

THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA
SPECIAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2021

I. MEETING NO. 2021-14: The Special Assembly Meeting of the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly held in person in the Assembly Chambers and virtually via Zoom webinar, was called into order by Deputy Mayor Loren Jones at 6:02p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Assemblymembers Present: Maria Gladziszewski, Loren Jones, Wade Bryson, Carole Triem, Michelle Hale, Christine Woll, Greg Smith

Assemblymembers Absent: Mayor Beth Weldon, Alicia Hughes-Skandijs

Staff Present: City Manager Rorie Watt, Deputy City Manager Mila Cosgrove, City Attorney Robert Palmer, Municipal Clerk Beth McEwen, Deputy City Clerk Diane Cathcart, Library Director EOC/PC Robert Barr, Finance Director Jeff Rogers, Budget Analyst Adrien Speegle, Assistant City Attorney Sherri Layne, Engineering/Public Works Director Katie Koester, Controller Sam Muse, Assessor Mary Hammond

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Jones noted that the agenda was missing the Public Participation on Non-Agenda item and added it as Item V on the agenda. There being no other agenda changes, the agenda was approved as amended.

IV. AGENDA TOPICS

A. Ordinance for Introduction: Ordinance 2021-23 An Ordinance Amending the Elections Code for City and Borough of Juneau Municipal Elections

This ordinance would amend the CBJ Elections Code 29 for housekeeping purposes as well as codifying the change to no longer require a witness signature on a by mail return ballot envelope. To ensure voter identification and security, this amendment would also require the voter to add one personal identifier on the return ballot envelope and provide for greater security of the voter's signature and identification by requiring a privacy flap over those portion of the return ballot envelope.

Housekeeping changes to the code provide for consistency of language between the code sections pertaining to by mail elections and other forms of election as well as some minor language updates to reflect the terms and methods used in the twenty-first century.

The Assembly Human Resources Committee discussed these changes at its May 24, 2021 meeting and directed staff to draft this ordinance for Assembly consideration.

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

ASSEMBLY ACTION:

MOTION by Ms. Gladziszewski to introduce Ordinance 2021-23 and set for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting. *Hearing no objection, the motion carried.*

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Starr Parmely, a Douglas resident, in honor of the Memorial Day Holiday on Monday, recognized the sacrifices of those who have served in the US Armed forces. He also extended his gratitude for public servants, including the Assemblymembers as well as the veterans and those currently serving in the military.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07p.m.

Signed: _____
Elizabeth J. McEwen
Municipal Clerk

Signed: _____
Beth A. Weldon
Mayor