THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Meeting Minutes – November 25, 2008

MEETING NO. 2008-35: The Special meeting of the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly, held in the City Hall Conference Room 224 of the Municipal Building, was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Jeff Bush.

I. ROLL CALL

Assembly Present: Jonathan Anderson, Jeff Bush, Bob Doll, Johan Dybdahl, Merrill Sanford and Randy Wanamaker.

Assembly Absent: Sara Chambers, David Stone, and Mayor Bruce Botelho.

Staff Present: Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board Appointments – Planning Commission & Bartlett Regional Hospital Board

The Planning Commission had the following open seats: 3 seats for full terms beginning January 1, 2009 and expiring December 31, 2011 and 1 vacant seat for a term beginning immediately and expiring December 31, 2010.

MOTION by Wanamaker, to recommend the appointments of Nicole Grewe, Marsha Bennett and Maria Gladziszewski to the Planning Commission for terms beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2011. Hearing no objection, the motion carried.

MOTION by Wanamaker, to recommend the appointment of Karen Taug to the Planning Commission to a vacant term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2010. Hearing no objection, the motion carried.

The Bartlett Regional Hospital Board has the following open seats: 1 Public seat and up to 2 Physician seats for full terms beginning January 1, 2009 and expiring December 31, 2011 and 1 vacant Public seat for a term beginning immediately and expiring December 31, 2009.

MOTION by Wanamaker, to recommend the appointment of Alex Malter to the vacant Public seat on the Bartlett Regional Hospital Board of Directors for term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2009. Hearing no objection, the motion carried.

MOTION by Sanford to recommend the appointments of Bob Wysocki, and the reappointments of Kevin Sullivan and Dr. Nathan Piemann to seats on the Bartlett Regional Hospital Board of Directors for terms beginning January 1, 2009 and ending December 31, 2011. Hearing no objection, the motion carried.
IV. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

MOTION, by Wanamaker, to incorporate the changes provided at the Finance Committee meeting regarding the City Manager Recruitment and Selection Criteria, on page 2, regarding clarification of the range of qualifications and institutions that an individual could have served in, in order to be qualified. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

Jonathan Anderson said at the last Assembly meeting the Assembly accepted a motion from the Human Resources Committee to ask the mayor to write a letter to State DOT regarding participation of the Men’s Crisis Center in the Adopt-A-Highway Program. He asked the Assembly to reconsider this action. He thought the Human Rights Commission should write its own letter to the editor, or “My Turn,” column as a consciousness raising piece, but that the Assembly as a governmental body should not designate any particular group as offensive regardless of our personal feelings.

Johan Dybdahl said that after getting further information on this subject, he would not lend his support to an official letter representing the will of the Assembly.

Merrill Sanford said he tended to agree, however, this may be a quick decision and asked if anyone had spoken with the Human Rights Commission since the last meeting. No one indicated they had. Mr. Sanford said that was his concern.

Mr. Bush said one possible action was to postpone any action at this meeting.

Mr. Anderson said the Assembly made a directive, but it was an informal motion. One possibility was to repeal the request to the Mayor and refer it back to committee.

Mr. Wanamaker said his preference was that the Assembly should rescind its decision to direct the Mayor to send the letter and the Assembly Human Resources Committee can ask the Juneau Human Rights Commission to come back and provide additional clarification. He thought the Assembly should go on record as rescinding its decision to direct the Mayor to send the letter. He was personally willing to apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

Mr. Sanford said that was fine with him.

MOTION, by Wanamaker, to rescind the decision to direct the Mayor to send a letter to the DOT/PF regarding the participation of the Men’s Crisis Center in the Adopt-a-Highway program.

Mr. Anderson said the Assembly wishes to express every appreciation to its volunteer committee board and commission members for what they do, and to encourage them to act. He wanted to be on the record that he understood that the issue was sensitive and the Men’s Crisis Center website was offensive to many people. He supported the motion but wants to be clear that when we do have the interaction with the Human Rights Commission that we encourage them to continue to act in a consciousness raising manner.
Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

V. ADJOURNMENT – 7:52 p.m.

Signed: _______________________________  Signed: _______________________________

Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk  Bruce Botelho, Mayor