MEETING NO. 2011-14: 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, Mary Becker, Karen Crane, Ruth Danner, Bob Doll, Johan Dybdahl (telephonic), David Stone (telephonic) and Bruce Botelho.

Assembly Absent: Merrill Sanford.

Staff Present: Rod Swope, City Manager; Kim Kiefer, Deputy City Manager; John Hartle, City Attorney; Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk; Beth McEwen, Deputy Clerk; Dale Pernula, Community Development Director; Heather Marlow, Lands and Resources Manager; Craig Duncan, Finance Director; Bonnie Chaney, Budget Analyst; David Means, JSD Administrative Services Director; Jeannie Johnson, Airport Manager; John Stone, Port Director.

II. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS – None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 27, 2011 – Special Assembly Meeting 2011-10

Hearing no objection, the minutes of the April 27, 2011 Regular Meeting 2011-10, were approved.

B. May 2, 2011 – Regular Assembly Meeting 2011-11

Hearing no objection, the minutes of the May 2, 2011 Regular Meeting 2011-11, were approved.

C. May 9, 2011 – Special Assembly Meeting 2011-12

Ms. Becker said that on page 2, the word “Arcadia” should be replaced with “Regatta.” Hearing no objection, the minutes of the May 9, 2011 Regular Meeting 2011-12, were approved as amended.

D. May 16, 2011 – Special Assembly Meeting 2011-13

Hearing no objection, the minutes of the May 16, 2011 Regular Meeting 2011-13, were approved.

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

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

Larry Woodall said he lives next door to the Juneau School District’s Student Building Project, which was recently featured in the newspaper. He said that a variance was granted for the cottage home affordable housing project to be built within two feet of his property line, and now the house and its second story block the view from his home. He said he had heard that
the variance was granted only because it was a student built project and a general contractor would not have received such a benefit. He said he has watched the project, said Southeast Alaska Guidance Association (SAGA) has done 90% of the work, and the students only visit once or twice a week for about 2 hours.

Kirby Day, representing the Tourism Best Management Practices (TBMP), said the program is now running with 90 members, up from 67 last year, and it seems to have taken hold. They are developing new guidelines, which involve retail businesses. They appreciate the Assembly’s support and the Marine Passenger Fees, which help them to accomplish their mission. He encouraged the Assembly to contact him with any questions.

Mayor Botelho asked if Mr. Day had any positive response in obtaining a membership from the transportation company mentioned at a previous meeting. Mr. Day said there are two companies he continues to work with to get them involved, who had not joined to date.

Mr. Anderson asked about a concern about a business hawking near the Twisted Fish. Mr. Day said he did hear about that and JPD and the City Manager’s office has been involved. That is a tour broker that TBMP is trying to sign up into the program. The essence of the complaint was that the business had been hawking from private property they had leased.

VI. 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 Anderson, to adopt the consent agenda. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

1. Ordinances for Introduction

a. Ordinance 2010-11(AR)

An Appropriation Transferring To The Manager The Sum Of $108,105 As Funding For The Juneau Police Department Replacement Reserve Account, Funding Provided By The Modernizing Police Equipment Capital Improvement Project.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2010-11(AR) be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular meeting.

b. Ordinance 2010-11(AS)

An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of $3,250,000 As Partial Funding For Bartlett Regional Hospital Fiscal Year 2011 Operating Budget, Funding Provided By Bartlett Regional Hospital Fund Balance.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2010-11(AS) be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular meeting.
c. Ordinance 2010-11(AT)
An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of $37,941 As Additional Funding For The Juneau International Airport Snow Removal Equipment Facility Capital Improvement Project, Grant Funding Provided By The Alaska Department Of Transportation.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2010-11(AT) be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular meeting.

d. Ordinance 2010-11(AU)
An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of $38,800 As Partial Funding For The Implementation Of The Juneau Coastal Management Program’s FY11 Required Tasks, Grant Funding Provided By The Alaska Department Of Commerce, Community And Economic Development.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2010-11(AU) be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular meeting.

e. Ordinance 2010-11(AV)
An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of $5,000 As Funding For Increased Police Patrol During The Week Of High School Graduation, Grant Funding Provided By The State Of Alaska Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities, Alaska Highway Safety Office.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2010-11(AV) be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular meeting.

f. Ordinance 2010-11(AW)
An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of $25,000 As Funding For The Tract A, U.S.S. 2337 Montana Creek Demolition and Restoration Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided By a United States Fish and Wildlife Service Grant.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2010-11(AW) be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular meeting.

g. Ordinance 2010-11(AX)
An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of $5,250 As Funding For Increased Police Enforcement Of Seatbelt And Child Safety Laws, Grant Funding Provided By The Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2010-11(AX) be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular meeting.

h. Ordinance 2010-11(AZ)
An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of $127,000 As Additional Funding For Harbors Fiscal Year 2011 Operating Budget And $45,000 As Additional Funding For The Docks Fiscal Year 2011 Operating Budget, Funding Provided By Harbors Fund Balance Of $127,000 And Docks Fund Balance Of $45,000.
Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2010-11(AZ) be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular meeting.

2. Resolutions

a. Resolution 2580
   **A Resolution Expressing Assembly Support For Establishing Water Infrastructure Set-Aside Funding In The Army Corps Of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division, Civil Works Program.**

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Resolution 2580 be adopted.

b. Resolution 2581
   **A Resolution Expressing Assembly Support for an Invitation to Host the 2013 Northwest Regional Managers Conference as Presented by the Alaska Municipal Management Association.**

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Resolution 2581 be adopted.

3. Bid Award

a. Bid Award E-11-009
   **Roadway Painting**

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended award of this project to Alaska Striping and Painting, Inc., in the total amount bid, for an award of $104,969.90.

b. Bid Award E-11-147
   **North Douglas Sewer, Phase V, LID 91**

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended award of this project to Admiralty Construction, Inc., in the total amount bid, for an award of $1,627,416.

4. Liquor Licenses

a. Liquor License Transfers and Restaurant Designation Permit Applications

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended the Assembly waive its right to protest the liquor license transfer and approve the Restaurant Designation Permit application as follows:

1. Transfer of Ownership Restaurant/Eating Place License #2812

   FROM: Genuine Ventures, LLC d/b/a Tracy’s King Crab Shack
   Ownership: Tracy LaBarge 50% and David McGivney 50%
   Location 356 S. Franklin Street, Juneau, AK

   TO: Genuine Ventures, LLC d/b/a Tracy’s King Crab Shack
   Ownership: Tracy LaBarge 100%
   Location: 356 S. Franklin Street, Juneau, AK
VII. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Ordinance 2010-12(A)

**An Ordinance To Adjust the FY11 Juneau School District Operating Budget, Special Revenue Budget, And Other Budget To Closer Approximate Actual FY11 Revenues And Expenditures.**

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2010-12(A) be adopted.

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

**MOTION, by Becker, to adopt Ordinance 2010-12(A).** Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

B. Ordinance 2011-13(b)


Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended made no recommendation.

Public Comment:

*Jim Powell*, League of Women Voters (LOWV) board member, spoke on the League’s behalf. He thanked the Assembly members for their service. Juneau is fortunate to have many volunteers to serve on its several boards and commissions. The LOWV asked the Assembly to allow more time for the public to understand the issue and offered its assistance to hold a public forum. Mr. Powell appreciated the memo and “side-by-side” comparison of the State Statute with the proposed ordinance presented by the Mayor at this meeting. He said it provided many answers to questions. The LOWV distributed a list of questions, including “Which other cities in Alaska have passed similar actions and what information is available about their experiences?” “What is the problem the ordinance is trying to address?” “Is the issue focused only on restricting information from being published on the internet?” “How would a lack of disclosure be handled?” Does the new ordinance pose an added burden to local voters by restricting access to information?” “Is there a fiscal note with the ordinance?”

Mayor Botelho asked if a public forum could be held in June. Mr. Powell said he would check with the LOWV members. The League is capable and active and there are members here tonight. He understood the timing restraints for ballot placement. Mayor Botelho said Assembly action would need to take place by July 11, 2011 for ballot placement of this issue.

*Bob Tkacz* said the intent of this ordinance is for dishonest public officials to hide information from the public. He said he was not accusing any of the public officials of being dishonest, but elected officials are public servants and are subject to disclosure. He recommended several changes to the ordinance. He referred to Page 3, lines 20 and 21, that refers to the clerk...
returning a filing fee if a candidate fails to file a financial disclosure and said that should be removed, and no filing fee should be returned as half a filing should not be accepted. The ordinance should require disclosure of the amount of income of candidates and public officials, not just the source. The $1,000 floor is sufficient, but the ceiling should be disclosed as well. The state law requires the exact amounts and CBJ should not move backwards on this issue. The ordinance is deficient in its prohibition to posting the information on the internet. Most recordkeeping is being converted to electronic formats, it is not a burden to the officials to provide the information in that way, and it is a burden to the public to not be able to access the information in that manner. All this did was delay access to the information. All information can be used illegally, and he asked if there was any data to suggest that public officials were targeted for identity theft more than anyone else was. He said public officials might be more insulated from identity theft because of their public persona. This ordinance will not do what is intended. Someone will collect the information from the clerk and post it on-line.

Mayor Botelho asked if Mr. Tkacz thought that the only way to determine if a conflict existed was to provide that actual number of income of $1,000 and above. This was opposed to assuming that if income is $1,000 or more, there is a conflict of interest. Identifying the conflict of interest was the purpose of the disclosure, to determine if a public official needed to recuse themselves from deliberation. Mr. Tkacz said the amount was relevant. If the amount is not declared, it is left to the worst of people’s imagination.

Mark Choate said he serves on the school board and he spoke in favor of the ordinance. His main concern was having the information published on the internet, and he said not everyone on the planet needed to have his information. He said it could be painful to file honestly. He spoke about the requirements to list his family members income, stocks, and property. He said he filed in order to be a public servant. Many people try to influence his decisions but no one has offered him money to do so. Every election we ask who will be willing to run, to put in the hours, and give up their financial information to serve. He liked the idea of the city taking this process into its hands. He said the $1,000 income threshold for reporting was low and the Assembly should consider increasing the amount. He said there should be some way to do “in-camera” filing for certain individuals. As an attorney, it was a sore spot to him to have to reveal the names of his clients. The Bar Association has said it is ok. He said it was desirable to have small business people on the board, and not only retired people with one source of income, which was easy to file.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Anderson, to adopt Ordinance 2011-13(b).

Mr. Anderson said he appreciated the additional information prepared by Mayor Botelho. He said the state requires disclosure of the amount of income as well as how the income was earned, which can help to determine the extent of a conflict. Mr. Choate is ethical and honest, but in many places of the country, public officials are not and that is the reason for conflict of interest legislation. His larger concern is that the ordinance proposes self-monitoring, rather than monitoring by an outside entity.

Mr. Anderson asked Mr. Hartle if this ordinance was adopted and approved on the ballot, if the Assembly could weaken or strengthen this ordinance in the future without a vote of the public. Mr. Hartle said the Assembly could amend the code in the future without a public vote. Mr. Anderson said that caused him concern that the people voted to give the Assembly the...
authority to monitor themselves, and from then on, it was the Assembly’s call how it would be done.

Mr. Doll said the ordinance required Pre-Clearance through the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), and asked what the purpose of the Pre-Clearance is. Mr. Hartle said that the DOJ had 60 days to Pre-Clear the ordinance, once adopted. Mayor Botelho said that Alaska is one of 16 states governed by the provisions of the Federal Voting Rights Act and Pre-Clearance is to ensure that there are no adverse impacts on minority voters by the changes to the election code proposed or the conduct of elections.

Mr. Doll asked how APOC monitors reports currently. Mr. Hartle spoke with staff at APOC who said that campaign disclosures are published on the internet but municipal official Public Financial Disclosure (POFD) statements are not. The only POFD reports published on the internet are those of state legislators. Mr. Hartle said he was told that APOC collects the POFD reports and audits them at random, subject to availability of resources. There was no indication of how often those audits were performed.

Mr. Doll asked Ms. Sica how often she had requests for POFD reports. Ms. Sica said in the last ten years she had two or three people request the reports. She said people may have accessed the information from the APOC office and may not know that the Clerk’s office had the information.

Mayor Botelho asked Ms. Sica if the clerk’s office is the repository of the forms. Ms. Sica said the original POFD forms for Juneau Officials are kept in the clerk’s office for six years and copies are provided to the state.

Ms. Danner asked about the six-year retention of the forms and how was this determined. Mayor Botelho said that is the state practice and it is a moving six years. Mr. Hartle said the retention is a policy call and the length could be determined by the Assembly.

Ms. Becker asked for clarification of submitting information electronically and providing the information publicly. Mayor Botelho said the information may be required to be filed electronically, and the information is a public record. The prohibition is upon publishing the information to the internet. Mayor Botelho said this is one of the reasons that, as of last year, 110 communities have removed themselves from this act.

Mr. Doll said the source of income was the most significant piece of information and the amount was not as important.

Ms. Crane supported the LOWV request to study this further and to lead a public discussion on the issue. The Assembly could only benefit from this activity.

Ms. Danner agreed with Ms. Crane and said she would benefit personally. Discussion in the public light is good for transparency and understanding.

Mr. Anderson said he understood Mr. Doll’s comment, but to say you get income without saying what you do to receive it is significant. Unless there was a motion to refer the ordinance, he would offer amendments.
Mr. Stone said he has been ambivalent on the issue, as he fills out so many of these forms now and it is invasive. Mr. Choate’s arguments are real and justified, and that is what we live with. He does not like it at all and he said he knows his wife does not. It is a pain to fill out the forms, and to be accurate everything must be revealed. If there are so many communities that have opted out, we need to think about this. He said he knows many people who will not go on public boards because of the disclosure requirements. We are losing good people. He said he does not know where the balance is.

Mr. Dybdahl said a public forum would be productive if time allows. If it passes the Assembly and goes on the ballot, we would want it to succeed and there is no better way to ensure that than to have everyone in the public understand the issue.

Hearing no objection, the Assembly referred Ordinance 2011-13b to the Committee of the Whole meeting of June 27, with the hope that the LOWV will be able to schedule a public forum prior to the COW meeting, and that any revised draft be available for public hearing on the July 11 regular Assembly meeting.

Mr. Anderson said he is grateful to the LOWV for offering to host a forum and he hoped that the LOWV would make recommendations as well, if they saw fit.

Recess 8:00 p.m. – 8:05 p.m.

C. Ordinance 2011-14(b)
An Ordinance Amending The Official Zoning Map of the City and Borough To Change the Zoning of Tidelands Addition Block 50, Lots 14, 15, Fr 16, The Breakwater Inn and Restaurant, From D-5 Residential to Waterfront Commercial.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2011-14(b) be adopted.

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Doll, to adopt Ordinance 2011-14(b). Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

D. Ordinance 2010-11(AQ)
An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Net Sum Of $3,750 To Adjust The Public Library Assistance Grant And The Regional Mail Services 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 Ordinance 2010-11(AQ) be adopted.

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Crane, to adopt Ordinance 2010-11(AQ). Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.
VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Ordinance 2011-10 am

An Ordinance Appropriating Funds From The Treasury For FY12 School District Operations

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2011-10am, as amended, be adopted.

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Danner, to adopt Ordinance 2011-10 am. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

B. Ordinance 2011-11 am

An Ordinance Appropriating Funds From The Treasury For FY12 City And Borough Operations.


Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Becker, to adopt Ordinance 2011-11 am. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

C. Ordinance 2011-12 am

An Ordinance Establishing The Rate Of Levy For Property Taxes For Calendar Year 2011 For The Budget For Fiscal Year 2012.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2011-12 am, as amended, be adopted.

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Anderson, to adopt Ordinance 2011-12 am. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

IX. NEW BUSINESS – None.

X. STAFF REPORTS – None.

XI. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

A. Committee Reports
Public Works and Facilities Committee: Chair Doll said the PWFC met on May 16 and forwarded Resolution 2580 on the agenda, received an update of the ongoing snow storage project, and discussed sludge disposal. The next meeting will be June 6.

Finance Committee: Chair Stone said the Assembly had acted on all budget items and he was delighted the work was done. There was great discussion and he is very proud of the committee members’ work.

Human Resources Committee: Chair Danner said the HRC met prior to the Assembly meeting and she forwarded the following recommendations for board appointments.

Hearing no objection, the following board appointments were approved by the Assembly:

Building Code Advisory Committee:
- Steve Burnett to a seat for a term expiring November 30, 2014.
- Pat Gorman to a seat for a term expiring November 30, 2013.
- Doug Murray to a seat for a term expiring November 30, 2012.
- Chris Gianotti to a seat for a term expiring November 30, 2012.

Douglas Advisory Board:
- Marcheta Moulton to the to the remainder of the term expiring September 30, 2011 and to the subsequent full three-year term expiring September 30, 2014.

Juneau Commission on Sustainability:
- Lisa Wiessler to a seat for a term expiring June 30, 2014.
- Kate Troll to a seat for a term expiring June 30, 2014.
- Jenni Lefing to a seat for a term expiring June 30, 2013.

Juneau Human Rights Commission:
- Steve Wolf to a seat for a term expiring May 31, 2014.
- Ed Hotch to a seat for a term expiring May 31, 2014.

Historic Resources Advisory Committee:
- Shauna McMahon to a seat for a term expiring June 30, 2014.
- Gerald Gotschall to a seat for a term expiring June 30, 2014.
- Myra Gilliam to a seat for a term expiring June 30, 2014.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee:
- Gerald Landry to a seat for a term expiring February 28, 2013.

Chair Danner reported on public testimony heard by the HRC requesting that the Assembly consider requiring one member of an enterprise board to be elected. The reason they gave was that transparency is needed and there is value in the election process in campaigning to bring up topics. Another request was that enterprise boards should consider publishing more information about their agenda action items, rather than just the date/time and meeting location. Ms. Danner discussed enterprise boards providing a group email address for their members similar to the Assembly and the Hospital Board. Mr. Doll added that the committee asked the staff for costs of publication and the process of doing so – to be discussed at the next meeting.
Lands and Resources Committee: Chair Anderson said the committee met May 16 and had two action items, which required assembly action:

MOTION, by Anderson, to authorize the manager to negotiate for a cell tower lease site with the Atlas Company near the Fish Creek Quarry area.

Ms. Danner said she was concerned there was not sufficient information for the manager to use to negotiate such a lease. Ms. Danner said there are four companies that are interested in establishing cell tower sites and CBJ needs to set good standards. CBJ needs a consultant, which is familiar with cell towers and advises municipalities on their installation. The proposal says CBJ will allow Atlas to pick from four appraisers.

Mr. Anderson said that CBJ will select four appraisers that it finds satisfactory and will allow Atlas to choose one of those four that it finds acceptable.

Roll call:
Aye: Anderson, Becker, Crane, Doll, Dybdahl, Stone, Botelho.
Nay: Danner
Motion passed, 7 ayes, 1 nay.

MOTION, by Anderson, to allow the manager to renegotiate an expired access easement with SECON in Hidden Valley. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

B. Liaison Reports

Planning Commission: Liaison Doll said the PC heard a project description from the State Department of Transportation for reconstruction of Thane Road. He said that no one was happy with the extent of work; however, DOT reported that the work was all that could be done with the existing budget. He said the next PC meeting is May 24.

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee: Liaison Doll said the PRAC held its annual retreat on May 3 and developed a list of top priority recreation projects, including Cope Park Rehabilitation, the Seawalk, a second sheet of ice, and the Treadwell Mine, Under Thunder, and Montana Creek trails.

School Board: Liaison Becker said she attended the AVID presentation and found very enthusiastic students who appreciate the opportunity and support. She also visited the Student Construction Class house building site.

Docks and Harbors: Liaison Danner said the next meetings are the Finance Committee on May 24 and the monthly Board meeting on May 26. Repairs were made at DeHart’s and the ramp is safer and floating higher. John Stone is retiring as Port Director and the hiring process is ongoing.

Juneau Commission on Sustainability: Liaison Crane said the JCOS would meet May 25 to review the first draft of the Climate Action Plan.

XII. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Outgoing Assemblyman Jonathan Anderson
The Assemblymembers were unanimous in expressing their thanks to Mr. Anderson for his service to the community, his intelligence and wit, his willingness to share his knowledge, and his ability to ask probing questions and to solve problems. All expressed that he will be truly missed.

Mayor Botelho presented Mr. Anderson with a ceremonial paddle carved by artist H.J. Martin. Mr. Dybdahl said, as was the custom many years ago, even before western contact, when one village would visit another, the host would give their guest the gift of the paddle. The symbolism was to take the paddle to use it to come back to visit again. Mr. Dybdahl said it was not a long paddle, but it conveyed the message.

Mr. Anderson said that the gift brought to mind the recent passing of Dr. Walter Soboleff, who gave so much to Juneau. He thanked Mr. Dybdahl and the Assembly.

Mr. Anderson reminded the Assemblymembers about a particular T.O.E. cartoon showing the members of the Assembly falling asleep after a long meeting on the Juneau Road, with Mr. Anderson making the comment after seven hours of public testimony that he wanted to say a few words about democracy. He loved that and thanked Tony Newman. He said that public process is his passion and human rights and the participation of all citizens is so important to him. He trusted the Assemblymembers to continue to strive for this and thanked everyone.

XIII. SWEARING IN NEW ASSEMBLY MEMBER – Katherine Eldemar

Mayor Botelho said that Assemblymembers come and go, but the body continues. The process is a very democratic system of transition and the underlying strength of government at the local level is that we either, through normal succession of term, or through filling vacancies, are able to provide leadership to our community. He said Juneau has the fortune of producing many wonderful leaders and people who are willing to serve the community and is fortunate that Katherine Eldemar has stepped forward to serve. He welcomed Ms. Eldemar and asked Mr. Hartle to administer the oath of office.

XIV. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mr. Stone welcomed and congratulated Ms. Eldemar on behalf of the Assembly.

Mr. Doll said he had heard a report that the U.S. Postal Service was moving its mail handling and sorting facility from Juneau to Anchorage, with a resultant loss of eight jobs and a delay in the mail delivery. Mayor Botelho said he has heard such a study is underway.

Mr. Doll displayed the plaque from a recent welcome ceremony on the Wilderness Discoverer. He was told the company is totally booked for the 2011 season. An attending hotel operator told Mr. Doll his hotel was having the best year since 2007. Mr. Doll said he hopes this is an indication of a good tourism season.

Ms. Eldemar greeted everyone and said it was a great honor to have the ability to serve out the remaining term of Assemblymember Anderson. She wished him well. Ms. Eldemar thanked her fellow Assemblymembers for their unanimous vote of support for her appointment. There were many fine candidates and she was honored to have been selected. She looked forward to developing a relationship with each member of the Assembly and said she will serve the community with integrity and to the best of her ability. She said she would work towards
obtaining the best government service for the community so that Juneau continues to be a wonderful place to live, work, raise families, and retire. She thanked her family, including her mother and father Mary and John Eldemar, her sisters Cheryl, Dianne, and Stacy, her daughters Tristan and Alexis for their direction and support.

Mr. Dybdahl welcomed Ms. Eldemar who he looked forward to working with, and hopes her time on the Assembly will convince her to run for office in the fall.

Ms. Becker thanked and welcomed Ms. Eldemar. Ms. Becker attended a welcome ceremony for the cruise ship Regatta and Mr. John Stone has the plaque. She attended a recent Chamber meeting where Hecla Mining Company gave $300,000 to the University of Alaska Southeast (UAS). The plans are to have a JDHS class teaching mining skills by this fall and in 2012 there will be a two-year university course and a summer institute for 18 year olds to prepare them for work in the mining field.

Ms. Danner welcomed Ms. Eldemar. Ms. Danner read a resolution from President Ed Thomas of the Central Council of Tlingit Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska from the 76th annual tribal assembly, which requests CBJ enforcement of the health and sanitation code regarding smoking at bus shelters in Juneau. Ms. Danner said she has placed this matter on the July HRC meeting agenda.

Ms. Crane welcomed Ms. Eldemar.

Mayor Botelho asked if there was Assembly support to send a letter to Governor Parnell regarding the Banfield Hall addition at the UAS housing, requesting an additional $4 million to move project forward. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

Mayor Botelho said with regard to port development and the draft the Assembly saw when it approved the $2.7 million contract for design work, there was a distant visual of a ramp to the steamship dock. He understands that an assumption has been made that this is Assembly approval of developing an access road through Marine Park. Mayor Botelho said he did not believe the Assembly had taken any such action and he was troubled to hear this assumption was made. He asked to add this issue to the June 6 Assembly meeting as a presentation item under special orders of business. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

Mayor Botelho said he has been requested to attend the Santa Fe, New Mexico Indian Market in his role as Mayor, as part of Sealaska Heritage’s promotion to do a parallel activity in Juneau. He requested Assembly approval for his travel. There was no objection, and there were several volunteers in the event Mayor Botelho was not able to attend.

Mayor Botelho distributed a draft of a revised Assembly Committee Liaison assignment sheet. He asked Ms. Becker to serve as the chair of the Lands Committee and Ms. Crane to serve as the Vice Chair of the Finance Committee. He asked Ms. Eldemar to serve as a member to the Lands and Public Works Committees and added Mr. Sanford to the Lands Committee. Hearing no objection, the assignments were adopted.

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

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.
XVII. ADJOURNMENT – 9:00 p.m.

Signed: ____________________________  Signed: ________________________________
Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk              Bruce Botelho, Mayor