MEETING NO. 2009-10: The Regular meeting of the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly, held in the Assembly Chambers of the Municipal Building, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Bruce Botelho.

I. ROLL CALL

Assembly Present: Jonathan Anderson, Bruce Botelho, Jeff Bush, Sara Chambers, Bob Doll, Johan Dybdahl, Merrill Sanford, David Stone and Randy Wanamaker.

Assembly Absent: None.

Staff Present: Rod Swope, City Manager; Kim Kiefer, Deputy City Manager; John Hartle, City Attorney; Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk; Craig Duncan, Finance Director; Marc Matsil, Parks and Recreation Director; Rorie Watt, Engineering Director; Joe Buck, Public Works Director; Marlene Love, Transit Operations Supervisor; Barbara Berg, Library Director; Beth McEwen, Deputy Clerk; John Stone, Port Director; Rich Ritter, Chief School Architect; Peggy Cowan, Superintendent of Schools, Laury Scandling, Assistant Superintendent; David Means, Director, JSD Administrative Services.

II. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Employee Recognition

Rorie Watt, Engineering Director, recognized and thanked Nathan Coffee, Architecture Associate, for his work on the Dimond Park Pool project.

Joe Buck, Public Works Director, recognized two retiring Public Works employees. Leah LaBar has been a driver for Capital Transit for over 25 years and has provided excellent service to the citizens of Juneau. Judy Harvey is retiring as Administrative Officer for the Public Works Department after 25 years of service and has coordinated budget development and the recycling and hazardous waste programs. He thanked both women for their work and wished them well in their future endeavors.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 6, 2009 – Regular Assembly Meeting 2009-08

Hearing no objection, the minutes of the April 6, 2009, Regular Meeting 2009-08, were approved.

B. April 8, 2009 – Special Assembly Meeting 2009-09

Hearing no objection, the minutes of the April 8, 2009, Regular Meeting 2009-09, were approved.

IV. MANAGER’S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES – None.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – None.
VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Public Requests for Consent Agenda Changes, Other Than Ordinances for Introduction – None.

B. Assembly Requests for Consent Agenda Changes

Mr. Anderson requested Transfers TR-895 and TR-896 be removed from the consent agenda. Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

C. Assembly Action

*MOTION*, by Anderson, to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

1. Ordinances for Introduction

a. Ordinance 2009-11
   *An Ordinance Creating Local Improvement District No. 130 Consisting Of Installation Of A Sanitary Sewer System In The West Mendenhall Valley On Glacier Highway From Brotherhood Bridge To Pederson Hill Area, Including Wildmeadow Lane, Frank Maier Drive, Wildmeadow Court, Wilma Avenue And Hamilton Street.*
   
   Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2009-11 be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular meeting.

b. Ordinance 2008-15(BH)
   *An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of $100,000 As Funding For The Emergency Management Program, Grant Funding Provided By The State Of Alaska, Department Of Military And Veterans Affairs.*
   
   Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2008-15(BH) be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular meeting.

2. Resolutions

a. Resolution 2472
   *A Resolution De-Appropriating $400,000 From The Dimond Park Aquatic Center Capital Improvement Project.*
   
   Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Resolution 2472 be adopted.

b. Resolution 2473
   *A Resolution Authorizing The Manager To Negotiate And Enter Into An Agreement With East End Associates, Inc., Regarding Extension Of The Seawalk Through The Taku Fisheries Property, Accepting A Tidelands Easement For That Purpose, Vacating A Portion Of An Easement And Authorizing A Payment Of $480,000 And A Loan Of Up To $300,000 For The Purpose Of Installation Of A Refrigerated Seawater System To Convey Fish Under The Seawalk And Making Related Improvements To The Property.*
Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Resolution 2473 be adopted.

c. Resolution 2474
A Resolution Expressing Assembly Support For Alaska Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities’ Proposed Improvements At The Intersection Of Mendenhall Loop And Back Loop Roads.


3. Transfer

a. Transfer T-894
Transferring $200,000 From One Existing Road Project, Radcliffe Road, To Another Existing Road Project, Jordan Creek Bridge Replacement.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Transfer T-894 be approved.

Removed from the Consent Agenda:

b. Transfer T-895
Transferring $1,000,000 From Main Street Reconstruction Capital Improvement Project (CIP) To The Downtown Transportation Center CIP.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Transfer T-895 be approved, to be repaid upon appropriation of stimulus funds.

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Anderson, to amend, to specify this transfer is a loan to be repaid upon receipt of the transfer of stimulus funds.

Mayor Botelho clarified that the funds would need to be appropriated, rather than received and ruled the motion out of order. Mr. Anderson amended his motion to state “to be repaid upon receipt and appropriation of stimulus funds.”

Mr. Doll said he understood the stimulus funds could not be used to replace funds in projects already budgeted. Mr. Swope said the money is not available to put in this project; however, due to timing, there are funds available to loan to this project.

Mr. Doll asked then, without the stimulus money, would the parking garage and transit center be short funds. Mr. Swope said yes, the city could not proceed to award bids without the stimulus funds in hand. This delay could cause financial problems.

Mr. Sanford noted an error in the body of the transfer that indicated $100,000 rather than $1,000,000. The Assembly acknowledged this as a clerical error. Mr. Sanford said the Public Works and Facilities Committee moved these transfers forward as a loan to be paid back.
Mayor Botelho restated the motion, including the amendment. Hearing no objection, Transfer T-896 was approved as amended.

c. Transfer T-896
Transferring $2,000,000 From The Dimond Park Swimming Pool Capital Improvement Project (CIP) To The Downtown Transportation Center CIP.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Transfer T-894 be approved.

MOTION, by Anderson, to approve the transfer with and amendment to specify that this transfer is a loan to be repaid to the sales tax budget reserve upon receipt and appropriation of the stimulus funds. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Ordinance 2009-07
An Ordinance Authorizing The Port Director To Negotiate And Execute A Lease Of Alaska Tidelands Survey 18, Lot 2, And A Lease Of Alaska Tidelands Survey 18, Lot 3, Located On Channel Drive, For Waterfront Related Uses.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended this ordinance be adopted.

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Dybdahl, to adopt Ordinance 2009-07. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

B. Ordinance 2009-08
An Ordinance Appropriating Funds From The Treasury For FY10 City And Borough Operations.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended this ordinance be heard and referred to the Finance Committee.

Public Comment:

Mary Alice McKeen said some people always think taxes are too high; however, she wanted the services and felt the city was careful in spending. Her city taxes are fair and reasonable. She asked the Assembly to please give special consideration to funding the reconstruction of McPheter’s Hall. She said her comments were her own, and not those of the Holy Trinity Church. The church incurred $167,000 in costs due to oil it discovered on its property during reconstruction. The church explained the costs to the Finance Committee on April 20. The amount included $93,000 for site work and remediation, $11,000 for an engineering report, and $62,000 for building re-design. A vapor barrier was installed under the building and a permanent ground water treatment system was required to channel ground water into an oil/water separator prior to discharge in to the city sewer system. The oil was discovered principally along 4th Street. Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation found that the heating oil tank was pumped out after the church fire and was not a cause for this oil. It had to get there from flowing over CBJ property, primarily via 4th Street. Holy Trinity has a cause of action against the city for the damage it suffered from the oil coming from city property onto
Holy Trinity property. Alaska Statute 46.03 (a)(22) is called “Strict Liability for the Release of a Hazardous Substance.” The statute imposes strict liability for damages resulting from an un-permitted release of oil by any person having control of the oil. Release includes escaping and leaching. The city has a legal defense in the statute and could argue that the release was an intentional or negligent act of a third party, the city exercised due care with respect to the substance and the city took reasonable cautions against the act or omission of the third party. The city might be able to prove these things but that would require litigation. That would mean spending money on defense, pointing the finger at another individual Juneau citizen, possibly bring them in to the lawsuit, seeking damages from the owner identified by the city as the cause of the problem. The statute of limitations has not run out. Holy Trinity had options when the oil was discovered. It could have stopped construction and sued the city; it could have stopped construction and waited for the city to dig up 4th Street, which has been done, and at that time could have asked DEC to order the city to clean up the oily water coming from Holy Trinity’s property onto our property. The city could have installed the underground permanent water treatment system. Instead, Holy Trinity continued the project without immediate litigation, spent the money and assumed it would be able to work with the city for an equitable solution to this problem after it had spent the money. This is a strong reason to support Holy Trinity’s request for funds to assist with reconstruction of McPheter’s Hall.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Stone, to refer Ordinance 2009-08 to the Finance Committee. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. Stone thanked Mr. Swope and Mr. Duncan for their work on the budget to date.

C. Ordinance 2009-09am

An Ordinance Appropriating Funds From The Treasury For FY10 School District Operations.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended this ordinance be adopted. He made a correction to the manager’s report, in the second paragraph, the amount of the FY10 school budget funded by CBJ should be $24,823,800, of the FY10 total operating budget of $87,853,600.

Public Comment:

Peggy Cowan, JSD Superintendent, thanked the Assembly for the recommendation to fund the school to the cap, and she supported funding for additional items outside of the cap. She said the School Board and administration has been conservative in development of this budget. She distributed a handout, which provided more detailed information regarding revenues and expenses. Due to the legislative action and change of enrollment we asked for an increase, but it is still less than we anticipated when the Assembly adopted the FY10 budget last year. I realize we are all in a time of cutbacks. We have cut back over $3 million in the JSD budget beyond what a rollover budget would be. We have cut 21% of non-personnel administration, we’ve cut many positions, and started the cuts this year in terms of non-essential items to develop the largest fund balance we could to roll over for next year to make those cuts less substantial. She explained the breakdown of the requested funding outside of the cap, including $135,000 for community schools, $200,000 for student activities from the roaded service fund, $365,000 for student activities from the general fund, $74,000 for activity buses,
and $35,000 for homeless student transportation, for a total of $809,000. A third sheet provided a summary of the review of enrollment statistics. During the current school year overall we had more students than anticipated. We had 30 more students at the high school level. For the last couple of years, we have come into the year with a higher number of students in October than we had projected, which causes a scramble to add part time teachers and adjust the master schedule. We look at patterns to try to anticipate the coming year. If the students do not show up, the funds are not needed to pay for them, which will increase the fund balance. When we have more students show up, we have not asked for the additional money.

Mark Choate, JSD Board President, said school board members Andi Story, Sally Saddler, Ed Flanagan and Destiny Sargeant were present to show support for the school budget request. We all ran to do something about the drop out rate – which occurs for many reasons, some we are still trying to understand. To meet the needs of the district and the increase to salaries, we had to increase the pupil to teacher ratio. He spoke with the Governor, who said she would be signing the stimulus package for education funding. The $365,000 in activities money is matched by the district. We have cut in many places but kept the activities money because many children do not have access to activities due to their economic situation and the high cost of the activities. The board decided to ramp up and pay more money to prevent any child from non-participation due to a lack of funds. Data tells us that if children are involved in activities, they stay in school. We believe we have a quality program to do this and the intramurals are phenomenal. We will have competitive teams, and the second high school will create more opportunities for children to participate.

Ms. Chambers asked about the $365,000 for sports, do the funds go to activities beyond sports. Mr. Choate said it included a wide range of activities beyond sports including poetry, debate, and anything to get the kids involved.

Andi Story spoke on behalf of the items not included in the ordinance, as well as passage of the ordinance. Last year she and Mayor Botelho convened a community team chaired by Vance Sanders to find solutions for establishing equitable and affordable access to activities. We found that sports were a very expensive challenge for students, and reviewed how the activities were being funded. The money we spend as a community is less than in many other communities. Option D of the funding was to incrementally move the funding up, and the activities are half funded by the Juneau School District, a quarter by the City and Borough of Juneau and a quarter from the community. These are basic programs being funded. The District convened another committee, “Team 2,” with Laury Scandling as chair. This group recommended no longer having a fee to be in activities. The fee was $35.00 per activity and $65.00 for two activities, which can hinder some students from participation. Principal Sorensen feels the activity program is the best way to address the dropout problem. Children must have to have a “C” grade average to participate. The items outside of the cap go towards many children who are underserved in the district.

Amy Skilbred spoke in support of student activity funding. She is a member of “Team 2,” which is now known as the Activities Advisory Committee. They have worked since June 2008 and met every week until this past March on how to have two high schools with a complete complement of activities at each school. The Assembly approved a $200,000 increase last year for activities in FY09, and we had a verbal commitment of $200,000 extra for activities in the FY10 budget from the Assembly. There will still need to be fundraising activities and families will have to contribute, but this goes a long way to making programs
more affordable. Kids are fundraising now for activities that begin as early as July. Knowing how much they need to raise is critical to families to know if they will be able to participate.

Mr. Doll asked if Ms. Skilbred could generalize how much the cost of participation is paid by fundraising. She said the cost for activities varies dependent on the number of participants, and how often and how far they need to travel. Some activities are low cost due to added pull tab revenue, and some are up to $1,300 for football (down from $1,800). Coaches are committed to making sure that fundraising is completed in an equitable way.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Bush, to adopt Ordinance 2009-09.

MOTION, by Bush, to amend Ordinance 2009-09 to include all funds removed by the Finance Committee – all of the funding outside of the cap with the exception of the $135,000 for community schools, which more appropriately fits in the category of the other funds that are in the pending list, for a total of an additional $674,000 into the ordinance.

Mr. Bush said the amount requested under this amendment was included in its entirety both in last year’s approved CBJ budget and in the original Finance Committee action approved when we took action earlier in the year. The total amount requested tonight, as pointed out by Ms. Cowan for the School District, even with the community schools money put in, would still be less than we approved a year ago for the School District general fund funding. The only thing that has changed since the original action is a minor change to the state foundation formula regarding charter schools and increased enrollment. If the school district had come to us originally with higher enrollment numbers and the foundation formula had been changed by the legislature before we took action in the Finance Committee a couple weeks ago, he did not think the Assembly would be considering this issue tonight, but would have approved it in the same way we always approve the school district funding at the full amount. Education is always the highest priority listed by citizens in the community. If we cut anywhere, it cannot be in education. A failure to pay all funds requested outside of the cap is a cut to the schools. Dollars are fungible and there is no distinction between using money that is inside and outside of the cap. By considering a change to our past policy we seem to be penalizing the district for doing a good job. Their efforts to keep students in school are succeeding and we should not cut their funding due to their success. As pointed out tonight, activities keep kids in school and the funds are directed towards activities. The increase in funding is to run a second sports program at TMHS. If we deny funding tonight or eventually, we are increasing the cost to children to pay for activities. The community ends up paying through many fundraising efforts. I will agree to any other budget cuts in our budget. I would support a small mill rate increase to support education. He asked for unanimous consent on his motion to amend.

Mr. Wanamaker asked Mr. Bush for his rationale for taking community schools out of the amendment. Mr. Bush said he was willing to put this in, however, community schools does not directly deal with the K-12 program, it is even more of a CBJ program even though it is run through the school district. He fully supported the funding for the program, but felt it was similar to one of the pending items.

Mr. Sanford said if we keep funding to the cap and above the cap all the time, as the state keeps increasing its funding formula to education it will take away funds from the general fund operating budget. Our revenue sources, including property taxes, sales taxes, and revenue from
investments are all decreasing. In the seven years he has been on the Assembly, it has never been a promise that the Assembly would fund outside of the cap. We have always said we want to fund to the cap, if at all possible, and we have done that over and over, and above the cap over and over again. That does not mean that it will be there forever and the funds above the cap should be an option on the table to look at as a whole as the community comes to the Assembly with their requests. We need to see the whole picture.

Mr. Anderson said all parts of the budget are fungible, meaning this item is not really separate but is in collection with the $24 million plus budgeted for the schools, nor does it mean that should the items outside the cap not be funded that these items would necessarily be cut, unless they are literally the bottom priority for the school district. At the last Finance Committee meeting we had a continuing string of applications for outside funds and he referenced Ms. McKeen’s request for Holy Trinity Church as an example. We have over $1 million in pending items of other groups with good important programs. We should be able to balance all these requests together and not just decide on one item here. He supported having the items considered against all other demands on our budget.

Mr. Stone said he agreed with reviewing this request in the light of all other requests. He supported funding to the cap. The Finance Committee schedule has been amended to include a discussion of pending items on May 6, and he wants all members present to address tough decisions.

Mr. Bush withdrew his motion to amend, and said he would make this same motion before the Finance Committee. If the Finance Committee refuses to fully fund the education programs, he will oppose any other budget increments being proposed, and he would bring it up to the full Assembly if not added at the Finance Committee.

Mr. Wanamaker asked Mr. Swope to explain the cost overruns for snow plowing and where those funds would come from. Mr. Swope said there were $390,000 in cost overruns for the snow removal this year. That ordinance is on the agenda tonight. He included an additional $300,000 for the FY10 budget as it has been predicted to be another heavy snow year and it was under-funded for the last two years.

Hearing no objection, the amendment was withdrawn.

Hearing no objection, the main motion, as amended in the packet, and Ordinance 2009-09 was adopted.

D. Ordinance 2009-10
An Ordinance Establishing The Rate Of Levy For Property Taxes For Calendar Year 2009 For The Budget For Fiscal Year 2010.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended this ordinance be heard and referred to the Finance Committee.

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:
MOTION, by Stone, to refer Ordinance 2009-10 to the Finance Committee. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

E. Ordinance 2008-15(BC)
An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of $1,450,000 As Partial Funding For Construction Of A Ground Source Heat Pump System For The Dimond Park Aquatic Center, Grant Funding Provided By The Alaska Energy Authority.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended this ordinance be adopted.

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Doll, to adopt Ordinance 2008-15(BC). Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

F. Ordinance 2008-15(BD)
An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of $27,500 As Funding To Catholic Community Services For Transportation Services To The Reifenstein Dialysis Center, Funding Provided By The Sales Tax Budget Reserve.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended this ordinance be adopted.

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:


Mr. Bush asked if there was a timing issue for this ordinance. Mr. Swope said this was to cover FY09 expenses retroactively back to January. Mr. Bush said that somehow these funds have been expended and this will shore up funds already spent. Mr. Bush objected. He said that these are fungible funds, and this can be dealt with as part of the discussion before the Finance Committee on May 6.

Roll call:
Nay: Bush.
Motion passes, 7 ayes, 1 nay. Ordinance 2008-15(BD) was adopted.

G. Ordinance 2008-15(BE)
An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of $390,000 As Partial Funding For The Streets Department’s Fiscal Year 2009 Operating Budget, Funding Provided By The Roaded Service Area Fund Balance.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended this ordinance be adopted.

Public Comment: None.
Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Sanford, to adopt Ordinance 2008-15(BE).

Mr. Anderson asked what is budgeted for FY10 and was Mr. Swope guessing this would need to be the same amount of funds next year. Mr. Swope said he anticipated he would be back asking for these funds next year if we get in the same situation. We do not want to be short, but he felt confident to come back to the Assembly, due to this being a high priority. The projections are high for another snowy winter next season.

Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

H. Ordinance 2008-15(BF)
An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of $4,304 As Reimbursement For Staff Continuing Education Training Costs, And To Adjust The Public Library Assistance And Net Lender Reimbursement Grant For The Actual Amounts Received, Grant Funding Provided By The State Of Alaska Department Of Education And Early Development.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended this ordinance be adopted.

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Chambers, to adopt Ordinance 2008-15(BF). Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

I. Ordinance 2008-15(BG)
An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of $70,921 As Partial Funding For The Juneau Douglas High School Renovation Capital Improvement Project, Funding Provided By 2004 General Obligation Bond Interest Income.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended this ordinance be adopted.

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Sanford, to adopt Ordinance 2008-15(BG).

Mr. Bush asked what the total projected bill is and where other funding will likely come from and when.

Ms. Cowan said the total project amount was $150,000 and the funding was in the JDHS project.

Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.
IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Airport Regulations – Rates and Fees Regulation Title 7, Chapter 10

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager made no recommendation.

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Stone, for orders of the day. Hearing no objection, the regulations were allowed to become effective.

X. STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Swope provided a report on projected shortfalls in the FY10, FY11, and FY12 budgets, and said anything we can do now to address this will make the situation easier. A memo was sent to all department directors, directing them to eliminate all travel and training unrelated to required certifications, to hold vacant positions open as long as possible, and to submit a request to fill a position to the manager’s office for review if it was determined the position was vital to the continued operations of the division. The memo also directed staff to reinstitute energy conservation measures and trim general operating expenses wherever possible. J PD just eliminated 20 phone lines they did not need. The WWTP is working on a plan to completely eliminate overtime. I look at this as an opportunity. We became conscious of how we were using energy during the Snettisham outage, and this is no different. This is an opportunity to look internally for savings.

Finance, Human Resources, and the managers have met with every department and explained the budget, the assumptions, and the things being considered. It is important to educate employees to help them understand the economic situation is real. We have met with the labor unions and this initial conversation and discussion will help us to cooperate in problem solving. A memo went out today to all CBJ employees to take a comprehensive review of all programs and services that are funded through the general fund. The department heads felt it would be valuable to have a target – we need at least 10% to come out of general operations – so we gave them a range of 5%, 10%, and 15% cuts to review. Every department will contribute, some will have fewer cuts than others, as he does not feel across the board cuts are appropriate. We will present some proposed personnel rule changes to the Assembly that will allow us more flexibility, such as leave cash outs, furloughs, leave without pay, and other options that are not currently in the rules.

He will not be in the discussion on the pending items list, and every budget increment approved creates a problem that the manager has to solve, so he asked the Assembly to hold the line. He has committed to balancing this budget without a mill levy increase. It would help but he did not want to see this action implemented.

Mayor Botelho thanked Mr. Swope for his report and his work. He wished him well during his break from service.

XI. ASSEMBLY REPORTS
A. Mayor’s Report

Representative Mike Hawker, House Finance co-chair, has made Larry Persily available to present the basics of the stimulus package and allow the public to ask direct questions. This meeting will be Wednesday, April 29, at Noon, in the Chambers.

B. Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole: Chair Bush said the committee met and heard a presentation on the downtown cruise ship terminal project and on seawalk developments.

Finance Committee: Chair Stone said the committee switched its schedule and will meet with Enterprise Boards on Wednesday, April 29 and review the pending list on Wednesday, May 6.

Lands Committee: Chair Anderson said the committee met and heard information regarding off-highway vehicle use in Hidden Valley and the obstructions to that use, heard about illegal dumping and the interest in using Crime Line to address this problem, and heard about the Mendenhall Air Quality monitoring program and the successful use of CSOs to provide enforcement.

Public Works Committee: Chair Sanford said the committee met and forwarded the CIP list to the Finance Committee. The LID on Peterson Hill sewer was introduced, and will be heard at the next meeting. After an update on the Dimond Park Pool, the committee recommended that as long as the facility can stay within the voter approved dollar amount, it approved the addition of two lanes at the pool facility.

Human Resources Committee: Chair Chambers said the committee met and made the following recommendations for board appointments:

Joann Lott to the Building Code Advisory Committee for a term to expire Nov. 30, 2011.

Alida Bus to the Juneau Commission on Sustainability, for a term to expire June 30, 2010.

Janie Pehrson to the Social Services Advisory Board for the remainder of a current term and a subsequent term to expire Sept. 30, 2012.

Hearing no objection, the Assembly approved the appointments as listed above.

Ms. Chambers said the HRC heard annual reports from the Building Code Advisory Committee, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, and there was no Assembly objection to the Law Department drafting a resolution to approve the changes proposed to the Personnel Board Rules of Procedure.

C. Liaison Reports

Planning Commission: Liaison Doll said the Planning Commission met on April 14 to address a variety of conditional uses and was meeting Tuesday, April 28, at 7 pm.
**Sustainability Commission:** Liaison Doll said Mr. Swope has applied for $131,000 in economic stimulus funding for sustainability issues that CBJ is qualified to receive. He mentioned a variety of projects including the JACC roof repair and window replacement, variable speed pumps at wellheads, and ground source heat pumps.

**Affordable Housing Commission:** Liaison Chambers said the AHC is working on an innovative approach to coordinating grant funding for housing development.

**Airport Board:** Liaison Sanford said the board is working on their budget. We passed regulations tonight to increase rates and fees at the airport in order to raise another $287,000. Tough decisions are being made by all enterprise boards as well as the school district and the Assembly. We are at a time when we will need to make cuts.

**XII. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Ms. Chambers asked about follow up information from the Capital City Forum, and Mayor Botelho said his expectation is that the information will be made public on the internet by Friday.

Mr. Sanford forwarded a draft resolution from the Mayor of Angoon, who is seeking Assembly support of the Thayer Creek Hydroelectric project. There was no objection to Mr. Hartle drafting such a resolution for Assembly consideration.

Mr. Sanford noted the letter from Thane Neighborhood thanking Rod Swope for his good work.

Mr. Sanford invited all to attend the Blessing of the Fleet on May 2.

Mr. Anderson thanked the mayor for his leadership on the Capital City Forum as well as his work to gain Juneau a senator.

Mr. Bush complimented the Airport Board for increasing revenues instead of cutting services.

Mayor Botelho thanked the Assembly for their participation in the Capital City Forum, many people told him it was their first time they had engaged in a public forum and they felt comfortable sharing with the Assembly and others. This helps create a climate of participation and civic dialogue, which is sometimes lacking.

**XIII. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** – None.

**XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT** – 8:45 pm.

Signed: ___________________________  Signed: ___________________________
Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk          Bruce Botelho, Mayor