

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

Meeting Minutes - March 21, 2019

MEETING NO. 2019-16: The Special Meeting of the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly, held in the Assembly Chambers of the Municipal Building, was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Beth Weldon.

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Assembly Members Present: Mayor Beth Weldon, Loren Jones, Michelle Hale, Wade Bryson, Carole Triem, Maria Gladziszewski, Rob Edwardson, Alicia Hughes-Skandjis

Assembly Absent: Mary Becker

Airport Board Members Present: Chair David Epstein, Jerry Godkin, Chris Peloso, Dennis Harris, Dennis Bedford, Angela Rodell

Absent: Al Clough

A quorum of each group was present.

Staff Present: City Manager Rorie Watt, Deputy City Manager Mila Cosgrove, City Attorney Rob Palmer, Municipal Clerk Beth McEwen

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved as presented.

III. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Annual Joint Meeting with the Airport Board

Members of the Assembly and Airport Board introduced themselves. Mayor Weldon invited Airport Chair David Epstein to lead the discussion.

Mr. Epstein gave an overview of the Airport's accomplishments over the past year as well as the challenges facing them in the near future. Members of both the Airport Board and the Assembly discussed the Snow Removal Equipment Facility (SREF), the next terminal renovation phase with which they have been struggling with LEED Certification, and the fiscal challenges relating to the state budget. Mr. Epstein said that while the state has stopped providing CIP funds it has not stopped collecting aviation fuel taxes. He recommended, as a municipally owned airport, they may be interested in forming a coalition with other municipalities who own their own airports to try to recoup those aviation fuel taxes.

The members had a discussion regarding the LEED certification issue and Mr. Watt gave a more in depth explanation of how the LEED standards work and the process involving the Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS) and how that ties into the Airport Board projects. These issues won't be resolved at this meeting but will continue to be discussions and a process that will be worked out between the Airport Board, JCOS, the City Manager, and the Assembly.

Angela Rodell, the Airport Finance Committee Chair touched on the accomplishments the board has had with respect to leveraging as much federal funding as possible. She also discussed the goals and challenges with respect to the Airport passenger charges and grants for terminal reconstruction project. Over the next five years, they are in excess of \$50 million dollars in construction projects planned with approximately 9.2 million in FAA funds to help with some of these projects.

Boardmembers and Assemblymembers then discussed the nuances of projects, Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) and what extent those projects might include PLAs. They also discussed the payment percentage splits between the state (2%), city (2.5%) and federal (95%) funds for the CIP projects associated with the airport. That discussion lead to Passenger Facility Charges (PFCs) which is based on a formula set by the federal government. The PFC rates are set by Congress and while airports have been trying to get them to raise those fees, they have not been raised since 2005 and they only apply to the first two airports that people travel through. The Airport Manager has been in discussions with our Washington D.C. lobbyists about this issue and lobbying efforts will continue.

Boardmembers then provided additional information and the board and Assemblymembers discussed the following topics:

- Leases for airport lands, hangars, etc...
- OSHA issues
- Campground/security issues
- Area over by the Huna Totem Business park
- Security issues with the parking lot by the EVAR (Emergency Vehicle Access Road)
- 1% for Art with the north terminal renovation project.
- Maintenance, including snow removal of 42 miles of "highway/road system" on the airport property.
- Parking/loading zone enforcement including public education about the cell phone lot and the \$100 fine for parking in the loading/unloading zone.

Mr. Watt provided a brief report regarding the FAA audit and the cost allocation for the Fire Department as well as the issues relating to the firefighting foam. CBJ has hired an environmental consultant to do testing for CBJ and it appears to not be as much of a

concern as in some other communities.

Mr. Edwardson as the Assembly liaison to the Airport Board thanked the boardmembers for their service and how efficient their meetings are and the Airport staff for all the work they do to make sure our airport runs smoothly.

Mayor Weldon thanked the Airport boardmembers for coming and participating in this joint meeting and for their service to the community.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Assembly, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Signed: _____

Elizabeth J. McEwen
Municipal Clerk

Signed: _____

Beth A. Weldon
Mayor