

THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Meeting Minutes – April 1, 2013

MEETING NO. 2013-08: 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, Loren Jones, Jesse Kiehl, Jerry Nankervis, Merrill Sanford, Carlton Smith, Johan Dybdahl, and Randy Wanamaker.

Assembly Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Manager Kim Kiefer, Deputy City Manager Rob Steedle, City Attorney John Hartle, Acting Clerk Beth McEwen, Port Director Carl Uchytel, Assistant City Attorney Jane Sebens, Finance Director Bob Bartholomew, Fire Marshal Dan Jager, Library Director Robert Barr, and Senior Planner Beth McKibben.

II. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Recognition of Michael Patterson

Former Assemblymember Ruth Danner requested an opportunity to introduce Mr. Michael Patterson, who was selected by the Center for Disease Control to help with their nationwide smoking cessation campaign.

Mr. Michael Patterson thanked the Mayor and Assemblymembers for the opportunity to speak. He said that he was born into an alcoholic family and did not have some of the community safety nets that are now in place today. He moved to South Franklin at age of 9 years and lived there for two years before his family even knew that he was there. He was homeless until he was 37 years old, when his daughter was born. His daughter changed his life. She was now 21 years old now and he had a 3-year-old grandson and 1-year-old granddaughter that mean the world to him. Unfortunately, he was diagnosed with Stage 3 COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease). Smoking was deadly to him, and he related his episodes of gasping for breath. He spoke at the Juneau schools about smoking and cancer and was elated to be selected to appear in a CDC advertising campaign that would appear in Juneau soon. He said that he received a call today from someone he had helped to quit smoking. He said it was a blessing to reach out, tell people his story, and share his message. He thanked the Assembly for the opportunity to do so.

B. Clarence M. Jackson, Sr. Proclamation

Mayor Sanford read a proclamation honoring Clarence M. Jackson Sr. and presented it to Mr. Jackson's nephew, Mr. Todd Antioquia. Mr. Antioquia thanked the Mayor and Assembly on behalf of the family. Kake shared Clarence with the whole region and there were many years

that he spent more time in Juneau than he spent back home in Kake, when he was working on a great number of issues with Sealaska and other issues that affected Southeast communities and culture. This proclamation raised his name and illustrated the impact he had on so many individuals and communities.

C. Introduction of Robert Barr, Library Director

Deputy Manager Rob Steedle introduced new Library Director Robert Barr, recently from the Johnson County Library System in Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Barr was committed to increasing community engagement and expanding the role of libraries in community life.

Mr. Barr thanked the Assembly. He said that he came via Kansas City where he lived for approximately 10 years, and he and his wife had three children ages five, three and 9 months. After 6 weeks in Juneau, they were still in awe of the mountains each time they drove across the Douglas Bridge. The library system Juneau had established was impressive. It was good to see such a lean, efficient operation, with three facilities open to the public. He offered his respect for his predecessors, the library directors who came before him to create that system and maintain it. He said his door was always open to anyone wishing to discuss library matters more.

Mayor Sanford congratulated Mr. Barr on passing the first test of become a local in referring to bridge as the “Douglas” bridge.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 20, 2013 – Special Assembly Meeting 2013-05

Hearing no objection, the minutes of the February 20, 2013 – Special Assembly Meeting 2013-05 were approved.

B. February 25, 2013 – Special Assembly Meeting 2013-06

Hearing no objection, the minutes of the February 25, 2013 – Special Assembly Meeting 2013-06 were approved.

C. March 4, 2013 – Regular Assembly Meeting 2013-07

Hearing no objection, the minutes of the March 4, 2013 – Regular Assembly Meeting 2013-07 were approved.

IV. MANAGER’S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

City Manager Kiefer indicated that the red folder contained two replacement pieces of legislation. Ordinance 2012-20(P) was replaced due to a missing word and Resolution 2634(b) was revised for clarity.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

Mayor Sanford said there were a number of individuals signed up to speak on Resolution 2641 and they would be able to speak under that portion of the agenda.

Joy Lyon, Executive Director for the Association for the Education of Young Children, thanked the Assembly for its investment in its youngest citizens early learning experiences through the HEARTS Initiative (Hiring Education and Training Teaching Staff). The Initiative's goal was to increase the quality and availability of childcare in Juneau. This was a long-standing issue in the community. They received funding from the CBJ in July. She spoke about the success of the program and would report quarterly.

Sonja Anderson, lead teacher for Gold Creek Child Development Pre-school classroom, thanked the Assembly for the HEARTS initiative. It helped her, as a single mother, to obtain a CDA (Child Development Association) certificate so she could be a better teacher. Before the HEARTS initiative, she saw staff changes and people leaving for better paying jobs. She now saw staff wanting to stay and working towards their CDAs. This gave Juneau children a better quality of education and provided stability and consistency in the learning environment.

Ashenta Blumenshine, teacher at the Gold Creek Child Development Center, appreciated the HEARTS initiative. She was 18 and had financially support herself since she was 16. She said the ability to pursue her CDA, despite her financial shortcomings, had been a blessing. She saw the positive benefits of her education provided by the HEARTS initiative on a daily basis within her classroom. She thanked the Assembly for making this happen.

Windy Swearingin, Director at Spunky Sprouts, said that before the HEARTS initiative, their budget allowed them to train only one person at a time, and now they had nine staff training for their CDAs. She spoke about the self-confidence the program gave to the teachers.

Kirby Day provided an update on the 2013 Tourism Best Management Practices (TBMP) program, which would be starting its 17th year. Begun in 1996 to mitigate some of the impacts of tourism, the program had grown. After a temporary downturn in 2008, Juneau was anticipating approximately 985,000 tourists in 2013. The program had strong support of the assembly, tour operators, city staff and others, and addressed a number of the key impacts of hosting a large number of visitors to a small community in a five-month period. Last year they had approximately 80 different tour operators, companies, and about 1600 employees signed onto the program. They anticipated the same level of support in 2013. They appreciated the Assembly's support and were happy to share any information. Mr. Day said May 2 would be the first cruise ship day.

Chris Rose, Executive Director of REAP (Renewable Energy Alaska Project), spoke to the Assembly about this statewide non-profit coalition of approximately 85 organizations consisting of businesses, energy developers, small and large utilities, Alaska Native organizations, and non-profits, looking to promote the development of more renewable energy within the state as well as energy efficiency. Mr. Rose said that the 5th Annual Business and Clean Energy Conference would be held in Anchorage May 2-3 and he encouraged all the Assemblymembers to attend. He highlighted the keynote speakers coming from all over the world who will be speaking on a wide variety of topics related to energy.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA 7:40p.m. discussion listen to this portion of the recording]

- 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 with the change in correction to Resolution 2634(b) and asked for unanimous consent. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. Dan Austin asked to speak on Resolution 2641. Mayor Sanford explained that it was adopted with passage of the consent agenda. Mayor Sanford asked the Assemblymembers if they wished to reconsider. Mr. Hartle said a motion to do so would be appropriate. Some Assemblymembers indicated that many people interested in that topic had already left the room. Mayor Sanford ruled that they would not change their order of business to take up that item again.

1. Ordinances for Introduction

a. Ordinance 2012-20(AK)

An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of \$132,635 As Reimbursement For Improvements To the Alaska Office Building Exterior; Grant Funding Provided By The State of Alaska.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2012-20(AK) be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular meeting.

b. Ordinance 2012-20(AL)

An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$144,683 As Additional Funding For The Capital Transit Program, Grant Funding Provided By The Alaska Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2012-20(AL) be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular meeting.

c. Ordinance 2013-09

An Ordinance Adopting an Amended Official Road Classification Map With Changes Regarding the Auke Rec Bypass Road.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2013-09 be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular meeting.

2. Resolutions

a. Resolution 2634(b)

A Resolution Authorizing the Port Director to Convey a Non-Exclusive Permanent Easement to the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for Approximately 2,272 Square Feet of Municipal Property, Located on Lot 4, USS 2664, 11755 Glacier Highway, to Facilitate the Construction of the Auke Bay Roundabout.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended adoption of Resolution 2634(b).

b. Resolution 2639

A Resolution Expressing the Assembly's Opposition to Approval of Genetically Modified Atlantic Salmon by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended adoption of Resolution 2639.

c. Resolution 2641

A Resolution Authorizing the Manager to Enter into Negotiations with the Recipient of Grant Funds Awarded by the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation through its "Region Specific – Greater Opportunities for Affordable Living Program," for the Purpose of Conveying Municipal Land to be Developed as Affordable Housing by the Recipient of the Grant.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended adoption of Resolution 2641.

d. Resolution 2642

A Resolution Expressing Assembly Support for the Use of Municipal Property Between Centennial Hall and the Juneau Arts and Culture Center for the Willoughby Arts Complex, to be Developed by the Juneau Arts and Humanities Council and Perseverance Theatre.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended adoption of Resolution 2642.

e. Resolution 2643

A Resolution Expressing Assembly Support for Legislative Funding for Expansion of the Juneau Pioneer Home.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended adoption of Resolution 2643.

3. Liquor Licenses

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended the Assembly waive its right to protest the following liquor license renewals and transfer:

Beverage Dispensary Licenses:

License # 76 – Arctic Bar Inc. d/b/a Arctic Bar, Location: 148 S. Franklin Street, Juneau

License # 1081 - Auke Bay Inn, Inc. d/b/a Auke Bay Inn, Location: 11806 Glacier Hwy., Juneau

Wholesale General - Renewal

License # 4859 – Southern Wine and Spirits of Alaska LLC d/b/a Southern Wine and Spirits of Alaska, Location: 5452 Shaune Drive – Ba 2, Juneau

Recreational Site-Seasonal License Renewal and Transfer of Ownership

License #4700 – Alaska Zipline Adventures, LLC d/b/a Alaska Zipline Adventures, Location 3000 Fish Creek Road, Juneau

Transfer of Ownership involved Matt and Rachel DeSpain selling 100% stock.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Ordinance 2012-20(AI)

An Ordinance Transferring \$34,604 To The Library Endowment and Lands Funds, Funding Provided By Unexpended Capital Project Funds From The Closure Of Two Capital Projects.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2012-20(AI) be adopted.

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Wanamaker, to adopt Ordinance 2012-20(AI). Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

B. Ordinance 2012-20(P)

An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of \$850,000 As Funding For An Extended Stay Shelter for Battered Spouses and Abused Children, Grant Funding Provided by The Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2012-20(P), with the version as presented in the red folder be adopted.

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Mr. Nankervis, to adopt Ordinance 2012-20(P). Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

C. Ordinance 2013-07

An Ordinance Creating Local Improvement District No. 97 Consisting of Construction of a Municipal Water Distribution System Within the Eagles Edge Subdivision.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2013-07 be adopted. Ms. Kiefer noted that two additional comments had been received and were included in the red folder.

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Mr. Wanamaker, to adopt Ordinance 2013-07.

Mr. Kiehl objected for purposed of discussion. He said that one of the comments found in the red folder was against the project stating that it was unnecessary. He asked if the City Manager or project director might be able to speak to the issue as to what would happen if the project were not done.

Ms. Kiefer asked Engineering Director Rorie Watt to address the question. Mr. Watt explained that the neighborhood had a private water system that ran underneath all the homes and they receive their water from a main pipe off the city's system. The Neighborhood Association (NA) is metered as a bulk customer. The NA had difficulty with bill compliance with members of their association and had an aging system under everyone's homes that was becoming difficult to repair. From the NA Board of Directors perspective, this was very desirable project. From the Engineering Department's perspective, the public water and sewer systems should be under the road system and should be maintained by experts like the Public Works staff. He said if the LID did not go forward, the NA would use up its remaining resources to fix repairs and would eventually be back to try to do an LID at a future date. The NA's current plan was to use the resources they had saved over the years to help defray the cost of each individual homeowner's connection to the system. This was a good solution for the residents. He noted a good level of neighborhood support.

Mr. Watt explained the public meeting process held to explain the LID process to the homeowners. Mayor Sanford asked if there were issues with the fire hydrants in the NA and Mr. Watt said when this project was done; the fire hydrants would be up to the correct specifications and operate properly.

Mr. Kiehl expressed his concern with the financing and asked if the reason for doing this project was that the NA did not have enough in its reserve funds to do a rebuild of the whole system in the event of a catastrophic failure. Mr. Watt said that was correct. He said the financing of the LID was being set up such that the NA planned to use its reserve funds to offset the expenses of the project being born by the homeowners.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Watt if the project did not move forward, would it be fair to say that it would have a direct impact on the property values. Mr. Watt said yes.

Mr. Kiehl withdrew his objection.

Hearing no further objection, Ordinance 2013-07 was adopted.

D. Ordinance 2013-08(b)

An Ordinance Authorizing the Port Director to Negotiate and Execute a Lease With Harbor Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Petro Marine, for Upland Areas at the Don Statter Harbor Facility, Including a License for Fuel Lines Extending Through City and Borough Property to Connect Fuel Storage Tanks to the Fuel Float.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2013-08(b) be adopted.

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Jones, to adopt Ordinance 2013-08(b).

Mr. Nankervis asked if this was a previous legal agreement that had a sunset date, and why this had not gone out in a competitive bid process. Mr. Hartle deferred to Port Director Carl Uchtyl, who said that there was a three part agreement between CBJ, Petro Marine, and DeHarts at the time of the purchase of the property in 2005, which allowed for Petro Marine to give up the right of first refusal to purchase DeHarts Marina by being given the opportunity to participate in the renewal project. This question came up at a Docks and Harbors Board meeting and staff from the Law Department had reviewed this. It was an agreement done in 2005 and staff was following the process set out at that time - this was in essence an extension of an ongoing lease. Mr. Nankervis said that it sounded to him as if the lease had expired and that was the reason for going through this process again. Mr. Hartle said his understanding was that when CBJ purchased DeHarts, this was part of the deal.

Hearing no objection, Ordinance 2013-08(b) was adopted.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Liquor License 2013/2014 Renewal

Restaurant/Eating Place License:

License #4584 Zephyr, LLC d/b/a Zephyr, Location: 200 Seward Street, Juneau

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended the Assembly proceed according to the recommendations of the Assembly Human Resources Committee.

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

HRC Chair Kiehl reported that the committee reviewed this at its March 27, 2013 meeting and recommended the Assembly protest the renewal of this license based on the delinquent taxes

owing on this license. He also stated that there could be additional grounds for protest brought forward by staff subsequent to the HRC meeting.

Mayor Sanford asked the clerk for an updated status report. Ms. McEwen said that initial concerns about the fire sprinkler system on the premises were removed by the Fire Marshall and the business was still delinquent in payment of business personal property and sales taxes. She said CBJ Code provided the licensee with an opportunity for an informal hearing before the Assembly.

Mayor Sanford asked if there was anyone present from Zephyr who wished to speak on this issue. There being no one to come forward, he asked for Assembly action.

MOTION, by Kiehl, to protest the renewal of Restaurant/Eating Place License #4584, Zephyr, LLC, DBA Zephyr, based on the outstanding balances owed for business personal property taxes and sales taxes. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

B. Docks and Harbors Professional Services Contract Amendment for Aurora Harbor Rebuild.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended this contract amendment be approved.

MOTION, by Jones, to approve the amendment to the contract in the amount of \$368,518 to PND Engineers, as presented.

Mr. Dybdahl said he was surprised that competing engineers had not submitted a low bid on every project, knowing that they would get all the amendments going forward.

Hearing no objection, the motion carried.

X. STAFF REPORTS

A. Adoption of FEMA Flood maps.

Community Development Director Hal Hart provided a memo in the packet and explained the project schedule with public meetings on April 2 at the JDHS Library, April 3 at the Douglas Library, April 10 at the Riverbend Elementary School Library, and April 11 in Auke Bay (UAS Egan Lecture Hall). The FIRM (Flood Insurance Rate Maps) Maps were replacing 20-year old data with new data and would provide clearer images for more accurate flood determinations to be made. CBJ staff worked with individual property owners to determine if their property was located in a flood zone. He pointed out the changes in the Auke Bay area from the A zone to the V zone, which would require a different type of construction for future development. Some in the community would be impacted by these changes and CDD was providing public notice and seeking public input.

Mr. Dybdahl asked if the new maps took isostatic rebound into account for the whole Juneau area. Mr. Hart said the information on isostatic rebound was captured in 2001. The maps would need to be amended for any changes after 2001. There was a deadline for adoption of the maps by August 19, 2013. Mr. Dybdahl said some areas in the Hoonah area had risen 5-6

feet in the last 100 years and other areas have experienced similar changes. He thought it was in the best interest of CBJ and the property owners to include that information in the maps and if it took remapping for isostatic rebound, it should be done.

Mr. Smith asked what impact this would have if the FIRM maps are not adopted by the August 19, 2013 deadline. Mr. Hart explained that the one of the main consequences of not adopting by the August deadline would be that the entire community would be ineligible for national flood insurance and would be required to obtain flood insurance at a much higher rate, if any was even available. Mr. Smith asked if local lenders had been involved in this process. Mr. Hart said they were provided with notice of the project.

Mr. Nankervis asked, with properties being added and others removed, if the overall value of the properties affected by the changes of the maps was known. Mr. Hart said that question had not been asked but he would try to find out that information to present as part of the process.

Mr. Kiehl asked for some clarification on the “alphabet soup,” how the process worked and some additional information on the opportunities and consequences involved in adoption. Discussion took place regarding the consequences to the whole community and for individual property owners of map adoption. Mr. Hart discussed what would be entailed to amend the maps after the August date as additional information became available through LIDAR and other mapping projects.

Mr. Jones asked if inaccurate maps were adopted to begin with, how much time and what would be entailed in making those corrections in the future. This could be something that the Assembly needed to discuss during the Finance Committee budget cycle. Mr. Hart said they would bring this back to the Assembly for additional review once the public comment meetings and Planning Commission meeting took place and he would provide that information as well.

Ms. Becker asked if CDD would make any changes to the maps between now and August. Mr. Hart explained that FEMA had provided the maps and that CBJ was not authorized to make changes to the maps, but was required to adopt them by the deadline. Any changes would have to be submitted as amendments after the adoption. He said that the federal process was a long process. Additional discussion took place regarding the impact and expense that would be borne by the property owners in the areas that FEMA has determined to be in the flood zone, whether CBJ agreed or not, and the rise in their insurance costs. Mr. Hart said his hope was that the level of inaccuracies would be lessened but there would be impacts felt by the community. CBJ had to prove to FEMA any changes needed.

Mayor Sanford asked about the change mentioned in the memo regarding the building code changes needed for pilings rather than fill. Mr. Hart said that a code change would need to be made to 49.40.700 and CDD would provide that to the Assembly for adoption at the time the maps were returned for approval. Mr. Feldt explained that an existing house on the beach, if re-designated as being in a “V” or Velocity Flood Zone, was not required to do any additional construction with the adoption of the flood map. Substantial improvements to the building or rebuilding a damaged building might trigger the requirement to build under the new type of construction, similar to how it works currently with having to rebuild to current building code standards.

Mayor Sanford thanked staff for working on this very difficult topic and bringing it forward to the Assembly for their information.

XI. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

City Manager Evaluation Process:

Discussion took place regarding the process with some of the following key concerns to be determined:

- Identifying the period of time the evaluation would cover (April through April or changing that to a timeframe of October through October for future evaluations).
- Determining whether the Assembly would conduct the evaluation or consider a suggestion to have a neutral third party facilitate the evaluation.
- Determining whether goals and objectives existed upon hire to base the evaluation upon.
- Determining whether this evaluation should be done in the same manner as past evaluations or if a new process was in order for future evaluations.

The Assembly asked Mr. Hartle for clarification on whether the City Manager and City Attorney fell under the same annual evaluation requirements for other city staff. Mr. Hartle said he and the City Manager were employed at the will of the Assembly and the Assembly could establish any process it wished. Annual evaluations had been the practice for the past several years.

Mayor Sanford suggested a subcommittee of Mr. Smith, Ms. Crane, and himself to review all issues and the materials submitted by members and recommend a process to move forward. Hearing no objections, Mayor Sanford asked members to provide input.

Outreach with Southeast Communities:

Mayor Sanford said that meeting with the communities in Southeast was an Assembly goal. He discussed the potential of a joint meeting with Juneau, Skagway, Haines, and possibly asking Whitehorse to come down as a Sister Cities connection. He said Haines and Skagway were excited about doing this. They had tentatively scheduled this as a Summit for April 26-27. He asked Assemblymembers to return their availability and information to Diane Cathcart and to provide topics for discussion to him. Some suggested topics include: energy projects and energy conservation in upper Lynn Canal, Alaska Marine Highway System, tourism, and boat harbors.

Mr. Dybdahl supported the idea but could not attend due to a prior commitment.

Mr. Smith said it was a great idea and hoped to make it an annual event.

U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Presentation on Salmon Fisheries

Mayor Sanford said that on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 7 p.m. at the Centennial Hall Egan Room, there would be a presentation by Ron Medal, a USFS forester and salmon researcher hired by the USFS, on the Salmon Fisheries in the Tongass National Forest.

B. Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole (COW): Chair Becker said that at the last COW meeting, they heard from the Realtors and received a white paper on housing issues. The COW also heard from the Juneau Commission on Aging and Juneau Economic Development Council at that meeting. She said that the next COW meeting was set for Monday, April 8 and they would hear from the Builders group on housing. She encouraged the public to submit ideas about housing to get as many suggestions as possible.

Public Works and Facilities Committee (PWFC): Chair Wanamaker said the next meeting was set for Monday, April 8 at Noon in the Chambers and that the agenda was not set.

Human Resources Committee (HRC): Chair Kiehl said the HRC met on March 27 and the Assembly took action on the liquor license recommendation earlier in the meeting. The HRC also had an extensive conversation relating to the Aquatic Facilities Advisory Board and the extension of its sunset date. The committee directed the Law Department to draft legislation to extend the sunset date by an additional three years for Assembly consideration.

The HRC recommended the following board appointments. *Hearing no objection, the following appointments were made:*

1% for Art Selection Panel for Mendenhall Valley Library:

Natalee Rothaus and Cristine Crooks to the public seats on the 1% for Art selection panel for the Mendenhall Valley Library project.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee:

Traci Gilmour, Kate Walters, and Gerry Landry to three-year terms expiring February 28, 2016.

Finance Committee (AFC): Chair Crane said the Finance Committee heard a presentation and tutorial about sales tax at the last meeting. The next meeting was set for Wednesday, April 3, at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Sanford said that starting April 3, there would be AFC meetings every Wednesday until the budget was complete.

Lands Committee: Chair Smith said the last Lands Committee was held on March 11 and the next meeting was pending. The Manager was focused on hiring a new lands manager and staff.

C. Liaison Reports

Docks and Harbors: Liaison Jones said that at the last Docks and Harbors Board meeting, they noted that the deadline for applications for the 1% for Art Panel has been extended to the end of April and they did select someone to serve as their representative on that panel. The Docks

and Harbors Board would like to set up a meeting with the Assembly similar to the ones done with the Bartlett Regional Hospital Board and the School Board. Mayor suggested included that on the Assembly Committee of the Whole schedule.

Juneau Economic Development Council (JEDC): Liaison Jones said the next was set for Wednesday, April 3 at Noon. Liaison Wanamaker reported that he attended the last meeting of the JEDC and they received a presentation on the instate natural gas line and heard from former Governor Sheffield. They also heard from the Juneau Arts and Humanities Council about the Willoughby Arts Center project.

Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS): Liaison Nankervis said the JCOS met last week to work on an energy plan. He later reported that one of the items that came up at the JCOS meeting is that when the city completes a project that employs energy saving that a press release be done to highlight those energy efficiencies. He said that we have done things across the board in the city that have incorporated energy efficiencies in its projects and it would be good to toot that horn when we can.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC): Liaison Nankervis said the next meeting was set for Tuesday, April 2 in the Chambers with the newly appointed members from tonight's meeting.

Juneau Commission on Aging (JCOA): Mr. Nankervis said he attended the last two JCOA meetings and the Commission was working on housing issues. While there, he was approached by a number of members who suggested CBJ consider purchase of the Bill Ray Center as an opportunity to expand housing.

Juneau Convention and Visitors Bureau (JCVB): Liaison Smith said JCVB met last month and they have a new CEO. He said that they have reaffirmed their commitment to report to the Assembly as they have done during past budget cycles.

Airport Board: Liaison Dybdahl said he had nothing to report from the Airport but that planes were still flying.

Hospital Board: Liaison Crane said the Hospital Board met last week and the majority of the meeting focused on the budget, which would be brought forward to the AFC in May.

Affordable Housing Commission: Liaison Kiehl said the next meeting was set for Tuesday, April 2.

Eaglecrest Board: Liaison Kiehl said the next meeting was set for Thursday, April 4.

School Board: Liaison Wanamaker said the last School Board meeting was held at the same time as an Assembly meeting. The Board was conducting the Superintendent's evaluation. The next meeting was set for Tuesday, April 9.

Alaska Committee: Liaison Becker said that the Alaska Committee met and elected officers Wayne Jensen President, Rosemary Hagevig Vice President, Win Gruening Secretary, and

Max Mertz Treasurer. She said JCVB also reported on the visitor satisfaction survey that they would be doing again this year.

University of Alaska: Liaison Becker said the Campus Council discussed career tracks , which include mining and the health/nursing field. Additional tracks they are focusing on include technology and diesel mechanics. The Bill Ray Center is for sale.

Mayor Sanford asked the city manager to find out the property value. Ms. Kiefer said the property was valued at a little over \$4 million.

D. Presiding Officer Reports

USE2012-0019- Dau Appeal of Lemon Creek Gravel Extraction Permit: Presiding Officer Crane said some of the dates have changed on the Dau appeal but the date for the hearing before the Assembly remains on May 13.

USE2012-0016 – Veterans for Peace Appeal of Shooting Range: Mayor Sanford said this matter was pending before the Assembly at the end of this meeting.

XII. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mr. Dybdahl asked to be excused from deliberation on the appeal as he had not attended the hearing. Mr. Hartle recommended that Mr. Dybdahl not participate in the deliberations, and hearing no objection, Mayor Sanford excused Mr. Dybdahl from the pending executive session.

Ms. Becker said that Mr. Nankervis, the Mayor, and she attended a celebration for Douglas Island Pink and Chum (DIPAC) in which DIPAC presented a \$42 Million check to the State of Alaska DCCED to pay off their loan. Now that it was paid off, they were working on expanding their buildings.

XIII. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION, by Jones, to adjourn into executive session to deliberate on the USE 2012-0016 appeal.

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

The Assembly recessed into executive session at 9:06 p.m. in City Hall Conference Room 224 and returned to regular session at 10:10 p.m. Mayor Sanford said the Assembly directed the City Attorney to draft a decision on appeal to be returned to the Assembly at a future meeting for final approval.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – 10:11 p.m.

Signed: _____
Elizabeth J. McEwen, Acting Clerk

Signed: _____
Merrill Sanford, Mayor