THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2011

MEETING NO. 2011-23: 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 7:48 p.m. by Mayor Bruce Botelho.

I. ROLL CALL

Assembly Present: Mary Becker, Bruce Botelho, Karen Crane, Ruth Danner, Johan Dybdahl Peter Freer, Merrill Sanford, and David Stone.

Assembly Absent: Malcolm Menzies.

Staff Present: Rod Swope, City Manager; Kim Kiefer, Deputy City Manager; John Hartle, City Attorney; Dale Pernula, Community Development Director; Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk; Rorie Watt, Engineering Director.

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

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Status of CBJ Annexation Petition

The Assembly reviewed a series of maps prepared by the manager, presented in a red folder and projected in the meeting room. The Assembly also received a letter from Derek Duncan, Vice President of Operations for Goldbelt, Inc., dated October 10, 2011. Mr. Duncan was present at the meeting.

Mayor Botelho said the Assembly previously authorized the preparation of an annexation petition, leaving open for this evening’s meeting the question of the extent of land within the petition and the inclusion, or not, of Hobart Bay.

Mr. Swope explained the maps, indicating areas of current CBJ Borough boundaries, the proposed annexation by Petersburg, and the area of common interest to both. Mr. Swope explained staff’s recommendations for the proposed southern boundary. The boundary is consistent with the current state recording district, the Juneau Election District, the Juneau Census District, the Juneau Ranger District of the National Forest Service, managed from Juneau, and the State of Alaska Fish and Game Area 1-C Management District. Mr. Swope said the proposed southern boundary also incorporates the natural watershed of Houghten Bay, including Dawes Glacier. Mayor Botelho said the inclusion of Dawes Glacier is because the watershed empties into Endicott Arm.

Mr. Sanford asked about the comments in the Goldbelt letter, and said if Juneau does not include this area in the Juneau Annexation Petition, the property would be included within the Petersburg Borough. He assumed the area would be included into a borough one way or another, unless the petition was declined. Mr. Hartle said that was a political judgment.
regarding what would happen before the Local Boundary Commission, however, it is consistent with what staff has heard.

Mayor Botelho said the Local Boundary Commission would make the ultimate decision about where the boundaries are. It could reach the conclusion that neither borough should cover this area, but absent Juneau’s intervention, there would be only one petition asserting a claim over that land.

Hearing no objection, staff was directed to draft the petition with the recommendation from staff for the southern boundary (attached).

Mr. Hartle said he has prepared an ordinance based on a model from the Local Boundary Commission, which will be presented to the Assembly on Monday, October 17. This will allow the public to testify on the petition.

IV. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS – None.

V. STAFF REPORTS – None.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 8 p.m.

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Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk    Bruce Botelho, Mayor