MEETING NO. 2008-32: The Special meeting of the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly, held in the Municipal Building Conference Room #224, was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by Mayor Bruce Botelho.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Bruce Botelho Sara Chambers, Randy Wanamaker, Merrill Sanford, Bob Doll, Johan Dybdahl, and Jonathan Anderson.

Absent: David Stone, and Jeff Bush.

Others Present: Rod Swope, City Manager; Beth McEwen, Deputy Clerk; and Jerry Godkin, Airport Board Chair

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board Appointments - Airport Board

MOTION, by Human Resources Committee Chair Sara Chambers that the Full Assembly sitting as the Human Resources Committee recommends the appointment of Dave Heimbigner to the Airport Board for a seat expiring June 30, 2010. Hearing no objection, the motion carried.

III. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mr. Wanamaker noted the expiration date for the seat on the agenda needs to be corrected to reflect the year of 2010 instead of 1010.

Mr. Anderson asked for confirmation that the new Assembly Standing Committee and Liaison assignments are now in effect. Mayor Botelho confirmed that, having heard no objections when he sent out the list, they took effect immediately upon presentation to the Assembly.

Mayor Botelho also mentioned that there was an update on the status of the citywide snow removal policy that had been communicated by City Manager Rod Swope to the Assembly the two weeks ago and Mr. Swope had additional information for the Assembly at this time. He asked Mr. Swope to come forward and speak on this issue.

Mr. Swope distributed a copy of the email he sent to Assemblymembers on October 14 regarding what the city’s policy on snow removal would be this winter, as follows:
• State DOT and private haulers can haul and dump snow in Douglas in the channel on the Sandy Beach side. This is a new location intended to reduce noise impacts to nearby neighbors and is consistent with the recommendation of the Harbor Board. CBJ and our contractors will haul snow from Douglas and dump it at the downtown shop location.

• Private haulers in the downtown area can continue to haul and dump snow at the Yacht Club.

• In the Valley, we will use the USFS parking lot at the glacier or a large vacant lot owned by Ken Williamson if needed as a backup.

In the meantime, we will continue to work with permitting agencies on developing alternative upland sites in the Valley, Lemon Creek, and Downtown for future snow storage.

Mr. Swope said he assumed that as this was a city operations issue affecting multiple departments and agencies, he was able to move forward as directed by the Assembly to implement this policy. This policy also reflected the position expressed by the Docks & Harbors Board. However, Port Director John Stone, indicated that the Docks & Harbors Board was waiting for official action by the Assembly before allowing for the dumping of snow as indicated above.

Assembly members discussed the fact that the City Manager shouldn’t need official Assembly approval to carry out his regular duties as was the case in this situation. **The Assembly ratified the City Manager’s decisions as outlined in the policy above.** They also stated that in general, they appreciated being apprised by the City Manager of any issues of interest or that may be politically charged concerns.

Mr. Doll pointed out this discussion raised the question of how the roles of enterprise board directors relate with the City Manager and asked for the City Attorney to give an opinion in that regard.

Mr. Sanford pointed out that the snow removal issue is a citywide issue that doesn’t just affect Harbors but involves the Public Works Department, the Airport, Police, and Fire. He felt the Assembly expects that anytime there are multiple departments and enterprise boards affected that the City Manager would work with all those involved and that he should not have to come before the Assembly to micromanage his management decisions, that it is all city related and everyone should be working together as a team.

On a different issue, Mr. Doll commented on the letter received from Paula Terrell regarding their decision to relocate their fishing vessel to Hoonah. He felt that it was important for the Assembly to respond outlining the sequence of events that have lead to these issues and that the idea that CBJ is running fishing boats out of town should be dispelled.
IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None.

V. ADJOURNMENT – 6:45 p.m.

Signed: ____________________________  Signed: ____________________________
Elizabeth J. McEwen, Deputy Clerk  Bruce Botelho, Mayor