

THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA
REGULAR ASSEMBLY MEETING
Meeting Minutes – April 25, 2022

MEETING NO. 2022-10: The Regular Assembly Meeting of the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly was held at City Hall and virtually via Zoom Webinar and called to order by Mayor Beth Weldon at 7:00p.m.

I. FLAG SALUTE

II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Ms. Hale 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 a part of this community, and to honor the culture, traditions, and resilience of the Tlingit people. *Gunalchéesh!*

III. ROLL CALL

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

Assemblymembers Absent: ‘Wáahlaal Gíidaak.

Staff Present: Deputy City Manager Robert Barr, City Attorney Robert Palmer, Assistant City Attorney Sherri Layne, Municipal Clerk Beth McEwen, Deputy Clerk Diane Cathcart, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Dallas Hargrave, Risk Manager Jennifer Mannix, Engineering/Public Works Director Katie Koester, Eng./PW Administrative Officer Janet Sanbei, Finance Director Jeff Rogers, Parks and Recreation Director George Schaaf, Airport Manager Patty Wahto, Community Development Director Jill Maclean, Lands Manager Dan Bleidorn, Port Director Carl Uchytel, Port Engineer Erich Schaal

IV. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Special Recognition: Janet Sanbei, Administrative Officer

Mayor Weldon and Engineering/Public Works Director Katie Koester recognized Janet Sanbei’s 32 years of dedicated service in CBJ’S Community Development Department and the Engineering Department. Ms. Koester spoke to her knowledge, her experience, and her leadership. Ms. Sanbei shared how much working at CBJ meant to her and that she will especially miss her co-workers and all the staff at CBJ.

B. Special Recognition: Jennifer Mannix, Risk Management Officer

Mayor Weldon and Human Resources/Risk Management Director Dallas Hargrave recognized Jennifer Mannix’s years of dedicated service at CBJ Risk Management. Mr. Hargrave highlighted some of the comments made by previous supervisors of Ms. Mannix. She started with CBJ in 1991 as a Clerk Typist

and worked her way through the Clerk Typist I, II, and then III in the Community Development Department. He spoke to her work in Engineering as a Contract Specialist where she pioneered the development of the CBJ Engineering's first webpage in 1999. She then helped launch their new Microsoft Outlook email program in 2000. In 2005, she worked as a Permit Specialist in the Community Development Department and eventually became the Risk Manager in the Human Resources Risk Management Department since 2013. He congratulated Ms. Mannix on all her years and contributions to CBJ and said she will be leaving a big gap in her wake. He wished her well on her next adventures. Ms. Mannix thanked everyone and that she will miss working at CBJ but said it was also a good time to be retiring as well.

C. Proclamation: Child Care Provider Appreciation Day May 6, 2022

Mayor Weldon proclaimed May 6, 2022 as Childcare Provider Appreciation Day.

D. Proclamation: Commemorating Earth Day, Litter-Free Juneau, and Drive Electric Earth Day April 30, 2022

Ms. Gladziszewski proclaimed April 30, 2022 as Earth Day, Litter-Free Juneau Day, and Drive Electric Earth Day, and asked all residents to participate in Litter-Free June and Drive Electric Earth Day.

E. Proclamation: Public Service Recognition Week May 1-7, 2022

Ms. Hale proclaimed the week of May 1-7, 2022 as Public Service Recognition Week.

F. Instruction for Public Participation

Ms. McEwen provided instruction to the listening public on how to participate in the meeting via the Zoom platform.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 10, 2022 Regular Assembly Meeting #2022-02 DRAFT Minutes (Corrected)

B. February 7, 2022 Regular Assembly Meeting #2022-03 DRAFT Minutes

C. February 28, 2022 Regular Assembly Meeting #2022-05 DRAFT Minutes

D. March 14, 2022 Regular Assembly Meeting #2022-07 DRAFT Minutes (Corrected)

E. April 4, 2022 Regular Assembly Meeting #2022-08 DRAFT Minutes

Ms. Woll mentioned that she provided corrections to the Clerk's Office for the January 10, 2022 and March 14, 2022 minutes; those corrected minutes were featured in an updated version of the online packet.

MOTION by Ms. Hale to approve the minutes of the January 10 Assembly meeting, with corrections, and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.*

MOTION by Ms. Woll to approve the minutes of the February 7, 28, March 14, and April 4 Assembly meetings, with corrections, and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.*

VI. MANAGER'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

None.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

David Muldoon, a Valley resident, spoke to his concern regarding the vehicle round-up: a program in which disposes of unwanted vehicles for free. He asked why boats were not include in this program, and explained that it can cost up to \$1,000 to dispose of one boat. Mr. Muldoon listed the various types of vehicles, and said that they were essentially the same as boat, but with wheels. He questioned why boat owners are responsible for paying registration, docking fees, ramp fees, in addition to the disposal of their boats.

Aaron Spratt, a Valley resident, said that students are the only individuals in Juneau that are currently required to wear a mask. He spoke against the mask requirements, and said that students are being deprived without the opportunity to learn without a mask. Mr. Spratt encouraged the Assembly to take this opportunity to make a bold statement against the Juneau School District and the JSD Superintendent about the masking requirement for students.

Kirby Day, a Valley resident, mentioned that the first cruise ship visited Juneau this afternoon. He reminded the listening public that Tourism Best Management Practices (TBMP) was operational, and asked residents to work with them if they come across any issues. He said that CBJ is putting up stanchions to help guide pedestrians to remain on the sidewalks between cross walks, and traffic crossing guards are available to help guide pedestrians through crosswalks in any kind of weather.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

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

None.

B. Assembly Requests for Consent Agenda Changes.

None.

C. Assembly Action

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

1. Ordinances for Introduction

a. Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AO) An Ordinance Transferring \$70,000 from Police's Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget to the Drug Enforcement Unit Building Expansion Capital Improvement Project.

The Juneau Police Department was awarded funds from the Federal High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Program in their FY22 operating budget. Per the grant award, a portion of this funding

is allocated for the design phase of the Drug Enforcement Unit building expansion project. This ordinance would transfer \$70,000 from JPD's FY22 operating budget to the capital budget for this purpose. Depending on design costs, funding may also be available through the HIDTA Program for the construction phase of the project.

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

b. Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AP) An Ordinance Appropriating up to \$800,000 to the Manager for the Eaglecrest Gondola Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by General Funds.

The Purchasing Officer is processing bids to transport the gondola from Austria to Juneau, which was initially estimated to be \$400,000. However, the potential lowest bid is nearly \$850,000 and the other bid is nearly \$1,120,000. With CBJ having contracted to pay \$1.34 million (1.23M Euro) for the gondola itself plus the engineering inspection costs, loading/export fees, employee travel costs, and attorney fees, there is insufficient budget authority in the existing appropriation to sign a contract for the transportation.

Given the gondola transportation bids, a \$500,000 supplemental appropriation is currently necessary to fund transportation at the lower bid.

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

2. Resolutions

a. Resolution 2985 A Resolution Supporting an Application for Congressionally Directed Spending for the Capital Civic Center.

This resolution would express the community's support for an application of Congressionally Directed Spending for the Capital Civic Center. The City and Borough of Juneau owns Centennial Hall and the Juneau Arts and Culture Center, including the real property on which they are located. Both of those facilities are in need of substantial renovation, repair, expansion or replacement. The City and Borough of Juneau is soliciting proposals to complete design plans for the construction of a Capital Civic Center to meet the community's needs and aspirations. The Capital Civic Center project will provide substantial economic benefits to not only the Juneau community but also the entire Southeast Alaska region. Finally, more than \$30 million in public and private funding has been raised or pledged to the project.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this resolution.

3. Liquor License

a. Liquor License Renewals & Transfer

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: Club, License #3313

Licensee: Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #4200 d/b/a Fraternal Order of Eagles #4200

Location: 2055 Jordan Ave #1, Juneau

License Type: Restaurant/Eating Place, License #4192

Licensee: JH Inc. d/b/a Seongs Sushi Bar

Location: 740 W. 9th St., Juneau

Liquor License Transfer

License Type: Wholesale Malt Beverage & Wine, License #5495

License Transferor: White Mountain Beverage LLC d/b/a K&L Distributors Alaska

License Transferee: RNDC Alaska Inc. d/b/a RNDC Alaska

Location: 8420 Airport Blvd. Suite 201, 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 and transfer 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 and transfer.

4. Other Items for consent

a. Marijuana License Renewals

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

Marijuana License Renewals

License Type: Retail Marijuana Store License: #13217

Licensee: ForgetMeNot Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Glacier Valley Shop

Location: 8505 Old Dairy Rd. Suite 1, Juneau

License Type: Standard Marijuana Cultivation Facility License: #13221

Licensee: ForgetMeNot Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Green Valley Enterprises

Location: 8505 Old Dairy Rd. Suite 2, Juneau

License Type: Marijuana Product Manufacturing Facility License: #13222

Licensee: ForgetMeNot Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Southeast Essentials

Location: 8505 Old Dairy Rd. Suite 3, Juneau

Staff from 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 upon request to the Clerk's office.

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

IX. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Ordinance 2022-04(b) An Ordinance Amending the Parking Requirements of the Land Use Code.

This ordinance would repeal and replace large portions of the parking regulations in the CBJ. Notably, the existing parking districts would change, and the proposed downtown parking district would no longer have parking requirements. Additionally, this ordinance expands the applicability of parking waivers and fee-in-lieu for most parking requirements.

This ordinance was developed through eleven Title 49 Committee meetings, one Planning Commission Committee of the Whole, and two Planning Commission regular meetings. On January 25, 2022, the Planning Commission recommended the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

The Assembly Lands, Housing, and Economic Development Committee discussed this ordinance on February 14, 2022. The Systemic Racism Review Committee discussed this ordinance on February 8, 2022, and recommended forwarding to the full Assembly for public hearing. The Assembly Committee of the Whole amended this ordinance on April 11, 2022.

The Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment:

Travis Arndt, a Valley resident, spoke to the amount of effort that went into amending the parking requirements. He referenced changes to the ordinance that were made by the Assembly during the April 11 Committee of the Whole meeting. He said that he did not know what changes were made to the ordinance during the COW because the COW meeting minutes had not yet been finalized. Mr. Arndt asked the Assembly to mention their previous changes – and the reasoning behind their changes – when discussing this ordinance tonight.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Mr. Bryson for the Assembly to adopt Ordinance 2022-04(b) and asked for unanimous consent.

Objection by Ms. Gladziszewski. Ms. Gladziszewski objected to the expansion of the “No Parking Required” area.

Objection by Ms. Hale. Ms. Hale also objected to the expansion of the “No Parking Required” area. In response to Mr. Arndt’s testimony, she explained “No Parking Required” area was smaller in the original ordinance, and was expanded through this ordinance. She said that there was concern expressed by the public that the no parking zone would negatively impact existing businesses in the area.

Mr. Bryson said that he approached this ordinance with a different perspective beyond the planning aspect; he explained that this perspective led to his amendment which includes an expanded area. He added that this ordinance does not prevent developers from including parking in the area, but it allows for more flexibility and freedom for development.

Ms. Triem agreed with Mr. Bryson’s comments. She said that this area could allow for the development of apartment buildings, and this ordinance would help move development along.

Amendment #1 by Ms. Woll to remove the amendments placed on the map during the April 11 COW meeting, reverting to how it was initially presented to the Committee of the Whole by the Planning Commission.

Ms. Woll explained that while she did not attend that COW, she had listened to the recording of the meeting, and would prefer to use the original map as presented by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Bryson asked if an amendment at an Assembly meeting can remove previously approved amendments during the COW meeting.

Mr. Palmer clarified that these amendments were approved at the Committee of the Whole, and motions made at Committee of the Whole meetings cannot be changed in an Assembly meeting.

Ms. Woll rescinded Amendment #1.

Ms. Gladziszewski said that she did not understand why the Assembly could not make a motion on an item that was voted on by a committee.

Mr. Palmer explained that the Assembly has not developed a policy instances when the whole body votes on something as a committee, and whether they can vote on exactly that same topic again when it comes before the Assembly. If the Assembly wishes to distinguish between their actions as the Committee of the Whole and their actions as the Assembly, then they would need to make that distinction.

Ms. Gladziszewski said that the Assembly meets as the Assembly Finance Committee, then later decides to vote on an item when it comes before the Assembly.

Ms. Hale agreed with Ms. Gladziszewski, and said she was uncomfortable with the vague legalities surrounding the issue at hand, and asked for the Assembly to take an at-ease.

The Assembly took an at-ease at 7:47p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:54p.m.

Ms. Gladziszewski spoke to the consequences as a result of not requiring parking.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs spoke in favor of this ordinance. She hoped that this would encourage housing development.

Mr. Smith spoke in support of the ordinance. He mentioned that parking requirements have previously interfered with or cancelled proposed development in the Downtown area.

Ms. Woll said that she would support this ordinance.

Roll Call Vote on Ordinance 2022-04(b):

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

Nays: Hale, Gladziszewski.

Motion passed. Six (6) Ayes, Two (2) Nays.

B. 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 August 6-7, 2022 to minimize user conflicts related to the race.

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee recommended the Assembly adopt this ordinance at its meeting on April 5, 2022. The Systemic Racism Review Committee reviewed this ordinance on April 5, 2022 and had no concerns. The Lands, Housing, and Economic Development Committee reviewed this ordinance on April 11, 2022, and moved it for consideration by the full Assembly.

The Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment:

None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs for the Assembly to adopt Ordinance 2022-23 and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections, Ordinance 2022-23 was adopted by unanimous consent.*

The Assembly took a break at 7:59p.m. The meeting resumed at 8:09p.m.

C. 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 it could be a good candidate for grant funding with this as local match if needed.

The Assembly Finance Committee reviewed this request at the March 12, 2022 meeting. The Public Works and Facilities Committee reviewed this request at the April 11, 2022 meeting. The Systemic Racism Review Committee reviewed this request at the April 5, 2022 meeting and forwarded it to the full Assembly for public hearing.

The Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment:

None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Ms. Triem for the Assembly to adopt Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AI) and asked for unanimous consent.

Objection by Ms. Hale for the purpose of a comment. Ms. Hale said that she had looked at all of these ordinances prior to reviewing the FY23 budget. She said that she intends to postpone Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AJ) – the New City Hall appropriating ordinance – to the June 13 Regular Assembly meeting. Ms. Hale explained that would allow the Assembly more time to consider other appropriating ordinances.

Ms. Hale removed her objection to adoption of Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AI).

Hearing no further objections, Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AI) was adopted by unanimous consent.

D. 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 reviewed this request at the April 11, 2022 meeting. The Systemic

Racism Review Committee reviewed this request at the April 5, 2022 meeting and forwarded it to the full Assembly for public hearing.

The Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment:

Travis Arndt, a Valley resident, thanked the Assembly for proposing this ordinance, and was curious to know how the Assembly intended to use these funds in future projects.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Ms. Hale for the Assembly to adopt Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AF) and asked for unanimous consent.

Ms. Gladziszewski spoke in support of this ordinance, and explained that the intent was to add money into the Affordable Housing Fund. She described it as a systemic way to fund multiple worthy projects.

Objection by Mr. Bryson for the purpose of a question. He asked if the Assembly could discuss the annual allocation amount at a future COW meeting.

Mr. Bryson removed his objection.

Hearing no further objections, Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AF) was adopted by unanimous consent.

E. 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 for necessary 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 reviewed this request at the April 11, 2022 meeting. The Systemic Racism Review Committee reviewed this request at the April 5, 2022 meeting and forwarded it to the full Assembly for public hearing.

The Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment:

None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Ms. Triem for the Assembly to adopt Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AE) and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections, Ordinance 2021-08(B)(am)(AE) was adopted by unanimous consent.*

F. 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 reviewed this request at the April 11, 2022 meeting. The Systemic Racism Review Committee reviewed this request at the April 5, 2022 meeting and forwarded it to the full Assembly for public hearing.

The Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment:

None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Ms. Woll for the Assembly to adopt Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AG) and asked for unanimous consent.

Objection by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs for purpose of a comment. Ms. Hughes-Skandijs echoed Ms. Hale's earlier comments about considering several appropriating ordinances at the start of a budget cycle; she added that she would prefer to have a detailed discussion regarding this ordinance.

Ms. Hale asked Ms. Hughes-Skandijs if she would be interested in postponing this ordinance until the June 13 Regular Assembly meeting.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs asked Mr. Barr if delaying this ordinance would have any effect on procurements or daily workings.

Mr. Barr said that it would not have that effect.

MOTION by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs to postpone Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AG) to the June 13 Regular Assembly meeting. *Hearing no objections, the motion passed by unanimous consent.*

G. 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 radio system costs in excess of \$12 million. This ordinance would appropriate \$500,000 for the first stages of design and planning for the radio project.

The Assembly Finance Committee reviewed this request at the March 12, 2022 meeting. The Public Works and Facilities Committee reviewed this request at the April 11, 2022 meeting. The Systemic Racism Review Committee reviewed this request at the April 5, 2022 meeting and forwarded it to the full Assembly for public hearing.

The Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment:

Phillip Moser, a Valley resident, spoke in opposition of this ordinance. He referenced the Assembly's commitment back in June 2020 to increase transparency between the Juneau Police Department and the public. In the time since then, there had been an officer-involved shooting between a JPD officer and a man experiencing suicidal tendencies. Mr. Moser noted the lack of information that had been provided to the public in the aftermath of the shooting. He added an article published in 2019 claimed that JPD was seeking to encrypt their radio system, which he said would cause even further transparency issues. He also said that the Capital City Fire and Rescue department has not weighed in on whether a radio system upgrade was necessary.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Mr. Smith for the Assembly to postpone Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AH) to the June 13 Regular Assembly meeting and asked for unanimous consent.

Mr. Smith said that he was in favor of providing JPD with the resources they need to do their job, but he would like some more information to gain a better understanding of this project.

Objection by Ms. Woll. Ms. Woll said that this radio system has been requested for over a decade, and she said that the Assembly should consider ways to replace outdated police radio systems.

Objection by Mr. Bryson. Mr. Bryson said that this has been the most requested item from both JPD and CCFR for several years. He added that the Local Emergency Planning Committee wrote a letter to the Assembly that spoke to the necessity of replacing the current radio system. Mr. Bryson referenced Mr. Moser's concerns regarding encryption, saying that these systems would allow for encryption, but doing so would protect the community and the officers from disclosing sensitive information. He added that, in some cases, JPD police officers need to be able to talk to each other without the public listening.

Objection by Ms. Triem. Ms. Triem agreed with Ms. Woll and Mr. Bryson's comments. She also appreciated Mr. Moser bringing up the Assembly's commitment to police transparency, saying that she would like to bring up a JPD-related item in tonight's Assembly Comments. Ms. Triem said that decisions and purchases related to JPD operations should come before the Assembly, as that would help establish additional transparency for the public. That being said, she said that she objected to postponing this item because this appropriation is simply starting a process, and there will be opportunities to discuss this at a later point in time.

Objection by Mayor Weldon. Mayor Weldon added that the \$500,000 will only be used for the initial design and planning stages.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Barr to clarify how a \$500,000 appropriation would secure a \$12M purchase.

Mr. Barr said that this was an early stage in a multi-phase project; he anticipated this item coming back to the Assembly at a COW meeting for further discussion regarding its broader aspects.

Mr. Smith withdrew his motion to postpone this item to the June 13 Assembly meeting.

MOTION by Mr. Smith for the Assembly to adopt Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AH) and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections, Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AH) was adopted by unanimous consent.*

H. 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 reviewed this request at the April 11, 2022 meeting. The Systemic Racism Review Committee reviewed this request at the April 5, 2022 meeting and forwarded it to the full Assembly for public hearing.

The Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment:

None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Ms. Gladziszewski for the Assembly to postpone Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AJ) to the June 13 Regular Assembly meeting. *Hearing no objections, the motion passed by unanimous consent.*

I. 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 reviewed this request at the April 11, 2022 meeting. The Systemic Racism Review Committee reviewed this request at the April 5, 2022 meeting and forwarded it to the full Assembly for public hearing.

The Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment:

Paul Kelly, a Douglas resident, spoke in favor of the ordinance and the potential development that a second crossing would allow. He described how difficult it was to find a home with his partner and two young children. Mr. Kelly said that this study will promote affordable housing options in Juneau, while preserving Juneau's natural wetlands. He encouraged the Assembly to support funding this study.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Mr. Bryson for the Assembly to adopt Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AK) and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections, Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AK) was adopted by unanimous consent.*

J. 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 that 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 reviewed this request at the April 11, 2022 meeting. The Systemic Racism Review Committee reviewed this request at the April 5, 2022 meeting and forwarded it to the full Assembly for public hearing.

The Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment:

Joan O’Keefe, a Douglas resident, shared that she was the Executive Director at SAIL (Southeast Alaska Independent Living) and thanked the Assembly for their initial investment of \$1.1M. She said that market volatility and supply chain disruption has significantly increased costs.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Mr. Smith for the Assembly to postpone Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AL) to the May 16 Regular Assembly meeting and asked for unanimous consent.

Mr. Smith said that the legislature is trying to secure state funding through federal grants for this project. He explained that the Assembly could preserve City funds by delaying this ordinance and waiting to see if the project receives federal grant funding from the legislature.

Ms. Triem asked if this ordinance could be amended if it were to be postponed to May 16.

Mr. Palmer said that the ordinance could be amended, but if the Assembly wanted to change the appropriation amount, they would need to draft a new ordinance.

Mr. Smith clarified that he did not intend to change the appropriation amount, he would put in conditional language in relation to the federal grant and there was additional discussion about the language in regards to the ARPA funds.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed by unanimous consent.

K. 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 were discussed by the Public Works and Facilities Committee at the April 11, 2022 meeting.

The Systemic Racism Review Committee reviewed this request at the April 5, 2022 meeting and forwarded it to the full Assembly for public hearing.

The Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment:

None.

Assembly Action:

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs asked Mr. Rogers if the Downtown Parking Fund would still go into the negative if this ordinance was not adopted.

Mr. Rogers clarified that the Downtown Parking Fund has lost significant revenue as a result of the pandemic, and he did not anticipate it to grow to a reasonably positive fund balance without an appropriation. He explained the intent of the ARPA funds, and how this funding could help prevent increased parking fees from becoming even larger.

MOTION by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs for the Assembly to adopt Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AN) and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections, Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(AN) was adopted by unanimous consent.*

L. 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 Systemic Racism Review Committee will review this request during April and May.

The City Manager recommends holding the charter required public hearing for this ordinance, followed by referral back to the Assembly Finance Committee for further review.

Public Comment:

Haifa Foroughi, a Douglas resident and current Chair of the Juneau Human Rights Commission (JHRC) spoke to the JHRC's request for funding for a Community Engagement Initiative. She said that the Community Engagement Initiative has two components: 1) a crowdsourcing process to gather and prioritize issues impacting our community, and 2) a restorative process which establishes pathways to bring the community together to resolve internal tensions. She asked the Assembly to consider providing funding in the upcoming budget for this request.

Aaron Spratt, a Valley resident, criticized the millions of dollars going towards undefined projects. He said that the Assembly was disconnected from reality with the amount of inflation that taxpayers are

responsible for paying. He asked the Assembly to reconsider their priorities, and called their actions reprehensive.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Ms. Triem for the Assembly to refer Ordinance 2022-06 to the Assembly Finance Committee for further review and asked for unanimous consent.

Mr. Smith reminded the public that this appropriation includes various streams of funding and grants.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed by unanimous consent.

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

This ordinance will appropriate \$86,659,000 to the School District for its FY23 operating budget. 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 Systemic Racism Review Committee will review this request during April and May.

The City Manager recommends holding the charter required public hearing for this ordinance, followed by a motion to set the amount of local funding to be provided to the school district, and then referral of the ordinance back to the Assembly Finance Committee for additional review.

Public Comment:

Aaron Spratt, a Valley resident, said that he was frustrated with how the Juneau School District (JSD) has conducted themselves. He encouraged the Assembly to take a stance against JSD by amending their funding, as a response to requiring students to wear masks during a pandemic. He spoke to JSD low

testing scores, and high spending per student. He asked the Assembly to have a discussion and reach out to say they are not doing this. He asked the Assembly to hold JSD accountable for the policies.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Ms. Hale for the Assembly to set local funding for the school district at \$28,491,200 for general operations to the cap and to refer Ordinance 2022-07 back to the Assembly Finance Committee for additional review.

Objection by Mr. Bryson for the purpose of a statement.

Mr. Bryson said that he wanted to address Mr. Spratt's comments, explaining that the school district budget at \$86M being spent across 4400 student comes out to approximately \$20,000 per student. He said that in taking the classroom count sizes into consideration with smaller classes for elementary schools and larger sizes for secondary students, it comes out to between \$485,000-\$585,000 per classroom. He said that puts a school such as Mendenhall River Elementary School to having an \$11M budget which is comparable to the budget for Juneau International Airport. Mr. Bryson said that he understands the frustrations expressed from some of the citizens.

Mr. Bryson removed his objection.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed by unanimous consent with the local funding from general operations being set to the cap at \$28,491,200 and referring Ordinance 2022-07 back to the Assembly Finance Committee for additional review.

N. 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 will establish 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 would be set to increase by 0.10 mills for a total proposed mill levy of 10.66 as follows. The Systemic Racism Review Committee will review this request during April and May.

Operating Mill Rate by Service	Area Millage	Change from FY22 Adopted
Roaded Service Area	2.45	-0-
Fire Service Area	0.31	-0-
Areawide	6.70	0.10

Operating Total	9.46	0.10
Debt Service	<u>1.20</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Total	10.66	0.10

The City Manager recommends holding the charter required public hearing for this ordinance, followed by referral back to the Assembly Finance Committee for further review.

Public Comment:

None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Mr. Smith for the Assembly refer Ordinance 2022-08 to the Assembly Finance Committee for further review and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections, the motion passed by unanimous consent.*

O. 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 reviewed the preliminary CIP at its April 12, 2022 meeting. The Systemic Racism Review Committee will review this request during April and May.

The City Manager recommends holding the charter required public hearing for this resolution, followed by referral back to the Assembly Finance Committee for further review.

Public Comment:

None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION by Ms. Gladziszewski for the Assembly to refer Resolution 2975 to the Assembly Finance Committee for further review and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections, the motion passed by unanimous consent.*

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

XII. STAFF REPORTS

A. CBJ Grant Strategy

Engineering and Public Works Director Katie Koester provided an explanation on CBJ grant strategy and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Ms. Koester said that CBJ would like to identify projects featured on the Legislative Priority List, Assembly Goals, or would displace other funds.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs asked Ms. Koester if CBJ had reached out to Tlingit & Haida Central Council or other community agencies to collaborate. Ms. Koester said that she and Mr. Watt had met with THCC and Goldbelt Inc. to discuss synergy and project alignment.

Ms. Gladziszewski asked Ms. Koester to explain how projects would be selected for grants. Ms. Koester said that funding priorities will compare project proposals on how they relate to Legislative priorities, Assembly goals, and the CIP list.

Ms. Triem asked about the previous appropriation of money to fund a CBJ grant writer position. Mr. Barr said that the City ultimately decided to contract our federal lobbyist for their grant writing services.

Mr. Smith mentioned that his day job is also trying to secure IIJA grants, and he learned that municipal input plays a significant role in proposed IIJA and DOT projects.

Ms. Koester agreed that coordinating with the Department of Transportation is important, and said that there is a Community Transportation program which CBJ could pursue in collaboration with DOT.

The Assembly took a break at 9:26p.m. The meeting resumed at 9:35p.m.

XIII. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

Mayor Weldon shared that she visited Pelican last weekend, she welcomed the first cruise ship of the season this morning, and attended the federal grant-writing symposium in Anchorage hosted by Senator Lisa Murkowski.

B. Committee Reports and Liaison Reports

Committee of the Whole Chair Gladziszewski reported that the COW met on April 11 to discuss the New City Hall, Parking Requirements, and Sales Tax on Food.

Assembly Finance Committee Chair Triem reported that the AFC last met on April 20. The next scheduled AFC meeting will be held on April 27 to discuss the budgets for the Airport, Eaglecrest, and Bartlett Regional Hospital.

Lands Housing and Economic Development Chair Hale reported that the LHEDC met on April 11 to discuss the purchase of city property, the 2022 Iron Man competition, Travel Juneau MOA, and the 35-mile off-road vehicle park

Public Works and Facilities Committee Chair Bryson met on April 11 to discuss the vehicle roundup, the Valley Bus Transit Center opening this July, and the circulator study.

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 for approval:

- Juneau Public Libraries Endowment Board:
Donna Pierce, to a term beginning immediately and ending January 31, 2024.
Carol Race, to a term beginning immediately and ending January 31, 2025.
All appointments were approved by unanimous consent.

The HRC discussed a resolution regarding the results of the 2020 Census, and the 2022 Municipal Election.

MOTION by Ms. Hughes Skandijs to hold the October 4, 2022 Municipal Election as a Vote by Mail election, and asked for unanimous consent.

She explained that the Assembly had not yet formally voted on holding the upcoming election as a vote by mail election, and a motion is needed tonight to establish this year's election as a by-mail election.

Ms. Gladziszewski asked if this motion required any formal public hearing.

Ms. McEwen explained that the issue had been discussed in the Assembly Human Resources Committee and that the Assembly indicated a desire during committee discussions last year to proceed with the ballot processing center to be able to proceed with conducting CBJ elections by mail. She also indicated that the code requires a motion to set the election as a by mail election and since it was not an ordinance, it was not subject to the same public hearing requirements.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed by unanimous consent.

Mr. Bryson reported that the Local Emergency Planning Commission made a motion to support the radio study. The Airport Board met and moved forward eight projects, and they are designing a new conveyor belt.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs reported that the Planning Commission will meet on April 26. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee held their annual retreat on April 16. The Juneau Commission on Aging are continuing their work. She also shared that she attended the federal grant symposium by Senator Murkowski in Anchorage with Mayor Weldon.

Ms. Triem reported that the Juneau Commission on Sustainability passed a resolution supporting a grant for an electric circulator. They also discussed acquiring a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification for Centennial Hall, but it has proven difficult to meet LEED certification standards due to the size and scope of the building. The Aquatics Board will meet on April 26.

Ms. Triem had recently heard that JPD was planning to purchase a tank using federal grant funding. She said that this purchase should have come before the Assembly for transparency reasons, and expressed her concern regarding the militarization of Juneau's police force. Ms. Triem asked CBJ staff to ensure that future purchases similar to this are brought to the Assembly, as it would allow for more transparency for the public.

Mr. Barr explained that JPD is pursuing the purchase of an armored vehicle, with funding from a federal grant and local match set by budget appropriations. He said that the vehicle is intended to be used by JPD or CCFR for transportation into areas that are deemed unsafe or dangerous.

Ms. Hale shared that the Juneau Chamber of Commerce met on April 21 to discuss no medallion pay with Princess Cruise Lines. The Bartlett Regional Hospital Board will meet on April 26.

Mr. Smith shared that the Juneau Coalition on Housing and Homelessness met to discuss the upcoming Project Homeless Connect event on April 28. The event will feature resources and services to connect with the unhoused population.

Ms. Woll shared that the Systemic Racism Review Committee met twice to review legislation and the AFC budget process. The Docks & Harbors Board held a special meeting in April where they received public testimony regarding dockage fees.

Assembly Comments and Questions

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs asked Mr. Barr how much local match is paying for the armored vehicle.

Mr. Barr clarified that the armored vehicle is being paid for through a \$240,000 grant with \$60,000 in local match funding.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs agreed with Ms. Triem, and said that the purchase of a tank would be a policy question, especially considering the national conversation regarding police conduct in recent years.

Mr. Bryson said that he had several questions regarding the armored vehicle, and noted that the public will have a lot of questions about this as well. He said that he did not feel that public process was sufficiently met with the purchase of this vehicle.

Mayor Weldon said that the Assembly could discuss the armored vehicle at a COW meeting.

Ms. Hale said that she would like to receive clarification on whether the purchase is for a tank or for an armored vehicle.

Mr. Barr explained that it is technically referred to as an armored vehicle.

C. Presiding Officer Reports

None.

XIV. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discussion on Collective Bargaining

MOTION by Ms. Triem for the Assembly to recess into Executive Session to discuss matters the immediate knowledge of which would adversely affect the finances of the municipality; and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections, the Assembly recessed into Executive Session at 10:01p.m.*

Ms. Woll shared that she has a conflict of interest related to negotiations with IAFF, and she will recuse herself from negotiations specifically with that union.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Assembly, the Regular Assembly meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Signed: _____
Elizabeth J. McEwen
Municipal Clerk

Signed: _____
Beth A. Weldon
Mayor