000 for the comprehensive facility plan, was introduced at the August 31, 2015, Assembly meeting.

The Juneau School Board's Facilities Committee recommended approval of this ordinance at its September 14, 2015, meeting.

The Manager recommends this ordinance be adopted.

Public Comment:

None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Becker, to adopt Ordinance 2015-20(M). Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

G. Ordinance 2015-20(N) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of $160,000 as Funding for the Emergency Management Performance Grant; Funding Provided by the State of Alaska, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

This ordinance provides funding from the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) under the 2015 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), awarded to the City and Borough of Juneau.

Federal Grant Number: EMW-2014-EP-00054
State Grant Number: 20EMPG-GY15

These funds are provided to reimburse the City and Borough of Juneau for payroll and benefit costs incurred in direct support of the goals and activities of the Emergency Management Performance Grant for CBJ emergency programs, police, and fire staff in the performance of emergency management functions in planning, training, exercise, and equipment procurement within the grant performance period.

The Manager recommends this ordinance be adopted.

Public Comment:

None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Nankervis, to adopt Ordinance 2015-20(N). Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

H. Ordinance 2015-20(O) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of $19,018 as Funding for the Local Planning Committee; Grant Funding Provided by the State of Alaska, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

This ordinance provides funding from the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM) under the 2016 Local Emergency Planning Committee Grant (LEPC), awarded to the City and Borough of Juneau.

State Grant Program Number: 20LEPC-GY16

These funds are provided to reimburse CBJ for payroll, benefits, and LEPC program implementation costs incurred in direct support of the goals and activities of the 2016 Local Emergency Planning Committee Grant for the Juneau LEPC. There is no match requirement for this grant.

The Manager recommends this ordinance be adopted.

Public Comment:

None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Gladziszewski, to adopt Ordinance 2015-20(O). Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Senior Citizen Exemption Late File - Isaac

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Crane, to allow the Assessor to consider the late filed appeal as if timely filed. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

B. Senior Citizen Exemption Late File - Sumdum

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Crane, to allow the Assessor to consider the late filed appeal as if timely filed. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

C. Alaskan Brewing Co. Rental Space at CBJ Water Utility Building

The Department of Engineering and Public Works has office space available in its Lemon Creek facility that it wishes to rent to the Alaskan Brewing Co. There is no mechanism in code that specifies how such a rental should proceed. It is the Manager's intent to utilize a process similar to the process used for use permits given the similarities between the two (non-consumptive, short-term use). A use permit for a non -exclusive, non-consumptive use of CBJ property may be granted by the manager for a term not to exceed one year.

The Manager proposes to proceed with a rental agreement for the use of office space in the already-existing Lemon Creek facility to the Alaskan Brewing Co. The rental amount will be fair market value and the rental term shall not exceed one year. As there are no other CBJ departments that have a property interest in the space being rented, the Manager does not intend to circulate the rental agreement for review to other CBJ departments or the planning commission (as is the process provided for by CBJ 53.09.310 for use permits).

Ms. Kiefer said no action by the Assembly was required and the topic was on the agenda to provide information to the Assembly.

X. STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Rorie Watt, Engineering and Public Works Director, said the bid was out for demolition of the Gastineau Apartments. CBJ staff was hearing from contractors that CBJ was providing an inadequate amount of time for the demolition work, that there was too much risk, with not enough time, and therefore firms were not interested in bidding. We have heard comments from downtown business owners about the timing and impacts of the project to the surrounding neighborhood. He suggested an addendum to the bid to call for completion of demolition by the end of April instead of the end of December. Mr. Watt reviewed the steps needed tobe taken before the entire building was down.

Mr. Jones asked if this changed the date to respond to the proposal. Mr. Watt said yes, to give those who determined it was not enough time a chance to re-look at the project. Mr. Watt suggested extending the bid period to award on October 20.

Ms. Crane said that the end of April had to be a firm date written tightly into the contract in order to avoid the next tourism season.

Mr. Kiehl asked how long the loud, dusty part would take. Mr. Watt said loud was subjective, but it would be loud for several months. The bulk of the demolition would take place within a period of 3-4 weeks. There would be lots of other activities to remove park, clean out the building, and the cutting of the building and backfilling would be loud and it would be hard to mitigate it. Mayor Sanford said there would also be noise during this time from pile driving for the dock project. Mr. Kiehl said he had some concerns about this work happening during the legislative session and asked about curbs on work hours. Mr. Watt said if the Assembly approved an extention to the term of the contract there would be more flexibility to set work hours.

Mr. Nankervis said no time was ever a good time and he suggested to just get the job done as efficiently as possible.

Mr. Jones said there were significant concerns with safety with the building now - how would the site be secured during the dark time of the year. Mr. Watt said he believed they could navigate this.

There was no objection to the extension of the project completion date to the end of April, 2016.

XI. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

None.

B. Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole: Chair Becker said the COW heard about the placement of the whale and housing and agreed to proceed with the bid for the land needed for the whale and agreed to look at the rest of the land for housing. The City Manager Search committee would meet Sept 25 and she distributed a schedule to the Assembly.

Finance Committee: Chair Crane said the next meeting was set for Wednesday, Oct 21.

Human Resources Committee: Chair Jones said the HRC met and hear an annual report from the Douglas Advisory Board. The HRC also heard information from the manager on discussions with the Juneau Community Foundation regarding the social service grants issued by CBJ and the potential of JCF administering the grant program. He anticipated more information would be forwarded to the Finance Committee. The HRC also reviewed an updated application form for Board Vacancies.

Lands and Resources Committee: Chair Kiehl said the next meeting was set for September 28.

Marijuana Committee: Chair Kiehl said the last meeting was cancelled and the next meeting was set for September 24.

Public Works and Facilities Committee: Chair Nankervis said the next meeting was set for September 28.

C. Liaison Reports

Affordable Housing Commission: Liaison Troll said the AHC met on September 14 and received a Land Management Plan presentation. The AHC was reviewing the draft housing action plan and would meet September 23 to coordinate those comments.

Airport Board: Liaison White said she would provide a report at the next meeting.

Alaska Committee: Liaison Becker said construction on the Capital was anticipated to be done by the end of November, and if a special session were to be called in October, the building would be able to be used. Mr. Kiehl said a potential special session would be held in late October at the earliest. Ms. Becker said the Alaska Committee was starting plans for a January 20, 2016 Legislative Welcome Reception. The Alaska Committee was working on the Juneau Economic Development Plan with the Juneau Economic Development Council and the Chamber of Commerce.

Bartlett Regional Hospital Board: Liaison Crane said the next meeting was set for September 22.

Chamber of Commerce: Liaison Becker said the Chamber of Commerce Board spent significant time on the Bridge Park and Whale Sculpture project, had discussed the changes to the Land Use Code and the Bicknell Decision.

Docks and Harbors Board: Liaison Nankervis reported on Dock Project 16b, the Fisherman's Memorial legal case, Douglas Harbor dredging and construction, Statter Harbor improvements, and a lease to CCTHITA for the Thane Ore House property. The next meeting was set for September 24 and the Board would consider changes to launch ramp permits.

Downtown Business Association: Mr. Jones said the next meeting was set for October 24.

Downtown Improvement Group (DIG): Ms. Becker said DIG met regarding marijuana issues, the docks and ship schedule, the Gastineau Apartment demolition and would next meet on September 25 to discuss marijuana and public health and safety.

Eaglecrest Board: Liaison Nankervis said the Board met on September 3 and stated that expenses were down 17%. Season pass sales started September 8. A dedication of the new facility was held the Saturday past, and the new road and mountain bike trail were in place. Opening day is anticipated for December 5.

Juneau Commission on Sustainability: Liaison Troll said the JCOS met September 16 and its focus was on the Airport Sustainability Plan - JCOS has member working with airport staff and the board - they are very pleased with the outcome of the planning and they have been very engaged. They are working diligently and hope to have something for Assembly to review at the end of October.

Juneau Convention and Visitors Bureau: Liaison White reported on the significant promotion Juneau has received from assisting travel journalists. The Alaska Tourism Industry Association annual conference will be held in Juneau October 5-9. She listed other upcoming meetings and conferences to be held in Juneau with an economic return to the community of more than $1 million.

Juneau Economic Development Council: Liaison Jones said JEDC had reviewed Its goals and and would report to the Assembly on those and its role with the Economic Development Plan. He spoke about plans for electric cars and busses. JEDC received a "Community of Excellence Awards for their work to establish a research center in Juneau. Mayor Sanford asked if this met a goal in the JEDP and Mr. Jones said it worked towards the goal, may help researchers with grant funding, and this was part of the discussion that JEDC had regarding what they are already working on and what they will be working on with the funding we provided to them for the JEDP.

Local Emergency Planning Committee: Liaison Gladziszewski discussed the Preparedness Expo on Sept 11 and 12, which was well attended. The next meeting was set for October 8.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee: Liaison Gladziszewski said the PRAC met September 8, discussed Savikko Park issues regarding loud parties late at night, discussed a gate and closing the park an hour earlier, discussed "Pocket Park" and the temporary use for demolition but want to see the park stay a park. The PRAC also discussed the Land Management Plan.

Mr. Kiehl asked if the PRAC discussed how to address ongoing problems at Gunakadeit Park. Ms. Gladziszewski said no. Some were ready to give up the park completely, but in the end they decided more discussion was needed to make the park successful.

Planning Commission: Liaison Jones said the Planning Commission met two weeks ago, reviewed marijuana issues and tabled the discussion to September 22. The PC had a scheduled COW meeting regarding access and easements on subdivisions, however the meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

School Board: Liaison Kiehl said the Board met on September 15 and heard about a possible STEM elementary charter school. Proponents of the school have done significant work to reduce the allocation of resources from the district. They are also working with CBJ law on how that proposal might attract a lot of low income and minority students and how to handle issues on allocating slots in the school. Board has made no final recommendation on starting a charter school. They also made some recommendation on funds left in school projects and discussed other project close outs.

Southeast Conference: Liaison Becker reported on attendance at the recent annual conference in Prince Rupert, BC.

UAS Campus Council: Liaison Kiehl said the council met and discussed connecting UAS students with community resources.

D. Presiding Officer Reports

XII. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Ms. Becker asked Mr. Bartholomew for information the senior sales tax exemption and its applicability to senior condominiums, where every condo is owned by a senior.

Mr. Kiehl spoke about the 9/11 memorial and the naming of the John R. Pugh Freshman Dorm. Regarding the city manager hiring process, points 5- 6 suggest the subcommittee will narrow the field to semi-finalists and finalists and that did not match his recollection of the discussion. Ms. Becker said the Assembly will be asked to attend the meetings and HR would do much of the narrowing of the field for qualifications, and the entire Assembly will look at the rest. The applications will be available to the entire Assembly and she invited the Assembly to the subcommittee meetings. The schedule will be provided to the Assemblymembers.

Ms. Crane said she welcomed foreign attaches from the Dept of Defense to Alaska, who spent a night in Juneau, then Sitka, Anchorage, Kotzebue, and Nome. People from around the world were at the Baranof for an interesting event.

Ms. Crane encouraged the community to attend a meeting on the state of the State of Alaska Finances on September 30 in Centennial Hall from 6 - 9 p.m. She would like to see CBJ be one of the sponsors for this meeting. The Chamber of Commerce and many different groups/ businesses were assisting to sponsor the event. Hearing no objection, the Assembly contributed $250 to the event.

Ms. Gladziszewski said she would like to see a mailing sent to all seniors with a fact sheet about how the sales tax exemption program would be changed and what action seniors might need to take.

Ms. Troll commended the Valley Rotary Club for a well-attended 9/11 memorial service. She was reluctant to have to revisit the seawalk in light of housing and gave kudos to Mr. Watt for his work. The discussion at the COW was good and she appreciated his efforts to help the Assembly through that discussion.

Mr. Nankervis said he was happy to see people fishing on Channel Drive now that the parking signs were changed. He complimented teacher Mara Early and her students on their work designing campaign strategies and profiles for the candidates in the local election.

XIII. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Assembly, the meeting adjourned at 10:56 p.m.

Signed:_________________________ Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk

Signed:_____________________________ Merrill Sanford, Mayor