

THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA
SPECIAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
Meeting Minutes – December 22, 2020

Meeting No. 2020-50: The Special Assembly Meeting of the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly was held telephonically via Zoom, and was called to order by Mayor Beth Weldon at 5:00p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Assemblymembers Present: Maria Gladziszewski, Loren Jones, Wade Bryson, Carole Triem, Michelle Hale, Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, Greg Smith, Christine Woll, and Mayor Weldon.

Assemblymembers Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Manager Rorie Watt, Deputy City Manager Mila Cosgrove, City Attorney Robert Palmer, Assistant Municipal Attorney Sherri Layne, Municipal Clerk Beth McEwen, Deputy Clerk Diane Cathcart, Assembly Finance Director Jeff Rogers, EOC PSC/Library Director Robert Barr,

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Ms. Hale to continue Agenda Items A through G and item I and refer them to the January 6, 2021 Assembly Finance Committee meeting for discussion.

In speaking to her motion, Ms. Hale said the effect of the motion would have them speaking to Agenda Items H and J during this meeting. Ms. Hale noted that things have been late breaking and they just discussed much of these items last week. She said that since then, federal legislation was passed that would extend the CARES Act funding deadline and that was one of the driving factors for the Assembly to meet prior to December 31, 2020. She said that will provide some relief. She said that more importantly, the Assembly has just received additional information within the last hour that would help inform their decision making process and she would prefer to wait to make those decisions after they have a chance to thoughtfully consider that and any additional information that will be forthcoming in the near future. She said that items A-G and item I would benefit from that additional time for review and the time critical pieces related to the Housing Assistance program (item H) and the Individual Emergency Assistance program (item J) would be the ones they should take up at this meeting.

Objection by Mr. Jones for purposes of amendment.

Amendment #1 by Mr. Jones, that if the President does not sign the act, that the Assembly will need to meet prior to December 31, 2020. *Hearing no objections, Amendment #1 was adopted by unanimous consent.*

Additional discussion took place regarding the timing and the referral to AFC and then eventually referring matters onto the Assembly after they've had a chance to discuss the items after receiving more information.

Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved as amended.

III. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Municipal Clerk Beth McEwen provided instructions for public participation/testimony.

IV. AGENDA TOPICS

A. PUBLIC HEARING: Emergency Ordinance 2020-09(AF) An Emergency Ordinance Deappropriating \$28,400 of CARES Act Funding from a Program to Sample and Test Wastewater for COVID-19.

This emergency ordinance would deappropriate \$28,400 of CARES Act funding from a program to sample and test wastewater for COVID-19, which is anticipated to be underspent. This deappropriation would increase the balance of unobligated funds available in the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund.

This ordinance is necessary to maximize CBJ's allocation of CARES Act funding for utilization in other programs with need.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this emergency ordinance.

This item was referred to the January 6, 2021 Assembly Finance Committee during Agenda Changes.

B. PUBLIC HEARING: Emergency Ordinance 2020-09(AE) An Emergency Ordinance Deappropriating \$90,000 of CARES Act Funding from a Grant to the Greater Juneau Chamber of Commerce to Administer a COVID-19 Detection Platform.

This emergency ordinance would deappropriate \$90,000 of CARES Act funding from a grant to the Greater Juneau Chamber of Commerce to administer a COVID19 detection platform, which is anticipated to be underspent. This deappropriation would increase the balance of unobligated funds available in the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund.

This ordinance is necessary to maximize CBJ's allocation of CARES Act funding for utilization in other programs with need.

For this deappropriation, the Assembly should make its decisions based on the balance of needs in the community.

This item was referred to the January 6, 2021 Assembly Finance Committee during Agenda Changes.

C. PUBLIC HEARING: Emergency Ordinance 2020-09(AD) An Emergency Ordinance Deappropriating \$475,000 of CARES Act Funding from the Juneau School District for K-5 Rally Programing During COVID-19.

This emergency ordinance would deappropriate \$475,000 of CARES Act funding from the Juneau School District for K-5 Rally programing during COVID-19, which is anticipated to be underspent. This deappropriation would increase the balance of unobligated funds available in the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund.

This ordinance is necessary to maximize CBJ's allocation of CARES Act funding for utilization in other programs with need.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this emergency ordinance.

This item was referred to the January 6, 2021 Assembly Finance Committee during Agenda Changes.

D. PUBLIC HEARING: Emergency Ordinance 2020-09(AC) An Emergency Ordinance Deappropriating \$500,000 of CARES Act Funding from Phase 1 of a COVID-19 Business Sustainability Grant Program.

This emergency ordinance would deappropriate \$500,000 of CARES Act funding from Phase 1 of the COVID-19 Business Sustainability Grant Program, which is anticipated to be underspent. This deappropriation would increase the balance of unobligated funds available in the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund.

This ordinance is necessary to maximize CBJ's allocation of CARES Act funding for utilization in other programs with need.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this emergency ordinance.

This item was referred to the January 6, 2021 Assembly Finance Committee during Agenda Changes.

E. PUBLIC HEARING: Emergency Ordinance 2020-09(AG) An Emergency Ordinance Deappropriating \$700,000 of CARES Act Funding from COVID19 Testing Equipment to be Operated by Bartlett Regional Hospital.

This emergency ordinance would deappropriate \$700,000 of CARES Act funding from COVID-19 testing equipment to be operated by Bartlett Regional Hospital.

This funding was originally appropriated from the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund, however the Assembly will have the opportunity to reappropriate the funds for the purchase of the testing equipment from Bartlett Regional Hospital's CARES Act funding with Emergency Appropriation Resolution 2933. This deappropriation would increase the balance of unobligated funds available in the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund.

This ordinance is necessary to maximize CBJ's allocation of CARES Act funding for utilization in other programs with need.

For this deappropriation, the Assembly should make its decisions based on the balance of needs in the community.

This item was referred to the January 6, 2021 Assembly Finance Committee during Agenda Changes.

F. PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution 2933 An Emergency Appropriation Resolution Appropriating \$700,000 for COVID-19 Testing Equipment to be Operated by Bartlett Regional Hospital; Funding Provided by Bartlett Regional Hospital's CARES Act Funding.

This emergency appropriation resolution would appropriate \$700,000 for the purchase of testing equipment to expand the capacity of local testing for COVID19. The purchase of equipment was

already authorized under Ordinance 201906(AI), however this resolution would reappropriate the funds for the equipment from CBJ's CARES Act funding to Bartlett Regional Hospital's CARES Act funding. Emergency Ordinance 2020-09(AG) would deappropriate the funds from CBJ's CARES Act funding, increasing the balance of unobligated funds available in the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund.

This ordinance is necessary to maximize CBJ's allocation of CARES Act funding for utilization in other programs with need.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this emergency resolution.

This item was referred to the January 6, 2021 Assembly Finance Committee during Agenda Changes.

G. PUBLIC HEARING, Resolution 2934: An Emergency Appropriation Resolution Appropriating up to \$2,000,000 to the COVID-19 Housing Assistance Grant Program; Funding Provided by the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund.

In light of the deappropriation action taken at tonight's meeting, the Assembly has financial capacity to approve a supplemental appropriation for the Housing Assistance Program. If federal legislation extends the December 30 CARES Act deadline, then the Grant Administrator likely has capacity to process a supplemental appropriation. Approximately 3000 people have applied for this program, and the existing \$3M appropriation is likely to provide grants to 1049 applicants. With every additional \$100,000, approximately 39 more applicants receive a grant. Staff has proposed a supplemental appropriation of \$1.2M, which would provide grants for about 468 more households.

The Assembly should make this appropriation in accordance with its determination on community needs.

This item was referred to the January 6, 2021 Assembly Finance Committee during Agenda Changes.

H. PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution 2932 A Resolution Amending the COVID-19 Housing Assistance Grant Program Criteria.

In response to the high demand for both the Housing Assistance Program and the Individual Assistance Program, this resolution would repeal the \$1000 grant increase authorized by Resolution 2925. This change is necessary to spread out the limited CARES Act funds remaining for both programs. The \$3M appropriation from Emergency Appropriation Resolution 2912(b) remains unchanged.

The City Manager does not have a recommendation for Assembly Action on this resolution.

Public Comment:

None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Mr. Woll for the Assembly to adopt Resolution 2932 and asked for a "No" vote.

Objection by Ms. Gladziszewski for purposes of a question. Ms. Gladziszewski asked if any changes made to the resolution would only apply to the remaining undisbursed funds.

Mr. Rogers was having some technical difficulties so Ms. Cosgrove answered that any changes would only apply to grant payments that have not yet been disbursed and that she believes the remaining amount is just under \$700,000. Mr. Rogers confirmed that approximately \$2.3 million has been disbursed, which represents roughly 1,000 to 1,200 applications which have received grant awards.

Mayor Weldon asked Ms. Walker-Tolles if it would be helpful for CCS if the Assembly were to repeal the additional \$1,000 award or if they would prefer to leave it. Ms. Walker-Tolles said that she felt it was a little late in the game to change that. She expressed concern about changing the award amount for the remaining 200 applicants, and shared that members of the public feel that doing so would be inequitable and unfair. She said that it is possible to make those changes if the Assembly chose to do it.

Mr. Smith asked if the Assembly were to make this change, how many more households would be able to receive awards as a result. Ms. Walker-Tolles said that approximately 134 additional people would be able to receive awards, however that number can vary based on the size of the benefits and how many people apply for both housing and utility benefits.

Ms. Triem asked for Ms. Walker-Tolles to clarify if the \$1,000 award had been disbursed yet to applicants. Ms. Walker-Tolles clarified that every applicant that has already received the Housing Assistance benefit so far has also received the additional \$1,000 award. Ms. Triem said that she does not want to change the rules halfway through the process, and shared that she will be voting against this resolution.

Mr. Smith asked Ms. Walker-Tolles to explain what the scenario would look like if the Assembly chose to limit the extra \$1,000 award to extend benefits to more households.

Ms. Walker-Tolles explained that CCS has authorized Housing Assistance benefits for 834 households, and said that if they were to expand the Housing Assistance to other households, it would then disqualify those applicants from receiving Individual Assistance benefits. If the Assembly did not make any changes to the Housing Assistance program, Ms. Walker-Tolles said that the Individual Assistance program currently has enough funds to provide benefits for approximately 975 applicants. If the Assembly were to reduce the amount of the Housing Assistance benefit from \$2,500 to \$1,500, she said that approximately \$18,000 would not be expended. She also shared that 928 applicants would receive a benefit despite the funds not being entirely expended.

Ms. Hale spoke to the frustration expressed by the public regarding the potential change in the process, and the early closure of applications. She described her intent as wanting to watch this process play out before making a definitive decision, and appreciated the numbers and estimates provided by Ms. Walker-Tolles.

Ms. Gladziszewski shared that she felt this process was going really fast, and noted that there is more demand for assistance than what the Assembly had initially thought. She said that if the

goal is to get more money to more people, then her understanding is that they should reduce the amount to allow for 220 more families to receive benefits. Ms. Gladziszewski said that she understood that this process would not be as fair as they would have hoped, but explained that the Assembly makes decisions based on the information provided to them. She spoke in favor of this resolution, given the information she has been given at this moment.

Mayor Weldon referenced Ms. Gladziszewski's comment that without this change, 220 people would not receive benefits from the Housing Assistance program; and asked Ms. Walker-Tolles if there is still \$700,000 available to go towards providing benefits to those applicants.

Ms. Walker-Tolles said that CCS has issued 834 grants so far, amounting to a total of \$2,647,000. They have 135 grants ready to be issued. If the program is capped at a \$3,000 maximum that would amount to \$376,000, to which CCS would add 80 additional grants after that. If there is no change to the program, Ms. Walker-Tolles said there would be 210 applicants who would receive a benefit. According to her calculations, they could potentially add another 220 applicants to spread the money out. She said that the grand total would be 1,269 people who would receive a benefit, as opposed to 1,049 applicants.

Ms. Woll spoke to her "No" vote, saying that while she wants to see the largest amount of people receive benefits, she said that this is an arbitrary decision on who receives an additional \$1,000 over who does not. Ms. Walker-Tolles clarified that CCS is addressing applications within a "first come, first served" basis, and said that doing so is one of the challenges of administering this program.

Mayor Weldon shared that this is a tough decision, and spoke in support of keeping the \$1,000 in place and asked the Clerk to proceed with the roll call vote.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs noted that she was bumped off the meeting due to technical difficulties and asked for clarification on the vote. Mayor Weldon noted that they are voting on the motion to adopt Resolution 2932 and the effect of a yes vote would be to repeal the \$1,000 additional amount and a no vote would leave it in place.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution 2932:

Ayes: Bryson, Hughes-Skandijs, Gladziszewski, Smith.

Nays: Woll, Hale, Jones, Triem, Mayor Weldon.

Motion failed. Four (4) Ayes, Five (5) Nays.

I. PUBLIC HEARING, Resolution 2935: An Emergency Appropriation Resolution Appropriating up to \$2,000,000 to the COVID-19 Emergency Individual Assistance Grant Program; Funding Provided by the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund.

In light of the deappropriation action taken at tonight's meeting, the Assembly has financial capacity to approve a supplemental appropriation for the Individual Assistance Program. If federal legislation extends the December 30 CARES Act deadline, then the Grant Administrator likely has capacity to process a supplemental appropriation. Approximately 1800 people have applied for this program, and approximately 50% also applied for the Housing Assistance Program.

The current \$2 million appropriation is estimated to provide grants for 975 applicants. Approximately 33 applicants remain eligible for Individual Assistance, but there are insufficient funds. Staff has proposed a supplemental appropriation of \$100,000, which should cover the grants for those 33 applicants.

The Assembly should make this appropriation in accordance with its determination on community needs.

This item was referred to the January 6, 2021 Assembly Finance Committee during Agenda Changes.

J. Potential Reconsideration, Resolution 2931: A Resolution Amending the COVID-19 Emergency Individual Assistance Program Criteria.

The Assembly adopted this resolution on December 17, 2020. However, during that meeting, notice of reconsideration was given, which suspended the adoption of this resolution until the next regular Assembly meeting (1/4/21). If desired, the Assembly may take up reconsideration tonight or it could wait until the next regular Assembly meeting.

Ms. Gladziszewski said that when she gave notice of reconsideration, she was moving to reconsider her previous vote on this resolution. She said that she doesn't know that this being brought up is proper at this time and she and the attorney don't entirely agree on the procedural rules for this. She said that the rules state that the matter will be brought up at the next regular Assembly meeting and it is up to her discretion to bring it up prior to the end of the next regular Assembly meeting and if she doesn't move it to the Assembly for action, it sits in limbo until then.

Additional discussion took place to provide clarification regarding the resolution itself and Mr. Palmer provided a brief synopsis of what had occurred at the December 17 Special Assembly meeting about this resolution. An at-ease was taken and the meeting resumed at 5:47p.m.

MOTION by Ms. Gladziszewski for the Assembly to take up reconsideration of the action on Resolution 2931 which would determine if an applicant would be eligible to receive funding from both the Housing Assistance grant and the Individual Assistance grant.

Mayor Weldon stated that a reconsideration vote requires six votes to go forward. Mr. Palmer provided correction that in this instance, the motion for reconsideration would only require five Assembly votes to pass. He also noted that if the motion to reconsider passes, they would pick up the discussion at the point just prior to taking the vote on the motion as it was before the Assembly at the December 22 Special Meeting on Thursday of the previous week.

Ms. Gladziszewski spoke to her motion to reconsider the resolution. She spoke in favor of revisiting the discussion of the issue due to the fast paced action that was taking place last week. She explained that there will be two votes: one vote to reconsider the motion, and one vote on the topic itself.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs spoke in favor of reconsideration. She agreed with Ms. Gladziszewski's comment of multiple fast-moving meetings, and would like to take some time to revisit this resolution.

Ms. Triem spoke in support of reconsideration, saying that it would allow for more time to discuss and refer to AFC.

Ms. Hale asked if the Assembly were to reconsider this, would they bring it up at tonight's meeting or would they refer it to AFC meeting.

Mr. Palmer said that if the reconsideration vote passed, the Assembly have the option to refer it to the AFC meeting or to take it up for action at this meeting.

Objection by Mr. Bryson.

Roll Call Vote on Reconsideration of Resolution 2931:

Ayes: Woll, Smith, Hughes-Skandijs, Hale, Triem, Gladziszewski, Mayor Weldon.

Nays: Bryson, Jones.

Motion passed. Seven (7) Ayes, Two (2) Nays.

Ms. Gladziszewski asked Mr. Palmer to provide an explanation of exactly where in the process this vote put them with respect to the vote on the resolution at the previous meeting. Mr. Palmer explained that by voting in favor of reconsideration, it nullified the previous vote on the adoption of Resolution 2931 and it took the process back to just before the vote on the motion was taken but the motion remained on the floor.

Mayor Weldon asked him to clarify if they can take up a discussion on whether to act on this tonight or to refer it to the AFC on January 6. Mr. Palmer explained that they Assembly has those options. He went on to explain the consequences of those two options. Unless the Assembly chooses to do something different, the program could start dolling out grants tomorrow or whenever. If the Assembly wanted to move this to the AFC, someone would need to make that motion to refer it to AFC and indicate whether or not they want the program to be active or not.

Additional discussion took place from members about process and potential options.

Mr. Palmer said that what makes this process a little unusual is that the underlying program has already been adopted, it has criteria and it is ready to go so the motion to amend the program through this resolution is what they are considering.

Mr. Smith asked if he could make a motion to refer this to AFC and pause the program until January. Mr. Palmer explained that Mr. Smith could make a motion to stay the program and refer this to AFC. Additional discussion took place regarding the process as well as what the effect of referring it to committee or to take action would look like with respect to the numbers of individual awards and whether the program would be paused or it would be able to move forward.

Mayor Weldon asked the Clerk read the motion that was on the table from the December 17, 2020 Special Assembly meeting. Ms. McEwen read the motion before the body as follows:

MOTION by Mr. Smith for the Assembly to adopt Resolution 2931 A Resolution Amending the COVID-19 Emergency Individual Assistance Program Criteria.

She noted that motion passed on a vote of 5 Ayes and 4 Nays.

Mayor Weldon asked Mr. Palmer to explain the easiest way for the Assembly to go through this process. Mr. Palmer suggested one of the ways the Assembly could process was to have Mr. Smith withdraw his original motion, if it is the will of the Assembly. Another option would be to leave his motion, and have one of the Assemblymembers make amendments to it as needed. Mayor Weldon asked Mr. Smith if he wanted to leave his motion on the floor and if anyone had amendments, they could make those. Mr. Smith agreed to that approach. Mayor Weldon noted the following motion was on the floor for Assembly action and she asked that Ms. Walker-Tolles be brought over for questions and to provide any additional information members were asking.

MOTION by Mr. Smith for the Assembly to adopt Resolution 2931.

Objection by Ms. Hale. Ms. Hale spoke to her objection, saying that CBJ staff have identified potential additional funding sources that could cover the Individual Assistance grant program. She said that the Assembly does have the money available, it just would take some time to rearrange that funding, which she said they could do at the AFC meeting. Ms. Hale addressed the need in the community for assistance, and advocated for providing benefits for those who receive the lowest income, and objected against adding conditions to dispersing those benefits.

Mr. Smith asked Ms. Walker-Tolles to clarify how many total applications had been received for the Individual Assistance Grant Program. Ms. Walker-Tolles reported that the Individual Assistance Grant program received over 2,000 applications to date, with potentially more.

Mr. Smith asked if the \$2 million appropriated to the program would be able to provide benefits to 975 applicants, as she previously stated. Ms. Walker-Tolles confirmed that \$2 million would be able to award grants to approximately 975 applicants. Mr. Smith asked that with 2,000 applicants, CCS would need another \$2 million to provide assistance to the remaining applicants. Ms. Walker-Tolles confirmed that was correct.

Mayor Weldon asked Ms. Walker-Tolles if the Assembly were to vote for this amendment that disqualified applicants from receiving both grants, how would that affect both programs. Ms. Walker-Tolles said that would result in half of those 975 applicants who received Individual Assistance benefits would be those who did not receive Housing Assistance benefits.

Mr. Smith asked Ms. Walker-Tolles when CCS would be able to process all of the Housing Assistance applications. Ms. Walker-Tolles said that CCS would be ready to disperse benefits within the next two days, and they will be immediately ready to process Individual Assistance grants.

Ms. Woll referenced Ms. Hale's comment that the Individual Assistance Program is targeting the neediest in the community. She asked Ms. Walker-Tolles if she feels that there are more lower-

income applicants to the Individual Assistance Program compared to the Housing Assistance Program. Ms. Walker-Tolles explained that is difficult to define, as the Housing Assistance Program is not divided into income thresholds like the Individual Assistance Program.

Mr. Smith said that the Individual Assistance Program was closed after six days. He asked Ms. Walker-Tolles if there was still demand after the closure, and if members of the public had reached out to her regarding the closure. Ms. Walker-Tolles said that there was far more demand after the program closed, and that people continue to submit their applications via email and at drop-box locations. CCS currently has a message on their website that states, “Due to high demand, we have closed the application period as per the City and Borough of Juneau”. She shared that there was continued interest, and they could have taken many more applications. Those who applied afterwards were deemed ineligible for the program due to applying past the application date.

Ms. Gladziszewski asked if the Assembly decided to take action in January action to appropriate more funds to the Individual Assistance Program, would she have a pile of applications that the Assembly could award benefits to. Ms. Walker-Tolles said it would depend on whether or not the Housing Assistance Program would disqualify applicants to the Individual Assistance Program.

Ms. Woll asked Ms. Walker-Tolles what her recommendation would be if the Assembly’s goal was to provide assistance to the largest amount of people possible. Ms. Walker-Tolles said her recommendation depends entirely on the Assembly’s intent to add more funding at a later point in time. If the Assembly wanted to add more funding towards the program in January, she urged that they do not prohibit Housing Assistance exclusion, so that lower-income applicants can be eligible for benefits. If the Assembly is not confident that they would want to add money to the Individual Assistance Program at a later point in time, Ms. Walker-Tolles would urge them to pass the Housing Assistance exclusion so that they can ensure that more lower-income applicants can receive some assistance.

Ms. Walker-Tolles had a request for the Assembly. If this program needs to be closed out by December 30, 2020, she requested the Assembly to make a modification reducing the length of time that applicants have to respond to questions from CCS. Currently applicants are given five days to respond, and including winter holidays, that pushes the response time past January 1, 2021. Ms. Walker-Tolles asked the Assembly shorten the response time to three calendar days.

Mr. Smith withdrew his original motion.

MOTION by Mr. Smith to discuss a resolution potentially limiting the Individual Assistance program to those who have received Housing Assistance grants until the AFC meeting on January 6, 2021. He also moved to pause the Individual Assistance Program until the Assembly has had a chance to discuss it further at AFC.

Objection by Ms. Hale. Ms. Hale argued that the Assembly has discussed this endlessly, and they have people in the community who are in need of assistance right now, and Assembly needs to take a vote on it.

Mr. Bryson shared that his initial vote on this motion was to split the programs and deny applicants from receiving both grants. However, over the last week he has seen more stress and heartache in the most vulnerable population, particularly during Christmastime, and said that his position has changed. Mr. Bryson said that he wants to help those people immediately, and described withholding these funds to the neediest members of our community until after Christmas would be a mean thing for the Assembly to do.

Ms. Gladziszewski spoke against this motion for similar reasons stated by Ms. Hale and Mr. Bryson, and would rather the Assembly decide now.

Mr. Smith spoke to his motion. Mr. Smith explained that this motion would allow the Assembly to actually receive information, analyze it, develop a good program, and figure out where it should go before acting fast. He also believes that they have artificially capped the need by closing the program after six days, and that there is a lot of people who should have applied but were excluded by the closure. Mr. Smith said that they could create a well thought-out program that could benefit the most people who have the most need, but moving too quickly could exclude many people in need.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs spoke against the motion, specifically against making people wait. She said that the Assembly has left applicants to wait until the last minute to have their needs addressed, and is now considering having them wait even longer. For all of those reasons, she spoke in support of letting this program continue.

Roll Call Vote on Referring Resolution 2931 to AFC and Pausing the Program:

Ayes: Smith, Woll.

Nays: Bryson, Hughes-Skandijs, Gladziszewski, Hale, Jones, Triem, Weldon.

Motion failed. Two (2) Ayes, Seven (7) Nays.

MOTION by Ms. Gladziszewski for the Assembly to adopt Resolution 2931, and asked for a “No” vote.

Ms. Gladziszewski spoke to her request for a “No” vote, saying that she hoped that more money would be available in January to put towards this program and provide assistance to lower-income members in our community.

Ms. Woll asked Ms. Walker-Tolles to verify that they need \$2 million to fund the program. Ms. Walker-Tolles said if the Assembly choose to exclude those who received funding from the Housing Assistance Program, \$2 million would be adequate to cover the funds of awarding grants to all applicants. If the Assembly decides not to exclude those who applied to Housing Assistance Program, the Individual Assistance Program would need an additional \$2 million to fund for the awards for remaining applicants.

Objection by Mayor Weldon for purposes of an amendment.

Amendment #1 by Mayor Weldon to change Page 2 of the resolution the language stating “five working days to cure” to “three working days to cure”. This amendment is in response to Ms. Walker-Tolles’ request.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs spoke to Ms. Walker-Tolles regarding the application deadline and the procurement period. She asked Ms. Walker-Tolles when CCS would resume contacting applicants to request for information. Ms. Walker-Tolles said that CCS would resume contacting applicants as early as tomorrow morning.

Objection by Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones said he does not feel that it is the will of the Assembly to pass this resolution.

Ms. Walker-Tolles shared that she received direction from City Management today to stick to the December 31, 2020 deadline. Mr. Watt said that CBJ staff did send an email of that nature to CCS, as well as a number of other entities.

Ms. Gladziszewski mentioned that she would consider making an amendment to reflect that date change to December 31, 2020.

Mayor Weldon asked Mr. Palmer if there would be a way to cure the five working days to three working days if this resolution were to fail to pass. Mr. Palmer said that there will need to be another amendment to remove the disqualification language.

Objection by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs. She shared that she would rather give applicants five days to respond, considering the holiday season.

Objection by Ms. Triem.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment #1:

Ayes: Woll, Bryson, Hale, Jones, Mayor Weldon.

Nays: Smith, Gladziszewski, Hughes-Skandijs, Triem.

Motion passed. Five (5) Ayes, Four (4) Nays.

Amendment #2 by Ms. Gladziszewski to delete "...or until December 30, 2020." at the end of Section (G) to where the language ends at "...exhausted."

Objection by Mayor Weldon. Mayor Weldon said that the Assembly should let this program play out to accurately understand the data involved, and not let it go on indefinitely.

Ms. Gladziszewski spoke to her motion. She agreed with the Mayor that they should let the program play out, but she did not want the program to play out until December 30. She would like for this to play out until funds are expended, which she hoped will still be sometime in January 2021.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment #2:

Ayes: Bryson, Hughes-Skandijs, Gladziszewski, Hale, Jones, Smith, Triem, Woll.

Nays: Mayor Weldon.

Motion passed. Eight (8) Ayes, One (1) Nay.

Amendment #3 by Ms. Gladziszewski to delete Section (C)(5) from Page 2 of the Resolution.

Ms. Gladziszewski spoke to her amendment. She said that they have imperfect information, and argued that they should avoid making drastic changes during the middle of the process.

Objection by Mayor Weldon. Mayor Weldon said that if there were to remove this piece of the resolution, then they would not be providing as many funds as they possibly could to the largest amount of people in need.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment #3:

Ayes: Bryson, Hughes-Skandijs, Gladziszewski, Hale, Jones, Triem, Woll.

Nays: Smith, Mayor Weldon.

Motion passed. Seven (7) Ayes, Two (2) Nays.

Mayor Weldon called for the vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 2931 as amended.

Objection by Ms. Hale for purposes of a question. She asked Mr. Palmer to clarify that if this resolution as amended was adopted if the previous Assembly action would still be viable. Mr. Palmer confirmed that was correct.

Hearing no objections, Resolution 2931, as amended, was adopted by unanimous consent.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57p.m.

Signed: _____

Elizabeth J. McEwen
Municipal Clerk

Signed: _____

Beth A. Weldon
Mayor