

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

Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2022

MEETING NO. 2022-17: 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

Deputy Mayor Maria Gladziszewski 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: Mayor Beth Weldon, Deputy Mayor Maria Gladziszewski, ‘Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Carole Triem, Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, and Wade Bryson

Assemblymembers Absent: Michelle Hale, Greg Smith, Christine Woll

Staff Present: City Manager Rorie Watt, Deputy City Manager Robert Barr, City Attorney Robert Palmer, Municipal Clerk Beth McEwen, Deputy Clerk Diane Cathcart, Assistant City Attorney Sherri Layne, Finance Director Jeff Rogers

IV. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Instruction for Public Participation

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

B. Recognition of Senator (& Former CBJ Mayor) Dennis Egan on his recent passing. City Manager Rorie Watt shared that Senator Egan has served many roles in the Juneau community. Mr. Watt said that as a teenager, Dennis Egan was a colorful character and had some adventures growing up in Juneau and specifically during his years growing up in the governor’s mansion. Mr. Watt said that later, Dennis became a business owner and radio host on Problem Corner and his voice was very well known within our community. He joined the Assembly and then became Mayor. He was known as a notorious note passer, ran meetings well, and was a lot of fun to be around. He was very active in the Alaska Municipal League and eventually became Juneau’s Senator in the Alaska Legislature where he served a number of years. Mr. Watt said that Dennis was “one of us and was Juneau through and through.” Juneau has lost a

wonderful member of its family and may he rest in peace satisfied for a lifetime of service to the capital city.

C. Recognition of Police Chief of the Year - Ed Mercer. Mayor Beth Weldon said that Chief Mercer has been serving the Juneau community within the police department for the past 22 years and as Chief for the past five years. Serving as a leader in policing means regularly having to guide colleagues, his officers and our community through some of its most challenging crises. Chief Mercer has successfully navigated Juneau and our community through more than his share of these. This sort of work requires levels of integrity, character, political understanding and compassion that are rarely seen together. Perhaps the strongest evidence that Chief Mercer brings these traits to the table is the manner in which he is respected by all comers; from his officers and staff, to CBJ Managers and departments, the Assembly, and the community at large. Chief Mercer has worked on and led numerous initiatives within JPD, consistently and persistently Chief Mercer drives the importance of Juneau's leadership from a policing perspective. Chief Mercer knows that the most long-term/value producing work comes from partnerships across the state and country and Juneau has seen that through his work with the community policing program as well as his work in developing the regional high intensity drug trafficking task force. Mayor Weldon said that it was in light of these traits and accomplishments that his colleagues have recognized Chief Mercer as Alaska's Police Chief of the Year for 2022.

Chief Mercer thanked the Mayor and said he shares this honor with his JPD team, Deputy Chief David Campbell, his command staff and officers, and all the JPD staff. He recognized his wife Kelly and son Gabe Mercer for their support and for the support of his peers across the state of Alaska.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 16, 2022 Regular Assembly Meeting #2022-12 DRAFT Minutes

Hearing no objections, the minutes of the May 16, 2022 Assembly Meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

VI. MANAGER'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

None.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Jim Powell, North Douglas resident, an Assistant Research Professor at UAS, presented the Juneau's Changing Climate & Community Response report. He said in the 15 years since UAS convened a scientific panel, it first examined the impacts of climate change on our community. The community and citizen initiatives have built on the foundations of the first report. He said that was a unique report back in 2007 and at that time many communities did not have similar reports. At that time, they compiled the information it was pioneering and this new report expands upon and updates the original report and is on less shaky foundation. He thanked, then Mayor Bruce Botelho and former Dean Brennan Kelly, who worked together to spear the original report. It was all volunteer then and this updated version is largely volunteer with some funding provided by CBJ and UAF. He said that they brought together 22 authors, including himself, to try to figure out all the impacts of climate change on the community. He noted that

this report has 9 key messages on pages 6-7 which are intended to be a quick reference. He said that five of those pieces are natural science related. He said they have highlighted some of the things that Juneau has done to address climate change so it is not only a report on the impacts but also about the adaptations being done. He mentioned a lot of the efforts of Juneau's non-profits as well. One in particular that he mentioned was Tlingit & Haida who had come out with their own report just before this effort was taken up. Mr. Powell said that there is a webinar scheduled Thursday, July 14 at 9:00 am during which many of the scientists will be present to dig into the report details.

Kim Metcalf, a Basin Road resident, spoke about traffic on Basin Road. She said that traffic up on Basin Road is a problem year around but becomes increasingly bad during cruise ship season. She said that she checked with JPD about getting a traffic counting device and she was told that they could provide that information from the speed trailer that they had already installed. She said that during the week of June 16-23, the lowest number of vehicles on the road was on Sunday, June 16 with 282 vehicles. The highest number of vehicles during that period was on Friday, June 22 with 499 vehicles. She said the study only listed one week. She asked the Assembly to imagine 998 vehicles driving through their neighborhood on a high traffic day and on a low traffic day 564 vehicles. She said she doubled the numbers because Basin Road is a dead end road and what goes up, must come back the same way. She said that the area that people drive is zoned residential and Basin Road itself is zoned rural reserve. She said they are not zoned commercial and she would like to see the area free from commercial use. She said the road has no sidewalks, it is failing in places and the width of the road does not allow for two large vehicles to pass, especially the larger tour buses that come through daily. She said that after this season, she is going to ask the city to close the gate at the Mt. Roberts trailhead year round and stop issuing permits to commercial businesses. She said they've been here before and while it hasn't worked, she's going to keep trying. She said that in the meantime, she is asking staff and volunteers of Travel Juneau be asked to stop directing traffic to Last Chance Basin. She is asking people who use the area to walk their dogs to use the dog park at Cope Park. She is asking runners, hikers, cyclists to walk or cycle up to the trailheads rather than drive. She emphasized for those that do drive there to please observe the speed limits which are posted and are 10 mph on road and 5mph on bridges. She then distributed a copy of the traffic study that she was provided by JPD.

Ms. Paula Terrell had signed up to participate via Zoom. Ms. Terrell was not on zoom but Ms. Metcalfe shared that Ms. Terrell informed her that if she wasn't able to connect via zoom, she also wanted to express her concerns also about the traffic on Basin Road. She said that Ms. Terrell was almost hit by a vehicle on Basin Road when she was up there walking recently.

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

C. Assembly Action

- a. Ordinance 2022-34 An Ordinance Providing for the Levy and Collection of a Temporary 1% Areawide Sales Tax on the Sale Price of Retail Sales, Rentals, and Services Performed within the City and Borough of Juneau, to be Effective October 1, 2023, and Providing for a Ballot Question Ratifying the Levy.**

This ordinance would place the question of extending the 1% temporary sales tax on the October 4, 2022, regular municipal election ballot. The current 1% temporary sales tax expires on September 30, 2023. If approved, the temporary 1% tax would be extended for five years, until September 30, 2028.

If extended, the temporary tax is estimated to generate a total of \$60.2 million in sales tax revenue. The Assembly has designated funds to the following projects areas:

- Deferred maintenance of CBJ and JSD facilities
- Replacement public safety equipment for JPD and CCFR
- Redevelopment of Gastineau Avenue, Telephone Hill, and North SOB Parking Garage
- Affordable housing initiatives, including further development of Pederson Hill
- Harbor expansion and maintenance
- Childcare support
- Lemon Creek multi-modal path
- Relocation of City Museum
- Contribution to the Restricted Budget Reserve
- Information technology upgrades

This topic was reviewed by the Assembly Finance Committee at its meeting on March 12, and by the Committee of the Whole at its meetings on May 2 and June 27. The Committee of the Whole recommended the ordinance be brought to the full Assembly for consideration.

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

- b. Ordinance 2022-37 An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$35,000,000 to Finance Construction and Equipping of a New City Hall for the City and Borough, and Submitting a Proposition to the Voters at the Election to Be Held Therein on October 4, 2022.**

This ordinance would send a bond package to the voters to consider in the municipal election on October 4, 2022. This ordinance would send one general obligation bond proposition of up to \$35 million for the construction and equipment of a new city hall. The total project cost, with underground

parking, is currently estimated at \$41.3 million, and the Assembly has already appropriated \$6.3 million of general funds.

The Committee of the Whole selected 450 Whittier Street as the preferred site for a new city hall during the April 11, 2022 meeting. The Assembly requested staff draft an ordinance to submit a proposition to the voters on the October 4, 2022 election ballot during the June 6, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting.

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

- c. **Ordinance 2022-38 An Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$6,600,000 to Finance Construction and Equipping of Park Improvements within the City and Borough, and Submitting a Proposition to the Voters at the Election to Be Held Therein on October 4, 2022.**

This ordinance would send a bond package to the voters to consider in the municipal election on October 4, 2022. This ordinance would send one general obligation bond proposition of up to \$6.6 million for the construction and equipment of park improvements within CBJ, including:

- Turf and track surfacing for sports facilities at Adair Kennedy Park
- A new public use cabin
- Areawide trail maintenance

The Committee of the Whole discussed this request during the June 27, 2022 meeting.

This ordinance is being introduced at the request of the Mayor.

The City 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)(AT) An Ordinance Appropriating \$500 to the Manager for the Bartlett Regional Hospital Rainforest Recovery Center; Funding Provided by a Donation from the Second to None Motorcycle Club.**

This ordinance would appropriate a \$500 donation from the Second to None Motorcycle Club for Bartlett Regional Hospital's Rainforest Recovery Center to support addiction rehabilitation and recovery programs throughout the state.

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

- e. **Ordinance 2022-06(b)(E) An Ordinance Appropriating \$40,000 to the Manager to Conduct a Statistically Valid Survey of Juneau Voters Related to Removing Sales Tax on Food; Funding Provided by General Funds.**

This ordinance provides funding to the Manager to contract with a research firm experienced in conducting statistically valid surveys. The firm will provide survey design services and conduct the survey. The survey will begin with education on the topic and conclude with questions that 1) assess whether or not the survey taker approves of removing sales tax on food, and 2) regardless of their approval, seeks input on the method by which CBJ revenue should be replaced if sales tax were removed from food. Revenue replacement options would include annual sales tax, seasonal sales tax, and property tax. The Assembly discussed and decided to proceed with this survey at its June 27, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting.

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

- f. **Ordinance 2022-30 An Ordinance Amending the Official Zoning Map of the City and Borough to Change the Zoning of Catholic Community Services Property Located near 1800 Glacier Highway, from D-10 to Light Commercial.**

At its regular meeting on April 12, 2022, the Planning Commission recommended the Assembly rezone 2.6 acres from D10 (residential) to Light Commercial. The property is across from Wickersham Drive, and is recognizable by the Bridge Adult Day Care and AKcess paratransit service. The Planning Commission based its recommendation on recent Assembly decisions that found Light Commercial to conform to the 2013 Comprehensive Plan of Medium Density Residential.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance and refer it to the Lands, Housing, and Economic Development Committee.

- g. **Ordinance 2022-36 An Ordinance Amending the Sales Tax Code to Exempt Veteran Organizations.**

Juneau's Sales Tax Code exempts sales by non-profit organizations and to non-profit organizations from the imposition of sales tax. That exemption is limited to organizations with 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) designations from the Internal Revenue Service. However, veterans' service organizations, such as the American Legion, are separately designated by the IRS as non-profit organizations under 501(c)(19). This ordinance extends the non-profit sales tax exemption to eligible 501(c)(19) veterans' service organizations.

This ordinance is being introduced at the request of the Mayor.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance and refer it to the Assembly Finance Committee.

g. Ordinance 2022-06(b)(B) An Ordinance Appropriating \$20,000 to the Manager for Short-Term Rental Data Collection; Funding Provided by Hotel-Bed Tax Funds.

The Assembly discussed the topic of short-term rentals and provided direction to begin the process of collecting data on short-term rentals so the Assembly can be better equipped to make policy decisions. This appropriation would enable the Manager to contract with a third-party vendor that monitors short term rental websites to report data about the location and ownership of short term rental units, number of nights rented, type of short term rental (i.e. full-house, shared house, apartment), and estimated rental rates.

In addition to the June 6 Committee of the Whole meeting, the Assembly discussed the registration piece of this topic at its July 7th Finance Committee meeting.

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

h. Ordinance 2022-06(b)(C) An Ordinance Appropriating \$25,000 to the Manager to Publicly Oppose the Repeal of Mandatory Real Estate Price Disclosure; Funding Provided by General Funds.

In October 2020, the Assembly adopted Ordinance 2020-47(am) to require the disclosure of real estate transaction prices to the Borough Assessor. Due to lack of compliance and legal issues with the confidential provision with the original ordinance, the Assembly amended the law by ordinance in February 2022 to make sales prices public and institute a civil fine for failure to disclose. A referendum to repeal these ordinances has been certified for the October 2022 ballot. The Assembly's stated intent with these ordinances was to give the Assessor more access to market sales information in the interest of more accurate assessments for all property owners. A repeal would give the Assessor less information which would force the Assessor to speculate about real estate market activity. Less sales information and more speculation about the market would result in less accurate assessments that are more prone to surprising value corrections. With passage of this appropriating ordinance, the Assembly and appointed officials would be able to publicly support the merit of mandatory price disclosure and oppose its repeal.

The Assembly may determine that it is inappropriate for staff to advocate for the outcome of this ballot proposition and may decline to adopt this Ordinance. During public hearing of this Ordinance, the Assembly should debate the best way to provide the public with information about the reasons why the Administration recommended and the Assembly approved the requirement for disclosure of property sale prices. As it is likely that the sponsors of the referendum will advocate in favor of passage, it is important for the Assembly to consider how the public may understand its action in balancing the needs of privacy of financial information and the needs of equitable taxation.

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

- i. **Ordinance 2022-06(b)(D) An Ordinance Appropriating \$25,000 to the Manager to Publicly Support a General Obligation Bond for the Construction and Equipment of a New City Hall; Funding Provided by General Funds.**

The Committee of the Whole selected 450 Whittier Street as the preferred site for a new city hall during the April 11, 2022, meeting. The Assembly requested staff draft an ordinance to submit a proposition to the voters on the October 4, 2022, election ballot during the June 6, 2022, Committee of the Whole meeting. This ordinance would appropriate \$25,000 for the Assembly and appointed officials to advocate for this proposition and educate the public of the merits of construction of a new city hall prior to the October election.

Whether or not to authorize the construction of a new City hall is an important long-term decision for the community. In accordance with AS 15.13.145, this ordinance will allow staff to properly and accurately convey information to the public and will allow staff to participate in debates regarding the merits of the proposal.

Absent municipal participation in this important public decision, voters are likely to not have access to the facts or best arguments in favor of the proposal for a new City Hall.

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

2. Resolutions

- a. **Resolution 2990 A Resolution Authorizing the Installation of Eleven Totem Poles in Overstreet Park and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Sealaska Heritage Institute for the Creation, Installation, and Maintenance of the Totem Poles.**

Southeast Alaska is the ancestral home of the Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian people. Totem poles express Southeast Alaskan Native communities' histories, values, and cultures. The Sealaska Heritage Institute secured a grant to commission totem poles from Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian master artists. This resolution would authorize the placement of up to twelve totem poles along the waterfront in Overstreet Park in downtown Juneau. The proposed totem poles will comprise part of Kootéeyaa Deiyí, a totem pole trail. Each totem pole will be accompanied by an interpretive storyboard identifying the pole's clan and crests, and providing information related to the pole's artwork.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this resolution.

- b. **Resolution 2992 A Resolution Authorizing the Manager to Convey an Access Easement across City Property to Secon, Inc., the Owner of Hidden Valley Subdivision, Tract A, Near Lemon Creek, and Repealing Resolution 2978.**

Earlier this year the Assembly adopted Resolution 2978, which authorized a 30-year non-exclusive easement across city property to Secon for access to their property. After the resolution was adopted, Secon reached out to the Lands Office and requested this easement be perpetual due to the upfront costs of building bridges in locations that are expected to last longer than the 30 year time frame. This access easement, at either easement duration, is beneficial for the water quality of Lemon Creek as it bypasses an existing area prone to slope failure, which causes turbidity spikes.

If approved, the new resolution would replace Resolution 2978 and allow the easement to be perpetual.

The Assembly Lands, Housing, and Economic Development committee recommended adoption of this easement at its meeting on June 6, 2022.

The Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this resolution.

c. Resolution 2994 A Resolution Amending the Personnel Rules and Approving Economic Terms between the City and Borough of Juneau and Non-represented Employees for Fiscal Years 2023, 2024, and 2025.

This resolution would provide Assembly approval for certain economic terms of employment in FY23 to FY25 for non-represented employees and approve the corresponding changes to the Personnel Rules. Specifically, this resolution approves annual wage increases of 5.5%, 2%, and 2% for FY23, FY24, and FY25 and increases to the employer contribution to health insurance by approximately 5% each year in FY23 and FY24 and up to 5% in FY25. Starting in FY23 there are also \$.50 per hour increases to shift differentials that are provided in the Personnel Rules and other language changes in Personnel Rule 18 that related to these economic terms.

The resolution is accordance with previous Assembly direction.

The City Manager recommends this resolution be adopted.

d. Resolution 2995 A Resolution Ratifying the Labor Agreement between the City and Borough of Juneau and the Public Safety Employees Association, AFSCME Local 83, AFL-CIO, for Fiscal Years 2023, 2024, and 2025.

This resolution would provide Assembly ratification, as required by CBJ 44.10.020, of the terms of the tentative agreement negotiated between the City and Borough of Juneau and the Public Safety Employees Association (PSEA) for a collective bargaining agreement that will go into effect on July 1, 2022 and expire on June 30, 2025.

The tentative agreement includes economic modifications of annual wage increases of 5.5%, 2%, and 2% during the three fiscal years of the contract. In addition, there are increases to the employer contribution to health insurance of approximately 5% for the first two fiscal years and an employer contribution increase of up to 5% in the third fiscal year of the contract.

In addition, there are increases to other premium pays and there are operational changes that will increase administrative efficiencies and facilitate a more harmonious and cooperative workplace. An overview of the agreement is included in your packet.

This tentative agreement has been ratified by the PSEA membership and the economic terms are in keeping with Assembly direction.

The Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this resolution.

e. Resolution 2996 A Resolution Ratifying the Labor Agreement between the City and Borough and the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association for Fiscal Years 2023, 2024, and 2025.

This resolution would provide Assembly ratification, as required by CBJ 44.10.020, of the terms of the tentative agreement negotiated between the City and Borough of Juneau and the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association (MEBA) for a collective bargaining agreement that will go in effect on July 1, 2022, and expire on June 30, 2025.

The tentative agreement includes economic modifications of annual wage increases of 5.5%, 2%, and 2% during the three years of the contract, increases to the employer contribution to health insurance of approximately 5% each year for first two years of the contract and up to 5% in the third year. There are also \$.50 per hour increases to swing, grave, and weekend shift differential, effective in the first year of the contract. In addition, there are minor housekeeping language changes to the collective bargaining agreement.

This tentative agreement has been put out for ratification vote by the MEBA membership, but the voting period is not yet complete, so the votes have not been counted. Assembly ratification of this tentative agreement is conditioned on MEBA ratification of the tentative agreement.

The economic terms are in keeping with Assembly direction.

The City Manager recommends this resolution be adopted.

3. Bid Award

a. RFB 23-001 Hazardous Waste Processing and Facility Management

This is a term contract for household hazardous waste processing and facility management. Bids on this project were opened on April 28, 2022. The protest period ended June 15, 2022. The following bids were received:

Bidder	Total Bid
Clean Harbors Environmental Services	\$ 799,122.72
US Ecology Alaska, LLC	\$1,122,894.20
Clean Earth Environmental Solutions	\$1,398,324.80
Waste Management National Services	\$ 764,246.48 (non-responsive)

The City Manager recommends award of this project to Clean Harbors Environmental Services on the basis of having the lowest responsive and responsible bid price in the amount of \$799,122.72. Waste Management National Services was previously approved by the Assembly, but its bid was deemed non-responsive due to conditioning of the bid. The difference between Waste Management and Clean Harbors is \$34,876.24.

4. Liquor License

a. Liquor License Renewals

Liquor License Renewals

License Type: Beverage Dispensary, License #648

Licensee: YC Juneau Hotel, LLC d/b/a Westmark Baranof Hotel

Location: 127 N. Franklin St., Juneau

License Type: Package Store, License #3507

Licensee: Carr-Gottstein Foods Co. d/b/a Oaken Keg Spirit Shops #1820

Location: 3011 Vintage Blvd, Juneau

License Type: Restaurant/Eating Place, License #3049

Licensee: Valley Restaurant, LLC d/b/a The Valley Restaurant

Location: 9320 Glacier Hwy, Juneau

License Type: Restaurant/Eating Place, License #4405

Licensee: Tides Complex, Inc. d/b/a Dragon Inn

Location: 5000 Glacier Hwy, Juneau

License Type: Restaurant/Eating Place, License #5153

Licensee: Midnight Ninja Ventures Inc. d/b/a The Rookery Cafe

Location: 111 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. **Ordinance 2022-06(b)(A) An Ordinance Appropriating \$333,402 to the Manager for a Grant to Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies (AWARE) for Construction of a Retaining Wall; Grant Funding Provided by the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development.**

This ordinance would appropriate \$333,402 in grant funding to Aiding Women in Abuse and Rape Emergencies (AWARE) to construct a retaining wall to protect the existing emergency shelter supporting low to moderate income individuals, especially domestic violence survivors. This funding is awarded through the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program administered in Alaska by the State Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development. Funds will be passed through the CBJ to AWARE, who will be responsible for construction and project management. CBJ will provide in-kind match for administrative costs that are already appropriated in the FY23 budget.

The Assembly Human Resources Committee reviewed five proposals for the CDBG grant during the September 13, 2021, meeting and recommended the Assembly support the AWARE application.

The Systemic Racism Review Committee reviewed this request at the June 14, 2022 meeting and forwarded it to the full Assembly for public hearing.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment

None.

Assembly Action

MOTION by Mr. Bryson to adopt Ordinance 2022-06(b)(A) and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the motion passed by unanimous consent.*

B. **Ordinance 2022-28 An Ordinance Authorizing the Manager to Lease Office Space at the Juneau Police Department Headquarters to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.**

Juneau, like other communities, uses multiple approaches to help people avoid abusing illicit drugs. One of the approaches is partnering with other law enforcement agencies to decrease the transportation and distribution of illicit drugs into Southeast Alaska. The federal government is interested in expanding the partnerships with the Juneau Police Department by assigning two U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration officers to work out of the JPD Headquarters. This ordinance would allow JPD to lease the necessary space.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment

None.

Assembly Action

MOTION by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs to adopt Ordinance 2022-28 and asked to make a comment. Ms. Hughes-Skandijs said she is supportive of these efforts. She recently attended a webinar lead by a former DEA agent and he always recommends to communities that they look at their spending for both mental health spending options when they are considering any law enforcement spending options. With that, she asked for unanimous consent of this ordinance. *Hearing no objection, the motion passed by unanimous consent.*

C. Ordinance 2022-35 An Ordinance Authorizing an Alternative Procurement Method Related to the City and Borough's Mendenhall Waste Water Treatment Plant Infrastructure Upgrade.

CBJ Charter 9.14 requires alternative procurement methods for public improvements to be approved by ordinance by the Assembly. This ordinance approves an alternative procurement for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) project at Mendenhall Wastewater Treatment Plant. The procurement method proposed is Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR), a methodology in which a contractor is selected based on qualifications and is involved in design. CMAR is an industry standard for highly complex projects. SCADA is the complex brain of the treatment plant. Because we cannot turn the treatment plant off-line during this upgrade, a CMAR procurement method provides the greatest assurance that the treatment plant will stay fully operational during this upgrade.

The Public Works and Facilities Committee reviewed and approved this request at the June 6, 2022 meeting.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.

Public Comment

None.

Assembly Action

MOTION by Ms. Triem to adopt Ordinance 2022-35 and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the motion passed by unanimous consent.*

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Regulation Title 20, Chapter 40 Commercial Passenger Vehicles (Class B Endorsements and Vehicle Inspection)

The City and Borough of Juneau regulates various aspects of Commercial Passenger Vehicles. This regulation would amend the regulations by (1) allowing manufacturer-certified mechanics to inspect regulated vehicles, and (2) exempting airline vehicles transporting airline passengers from the regulations. This regulation was posted for public notice for 21-days starting on June 8, 2022.

The Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this regulation.

Public Comment

James Harris, a Lemon Creek resident, said that they had requested the regulation change to be able to exempt airlines/flight crews similar to how cruise staff are regulated. Currently the flight crews are having to use the larger taxi vans. They would only be doing crew runs and not on call for all other types of calls as taxis do. He spoke to this being easier for the drivers, the airline crews, and would free up the taxis for the general public from having to be picking up flight crews.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs asked if this action would bring about any reduction to current taxi service. Mr. Harris said that it would not.

Mr. Bryson asked if this action would result in freeing up taxi service and if he felt there were enough drivers to staff both taxis and this crew service and would that possibly increase taxi service to the general public. Mr. Harris said that this will not affect taxi service. He said this does free their company up to get professional drivers who are not subject to the CPV code. He said that the standards in the contract and the insurance requirements they have to have will require them to have well qualified drivers but they do not have to go through the process to get the PDP (professional driver permit) which is quite difficult to get through.

Mayor Weldon noted that the cruise line crew vans are clearly marked and she asked if these too would also be clearly marked for what they are. Mr. Harris said, yes, they will be clearly marked.

Assembly Action

MOTION by ‘Wáahlaal Giidaak to pass the regulation asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the motion passed by unanimous consent.*

B. Property Sale Disclosure Referendum

A petitioner's committee filed a proposed referendum to repeal the property sale disclosure requirements of CBJC 15.05.105. On July 1, 2022, the Municipal Clerk certified the petitioner's committee had obtained the requisite number of signatures to put the referendum on the ballot. Pursuant to CBJ Charter 7.10(a), the Assembly has until August 1 to enact an ordinance to repeal the requirements of CBJC 15.05.105 or the referendum would be decided by the voters in the October municipal election.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly refrain from taking steps to repeal the property sale transaction disclosure requirement of CBJC 15.05.105.

There were no questions from Assemblymembers and no Assembly action was taken on the Property Sale Disclosure Referendum.

C. Hardship and Senior Citizen/Disabled Veteran Late-Filed Real Property Tax Exemption Applications

There are eight property owners that have requested the Assembly authorize the Assessor to consider a late-filed exemption for their property assessment.

The Assembly should consider each request separately and determine whether the property owner was unable to comply with the April 30 filing requirement. A.S. 29.45.030(f); CBJC 69.10.021(d). The burden of proof is upon the property owner to show the inability to file a timely exemption request. If the Assembly decides to accept one or more late-filed exemption requests, those applications will be referred to the Assessor for review and action.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly act on each of these applications individually.

Assembly Action

MOTION by Ms. Gladziszewski that the Assembly has considered the eight applications individually from Michael M. Pagano, Ray Vidic, Carolyn Reddekopp, Michael A. Boisvert, Alfred M. Cook, Maureen Longworth, Lawrence O’Keefe, and Liv Cadigan and to direct the Assessor to accept these applications for consideration and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the motion passed.*

XII. STAFF REPORTS

A. Supplemental Agreement - Juneau International Airport Terminal Improvements Contract

As allowed and required by 53.50.040 (c), the Manager may approve supplemental agreements and is required to report these approvals to the Assembly. This staff report is to notify the Assembly that the Manager has approved a Supplemental Agreement for \$223,506.25 for the installation of additional ceiling tiles at the Juneau International Airport. Approving this contract amendment allows for more efficient installation of materials, and provides that the building materials used throughout the terminal are uniform allowing for easier ownership and maintenance and saving on costs.

B. DRAFT Revised 2022 Assembly Calendar

The switch in the Alaska Municipal League annual conference dates from November to December has precipitated the need for adjustments to the 2022 Assembly meeting calendar. The currently approved calendar is attached for reference purposes.

Attached is a revised draft for Assembly consideration and approval.

Mayor Weldon noted that they would be tentatively accepting this calendar with the understanding that the Assembly retreat date may change in light of how close it is to the election cycle. Ms. Gladziszewski noted that the COW (and other standing committee meetings) of July 18 was cancelled.

MOTION by Ms. Gladziszewski to approve the revised 2022 Assembly calendar. *Hearing no objection, the motion passed by unanimous consent.*

XIII. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

Mayor Weldon noted that they will see an email with surveys for Assemblymembers to fill out with respect to Mr. Palmer and Mr. Watt's evaluations. She told Assemblymembers that the survey period is only open for 2 weeks so to be sure to complete it within that time. She also noted that she has reformed the salary/compensation committee which will be led by Mr. Bryson as Chair, and include Ms. Hale, and Ms. Hughes-Skandijs again.

Mayor Weldon announced that August 2 is National Night Out and she encouraged Assemblymembers to contact JPD to see about attending some of the block parties.

Mayor Weldon said that she has family coming to town for her father's celebration of life so she will not be working during the rest of the week.

B. Committee Reports and Liaison Reports

Committee of the Whole (COW) Chair Maria Gladziszewski reported that they met on June 7 and spent most of the meeting deciding what to do about putting questions on the upcoming ballot. They spent a great deal of the discussion on the 1% sales tax and also the topic of sales tax on food. They decided to not put anything on the ballot about sales tax on food and decided rather to do a telephone survey in the fall. She noted that the July 18 meeting was cancelled and the next COW meeting will be on Aug. 8.

Assembly Finance Committee (AFC) Chair Carole Triem reported that the committee met last week to discuss housing related topics. She noted that everything they discussed is staying in committee or will possibly move to the COW. She suggested anyone who missed that meeting check in with staff to be brought up to speed on the topics. The next AFC meeting is scheduled for Aug. 3.

Public Works and Facilities Committee (PWFC) Chair Wade Bryson reported that they met earlier this month where they discussed the totem poles that were on tonight's Consent Agenda. He said the Mendenhall Transit Center has moved its opening to October. He said they also discussed Water/Wastewater SCADA project.

Human Resources Committee (HRC) Chair Alicia Hughes-Skandijs reported that the committee met earlier this evening and heard several annual reports which included presentations from the Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS), Treadwell Arena Advisory Board (TAAB), and the Historic

Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC). Ms. Hughes-Skandijs moved the following board member appointment recommendations from the HRC:

Juneau Commission on Sustainability (JCOS): Duff Mitchell and Marian Call to terms beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2025.

Historic Resources Advisory Committee (HRAC): Charles Smythe, Zane Jones, and Gary Gillette to terms beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2025.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC): Brandie Hofmeister and Christina Mounce to terms beginning immediately and ending February 28, 2023.

Hearing no objections, those board member appointments were confirmed by the Assembly.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs reported that the next HRC meeting will be Aug. 1 at 5:30p.m. which is an earlier start than usual due to the Assembly group photo taking place between the HRC and Assembly meetings. She also noted that July 15 is the closing date for applications for the Eaglecrest Board, Systemic Racism Review Committee, and the Planning Commission.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs reported that the **Joint Assembly/BRH Hospital Ad Hoc Committee** will be meeting soon but the date has not yet been set.

C. Liaison Reports, Comments & Questions

Mr. Bryson said that he spoke to the Children Defense Fund Freedom School summer camp and “talked trash” meaning he gave them an update on the trash situation in Juneau and ways that they might be able to help make improvements. He said that he attended a HAMM radio operator’s group annual meeting. He said that they get points for elected officials attending and signing into their events and they get even more points when they are mentioned or broadcast over the air. He said that he attended the Glory Hall/Housing First strategy session and while that is not an Assembly liaison role, he said it was all about housing and the housing crisis and what they are doing about housing. Mr. Bryson said that the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meets this Wednesday, and they are still looking for volunteers for their July 23 tri-annual preparedness disaster drill at the Juneau Airport. Mr. Bryson reported that the Airport Board meets this Thursday. Lastly, Mr. Bryson said that at last week’s AFC meeting, he allowed his frustrations about the housing crisis to bubble over and he was reminded what a complex job CDD does. He apologized for venting and thanked CDD staff for all their work.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs said that she just returned from the longest vacation she’s been on in a long time. She said that she was very inspired by some of the pedestrian focused public spaces, the use of green space in the communities she visited and has some interesting ideas on housing that she’ll be bringing to the table at their discussions. Mayor Weldon thanked Ms. Hughes-Skandijs for calling in at 5 a.m. her time for an Assembly meeting while she was traveling.

Ms. Triem said that she missed the last JCOS meeting due to work commitments. She noted that the last Aquatics meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum but they do have an open house for scheduled for their aquatics manager candidates. Ms. Triem said that she also went to the Freedom School Camp at Northern Light United Church and talked with the kids. She said that is one of the most fun parts about

being an Assemblymember is having those opportunities. Ms. Triem said that she also took field trip to the cruise ship docks with the Mayor and Ms. Woll to watch a Holland America ship get plugged in.

Ms. Triem said that she noted there have been a number of traffic accidents lately and she asked staff if when those accident investigations are complete if they could be reviewed to determine if there were any commonalities between them. She also suggested that perhaps some additional speed radar signs might be put up but she wasn't sure if that was allowed on state roads or not.

Mayor Weldon noted that the ship Ms. Triem was referring to was the Majestic Princess and not a Holland America ship and that is was fascinating because it isn't something that they just plug right in.

‘Wáahlaal Gíidaak stated that the School Board met today at noon but she was unable to attend. She said that the next School Board meeting is scheduled for tomorrow but is a Special Meeting that will be mostly held in Executive Session and they don't yet have their next regular meeting scheduled. She reported that the Sister Cities Committee has not met since the last Assembly meeting. ‘Wáahlaal Gíidaak also reported that the Juneau Native Youth Olympics Team just returned from Yellow Knife and had received over 15 awards. She wished them good luck as that same team goes on to Fairbanks for the upcoming World Eskimo-Indian Olympics.

Ms. Gladziszewski said that she too had been traveling on a boat out of town and missed all the meetings that were held during the summer.

C. Presiding Officer Reports

None.

XIV. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Ms. Triem to recess into Executive Session to discuss matters which may have an adverse effect on the finances of the city, specifically an update on collected bargaining and asked for unanimous consent. *There being no public comment and no objection, the Assembly recessed into Executive session at 7:56p.m. The Assembly returned from Executive Session at 8:45p.m. and said they received an update from staff on the collective bargaining negotiations.*

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Assembly, the Regular Assembly meeting was adjourned at 8:45p.m.

Signed: _____
Elizabeth J. McEwen
Municipal Clerk

Signed: _____
Beth A. Weldon
Mayor