

**SPECIAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**

June 17, 2020 6:00 PM

Zoom Webinar & FB Live Stream

Meeting No: 2020-32 Immediately following the Assembly Finance Committee [start time is approximate] To Participate: webinar: <https://juneau.zoom.us/j/93239184879> or call: 1-346-248-7799 webinar: 932 3918 4879

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Instructions for Public Participation via Zoom Webinar

Anyone wishing to provide public comment during the meeting is asked to call the Municipal Clerk's public testimony request phone line at 586-0215 by 3 p.m. the day of the meeting or send an email to City.Clerk@juneau.org providing their name, email address, and phone number they will be calling from. Testimony time will be limited by the Mayor based on the number of participants. The public is encouraged to send comments in advance of the meeting to BoroughAssembly@juneau.org.

If you have not notified the Clerk's Office ahead of time you can still participate. When attending the zoom webinar [*login info listed at top of agenda*] to speak on an item up for public hearing or a non-agenda item please hit the 'raise hand' button if participating via a computer/tablet; if participating by phone press *9 on your phone, this will place a 'raised hand' icon next to your phone number and will add you to the queue.

IV. AGENDA TOPICS

A. EOC COVID-19 Update

B. PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance 2019-06(AH) An Ordinance Appropriating up to \$1,000,000 to the Manager for a COVID-19 Conservation Corps Program; Funding Provided by the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund.

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V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

VI. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

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B. Red Folder - Ordinance 2019-06(AH) version (b) from Assembly Finance 6/17/20

VII. ADJOURNMENT

ADA accommodations available upon request: Please contact the Clerk's office 36 hours prior to any meeting so arrangements can be made for closed captioning or sign language interpreter services depending on the meeting format. The Clerk's office telephone number is 586-5278, TDD 586-5351, e-mail: city.clerk@juneau.org

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RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Upload Date	Type
☐ Ord. 2019-06(AH)	6/5/2020	Appropriating Ordinance

Presented by: Mayor Weldon

Presented: 06/08/2020

Drafted by: R. Palmer III

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2019-06(AH)

An Ordinance Appropriating up to \$1,000,000 to the Manager for a COVID-19 Conservation Corps Program; Funding Provided by the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund.

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is easily transmittable person to person; and

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WHEREAS, the number of traditional unemployment type of claims increased by approximately 800 percent of normal as of late May, 2020, which equates to 1693 claimants; and

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WHEREAS, the Economic Stabilization Task Force recommended that the Assembly consider a COVID-19 Conservation Corps Program; and

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WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Conservation Corps Program is necessary due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Conservation Corps Program is being created by this ordinance and program expenses were not accounted for in the FY20 budget; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Conservation Corps Program expenses were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 31, 2020.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is a non-code ordinance.

Section 2. Emergency Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Manager the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for a COVID-19 Conservation Corps Program (Program) to be appropriated as follows and used consistent with this ordinance:

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Eaglecrest Supplemental Appropriation FY21	\$300,000.00
Trail Mix, Inc. grant	\$450,000.00

The grant to Trail Mix, Inc. shall be available immediately and through the Program Deadline in Section 4 below.

Section 3. Source of Funds:

CARES Act Special Revenue Fund	\$1,000,000.00
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Section 4. COVID-19 Conservation Corps Program Purpose and Terms. The Program is subject to the following terms and conditions:

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(g) **Administration.** The City and Borough of Juneau Parks and Recreation Department shall coordinate the projects, may add additional projects consistent with this ordinance, and may provide reasonably necessary support and personnel to Eaglecrest and Trail Mix, Inc. to accomplish the intent of this ordinance; and

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Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption. However, Section 2 of this ordinance is conditioned upon the City and Borough of Juneau receiving CARES Act funding from the State of Alaska.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:

Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk

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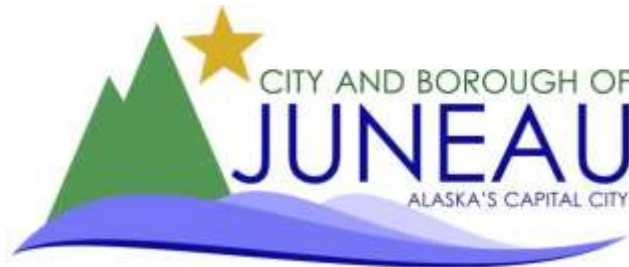
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▢	How to Give Public Comment during June 17 Listening Session beginning at 7p.m.	6/16/2020	Cover Memo



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INFORMATION RELEASE
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