THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Meeting Minutes – June 27, 2011

MEETING NO. 2011-16: The Special Meeting of the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly, held in the Assembly Chambers of the Municipal Building, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Bruce Botelho.

I. ROLL CALL

Assembly Present: Mary Becker, Karen Crane, Ruth Danner, Bob Doll, Johan Dybdahl (telephonic), Merrill Sanford, David Stone (telephonic) and Bruce Botelho.

Assembly Absent: None (Anderson/Eldemar Seat Vacant).

Staff Present: Rod Swope, City Manager; Kim Kiefer, Deputy City Manager; John Hartle, City Attorney; Beth McEwen, Municipal Clerk; Dale Pernula, Community Development Director; Craig Duncan, Finance Director; Rorie Watt, Engineering Director; Gary Gillette, Port Engineer; Jeannie Johnson, Airport Manager.

II. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Recognition of Joe Buck, Public Works Director

Mr. Swope thanked Joe Buck for 18 years of service to the City and Borough of Juneau, most recently as the Public Works Director. There have been a lot of challenges and frustrations and the community owes Mr. Buck a debt of gratitude for his efforts to make significant improvements. He wished Mr. Buck and his wife, Darla, happy travels.

Mr. Buck said that Juneau is his hometown and he has been involved with CBJ project for three decades. He worked on the rebuild of Front and Seward Streets in the early 80s. He has worked for the Engineering Department as well as the Public Works Department and it has been a pleasure to work on so many great projects.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

Chris Nelson requested to be considered to fill one of the Assembly seats. He thanked Assembly for its consideration.

IV. 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 Sanford, to adopt the consent agenda. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.
1. Ordinances for Introduction

a. Ordinance 2011-11(C)  
**An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of $4,509,960 As Additional Funding For The Juneau International Airport Runway Safety Area Capital Improvement Project, Funding Provided By The Federal Aviation Administration.**

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2011-11(C) be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular meeting.

2. Bid Awards

a. Bid E11-286  
**Bartlett Regional Hospital Roof Replacement**

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended award of this project to Universal Roofing of Alaska, in the amount of the Total Bid, for a total award of $1,870,000.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Action Relating To The Replacement Of Assemblymember Vacancies

Mayor Botelho said two vacancies exist on the Assembly. He said that Bob Doll will be leaving the community and has tendered resignation at the close of business at the July 11, 2011 meeting. A second vacancy is due to Katherine Eldemar’s immediate resignation effective Thursday, June 23, 2011. Mayor Botelho referred to his memo in the packet with a proposed direction for the Assembly to take.

Mayor Botelho said he had two names to offer but wants to poll the Assembly if that is the manner in which they would like to proceed. Both persons said they were not interested in running for office on the October ballot.

Ms. Danner said that since the time for election is near, she preferred to leave the seats open. It seems a lot to ask for someone new to step in with a large learning curve for a short period of time. There would be seven members and it takes five members to take action, so it is incumbent upon the members to be present and be prepared.

Mr. Sanford said he would feel the same way if it was closer to the election, however, we still have to continue the business of the city. A few members have already planned to be out of town and there would be a risk that the Assembly could not field a quorum. He said there are some members of the community that are well versed in community issues that can step in and do good work.

Mr. Doll said four individuals have contacted him with an offer to serve. This is not just a matter of voting but it is also an avenue for the citizens of Juneau to contact their representative. He agreed with Mayor Botelho’s proposal.

Ms. Crane agreed with Mayor Botelho’s proposal and since there are two candidates that have said they do not wish to run in the fall, this is not giving any preferential treatment to a possible candidate.
Mr. Stone agreed with Mayor Botelho’s approach. He is sorry to see the loss of the departing members and as a member who plans to be gone for a month, he believes the positions need to be filled.

Ms. Becker agreed that the positions need to be filled.

Mr. Dybdahl agreed with Mayor Botelho’s approach.

Mayor Botelho proposed that Peter Freer be appointed to fill remainder of Mr. Doll’s term, effective at end of the July 11 meeting. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

Mayor Botelho proposed that Malcolm Menzies be appointed to fill the remainder of the term of the vacancy created by Ms. Eldemar’s vacancy to be effective immediately. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

VII. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS – None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – 6:15 p.m.

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Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk    Bruce Botelho, Mayor