

THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA
REGULAR ASSEMBLY MEETING

Meeting Minutes – April 4, 2022

Meeting No. 2022-08: The Regular Assembly Meeting of the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly, held in the Assembly Chambers at City Hall and virtually via Zoom webinar, was called to order by Mayor Beth Weldon at 7:00p.m.

I. FLAG SALUTE

II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

‘Wáahlaal Gíidaak provided the following land acknowledgment: We would like to acknowledge that the City and Borough of Juneau is on Tlingit land, and wish to honor the indigenous people of this land. For more than ten thousand years, Alaska Native people have been and continue to be integral to the well-being of our community. We are grateful to be in this place, a part of this community, and to honor the culture, traditions, and resilience of the Tlingit people. *Gunalchéesh!*

III. ROLL CALL

Assemblymembers Present: Mayor Beth Weldon, Deputy Mayor Maria Gladziszewski, Christine Woll, Michelle Hale, ‘Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Carole Triem, Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, Wade Bryson, and Greg Smith.

Assemblymembers Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Manager Rorie Watt, Deputy City Manager Robert Barr, City Attorney Robert Palmer, Municipal Clerk Beth McEwen, Deputy Clerk Diane Cathcart, Finance Director Jeff Rogers, Parks and Recreation Director George Schaaf, Port Director Carl Uchytel, Airport Manager Patty Wahto, Engineering/Public Works Director Katie Koester, Community Development Director Jill Maclean, Tourism Manager Alexandra Pierce

IV. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Tourism Best Management Practices Update

Kirby Day provided an update on Tourism Best Management Practices (TBMP) for the Assembly and the listening public. Mr. Day shared that TBMP is entering its 26th year of operation, and spoke to the dedication and commitment of the operators. The program will begin in Ketchikan and Skagway this summer, and Mr. Day will be travelling to Whittier on April 18 to give a presentation on the program. He also recently gave a presentation with Liz Perry of Travel Juneau for the residents of Bar Harbor, Maine, who have expressed interest in utilizing the TBMP program model. He looked forward to visitors coming back to Juneau this summer, and he appreciated the support from the Assembly.

Ms. Gladziszewski asked if the number of participants enrolled in the TBMP program have changed much over the past few years.

Mr. Day mentioned that a few of their participants have gone out of business due to the pandemic, but they fully expect at least 95% of their participants to remain active members of TBMP this year.

B. Instruction for Public Participation

Deputy Clerk Diane Cathcart provided instruction to the listening public on how to participate in the meeting via the Zoom platform.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VI. MANAGER'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

Mr. Watt asked to include a brief Staff Report regarding the budget from Finance Director Jeff Rogers.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Kirby Day, a resident and member of the Holland America Cruise Group, said that Holland America is looking forward to connecting one of their cruise ships to shore power for the first time in Juneau. He added that Holland America was able to secure a contract with AEL&P with enough power supply to provide interruptible service.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Public Requests for Consent Agenda Changes, Other Than Ordinances for Introduction

None.

B. Assembly Requests for Consent Agenda Changes.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs requested Resolution 2981 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

C. Assembly Action

MOTION by Ms. Gladziszewski to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections, the Consent Agenda was adopted as amended by unanimous consent.*

1. Ordinances for Introduction

a. Ordinance 2022-23 An Ordinance Temporarily Closing Auke Lake for the 2022 IRONMAN Alaska Triathlon and Providing a Penalty.

Juneau is set to host the first IRONMAN Alaska triathlon on August 7, 2022, with 1,500 race participants. The race's swimming course consists of a 2.4-mile loop around Auke Lake, which is normally open to motorized vessels each day during the summer and other public uses. This ordinance would temporarily close Auke Lake to motorized vessels and other public uses on August 6-7, 2022 to minimize user conflicts related to the race.

The Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance and set it for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

b. Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AE) An Ordinance Appropriating \$3,000,000 to the Manager for the Augustus Brown Pool Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by General Funds.

Delaying renovation of Augustus Brown Pool has substantially increased costs due to inflation, supply chain issues, and limited competition in the pool specialty trade. This ordinance would provide \$3,000,000 of general funds to progress project work. The intent is to complete renovations contemplated in the 2017 sales tax renewal.

The Assembly Finance Committee reviewed this request at the March 12, 2022 meeting. The Public Works and Facilities Committee will review this request at the April 11, 2022 meeting.

The Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance and set it for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

c. Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AF) An Ordinance Appropriating \$5,000,000 to the Manager for the Affordable Housing Fund; Funding Provided by General Funds.

This ordinance would appropriate \$5,000,000 of general funds to the Affordable Housing Fund. Assuring adequate and affordable housing for all Juneau residents is highest ranking on the Assembly's goals for 2022. Appropriating these funds will ensure continued robust and sustainable use of the Affordable Housing Fund.

The Assembly Finance Committee reviewed this request at the March 12, 2022 meeting. The Public Works and Facilities Committee will review this request at the April 11, 2022 meeting.

The Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance and set it for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

d. Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AG) An Ordinance Appropriating \$1,500,000 to the Manager for the Information Technology Infrastructure Upgrades Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by General Funds.

This ordinance would appropriate \$1,500,000 of general funds for information technology needs at CBJ, including cyber security and system modernization upgrades that do not fit in the traditional operating budget framework.

The Assembly Finance Committee reviewed this request at the March 12, 2022 meeting. The Public Works and Facilities Committee will review this request at the April 11, 2022 meeting.

The Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance and set it for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

e. Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AH) An Ordinance Appropriating \$500,000 to the Manager for the Juneau Police Department Radio System Replacement Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by General Funds.

The Juneau Police Department owns and maintains a system of radios that is at the end of its useful life. A consultant report estimated new system costs in excess of \$12 million. This ordinance would appropriate \$500,000 for an updated consultant cost estimate and first stages of design and planning for the project.

The Assembly Finance Committee reviewed this request at the March 12, 2022 meeting. The Public Works and Facilities Committee will review this request at the April 11, 2022 meeting.

The Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance and set it for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

f. Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AI) An Ordinance Appropriating \$1,000,000 to the Manager as Local Match for the Lemon Creek Multimodal Path Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by General Funds.

This ordinance would appropriate \$1,000,000 of general funds as local match for the Lemon Creek Multimodal Path capital improvement project. This project is ranked highest on CBJ's FY23 Legislative Priority List, and may be a good candidate for grant funding that is likely to require a local match.

The Assembly Finance Committee reviewed this request at the March 12, 2022 meeting. The Public Works and Facilities Committee will review this request at the April 11, 2022 meeting.

The Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance and set it for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

g. Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AJ) An Ordinance Appropriating \$6,300,000 to the Manager for the New City Hall Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by General Funds.

This ordinance would appropriate \$6,300,000 of general funds as initial funding for the New City Hall capital improvement project. Although the Assembly has not made final decisions on replacing or renovating the current city hall, appropriating these funds now will ensure funding is available to move the project forward once final decisions have been made. This project is ranked #4 on CBJ's FY23 Legislative Priority List.

The Assembly Finance Committee reviewed this request at the March 12, 2022 meeting. The Public Works and Facilities Committee will review this request at the April 11, 2022 meeting.

The Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance and set it for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

h. Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AK) An Ordinance Appropriating \$250,000 to the Manager for the North Douglas Crossing Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by General Funds.

This ordinance would appropriate \$250,000 of general funds towards the planning stage of the North Douglas Crossing capital improvement project. This project is ranked #2 on CBJ's FY23 Legislative Priority List.

The Assembly Finance Committee reviewed this request at the March 12, 2022 meeting. The Public Works and Facilities Committee will review this request at the April 11, 2022 meeting.

The Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance and set it for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

i. Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AL) An Ordinance Appropriating \$1,300,000 to the Manager as a Grant to United Human Services of SE Alaska to Construct the Southeast Community Services Center; Funding Provided by General Funds.

The Assembly appropriated \$1,100,000 to United Human Services of SE Alaska in October 2020 to support construction of the Southeast Community Services Center. Since this time, the project has experienced significant cost escalation due to inflation, supply chain issues, and other economic factors. This ordinance would appropriate an additional \$1,300,000 to help address these issues and ensure completion of project construction.

The Assembly Finance Committee reviewed this request at the March 12, 2022 meeting. The Public Works and Facilities Committee will review this request at the April 11, 2022 meeting.

The Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance and set it for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

j. Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AN) An Ordinance Appropriating \$300,000 to the Manager to Replace Lost Revenue in the Downtown Parking Fund; Funding Provided by General Funds.

The Downtown Parking Fund has experienced a significant reduction in revenue as a result of decreased permit sales to tourism companies and employees downtown who largely transitioned to working from home during the pandemic. This ordinance would appropriate \$300,000 of general funds to replace lost revenue in the Downtown Parking Fund and prevent the fund from going negative at the end of FY22. Permit fee increases are also being considered and more information will be presented at the Public Works & Facilities Committee on April 11, 2022.

The Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance and set it for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

k. Ordinance 2022-06 An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Treasury for FY23 City and Borough Operations.

This ordinance appropriates \$430,907,100 in expenditure authority for the City and Borough of Juneau's FY23 operating budget, excluding the School District. This ordinance appropriates all transfers between funds that support operations, debt service and capital projects as well as the associated expenditures within the funds themselves.

This ordinance also recognizes \$423,752,800 of forecast revenue and transfers-in and decreases fund balances, across all funds, by \$7,154,300. The forecast revenue and draw from fund balance are sufficient to fund the budgeted expenditures. Budgeted expenditures and revenues will be reviewed in detail with the Finance Committee during the budget process in April and May.

The Charter requires that a public hearing be held on the FY23 operating budget by May 1, 2022, and the ordinance be adopted by June 15, 2022.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance, refer it to the Assembly Finance Committee for further review, and set it for public hearing at the Regular Assembly Meeting scheduled for April 25, 2022.

l. Ordinance 2022-07 An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Treasury for FY23 School District Operations.

This ordinance will appropriate to the School District an FY23 operating budget of \$86,659,000. This is an overall decrease in the budget of \$5,737,600 from the FY22 Amended Budget. The FY23 school budget is supported with a combination of funding sources including CBJ local funding of \$30,608,500 and state and federal funding of \$51,389,400. The local funding consists of \$28,491,200 for general operations and \$2,117,300 for programs and activities not subject to the state funding cap.

State statute requires the Assembly to determine the total amount of local educational funding support to be provided and provide notification of the support to the School Board within 30 days of the School District's budget submission. The district's budget was submitted April 1, 2022. To meet this timing provision, it is necessary for the Assembly to determine the amount of funding and provide notice in the month of April. This amount cannot subsequently be reduced, unless the amount exceeds the State funding cap, but it can be increased. If the Assembly does not set the amount and furnish the School Board with notice within 30 days, the amount requested by the School District is automatically approved. By Charter, the Assembly is required to appropriate the School District's budget no later than May 31, 2022.

On April 25, 2022, a meeting is scheduled for the Assembly to state, by motion, the amount of local funding to be provided to the School District.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance, refer it to the Assembly Finance Committee for further review, and set it for public hearing at the Regular Assembly Meeting scheduled for April 25, 2022.

m. Ordinance 2022-08 An Ordinance Establishing the Rate of Levy for Property Taxes for Calendar Year 2022 Based Upon the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023.

This ordinance establishes the mill rates for property taxes for 2022, which funds a significant portion of the City and Borough of Juneau's FY23 operating budget. The Charter requires the Assembly to adopt, by ordinance, the tax levies necessary to fund the budget before June 15.

The mill levies presented in this ordinance support the Manager's FY23 Proposed Budget that will be reviewed by the Assembly Finance Committee (AFC). As part of the budget review process, the AFC reviews, amends and recommends to the Assembly the final mill levies.

For FY23, the operating mill rate is set to increase by 0.10 mills for a total proposed mill levy of 10.66, the components of which are:

Operating Mill Rate by Service Area	Millage	Change from FY22 Adopted
Roaded Service Area	2.45	-
Fire Service Area	0.31	-
Areawide	6.70	0.10
Operating Total	9.46	0.10
Debt Service	1.20	-
Total	10.66	0.10

The City Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance, refer it to the Assembly Finance Committee for further review, and set it for public hearing at the Regular Assembly meeting scheduled for April 25, 2022.

2. Resolutions

a. Resolution 2975 A Resolution Adopting the City and Borough Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2028, and Establishing the Capital Improvement Project Priorities for Fiscal Year 2023.

This resolution would adopt the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2028, as required by Charter Section 9.4, and lists the capital projects that will be initially appropriated by ordinance in FY23.

The Public Works and Facilities Committee reviewed the preliminary CIP at its March 7, 2022 meeting and forwarded the plan to the Assembly. The Planning Commission will review the preliminary CIP at its April 12, 2022 meeting.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this resolution, refer it to the Assembly Finance Committee for further review, and set it for public hearing at the regular Assembly meeting scheduled for April 25, 2022.

3. Bid Award

a. Contract Award to Duwamish Services, LLC for Statter Harbor Repairs

Statter Harbor “D Float” received storm damage on November 26, 2021 rendering 500 linear feet of moorage inoperative. In December, Docks & Harbors proceeded with an expedited process to procure replacement floats from the original manufacturer which would allow a general contractor to complete repairs prior to the spring boating season. In February, a formal bid solicitation for repair was advertised but no bids were received. Local contractors cited full workload and an inability to complete by the desired schedule.

On February 24, the Docks & Harbors Board directed staff to proceed in accordance with 53.50.090(g) to contract without further competitive bidding. Duwamish Services, LLC of Seattle was consulted and is willing to complete the work by May 4 under a Time & Material contract estimated not to exceed \$272,400. Docks & Harbors does not have the procurement authority to enter into a contract in excess of \$100,000 without Assembly approval. At its March 31, 2022 regular meeting, the Docks and Harbors Board recommended awarding a time and materials contract to Duwamish Services, LLC.

The City Manager recommends that the Assembly approve Docks & Harbors' request to contract with Duwamish Services, LLC for repairs to Statter Harbor “D Float”.

b. BE22-252 Riverbend Elementary School Water Damage Repair

Bids for this project were opened on March 24, 2022. Results of the bid opening are as follows:

	Base Bid	Base Bid	Alternate	
Responsive Bidders	Item No. 1	Item No. 2	No. 1	Total Bid
Carver Construction, LLC	\$860,808.00	\$168,271.00	\$3,689.00	\$1,032,768.00
Island Contractors, Inc.	\$1,120,900.00	\$169,500.00	\$5,600.00	\$1,296,000.00
Architect's Estimate	\$719,803.46	\$240,175.46	\$4,136.75	\$964,115.67

The City Manager recommends award of this project to Carver Construction, LLC, for the total bid of \$1,032,768.

4. Liquor License

a. Liquor License Renewals for Licenses: #4943, #550 & #848

These liquor license actions are before the Assembly to either protest or waive its right to protest the license actions.

Liquor License Renewals:

License Type: General Wholesale, License #4943

Licensee: Specialty Imports Inc. d/b/a Specialty Imports

Location: 540 W. 8th St., Juneau

License Type: Beverage Dispensary, License #550
Licensee: Imperial Bar, Inc. d/b/a Imperial Bar
Location: 241 Front St., Juneau

License Type: Restaurant/Eating Place, License #848
Licensee: V's Grinders, LLC d/b/a V's Cellar Door
Location: 222 Seward St., Juneau

Staff from the Police, Finance, Fire, Public Works (Utilities) and Community Development departments have reviewed the above licenses and recommended the Assembly waive its right to protest the renewal applications. Copies of the documents associated with these licenses are available in hardcopy upon request to the Clerk's office.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly waive its right to protest the above-listed liquor license renewals.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Resolution 2981 A Resolution Supporting the People of Ukraine and Suspending the Juneau Sister City Relationship with Vladivostok, Russia.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has engaged in an unprovoked and unjustified attack on the sovereign nation of Ukraine. The CBJ stands firmly with Ukraine and its people. This resolution would join the CBJ into the international community in strongly condemning the egregious actions of President Vladimir Putin for ordering the invasion of Ukraine and would suspend the CBJ's Sister City relationship with Vladivostok, Russia. The CBJ shall continue to support the people of Vladivostok and looks forward to a time when true people to people cooperation can be restored.

The Assembly Human Resources Committee discussed this resolution on March 14 and April 4, 2022. The Systemic Racism Review Committee reviewed this resolution on March 15, 2022.

The City Manager does not have a recommendation on this matter.

Public Comment:

LuAnn McVay, a Downtown resident, shared that her family had once hosted exchange students from Vladivostok in the 1990s. She believes that the Russian people are not aware of what Putin is doing to the people of Ukraine, and that we as a community need to communicate with the people of Vladivostok. Ms. McVay urged the Assembly to pass the resolution.

Roald Simonson, a Downtown resident, spoke in support of this resolution and any action that can be done from the United States in response to this. He shared that he has spent a significant time in Russia. He mentioned that Ms. Gladziszewski showed him the resolution last week at a fundraiser for Ukraine. Mr. Simonson wrote his own resolution as a suggestion to get across another form of outrage about it. He shared it with the Assembly.

Assembly Action:

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs noted that the HRC had discussed Resolution 2981 at their meeting earlier tonight. The HRC did not provide a recommendation, but instead forwarded Resolution 2981 to the full Assembly for additional discussion.

Ms. Gladziszewski thanked the Assembly for considering this resolution, and recognized that the Assembly typically does not comment on political foreign affairs. However, she felt that the Governor's press release encouraging Alaskan communities to sever ties with Russian sister cities was a call to action. She noted that Juneau's sister city relationship with Vladivostok has been dormant for quite some time. Ms. Gladziszewski was certain that the entire Assembly condemned the violence happening in Ukraine, and spoke to the desire to do something, which inspired her to draft this resolution. She described this resolution as a way to get a message across to Vladivostok that their friends in Juneau condemn the actions of their president. She echoed Ms. McVay's testimony which commented on the people of Russia potentially being unaware of the war in Ukraine, and she said she has the privilege of living in a country with an access to free press. She mentioned that a previous draft of this resolution had called upon the citizens of Vladivostok to take action against this war, but she ultimately chose to remove it after considering the negative, if not harmful consequences that could occur to those who chose to speak out.

Ms. Gladziszewski acknowledged that this resolution would not end the war, but if this action could help people in Vladivostok think twice about what is happening in Ukraine, perhaps they might be moved to action. She shared that her desire to do something was reinforced by President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky's speech during yesterday's 2022 Grammy Awards, where he encouraged listeners to support Ukraine in any way they can without remaining silent. She hope that this small act could ultimately make a difference.

Ms. Triem asked 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak if the Sister Cities Committee had a response to this resolution.

'Wáahlaal Gíidaak said that the Sister Cities Committee has not had a quorum in a long time due to a lack of members, so they have not been able to meet to discuss this resolution. However, the current Chair of the SCC recommended the Assembly not to pass the resolution as it is written at this time. Sister Cities International has provided a statement as to why suspending a sister city relationship is not favorable at this time, and it was included in the Assembly packet.

MOTION by Mr. Gladziszewski to adopt Resolution 2981 and asked for unanimous consent.

Objection by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs. In speaking to her objection, Ms. Hughes-Skandijs said that she was horrified to see what is happening in Ukraine, and spoke to the mutual condemnation of the war shared by the full Assembly and the entire community of Juneau. However, as shown in 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak's previous comments, the Sister Cities Committee is not currently active, and the Assembly could not forward this resolution to them even if it were to pass. She referenced Sister Cities International's statement against ending sister city relationships with communities in Russia, which stated that these relationships are most important during times such as this. Additionally, Ms. Hughes-Skandijs felt it

would be bad practice for the Assembly to weigh in on a geopolitical conflict, adding that Ms. Gladziszewski acknowledged in her comments that the Assembly does not generally step outside of their purview. Ms. Hughes-Skandijs also noted that this is not the first time that Russia has been a malefactor in the geopolitical landscape. She recalled that no one asked the Assembly to suspend their sister city relationship with Vladivostok during the 2016 Russian invasion of Syria, which resulted in the deaths of 1,700 civilians, 200 of which were children.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs spoke to the numerous emails they received from the public, and found that some of the comments that spoke in favor of this resolution included extreme characterizations of Russians as a people. Ms. Hughes-Skandijs also referenced the rationale that this resolution might encourage the people of Vladivostok to take action, and shared that the city of Vladivostok was one of the first places to hold protests when Russian anti-corruption activist Alexei Navalny was arrested last year. She acknowledged that the people of Vladivostok are taking action and putting themselves in danger by protesting their oppressive government. She said that actions like this essentially uses the city of Vladivostok as a pawn to make our community feel as if they are doing something. Instead, she recommends that we individually follow the instructions given by the people of Ukraine, which includes donating to aid organization and to publicly support Ukraine.

‘Wáahlaal Gíidaak thanked Ms. Hughes-Skandijs for her explanation. She spoke in opposition against the resolution, while maintaining her support for the people of Ukraine. She said that the sister city relationship provides an opportunity to communicate with the people of Vladivostok. She referenced a discussion that took place during the HRC meeting, they considered ways in which to communicate the community’s concern to Vladivostok without suspending the sister city relationship. ‘Wáahlaal Gíidaak acknowledged that the people of Russia do not have the same freedom to protest that we have here in our country, and spoke to the real, sometimes violent repercussions Russian activists are subjected to. She encouraged the Assembly to continue to communicate with and support the people of Vladivostok as a sister city, rather than punish them for the actions of their dictator.

Ms. Woll appreciated everyone’s comments, and echoed Ms. Gladziszewski’s comments about the desire to do something. She said that she is hopeful that the Assembly can still communicate to the people of Vladivostok about their concern regarding the war, regardless of whether or not this resolution is passed tonight.

Ms. Hale said that she was worried about the depth of the opposition to this resolution, saying that this was a small gesture to do something regarding a horrible situation. She added that the resolution does not ask the citizens of Vladivostok to take action, noting that Ms. Gladziszewski specifically removed a section of her resolution after acknowledging the potential risk. She added that this resolution does not say that Juneau will refuse to communicate to the city of Vladivostok, but is rather a symbolic formality. Ms. Hale also addressed the concerns of the Assembly’s purview to act upon a geopolitical conflict, and said that a sister city relationship is within the purview of the Assembly. She also referenced concerns about the lack of action from the Assembly during previous Russia-involved conflicts, saying that the Assembly’s decision not to act in the past is not a sufficient reason to refuse to act at this time. She further noted that the current members of this Assembly is almost entirely different from the Assembly

during the 2016 Russian invasion of Syria. Ms. Hale described the recent news reporting the war crimes taking place in Ukraine as horrific, and felt that it was important for the Assembly to take this very seriously. She encouraged the Assembly to adopt this resolution.

Ms. Gladziszewski appreciated everyone's thoughtful commentary on this resolution. She mentioned that Juneau does not have a sister city relationship in Syria, but as they have an existing relationship with Vladivostok, it falls within their purview to act upon it if they so choose. She also spoke to the chances of this discussion reinvigorating interest in the Sister Cities Committee, as the seven-seat committee currently only has three active members.

Mayor Weldon appreciated Ms. Gladziszewski's efforts in drafting and bringing this resolution forward. She said she had an issue with suspending the sister city relationship with Vladivostok, as it represents a connection between communities. For that reason, Mayor Weldon opposed the resolution.

Mr. Smith appreciated everyone's comments. He said that this was a small government-to-government symbolic action and he spoke in support of the resolution.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs addressed comments that had mentioned Juneau's lack of a sister city relationship with Syria. She clarified that she had referenced the 2016 invasion of Syria in her comments due to the fact that Russia was invading them at the time, similar to how Russia is invading Ukraine at this time. Ms. Hughes-Skandijs also acknowledged Juneau's sister city relationship with the Philippines, and the lack of urgency to end that relationship when the president of the Philippines' human rights violations were made public.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution 2981:

Ayes: Gladziszewski, Smith, Hale, Bryson

Nays: 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Woll, Triem, Hughes-Skandijs, Mayor Weldon.

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

MOTION by Ms. Woll for the Assembly to direct Mayor Weldon to draft a letter to the Mayor of Vladivostok to express the Assembly's concern regarding the war in Ukraine. *Hearing no objections, the motion passed by unanimous consent.*

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

XII. STAFF REPORTS

Finance Director Jeff Rogers reacquainted the Assembly with the annual budget process, which involved the Assembly Finance Committee meeting every Wednesday for the next eight weeks. He mentioned

that the Finance Department has noticed a deficit in the General Fund budget, and said that it is likely to increase throughout the budget process. Mr. Rogers added that the funding requests submitted by the School Board, Hospital, Airport, and Docks & Harbors Boards will all be included in this budget process. The Assembly will also hear from grant requesters, such as the Juneau Arts and Humanities Council and the Juneau Community Foundation.

Mayor Weldon asked him to confirm that the budget does not include any amounts related to any negotiations in regards to collective bargaining. Mr. Rogers confirmed that the budget does not include a penny in regards to collective bargaining.

XIII. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

Mayor Weldon visited Washington D.C. and met with Juneau's federal delegation. She said she was honored to speak with Congressman Don Young, who passed away on March 18. She mentioned that she will be travelling to Anchorage with Public Works and Facilities Director Katie Koester to attend the 2022 Grant Symposium. Mayor Weldon acknowledged April as Autism Awareness Month, and said that she has a cousin who is autistic, and encouraged the listening public to join her in celebrating the month.

B. Committee Reports, Liaison Reports, Assembly Comments and Questions

Committee of the Whole Chair Gladziszewski reported that the COW has not met since the last Regular Assembly meeting. The next scheduled COW meeting will be held on April 11, where they will discuss the Eaglecrest gondola, the New City Hall project, sales tax for food, Downtown parking issues, and a brief EOC report.

Assembly Finance Committee Chair Triem echoed what Mr. Rogers said in his report. As a result of the Special AFC meeting on Saturday, a number of appropriating ordinances were introduced tonight and forwarded to the PWFC on April 11.

Lands Housing and Economic Development Chair Hale said that the next scheduled LHEDC meeting will be held on April 11.

Public Works and Facilities Committee Chair Bryson reported that the PWFC has not met since the last Regular Assembly meeting. The next scheduled PWFC meeting will be held on April 11 to discuss the appropriating ordinances that were forwarded to the committee by the Assembly tonight.

Human Resources Committee Chair Hughes-Skandijs reported that the HRC met earlier this evening prior to tonight's meeting. The HRC forwarded the following appointments to the full Assembly:

- Local Emergency Planning Committee:
Elaine Hickey, to a term beginning immediately and ending on December 31, 2024; and Ryan Bear to a term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2023.
- Juneau Human Rights Commission:
Lance Mitchell and Mallory Nash to terms beginning immediately and ending on May 31, 2023.
Hearing no objections, all appointments were approved by unanimous consent.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs added that the HRC also discussed Resolution 2981.

Housing & Development Task Force (HDTF) Chair Gladziszewski reported that the HDTF held their final meeting on April 1 to memorialize their final recommendations as a task force. The recommendations were split up into two categories: one for administrative purposes and one for regulatory purposes. The Assembly will meet with the Planning Commission at a later date to discuss the HDTF final recommendations.

Eaglecrest Summer Operations Task Force (ESOTF) Chair Mr. Smith reported that the ESOTF has met twice since the last Regular Assembly meeting. The first meeting included an overview of upcoming summer operations, and a cost update from Eaglecrest Manager Dave Scanlan. The second meeting featured a discussion regarding Goldbelt's offer to provide funding and partnership. The task force forwarded a recommendation to the Assembly to direct the City Manager to negotiate with Goldbelt on this matter.

Mr. Smith added that the Joint Assembly/Juneau School District Facilities Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on April 7.

Bartlett Regional Hospital/Assembly Task Force Chair Ms. Hughes-Skandijs reported that the task force has not met since the last Regular Assembly meeting.

Liaison Reports, Questions and Comments

Mr. Bryson Travel Juneau met this week to discuss the 2022 IronMan Competition. He attended the Women of Distinction gala, and he participated in a Glory Hall Board meeting. He mentioned that Glory Hall is merging with Housing First.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs shared that the Juneau Commission on Aging met on March 15 to discuss the art grant to create an elder friendly playgrounds with CBJ Parks & Recreation Department. The Title 49 Committee met March 31 to discuss Juneau Coastal Management Program changes, and making pre-application meetings optional.

Ms. Triem shared that the Juneau Commission on Sustainability has not met since the last Regular Assembly meeting; the next JCOS meeting is scheduled to be held on April 6. The Aquatics Board met last week to discuss swim lessons, and the shared concern amongst the Board to provide swim lessons to the community.

‘Wáahlaal Gíidaak shared that the School Board has met once since the last Regular Assembly meeting, and as of today, masks are optional in all JSD schools. The next School Board meeting is scheduled to be held on April 11. The Sister Cities Committee has not met due to lack of quorum. ‘Wáahlaal Gíidaak attended the Native Youth Olympics and remarked on Juneau's strong performance.

Ms. Hale shared that the Bartlett Regional Hospital Board met on March 29 to discuss their budget.

The Juneau Chamber of Commerce gave a presentation at the 2022 Innovation Summit on the history of ANCSA. She also gave an update on the relationship between the City and Travel Juneau, saying that Tourism Manager Alix Pierce is working with Travel Juneau President Liz Perry to draft an MOA with the LHEDC.

Ms. Woll shared that the Systemic Racism Review Committee met the day after the last Assembly meeting to discuss Resolution 2981. They also discussed the ordinance to purchase the Family Practice building.

The Docks & Harbors Board met last week, they are continuing to receive updates on rate studies. The Board will hold a Public Hearing on April 20 for Regulation Changes and Dockage Fee increases. The Board also approved sole source funding for Statter Harbor and that was approved under Consent Agenda.

Mr. Smith the Juneau Coalition on Housing and Homelessness met to discuss the increasing number of evictions in the community and those who are becoming newly homeless.

The UAS Campus Council met earlier today. UAS Commencement is Sunday, May 21.

He added that the Eaglecrest Board has not met since the last Regular Assembly meeting, the next Eaglecrest Board meeting is scheduled to be held on April 7.

Mr. Smith also attended the Women of Distinction Gala, and said he enjoyed hearing the stories of powerful women in this community. He is looking forward to the Alaska Folk Fest and the UAS Mariculture Conference next week.

Ms. Gladziszewski said that the Downtown Business Association has not met since the last Regular Assembly meeting. She mentioned that Juneau is in running for America's Best Bus Stop on the USA Streets blog. Ms. Gladziszewski also attended a fundraiser for Ukraine. She said that she recently acquired an elder-friendly zip line that she is currently in the process of installing it in a backyard.

C. Presiding Officer Reports

None.

XIV. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Ms. Triem for the Assembly to recess into Executive Session for collective bargaining.

Ms. Woll stated that she had a conflict of interest for some portion of the collective bargaining, and will recuse herself from participating in that part of the discussion.

Hearing no objections, the Assembly recessed into Executive Session at 9:05p.m.

The Assembly came out of Executive Session at 9:45p.m. and directed the City Manager on negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Assembly, the Regular Assembly meeting was adjourned at 9:46p.m.

Signed: _____

Elizabeth J. McEwen
Municipal Clerk

Signed: _____

Beth A. Weldon
Mayor