THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Meeting Minutes - May 18, 2015

MEETING NO. 2015-14: 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; Bob Bartholomew, Finance Director; Mila Cosgrove, HRRM Director; Rorie Watt, Engineering & Public Works Director; Hal Hart, Community Development Director; Carl Uchytil, Port Director; Greg Chaney, Lands & Resources Manager; Gary Gillette, Port Engineer; Lauren Anderson, Ice Rink Manager; Myiia Wahto, Recreation Superintendent; Fran Compton, Admin Asst - P&R; Kristi West, Zach Gordon Youth Center Manager; David Means, Juneau School District Administrative Manager.

II. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Zach Gordon Youth Center Manager, Kristi West

City Manager Kiefer gave a tribute to Kristi West for her 30 years of service for CBJ, beginning in 1975 as a maintenance mechanic for five years, then in 1989 with Parks and Recreation, culminating as Manager of the Zach Gordon Youth Center. She spoke about her leadership, humility, and caring nature and thanked her for keeping Zach Gordon's memory alive through her work for the youth of Juneau. Mayor Sanford presented Ms. West with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Assembly and community.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 6, 2015 Regular Assembly Meeting No. 2015-10

Hearing no objection, the minutes of the April 6, 2015 Regular Assembly Meeting 2015-10 were approved as corrected.

B. April 20, 2015 Special Assembly Meeting No. 2015-11

Hearing no objection, the minutes of the April 20, 2015 Special Assembly Meeting 2015-11 were approved.

C. April 22, 2015 Special Assembly Meeting No. 2015-12

Hearing no objection, the minutes of the April 22, 2015 Special Assembly Meeting 2015-12 were approved.

D. April 27, 2015 Regular Assembly Meeting No. 2015-13

Hearing no objection, the minutes of the April 27, 2015 Regular Assembly Meeting 2015-13 were approved.

IV. MANAGER'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

City Manager Kim Kiefer requested that Ordinance 2014-24(AP), appropriating $110,000 as funding for Dunn Street CIP Project R72-115, set for public hearing, be removed from the agenda. Hearing no objection, the Assembly removed the item from the agenda.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mark Ridgeway said he operated a downtown business and if the opportunity arose to offer more public input on the location of the whale sculpture, he would appreciate it. He knew a lot of planning had gone into the effort to date.

Eric Forst, a member of the Downtown Business Association, supported Mr. Ridgeway's comments and said they were supportive of the Whale project, and supportive of its initial location in the Marine Park. They would like to see it located in that area. The plan to put it in the shadow of the bridge would take his customers out of the downtown area and that was not supporting downtown businesses. He was supportive of most of the project with the exception of the location at Bridge Park.

Ms. Troll said a number of locations had been explored and asked what other feasible options existed. Mr. Forst said that he had heard the new ownership of the Wharf Building was interested in working with the city and there were possible locations south of there and the statue would be in place for a significant amount of time, so it was important to properly site the statue.

David Summers said former Mayor Overstreet had done amazing work to bring this project to fruition and the location could be a divisive issue in the community if the Assembly did not allow the community to continue discussion on the location. The marine park area was more appropriate and the Wharf Building owners were interested in working with the city. He said no one knew how many tourists would walk that far to go see the Whale statue, there were no commercial businesses in the area of Bridge Park, the bus companies had said they would not take people there. He asked the Assembly to reconsider the location for the statue at Bridge Park.

Robert Janes supported the comments of the last few speakers and said he owned and ran Gastineau Guiding. He said he understood people were "coming out of the woodwork" now on this issue but it was important for the Assembly to consider changed circumstances. It was hard to go back on a decision that had been made and the whale committee, the city and staff had put a lot of time into this. There were new circumstances so he asked the Assembly to get the new information.

Former Mayor Bruce Botelho said he was the President of the Whale Project and thanked the Downtown Business Association for its letter of support for the seawalk and the idea of a park at the bridge and the recognition that the whale would be an iconic image for Juneau - on that they were in full agreement. There was a fundamental disagreement on the location. The committee had worked since 2007, approached the city in 2007 when CBJ agreed to accept the gift and undertake the cost of site preparation. The original location was at Marine Park. Staff came up with a cost to do the siting. Despite other activities in the park and the visual effect of a 28 foot whale juxtaposed next to a cruise ship of six to eight stories, the cost to put it on the "cake" it would be $1.3 million, but if placed on pilings, and five locations were reviewed, the cost was $5.2 million. The committee worked for three years to seek agreement with the Mental Health Trust Authority to find a location for placement at the subport but MHTA concluded that the whale would take too

much of the space they wanted to develop commercially. We looked at other sites, and because the Bridge Park is owned by the city, by the water, and does not require extensive piling or fill and the location offers a good backdrop, decided that this was the best available location. The matter went to through several committees, including Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and Docks and Harbors Board, both endorsed the location in 2012. The Assembly acted in September 2012 to confirm the site. It clearly would be an icon similar to Copenhagen's Mermaid or Seattle's Space Needle. It will contribute to the face of Juneau and the community needs to look to the long term.

Jim Clark, a member of the Whale Project, echoed Mayor Botelho's remarks and thanked the Engineering Department for the analysis that was done. There were 15 sites chosen for review and eliminated in a normal trade off process. The staff should be commended for the success of the Corps of Engineers permitting review. Beyond the trade off analysis, the artist had been to the site at various times of the day and year and considered lighting and siting. The statue would be too boxed in at Marine Park and there would be a clear view of the channel from the Bridge Park Location. He said there are a number of people in the audience who had not had a chance to donate and the project still needed $70,000 to finish the fundraising.

Dixie Hood said she was a member of the PRAC when this came to its attention, and she had known the artist, Skip Wallen for years. She had hoped the location at Marine Park would work, but when the panamax dock came into being, there just seemed no way to make it work. The Bridge Park seemed possible. She had a lot of concern about the business building that the Docks and Harbors wanted to put there, and she would like to see the hotels gone too, but people would go to see the Whale Statue. She was opposed to a bus stop there, but thought a downtown shuttle would be appropriate for that location. Objections by the downtown businesses started off at the beginning and they should not carry the day. The community members would love it and so would the people who come to visit.

Larraine Derr said that was the first time that Dixie Hood and Romer Derr agreed on anything.

Wayne Coogan said he was speaking as a member of the Affordable Housing Commission. He said the AHC worked hard with the intent to create a loan program for homeowners interested in building accessory apartments in their homes to increase housing units, but were unable to find a way to underwrite and finance the loans through available city staff. The AHC changed the program to a grant, and wanted to provide $5000 grants up to $75,000. The Assembly chose to shelve the idea, awaiting the results of the Housing Action Plan, which was underway through a consultant. AHC asked him to ask the Assembly to roll forward with this plan. The money has been fermenting for almost a decade doing nothing, and we have concluded there is no way to lend it, so use it as an incentive. If you give a grant to a person wanting to add an apartment to their house, it might pay for the permit and the paint job, but this would also increase the value of the improvements on property and increase the tax base, in a way that CBJ could recover its investment through property taxes. The Assembly could earmark some taxes back into the housing fund.

Mayor Sanford said it would be up to the Assembly to take the matter up at the end of the meeting if a member so chose.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

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

None.

B. Assembly Requests for Consent Agenda Changes

Ms. Troll asked that Resolution 2713(d) be moved to the regular agenda. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

C. Assembly Action

MOTION, by Becker, to adopt the consent agenda, with the removal of Resolution 2713(d). Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

1. Ordinances for Introduction

a. Ordinance 2015-26 An Ordinance Approving a Land Trade between the City and Borough and Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church.

This ordinance would authorize the Manager to finalize a land exchange between the CBJ and Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church.

In order to develop CBJ property on Pederson Hill to meet housing needs, the CBJ must first secure access routes to the property from Glacier Highway. Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church has demonstrated interest in an equal area land trade that would be mutually beneficial. As a result of the land trade, the CBJ would gain a reliable access point that allows for cost effective development of utilities as well as a four-way intersection off of Glacier Highway that was recommended by Alaska DOT&PF. Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church gains land that could be developed for future expansion, safe direct access to the proposed right-of-way, as well as a driveway and future sewer hook-up. This land trade would facilitate the next phase of planning and development of the Pederson Hill residential subdivision and provide access for future projects higher up on Pederson Hill.

On April 14, 2015, the Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval of this land trade. The Lands Committee expressed its support for the land trade at its meeting on May 4, 2015.

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

b. Ordinance 2015-28 An Ordinance Creating Local Improvement District No. 62 to Improve the Roadway within the McGinnis Subdivision and Appropriating the Sum of $3,000,000.

This ordinance would create Local Improvement District (LID) No. 62 for the purpose of paving streets within the McGinnis Subdivision. The streets to be paved are: Steelhead Street, Silver Street, Hummingbird Lane, Heron Way, and Wren Drive. The total project cost is $3,000,000. The total of all proposed assessments for this LID is $472,000.

An informal poll of the property owners was conducted. The informal ballots were due on April 8, 2015. Eighty-three responses were received from a total of one hundred and twenty-five properties. Of those responses received, fifty-eight were in favor of the LID, and twenty-five opposed it.

LID 62 was reviewed by the Public Works and Facilities Committee at its April 13, 2015, meeting and forwarded to the full Assembly for approval.

Notice of the June 8, 2015, public hearing were mailed to the residents in the LID area and published in the newspaper as required by CBJ 15.10.040. At the public hearing, affected property owners will have an opportunity to object to the formation of the district.

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

c. Ordinance 2015-29 An Ordinance Amending the Signs Code and Providing for a Penalty.

This ordinance would amend CBJ Chapter 49.45, the Signs Code, relating to enforcement of the Signs Code regulations, by changing violations from criminal infractions to a civil violations, and by amending the currently imposed staggered penalty ($25, $50, and $100) to a $500 per day, per offense penalty with a 15-day grace period. After noticing the decline in sign compliance and the inherent disincentive for compliance in existing Code ($25 to put up a sign without a permit vs. $50 to apply for a permit), the Historic Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC) initiated this amendment.

The HRAC unanimously voted in support of the amendment at its December 9, 2014, meeting. The Title 49 subcommittee also unanimously supported the change at its January 27, 2015, meeting. At its meeting on April 14, 2015, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the amendment to the full Assembly.

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

d. Ordinance 2015-30 An Ordinance Authorizing the Manager to Lease Approximately 1.31 Acres, Located between the Juneau Arts and Culture Center and Centennial Hall, to the State of Alaska for Employee Parking.

In 2009, Resolution Serial No. 2535 authorized the Manager to lease the area between the JACC and Centennial Hall to the State of Alaska for employee parking for one year with four one-year renewals. The last renewal is set to expire on June 30, 2015. The State of Alaska is requesting a new lease for one year, with four one-year renewals. The current fair market rent of the site is $122,760, which is based on 155 parking spaces. The State manages and provides winter maintenance of the leased area.

There is a slight change of the size of the leased area on paper to more accurately reflect the 155 parking spaces being leased. Resolution No. 2535 described the leased area as 1.39 acres (60,629 square feet) but the actual leased area was less. This ordinance clarifies the 155 parking spaces being leased comprise 1.31 acres (57,063 square feet). Despite the area clarification, the leased area still provides the 155 requested parking spaces, which is how the appraisal was calculated (155 parking spaces x $66/month per space x 12 months= $122,760).

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

e. Ordinance 2015-31 An Ordinance Authorizing a Capital Improvement by Agreement for the Paving of a Portion of Eagle Street.

This non-code ordinance would authorize the Manager to enter into a capital improvements by agreement contract with two property owners along the unpaved portion of Eagle Street, pursuant to CBJ 15.10.290. Per the agreement, the two Eagle Street property owners would each pay a $3,800 contribution towards the overall cost of paving and related improvements to a currently unpaved portion of Eagle Street. The total cost of the project is estimated to be $13,800.

The agreement would allow the owners' contribution to be financed over a period of ten years, at an annual interest rate equivalent to the 15-year mortgage interest rate at the time of the approval of this ordinance.

The CBJ will be repaving Eagle Street through the Pavement Management CIP this summer and would pave the unpaved easterly 100' as part of the project, if this ordinance is approved.

The issue was reviewed by the Public Works and Facilities Committee at its April 13, 2015 meeting, which recommended forwarding it to the full Assembly for approval.

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

f. Ordinance 2014-24(AQ) An Ordinance Appropriating $83,800 as Partial Funding for a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT); Grant Funding Provided by the Juneau Community Foundation Hope Endowment Fund.

This ordinance would appropriate $83,800 in grant funding to the CBJ as partial funding for a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT). Grant funding provided by the Juneau Community Foundation Hope Endowment Fund.

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. The core function for the CIT is to provide services to individuals suffering from mental health, and to their families opposed to referring them to the Criminal Justice System.

The funds from the grant would be for thirteen months and would fund the CIT at the Juneau Police Department (JPD). The grant would be used on an existing CIT Detective's salary as well as provide training to a select group of JPD personnel to join the already established Mental Health Community. The allocated funds would be used for six months of the CIT Detective's salary, and overtime for (5) police officers, (1) community service officer, and (2) dispatchers to attend training. The remaining funding would be used to provide internal department training. The JPD's existing operating budget will cover the remaining six month salary for the CIT Detective.

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

g. Ordinance 2014-24(AS) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of $706,400 as Partial Funding for Various Departments' Fiscal Year 2015 Operating

Budget; Funding Provided by General Fund and Other Fund Balances and Roaded Service Area Fund Balance.

This ordinance would appropriate $706,400 for increases in FY15 operational costs among several CBJ departments. Funding is provided by departments' fund balances, the general fund balance, and Roaded Service Area fund balance.

Airport
The Airport anticipates exceeding its FY15 budgeted spending authority by $104,800. This is due to construction on Alex Holden Way. The anticipated funding for this is Current Year Revenues Exceeding Projected Budget.

Eaglecrest
Eaglecrest is anticipating a potential $50,000 shortfall in the current fiscal year operating budget due to low snowfall. The anticipated funding for this is a draw on its Fund Balance.

Law
The Law Department is anticipating a $14,600 shortfall in the current fiscal year operating budget due to increased misdemeanor offender man-days in the 3rd Quarter of FY15 related to Prisoner Care Expenses. The anticipated funding for this is General Fund's Fund Balance.

Downtown Parking
Downtown Parking anticipates exceeding its FY15 budgeted spending authority by $37,000. The increase is due to expected completion of work on the Transit Center Doors. The anticipated funding for this is a draw on the Parking Fund Balance.

Juneau School District
This $500,000 of increased expenditure authority funds the Juneau School District to the FY15 State spending CAP. This increase would be funded with Roaded Service Area Fund Balance.

The Assembly Finance Committee reviewed and approved these increases at its meeting on May 6th, 2015.

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

2. Resolutions

a. Resolution 2726 A Resolution Dissolving the Aquatic Facilities Advisory Board and Repealing Resolution 2644.

On April 27, 2015, the Assembly adopted Ordinance 2015-23, creating the Aquatics Facilities Board. With the creation of the new enterprise board, the Aquatics Facilities Advisory Board, which fulfilled a similar role, needs to be dissolved. This resolution would dissolve the advisory board, effective August 1, 2015, and repeal its enabling legislation.

The Manager recommends this resolution be adopted.

3. Transfers

a. Transfer T-970 Transferring $240,000 From Tanner Terrace Reconstruction CIP to the Back Loop Auke Bay Waterline CIP.

Transferring $240,000 of Sale Tax Revenues from the nearly completed Tanner Terrace Reconstruction capital improvement project to provide additional funding necessary to complete the Back Loop Auke Bay Waterline capital improvement project.

The water main being replaced by the ADOT Fritz Cove to Seaview Reconstruction Project is a part of the original University water system and needs to be upgraded due to being old and undersized (not able to carry the volume of water needed to efficiently supply water from the CBJ water sources – LCB and Salmon Creek – to the customers out the road). The remaining portions of the water system within the ADOT project limits have already been upgraded as parts of past projects. An updated estimate came in significantly higher than initially thought, with project costs estimated at $540,000. The project is anticipated to be during the summer 2015 and constructed in 2016. The Tanner Terrace project is substantially complete with minor punch list items and project closeout to be completed in the near future.

Transfer From -		
R72-065	Tanner Terrace Reconstruction LID	$240,000
Transfer To –		
W75-048	Back Loop Auke Bay Waterline	$240,000

The Public Works and Facilities Committee reviewed this request and forwarded to the full Assembly with a recommendation of approval at its May 4, 2015 meeting.

The Manager recommends this transfer be approved.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Resolution 2713(d) A Resolution Adopting the City and Borough Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2016 Through 2021, and Establishing the Capital Improvement Project Priorities for Fiscal Year 2016.

This resolution would adopt the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2016 through 2021, as required by Charter Section 9.4, and lists the capital projects that will be undertaken in FY 2016.

The Public Works and Facilities Committee (PWFC) reviewed the CIP at its meeting on February 9, 2015 and forwarded the plan to the Assembly.

The CIP Resolution was: introduced at the Special Assembly meeting on April 1, 2015 and referred to the Assembly Finance Committee (AFC), reviewed at the April 8, 2015 AFC meeting, open for public comment during the Assembly meeting on April 27, 2015, and referred back to the AFC for review at the meeting on May 6, 2015. The AFC approved Resolution 2713(c) as amended and referred it to the Assembly for adoption.

Resolution version (d) amended the Marine Passenger Fee Priorities (MPF) – Waterfront Seawalk project, from $885,200 to $800,200 to equal the MPF amount approved, in a separate action, by the AFC May 6, 2015.

The Manager recommends this revised resolution be adopted.

Public Comment:

Greg Fisk spoke on behalf of the Downtown Business Association The DBA submitted two projects for the Marine Passenger Fees, the "Downtown Circulator" and "Paths of Travel" projects, and were told by management that the projects were premature. They believed the projects were timely and in keeping with the economic development plan. They were not fly by night proposals. He spoke with Ms. Troll, who suggested there may be the possibility of an amendment to the CIP resolution to fund the projects from existing funds without hurting other projects.

Ms. Becker asked what money available to do the project. Mr. Fisk deferred the answer to the Assembly and said the project was an important study for an actionable plan for the transportation circulator bus and the downtown travel patterns. Mr. Fisk said there had been hundreds of hours of volunteer time into this project and they had taken it as far as they could without it going to professionals for assistance.

Ms. Gladziszewski said the idea of a circulator has been around for some time and some studies had been done. She wanted to know specifically what had been accomplished. Mr. Fisk said that Capital Transit did have a circulator operational in 1983 and there was a ride free zone but that was supported by a one year grant - Mr. Kern stretched it out to two years and that idea stuck in people's minds. The 2008 Transit Development Plan made a recommendation but did not get into the details. DBA did an analysis by Moore Associates with a city grant but it did not go anywhere. Last year Nelson Nygard did the Transit Plan update and determined it did not have the resources to do a circulator. The idea got high marks in the transit survey, even though the study was devoted to areawide transportation. About three years ago, he and Jill Ramiel were on the JEDC board and they pushed for the downtown revitalization effort - including streetscaping, housing and the downtown circulator. A lot of work had been done.

Ms. Gladziszewski said that Sam Kito did some work as a transportation planner - what was different now? Mr. Fisk said there were some different opinions on a mode of transportation but there was general agreement that a circulator was a good idea. That question had to be part of the study, to determine if it was a practical idea.

Mr. Sanford said that the Assembly had spent significant funds on the situation downtown and could there be an addition to that effort instead of a new effort? Mr. Fisk said the wayfinding program was a good effort but needed to be updated, but it was more than that, it was identifying impediments to people knowing where to go - we need portals or gateways to help people find their way beyond the wall at the Red Dog. There have also been accretions to the area and we need to revise the information to the public, including the Willoughby Area Project.

Bruce Denton spoke in favor of amending the CIP for this project and said he had submitted a letter to the city manager, He said the project would be transformative of the downtown area, he strongly supported the concept, and as 16b dock came on line and landing two cruise ships worth of people into the Marine Park Area, we need to consider how we will handle that load of people.

Ms. Becker asked if any work has been done regarding travel patterns of tourists from 16b project.

Mr. Uchytil said no.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Kiehl, to adopt Resolution 2713(d).

MOTION, by Troll, to amend Resoltuion 2713(d) to fund $150,000 for Downtown Improvements Related to Traffic Flow and Visitor Service, the source of these funds will come from the $800,200 currently remaining in the Waterfront Seawalk project, leaving $650,200 for continuing to implement the Waterfront Development Plan.

Ms. Troll said these funds would be used to study the feasibility of a circular transit system in Downtown Juneau and to develop a plan for improved pedestrian networks, visitor pathways, public spaces and restrooms including enhanced way finding and interpretive signage throughout the waterfront area. These funds could also be used for related uplands planning and any planning necessary for electric charging stations in the downtown area. The City Manager would determine how best to apportion the funds between engaged city departments, associated organizations such as the Downtown Business Association and/or the need to contract with outside firms. Ms. Troll said there was no increase in spending, but a reallocation to move forward towards two vital projects that would build on work that has been done and supported by several committees, including DBA, DIG, AK Committee, JEDC and others.

Mayor Sanford asked City Manager for her opinion. Ms. Kiefer said the projects qualified for MPF, but the timing was not right. She was approached today about this idea. Any funds remaining in marine passenger fees were put into the waterfront seawalk project, and that seemed like a logical source of funds. She would prefer not doing two different contracts, as improvements could be done on existing signage and I don't think it needs a contractor for that portion for the work. Ms. Troll said that she consulted the city manager for guidance but did not try to put her on the spot about her agreement.

Ms. Gladziszewski said it would take millions for the seawalk, so why was this the right source. Ms. Kiefer said funds exist for the current phase, and she thought $150,000 at this time would noput the project behind, because the next stage was from the bridge to Gold Creek.

Ms. Becker said she had the same concern about shorting the seawalk project. Ms. Kiefer said she was not comfortable taking the fund balance amount of $170,000, but it was a decision for the Assembly.

Mr. Nankervis said that he did not appreciate significant amendments when the discussion had been held in committee, as there is little time to review the issue when presented during public hearing.

Mr. Kiehl spoke in support of the amendment and said any work that could be done toward a downtown circulator would be useful. Without a downtown circulator we need to run big buses up the hill and people have mobility issues. It is important for year round residents and tourists alike. He supported the wayfinding program to move many people around efficiently. He would take the funds from the $1.5 million recently deposited to the downtown waterfront open space line item, but he would not argue with the amendment.

Ms. Becker asked about the use of the passenger fee funding regarding related upland planning and charging stations - how would tourists use charging stations and how was that related?

Ms. Kiefer said it would depend on whether the buses to be used would be electrified and there was some discussion about those type of plug-ins being needed by private business as well.

Mayor Sanford passed the gavel to Ms. Becker. He said the Assembly had gone through a big process, and perhaps some of the funds were appropriate to use, but there was a process to follow rather than coming in at the last minute with requests. The work needed to be done in committee.

He was not in favor of doing this project this year but supported referring the matter to public works to identify the specifics of such a project. There was significant discussion about a downtown circulator, which needed to be analyzed in committee.

Ms. Gladziszewski said she had the same concerns, she knew there had been work done but she thought the idea needed further discussion.

Ms. Troll said the language was from the information on the Marine Passenger Fee proposal and she apologized for bringing it up late at this meeting. She duly noted the process.

Ms. Gladziszewski asked Mr. Watt if he had information about a downtown circulator that was current. He suggested looking at the two previous transit plans, and there were all varieties of a circulator, with different costs, depending on seasonality or year round, and route, which would need policy questions answered. The problem, purpose and goals needed to be defined and he suggested discussion at a June 22 Committee of the Whole.

Ms. Crane said the Assembly had talked about this at length about these ideas and she supported the amendment.

Mr. Nankervis said if this was important enough to do it needed to be planned into next year's budget.

Mr. Jones said with 16b coming on line and Egan Drive from Main Street, the opening of the SLAM, and moving people across a busy street, he would like to see money spent on those issues. A consultant may not be necessary, and he noted the Assembly could not spend $200,000 to expand transit to Riverside Drive. We need to look at pinch points, and moving people to the SLAM and the capitol building will be an issue.

Mr. Kiehl said that implementing a downtown circulator was one of the short term goals in the transit plan just adopted.

Roll call on the amendment:
Aye: Crane, Jones, Gladziszewski, Kiehl, Troll
Nay: Becker, Nankervis, White, Sanford
Motion passed: 5 ayes, 4 nays.

Hearing no objection, Resolution 2713(3), as amended, was adopted.

B. Ordinance 2015-19 An Ordinance Establishing the Rate of Levy for Property Taxes for Calendar Year 2015 Based Upon the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2016.

Ordinance 2015-19 establishes the mill rates for property taxes for 2015, which funds a significant portion of the City and Borough of Juneau's FY16 operating budget. The Charter requires the assembly to adopt, by ordinance, the tax levies necessary to fund the budget before June 15.

The mill levies presented in this ordinance support the Manager's FY16 Revised Budget that has been reviewed by the Assembly Finance Committee.

An opportunity for public comment took place on April 27, 2015. The Assembly Finance Committee approved a motion on May 6, 2015 to move the proposed mill rates on to the Assembly for action on May 18, 2015.

This ordinance proposes a total mill levy of 10.76 (which is unchanged from the FY15 total levy), the components of which are:

Area	Millage
Roaded Service Area	2.20
Fire Service Area	0.36
Areawide -	
Operational	6.70
Debt Service	1.50
Total	**10.76**

The Manager recommends this ordinance be adopted.

Public Comment:

Dixie Hood spoke about her financial situation and said she has served on several public boards and commissions. She said she was dismayed by cuts to important programs, services and personnel. She urged the Assembly to increase the mill rate and reconsider a means test for the senior sales tax exemption. Revenue generation was needed to balance the budget more than the cuts that had been made beyond reasonable efficiency.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Nankervis, to adopt Ordinance 2015-19. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

C. Ordinance 2015-20(b) An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Treasury for FY16 City and Borough Operations.

Ordinance 2015-20(b) appropriates $321,043,000 for the City and Borough of Juneau's FY16 operating budget, excluding the School District. It is necessary to appropriate all transfers between funds that support operations, debt service and capital projects as well as the associated expenditure within the funds themselves. These transfers account for $87,884,300 of the FY16 operating budget.

The original ordinance was introduced at the April 1, 2015 Special Assembly meeting and referred to the Assembly Finance Committee for deliberation. The Finance Committee held 6 meetings/work sessions on the budget. The Assembly Finance Committee moved the amended budget ordinance back to the full Assembly at its May 6, 2015 meeting. The Charter requires adoption by June 15, 2015.

The Manager recommends this ordinance, as amended by the Assembly Finance Committee, be adopted.

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Crane, to adopt Ordinance 2015-20(b).

Mayor Sanford objected.

Roll call:
Aye: Becker, Crane, Jones, Gladziszewski, Kiehl, Nankervis, Troll, White
Nay: Sanford
Motion passed, 8 ayes, 1 nay.

D. Ordinance 2015-21(b) An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Treasury for FY16 School District Operations

Ordinance 2015-21(b) would appropriate to the School District an FY16 operating budget of $85,616,500. The School District's operating budget is:

· General Operations	$70,541,100
· Special Revenue (pupil transportation, food service, etc)	6,559,900
· Other Operations (student activities, grants, etc)	8,515,500
Total Budget	$85,616,500

The FY16 school budget is supported with a combination of funding sources that includes local funding of $25,696,000. This consists of $24,926,000 for general operations, and $770,000 for activities funding outside the State CAP. This includes student activities funding of $565,000, $70,000 for pupil transportation and $135,000 for Community Schools. The $24,926,000 in general operations support is an increase of $399,100 over FY15. The $770,000 for activities funding is an increase of $392,500 over FY15.

The original ordinance was introduced at the April 1, 2015 Special Assembly meeting and referred to the Assembly Finance Committee for deliberation. The Assembly Finance Committee moved the amended ordinance at its May 6, 2015 meeting.

The Manager recommends this ordinance, as amended by the Assembly Finance Committee, be adopted.

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Becker, to adopt Ordinance 2015-21(b).

Mayor Sanford objected.

Roll call:
Aye: Becker, Crane, Jones, Gladziszewski, Kiehl, Nankervis, Troll, White
Nay: Sanford
Motion passed, 8 ayes, 1 nay.

E. Ordinance 2015-24 An Ordinance Authorizing the Manager to Lease a .50 Acre Parcel of Land, Located at Approximately 100520 Crazy Horse Drive, to the Southeast Alaska Food Bank.

In 2001, Resolution 2098 authorized the Manager to lease a 0.25-acre parcel of land at the end Crazy Horse Drive to the Southeast Alaska Food Bank for $1 per year for 25 years, for the purpose of operating a charitable food distribution warehouse. Over the past 14 years, the Food Bank has provided a food distribution system for service groups assisting those in need throughout Southeast. The Food Bank now seeks to expand their leased area in order to meet increasing demand.

The Planning Commission reviewed this proposal at its March 10, 2015, meeting, and recommended forwarding to the full Assembly for approval.

At its March 23, 2015, meeting, the Lands Committee unanimously supported adopting an ordinance authorizing the conveyance of a 25-year lease to the Southeast Alaska Food Bank.

The Manager recommends this ordinance be adopted.

Public Comment:

Dixie Hood said she is a member of the Juneau Commission on Aging and strongly supported the ordinance.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Kiehl, to adopt Ordinance 2015-24. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

F. Ordinance 2014-24(AM) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of $100,000 as Partial Funding for the Statter Harbor Launch Ramp Capital Improvement Project, Funding Provided by the Alaska Department Of Transportation and Public Facilities.

The CBJ granted Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities an access easement across Docks and Harbors managed property slated for the new Statter Harbor Launch Ramp project.

ADOT/PF construction in the easement caused alteration to the design of the necessitating construction of a retaining wall where a vegetated slope was planned. To mitigate this impact to the project, ADOT/PF agreed to compensate D&H up to $100,000 for costs related to the retaining wall feature. The total cost related to the retaining wall was $112,182.

In accordance with the agreement, ADOT/PF has made payment to CBJ of $100,000 for costs associated with the retaining wall. This appropriation ordinance would accept those funds into the Statter Harbor Launch Ramp CIP account. Docks and Harbors will cover the remaining $12,182.

The Public Works and Facilities Committee reviewed this item at its April 13, 2015 meeting, and recommended forwarding to the full Assembly for approval. The Docks and Harbors Board will considered this item at its April 30, 2015 meeting, and recommended forwarding to the full Assembly for approval.

The Manager recommends this ordinance be adopted.

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

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

G. Ordinance 2014-24(AO) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of $161,179 as Funding to Pay Bond Debt, Funding Provided by General Obligation Bond Proceeds.

This ordinance would appropriate $161,178.55 in 2009 GO School Bond income to pay down school related bond debt.

Funding provided by unexpended 2009 GO School Bond income from the completed school district capital improvement project (CIP) DZ Covered Play Area (S02-091). This ordinance would close the CIP.

Transfer T-952 was approved on February 24, 2014 by the Assembly, but the State of Alaska Department of Education and Early Development (ADEED) only approved the transfer of $38K and $88.8K, leaving the remainder of $161K to go to debt service.

The Public Works and Facilities Committee approved this action at its February 9, 2015 meeting, and recommended forwarding to the full Assembly for approval. The Juneau School Board approved this action at its February 10, 2015 meeting, and recommended forwarding to the full Assembly for approval.

The Manager recommends this ordinance be adopted.

Public Comment: None

Assembly Action:

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

H. Ordinance 2014-24(AP) An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of $110,000 as Funding for the Dunn Street Capital Improvement Project (R72-115), Funding Provided by the Water Fund's Fund Balance.

This Ordinance would appropriate $110,000 of Water Fund's Fund Balance to fund the water system replacement during the paving of Dunn Street.

The resident requested Dunn Street Paving Project was approved by the Public Works and Facilities Committee on March 23, 2015.

The water system is in poor condition requiring replacement prior to paving the roadway, the Public Works and Facilities Committee reviewed and approved this request for appropriation of water revenues at its April 13, 2015 meeting.

The Manager recommends this ordinance be adopted.

This ordinance was removed from the agenda - no public hearing was held and no action was taken.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Tall Timbers Neighborhood Association v Planning Commission re: Appeal of Haven House CUP2014 0008 and UNL2014 0001 - Assembly Decision

CBJ Code 01.50.140, Decision on the appeal, provides the process for the Assembly's decision:

(a) Form and contents. All decisions shall be written and must contain findings of fact and a determination on each of the issues presented. A decision may affirm, modify, or set aside an agency decision in whole or in part. A decision may be to remand any issue to the agency. Following adoption of the decision by the appeal agency or hearing officer, the municipal clerk shall deliver or mail the decision to the parties or their representatives.

(b) Appeal agency decisions. In an appeal heard by the appeal agency:

(1) The attorney, if any, who advised the appeal agency at the hearing may be present during the deliberation on the decision of the case, and if requested, shall assist and advise the appeal agency;

(2) A member of the appeal agency who has not heard the evidence in person at the hearing may not participate in the decision;

(3) Deliberation shall be in executive session unless the agency votes to deliberate in open session; and

(4) The appeal agency shall itself prepare and adopt a written decision no later than 45 days after the close of the hearing and the filing of all post-hearing briefs, if any; or the appeal agency may direct the attorney who advised the appeal agency, if any, or the prevailing party to prepare a proposed decision. A proposed decision prepared by the advising attorney or the prevailing party shall be filed with the municipal clerk and served on each party to the appeal or the party's representative no later than 45 days after the close of the hearing and the filing of all post-hearing briefs, if any. The parties may file written objections to the proposed decision with the municipal clerk within five days after service of the proposed decision. The proposed decision and any objections to the proposed decision shall be placed before the appeal agency at the first regular meeting at which the matter may be scheduled or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

The Committee of the Whole met on May 4 and reviewed the draft decision and provided comments to the attorney in executive session. The draft decision in the packet was distributed to the parties on May 6, and written comments from the parties were due by May 11 and can be found in the packet.

Ms. Mead said the decision was before the Assembly, the parties had an opportunity to comment. The comments were in the Assembly's packet.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Kiehl, to adopt the decision in the appeal as circulated to the parties. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

Mayor Sanford ordered a 5 minute recess to celebrate Ms. White's birthday.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. 1% for Art - Juneau Cruise Berths Project

CBJ Docks and Harbors received twenty-eight different project proposals from eight different artists for art for the cruise ship berths project. The nine-member Assembly appointed Art Selection Panel reviewed the submittals, narrowing the field to four proposals for final consideration.

The Panel (one member absent) gave final consideration of the proposals on April 20, 2015 and unanimously adopted a motion recommending the Assembly approve Cliff Garten's art proposal for the Cruise Berths Project. The Docks and Harbors Board reviewed the proposal at its regular meeting on April 30, 2015 and recommended the Assembly approve the Cliff Garten proposal. The May 4, 2015 Public Works and Facilities Committee meeting discussed the proposal as an information item and forwarded it to the Assembly.

The Manager recommends approval of the 1% for Art Proposal for Juneau Cruise Berths Project.

Public Comment:

Mike Peterson said he was on the Docks and Harbors Board, not at the meeting when the project was approved, but spoke to what he liked about the project. He liked the stainless steel, the elements of the eagle feather and the whales tail, that it was stationary on a dolphin and that it lent itself to the imagination. There was consistency of the art along the seawalk and was not pieced out among different artists. It was more remarkable that the panel was unanimous in its choice, as we all have our different opinions about art.

Ms. Becker asked if Mr. Peterson could see the elements of the bird and the whale in the art. Mr. Peterson said he could and he saw an extensive presentation, which helped him to understand the project.

Reynalda Cadiente Brown said she was on the 1% for Art Committee, and she said the unique feature was the lighting. The work itself was unique. She thanked Gary Gillette for his leadership of the committee. She said the tourists and locals would both like the work and the light would enhance the dark days of winter.

Mayor Sanford asked about the group's discussions on the dilemma of seeking art work from outside of Juneau or spending funds to support local artists in Juneau and Alaska. Ms. Cadiente Brown said the work was solicited through a bid process and there were no restrictions on the submission to local artists only. The proposals came in all sizes and descriptions. This work's artist took time to study the area, visited the area, as did other artists, and there were some local and state artists that had equal opportunity to expand on their proposals. This proposal was very thorough, well defined and included many aspects that make Juneau our unique home. There were multiple levels to the review, and some artists were not willing to adapt their work to the project, so there was an element of hope to find a proposal that would enhance our waterfront, and we believe this project does this.

Ms. Becker asked when the project would be installed. Ms. Cadiente deferred to Mr. Gillette. She said one other plus was there was more than one sculpture in the piece. She said the pieces would create a magnet for use of the area for events and this created a gathering space and would benefit the downtown business owners.

Mr. Gillette said the project was two phased, this fall begins phase one through May 2016, and the full project would be complete in May 2017. We have discussed installing part of the art but we don't want to get in the way of the dock work, but we don't want to mobilize twice. Currently the artist is planning full installation May 2017. The first phase will have the installation of the south berth.

Mr Kiehl asked about people climbing on the work and Mr. Gillette said the artist responded that people might try to climb anything but it would not be an easy task.

Ms. Gladziszewski asked if the light would be visible from Douglas. Mr. Gillette said there were many lights downtown visible from Douglas, and these would not stand out more than other lights that were already installed. Each pillar would have four led lights lighting the sculpture.

Ms. Troll asked about birds perching and Mr. Gillette said they were stainless steel and could be easily washed.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Crane, to approve the project. Hearing no objection, so ordered.

B. Protest of Planning Commission's Recommendation to Deny a Request to Rezone Tract B1 of USS 1568, Located at 7400 Glacier Highway.

In January 2015, the applicant applied to have Tract B1 of USS 1568, located at 7400 Glacier Highway, rezoned from D-5 to a mix of D-18 and LC (Light Commercial). Staff's recommendation was that the Commission recommend approval of the rezone to D-18 and denial of the rezone to LC.

At its April 14, 2015, meeting, the Planning Commission voted to recommend denial of the rezone application in full. The applicant filed a timely protest as required by Ordinance 2014-14.

Once a timely protest is received, a draft ordinance providing for the rezone is prepared for the Assembly to consider. Because the Commission has recommended that the rezone request be denied, the ordinance could not be drafted to include findings that the rezone criteria outlined in CBJ 49.75.120 have been met. Such findings will need to be made by the Assembly should the Assembly decide to approve the rezone.

The draft ordinance will be introduced on June 8, 2015. The Assembly may schedule a special hearing on the draft ordinance prior to public hearing on June 29, 2015, or it may direct that the ordinance proceed to public hearing as per normal practice.

After public hearing, the Assembly may approve the rezone request or deny the rezone request. If the Assembly decides to approve the rezone request, it must find that the proposed zoning district and uses allowed therein are in substantial conformance with the land use maps of the City and Borough Comprehensive Plan.

Assembly Action:

Mr. Jones asked how the Assembly's deliberative process would occur in open session and how it would develop findings prior to any vote.

Ms. Mead said the procedure was legislative and would be like any other ordinance. The rezone could not be approved unless it substantially conformed with the comprehensive plan. That was the finding the would need to be made before approval of the ordinance. The rationale for adoptions was developed as part of the manager's report, the public hearing and the discussion by the Assembly and that is the procedure that this followed. The staff report for this makes a recommendation and findings could be part of the finding developed during the public hearing. You could adopt this or side with the planning commission and deny the request. Ms. Mead said a rezone was not a matter of right, it was a legislative act, and no one is entitled to a rezone. To approve a rezone, certain standards must be met with a rational basis for the decision. The code determines that to be substantial conformance with the land use maps.

Mr. Jones said he would be absent from the June 29 meeting and unable to call in for the public hearing. Ms. Mead said the reason why the process was explained this way in the manager's report, when this was drafted, was there was an interest in providing greater discretion for an expanded hearing.

The Assembly discussed a plan to introduce the two protests and a third that had been filed on June 8, holding a special public hearing on the three items, and potentially ratify a decision on June 29, or at a later date. Mayor Sanford asked Ms. Kiefer to outline dates and she requested that the Assembly provide their leave schedules to the Clerk in order to determine potential meeting dates. Mayor Sanford said that work would need to progress whether all nine members were available or not.

Mayor Sanford said this discussion also opened the topic of increasing the allowable housing on industrial land, as now only one caretaker unit was allowed, but other communities have allowed increased density above industrial uses.

C. Protest of Planning Commission's Recommendation to Deny a Request to Rezone Lot 5 Block B Alaska Juneau IV-11; Lot 10 – 15 Block B Alaska Juneau V; and Lot 2 Block A Alaska Juneau IV-11, Located on Mill Street and Eastaugh Way.

In January 2015, the applicant applied to have Lot 5 Block B Alaska Juneau IV-11; Lot 10 – 15 Block B Alaska Juneau V; and Lot 2 Block A Alaska Juneau IV-11, located on Mill Street and Eastaugh Way, rezoned from I (Industrial) to MU (Mixed-Use). Staff recommended that the rezone request be denied.

At its April 14, 2015, meeting, the Planning Commission adopted Staff's analysis and findings, recommending that the rezone request be denied. The applicant filed a timely protest as required by Ordinance 2014-14.

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the proposed zoning district and uses allowed therein are in substantial conformance with the land use maps of the City and Borough Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Sanford said that plans for this protest would be run with similar timing as the previous agenda item.

X. STAFF REPORTS

None.

XI. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

Mayor Sanford thanked the Assemblymembers for their assistance as he had missed several functions recently due to the happy event of his grandaughter's marriage. She met and married and engineer who was in Juneau working on the State Library / Archive / Museum project.

B. Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole: Chair Becker said the COW met on May 4 and discussed changes to CBJ Code Title 49 regarding subdivisions, heard an update on the Gastineau Apartments and pending litigation. The next meeting was set for June 1.

Finance Committee: Chair Crane said the committee met on May 6 and finished its work on the budget ordinances adopted at this meeting. The next meeting was set for June 17.

Human Resources Committee: Chair Jones provided the recommendations from the HRC regarding committee appointments. Hearing no objections, the following appointments were confirmed:

Bidding Review Board:
Reappointment of Stephen Sorenson, John Walsh and Wallace "Sandy" Williams to terms expiring May 31, 2018.
Appointment of Paul Nowlin to a term expiring May 31, 2017.

Juneau Human Rights Commission:
Reappointment of Markus Bressler to a term expiring May 31, 2018.
Appointment of Morgan Griffin to a term expiring May 31, 2018.

Chair Jones said the application period for the newly formed Treadwell Arena Advisory Board was extended to June 4 and applications would be considered on June 8, as only five applications were received for seven seats and the committee had questions regarding how the applicants met the code requirements outlined for the board. He said the full Assembly sitting as the HRC would interview candidates for the newly formed Aquatics Board on June 15, and to date only two applications had been received for seven seats.

Chair Jones said the Assembly has considered the role of the Social Service Advisory Board with respect to the social service grants, and the HRC was considering a proposal to eliminate the SSAB and moving those grants to the Juneau Community Foundation. JCF agreed to consider this idea and formed a subcommittee to work with CBJ on a proposal. The HRC referred this topic to the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 1 for review and direction by the full Assembly.

Mayor Sanford said when this was looked at in the past by United Way, there was an administrative fee, and the Assembly needed to know the true cost of doing business this way in order to make a decision. Mr. Jones agreed and said the grants were on the second year of a two year cycle, so there was time for discussion.

Lands and Resources Committee: Chair Kiehl said the next meeting was set for Monday, June 1.

Public Works and Facilities Committee: Chair Nankervis said the PWFC met on May 4 and discussed Fritz Cove to NOAA Glacier Highway water service, setting money aside for Gastineau Apartments demolition, the 1% for art project for the docks, rock dump zoning issues, and right of way maintenance and management costs. Regarding that, we discussed citizen's placing landscaping, etc. in the CBJ rights of way, street maintenance issues, etc. The next meeting was set for June 1.

Marijuana Committee: Chair Kiehl said that the committee met on May 7 and developed more questions about zoning. The next meeting was set for May 21 and would receive preliminary proposals from staff, do broad stroke work, and hand the work over to the Planning Commission, for drafting of changes in the Table of Permissible Uses for commercial marijuana establishments. The committee heard from Police Chief Johnson and the Police Chief and Planning Director from Cortez, Colorado about implementation of legalized marijuana there.

C. Liaison Reports

Airport Board: Liaison White said the next meeting was set for June 10.

Bartlett Regional Hospital Board: Liaison Crane said the board met on April 27 and evaluated the CAMU project, the hospitalist program, had hired a 2nd phychiatrist and was still looking for a third, and discussed continuing negotiations for hospital employees. The next meeting was set for May 26.

Docks and Harbors Board: Liaison Nankervis said the board met and discussed parking rates for the new launch ramp facilities and the Statter Harbor existing parking. The Board entertained a proposed restaurant lease at the location of the old Douglas Cold Storage. The Board discussed art project 16b and the Aurora Harbor first phase should be done by the end of May and there would be a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 5 at 11:30 - 2 p.m. at the Harbormaster's Office end of Aurora Harbor, with a hot dog BBQ.

Eaglecrest Board: Liaison Nankervis said the Board met on May 7 and Porcupine Lodge is virtually complete with the exception of punch list items and are negotiating with the contractor on the late completion of the building. The Alaska Zipline Adventures were in the building operating for the summer. The Board discussed season passes and tracking people who bought them and didn't get to use the passes. The summer operations are in full swing and the FY15 supplemental request may be less than originally requested. The next meeting was set for June 11.

Affordable Housing Commission: Liaison Troll said the Commission met May 5, started work on the Housing Action Plan, discussed Pederson Hill development, would like the assembly to consider an ordinance to create the accessory grant program for $6,000 grants and she would like to move that request forward provided there were no procedural or legal concerns. Part of the discussion was that they did not want to lose the building season and the Housing Action Plan would come up with recommendations for streamlining processes but they believe the housing grant for accessory apartments would be a good stimulus to the housing market and there was no need to wait for the Housing Action Plan to be complete in order to act.

Mayor Sanford asked if such an ordinance would be a significant difference to the one that recently failed. Ms. Kiefer said she would investigate an answer.

Ms. Troll said the the Commission was also interested in seeing CBJ land on Sixth Street in Douglas being reviewed for development potential.

Alaska Committee: Liaison Becker said the Alaska Committee met and discussed housing and the special session.

Alaska Municipal League: Liaison Kiehl and Ms. Crane attended the recent AML board meeting in Anchorage and the board was considering a change to its policy statements. Since the meeting generally evaluates the legislative session, the board was still up in the air about revenue sharing. AML has formed a statewide committee to discuss potential revenue options for the state and Mr. Bartholomew would advise the committee based on his past and current work experiences.

Chamber of Commerce: Liaison Becker said the Chamber of Commerce heard from Mr. Watt about the Whale Statue and Mr. Watt spoke well on behalf of CBJ.

Downtown Business Association: Liaison Jones said the members are busy with the tourism season and the next meeting was set for May 28.

Juneau Commission on Sustainability: Liaison Troll said the JCOS met on May 13 and reviewed a solid waste action plan proposed by CBJ staff, with a goal of adding more recycling activities, and discussed food compost. The JCOS was very pleased with the plan and would be involved with outreach to make the plan successful. The JCOS also received an update on the energy plan.

Juneau Convention and Visitors Bureau: Liaison White said that JCVB confirmed that the Western Assocation of Highway and Transportation Officials would hold its June 2017 conference in Juneau, and is an estimated 500 person convention, using 320 rooms for four days, and would return a large amount of sales and bed taxes to the community.

Juneau Economic Development Council: Liaison Jones said the JEDC met and after 16 years of service said goodby to Chancellor John Pugh, and in June the new chancellor will sit in. JEDC coordinated a successful Juneau Maritime Festival on May 9. JEDC was organizing STEM summer camps supported by businesses and grants and have recieved a donation from the First Lady from funds in excess of the actual costs for the Inaugural Ball. The next meeting was set for June 3.

Local Emergency Planning Committee: Liaison Gladziszewski said LEPC met May 13 and prepared for the Preparedness Expo at Centennial Hall in the fall. There will be a statewide earthquake drill exercise on October 15. The next meeting was set for June 10.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee: Liaison Gladziszewski said the PRAC met on May 5 and was reinvigorated with new leadership and was implementing work from its retreat, updating the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan, implementing the Treadwell ordinance, reviewing Centennial Hall finances, and discussing the Cope Park benches. The next meeting was set for June 2.

Planning Commission: Liaison Jones said the Planning Commission would review the work of the Subdivision Review Committee on May 26.

School Board: Liaison Kiehl said the next meeting of the School Board was set for June 9.

School District Activity Group: Liaison Becker said the group met and prioritized cuts to activities, which was a dismal meeting.

UAS Campus Council: Liaison Kiehl said the UAS Campus Council met last week and heard a presentation from the U.S. Coast Guard about training needs they have and how UAS has helped and where there are opportunities. The dedication of the new dormitory on campus was held last week, as well as a successful Community Day on Campus.

D. Presiding Officer Reports

XII. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Ms. Becker reported about the activities of the Downtown Improvement Group, the Blessing of the Fleet on May 2, the Governor's Women of the Year awards, the Soboleff Center grand opening, Community Day on Campus and the Arts in the Schools Awards.

Ms.Troll reported on the work of the Tongass Advisory Committee, which met and came to a unanimous recommendation on how to transition to a young growth timber industry. Much of this would require the Forest Service to change some of the ways they do business. This was a tough 9 -month discussion, so a unanimous recommendation was impressive.

Mr. Jones referred to Mr. Coogan's comments on the housing grants. JEDC does the small business loan program and that might be an option for accessory apartments. He attended the Firefighter I graduation with 10 graduates and there was also now a course in the high school to aide recruitment. He noted that Governor Walker signed legislation creating the Marijuana Control Board of five persons and to date there were 130 applicants.

Mr. Nankervis said fishing season was starting soon and he would ask for assistance from the other members to chair the PWFC meeting on his behalf.

Ms. Troll said she appreciated the work that it took to host the Maritime Festival. She had an opportunity to speak with Mike Erickson about all he has going on at Alaska Glacier Seafoods. She said she was on the Governor's Transition team, which would be meeting in Fairbanks on June 5 - 6.

Ms. Gladziszewski participated in the sailboat races and boat tours at the Maritime Festival and said it was a tremendous community effort.

Ms. Crane said she would also be attending the Transition Team meeting in Fairbanks on behalf of the Alaska Municipal League. She thanked the CBJ staff for the work on the budget process - in the Finance Department and others, as there was much behind the scenes work done.

Mr. Kiehl presented a CBJ proclamation at the Arbor Day Celebration and attended the UAS commencement ceremonies. He requested that the Assembly get the minutes from the Planning Commission meetings for the protests filed, which were not yet on-line.

Ms. Becker said that Betsy Brenneman was retiring from Afterschool Program, which was considering combining efforts with Parks and Recreation through the Zach Gordon Youth Center.

Mayor Sanford reminded the Assemblymembers of a special Assembly meeting on May 19 at 5 p.m. for the City Manger evaluation.

Mayor Sanford asked Mr. Watt to speak to the Assembly about the Whale Sculpture. Mr. Watt said he had spoken to several community groups and the heightened interest in the location of the statue had caught everyone off guard as it was thought to be settled ground. He was looking for ways to help move things along. He said the community either needed to proceed as planned or to go through an extensive public process. There were a lot of activities planned for Marine Park, including the panamax dock, the float planes, the lightering dock, public parking, and it would be difficult to site the whale and its pool there. To fit the statute it would require the park shelter to be removed and staging passengers in another location, likely moving the lightering operations and here would be many public meetings before many affected groups. He recommended staying the course on the project as it was an excellent project, but to find a way to move forward on the issues that the DBA had brought forward. CBJ should reengage the wharf and discuss a property deal at the north end that would move the seawalk along. CBJ should negotiate with Goldbelt as well. The Assembly approved the art for the 16b project which would be greatly appreciated by the community. He said the time was right to form a committee to work on the Cultural Gateway project and work on the north end of the waterfront and Marine Park, and the welcome to people into the downtown area and movement of pedestrians and tourist traffic. We need to move forward on planning for the seawalk, the cultural gateway, pedestrian flows, and we can partner with DBA, Sealaska Heritage and others on those issues. The Assembly discussed this idea.

XIII. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Richard Harris said the applicants on Dunn St. would go ahead and apply asphalt to the road themselves as they were not happy with the contract negotiations. He thanked the Assembly for all the work on the topic. He said all they wanted was asphalt so they would move in that direction. He said he had spoken to Mr. Watt.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Bartlett Regional Hospital Labor Negotiations

MOTION, by Becker, to enter executive session to discuss labor negotiations regarding Bartlett Regional Hospital staff. Hearing no objection, the Assembly entered into executive session at 10:30 p.m., with Kim Kiefer, Mila Cosgrove and Bob Bartholomew, and returned to regular session at 10:45 p.m.

Upon returning to open session, Mayor Sanford said the discussed the BRH contracts and gave direction to staff.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Assembly, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

Signed:_____ Signed:_____
Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk Merrill Sanford, Mayor