MEETING NO. 2012-07: 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: Mary Becker, Bruce Botelho, Karen Crane, Ruth Danner, Johan Dybdahl, Jesse Kiehl, Carlton Smith, David Stone, and Randy Wanamaker.

Assembly Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kim Kiefer, City Manager; John Hartle, City Attorney; Rob Steedle, Deputy City Manager; Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk; Beth McEwen, Deputy City Clerk; Craig Duncan, Finance Director; Rorie Watt, Engineering Director; Dale Pernula, Community Development Director; Heather Marlow, Lands and Resources Manager; Cynthia Johnson, Deputy Land Manager; Tom Mattice, Emergency Program Manager; Charlie Ford, Building Official.

II. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Introduction of Deputy City Manager

City Manager Kim Kiefer introduced Deputy City Manager Rob Steedle. She said the two would make a great team and she encouraged the Assembly to talk with either of them for information.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 5, 2012 – Regular Assembly Meeting 2012-05

Hearing no objection, the minutes of the March 5, 2012 Regular Assembly Meeting 2012-05 were approved.

B. March 14, 2012 – Special Assembly Meeting 2012-06

Hearing no objection, the minutes of the March 14, 2012 Special Assembly Meeting 2012-06 were approved.

IV. MANAGER’S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

Ms. Kiefer asked to remove the Auke Bay Elementary School Bid Award from the agenda, under New Business, due to a protest of the bid award. Hearing no objection, the Assembly removed the item from the agenda.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.
Amy Skilbred spoke regarding the Climate Action Plan and its relationship to the Willoughby District Plan and the Building Code. She would like CBJ to review the current Building Code in order to implement energy efficiency recommendations in the IECC 2012 Building Codes. She understood it was not a subject for this meeting, but it would be good to consider building new commercial and residential buildings in that area to a greater degree of energy efficiency. It would go a long way to extending the hydroelectric power in the area and make it more affordable for all. It would also help CBJ meet its goals in the Climate Action Plan.

Murray Walsh, representing Bicknell Construction, spoke regarding a letter sent to the Assembly about the Honsinger Pond property of 83 acres, 27 of which is pond, next to Egan Highway near the Airport. The pond was a gravel pit, which is played out and the land is available for other uses. When Bicknell Construction bought the property last year, an appraisal was done which opined the property could be easily rezoned to industrial or commercial uses. This was double checked with CDD and was confirmed. This was before the unfortunate events of the Atlin Street rezone. We are told now the Comprehensive Plan will need to match any anticipated rezone. The Comprehensive Plan needs to be amended so this property can be rezoned. Preliminary discussions with Planning staff have been supportive, but the procedure is not clear. He was told to approach the Assembly to request that the Assembly direct the Community Development Department and Planning Commission to take up the matter of such an amendment. This land is now worthless without some change in zoning.

Karla Hart spoke about her frustration with a perennial problem in Juneau of dog waste. She said it was all over the trails at the Mendenhall Campground and was raw sewage and not benign. Dog waste contained bacteria and parasite eggs that can infect humans and pets. She talked about the pathways of transmission of fecal coliform, round worms, and hook worms. She asked the Assembly to take on the issue of dog poop. Her other concern was dogs being walked off leash. It was not acceptable to see dogs cause injury when they cause people to fall and create injuries. There are perfectly nice dogs with owners who do not understand their responsibility to ensure the safety of others. Voluntary compliance has not been enough. Gastineau Humane Society reports that 50% of the dogs in the community are not licensed. This was money that was not going into canine enforcement. Canine Control Officers were threatened by people who think their dogs have more rights than the public. She asked that JPD be sent with Canine Control Officers randomly to avoid threats to their service. She said decisive action was needed now.

Gwen Baluss said she was the Conservation Chair of the Juneau Audubon Society, and added the issue of wildlife disturbance caused by dogs off leash. Eagle Beach and the Mendenhall Wetlands were key migration areas, particularly for birds. Mammals such as deer could be harassed by dogs as well. Harassing wildlife was illegal and undermined local conservation efforts. The volume of untreated dog feces affected water quality and the diseases could be passed on to wildlife. She asked the Assembly to allocate resources to enforce existing laws and to work with stakeholders to better educate the public.

Saralyn Tabachnick thanked the Assembly for its participation in the “Choose Respect” march. She spoke about the Community Development Block Grant submitted by CDD to the state for extended stay safe shelter for women and families leaving the AWARE Shelter’s emergency shelter, for the design and construction of six units (four two-bedroom units and two efficiency units).
AWARE was recently notified that the proposal was selected for funding of up to $850,000. She appreciated CBJ’s support of AWARE’s programs.

*Julie Coghill*, President of the Juneau Audubon Society, said she took a 45-minute walk on the airport dike trail prior to the meeting and there were 18 dogs counted, one of which was on-leash, and she also counted 108 piles of dog waste. The Juneau Audubon Society is very interested in working with CBJ on this issue.

**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 Stone, to adopt the consent agenda. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

1. Ordinances for Introduction

a. Ordinance 2012-18

*An Ordinance Authorizing The Port Director To Negotiate And Execute A Lease Of Alaska Tidelands Survey No. 893, Located At Approximately 3890 North Douglas Highway, To Juneau Alaska Communications, LLC.*

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2012-18 be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular meeting.

b. Ordinance 2012-19

*An Ordinance Amending The General Provisions Code Regarding Services Provided By Roaded Service Area Number 9.*

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2012-19 be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular meeting.

c. Ordinance 2011-11(AG)

*An Ordinance Transferring Of $21,877 To The Open Space Waterfront Land Acquisition Capital Improvement Project, From Unexpended FY 11 Marine Passenger Fees Budgeted To The General, Visitor Services, And Roaded Service Area Funds.*

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

d. Ordinance 2011-11(AH)

*An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of $5,000,000 As Funding For Statter Harbor Improvements, Grant Funding Provided By The Alaska Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities.*

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

An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of $280,000 As Funding For The State Homeland Security Program, Grant Funding Provided By The State Of Alaska Department Of Military And Veterans Affairs.

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

2. Liquor Licenses

A. Liquor License

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended the Assembly waive its right to protest the following liquor license renewal action:

1. Beverage Dispensary License #4349 Transfer of Ownership, Location, and Name Change From: Senate Partnership, Inc. d/b/a The Penthouse location: 434 3rd Street (Bergmann Hotel) To: Senate Partnership, Inc., No d/b/a, No premises

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Ordinance 2012-11

An Ordinance Amending The Land Use Code Relating To Appeals Of Rezoning Decisions.


Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Danner, to adopt Ordinance 2012-11. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

B. Ordinance 2012-12(b)

An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of A General Obligation School Bond In The Aggregate Principal Amount Of Not To Exceed $13,190,000; And Providing For The Form And Terms Of The Bond And For Unlimited Tax Levies To Pay The Bond.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended adoption of Ordinance 2012-12(b).

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Danner, to adopt Ordinance 2012-12(b), for the purpose of discussion.
Ms. Danner asked the manager what the outcome would be if the legislature did not appropriate funding for school debt reimbursement and if there was a plan in place in that event.

Mr. Duncan said that the bonds were secured by property taxes as per normal terms. This pledges the full faith and credit of the city and if the state did not pay 70% or paid something less, CBJ would be obligated to pay the debt through the mill levy or offset the expenses in another area.

Ms. Danner asked what the cap was on the mill rate. Mr. Duncan said there was no cap on debt service but there was on operations. Ms. Danner asked how much the mill rate would need to be increased if there was not a legislative appropriation in a year. Mr. Duncan said there was a little over $150 million in outstanding debt, and a little over $90 million qualifies for, or would be covered, by state reimbursement.

Mayor Botelho said, for this bond issue it appeared to be .2 or .25 mills. Mr. Duncan agreed.

Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

C. Ordinance 2012-13

An Ordinance Amending the Land Management Code.


Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Becker, to adopt Ordinance 2012-13, for the purpose of discussion.

Ms. Becker referred to page 8, item #7. She said it seemed broad to say that wetlands would only be leased for specific uses and not sold, as she thought Class C and D wetlands were in a different class.

Cynthia Johnson said the policies outlined in the current lands management plan were not addressed in these changes due to the magnitude of the changes. It had been almost 30 years since this code section was updated and the focus of the work was updating the processes in order to make them more efficient. They have a vision for how the office can operate better by trimming the outdated portions of the code and developing a process that will be more efficient, nimble, and responsive to the Assembly. The principles outlined in the referred section were modeled on the principles of the Comprehensive Plan, which was currently being updated. Staff’s position was that it would be timely to update the policy section of the code after developing the processes of the code and the updated Comprehensive Plan is adopted.

Ms. Becker said she understood but asked for further explanation of the timing of the Comprehensive Code update in light of this code section.

Mayor Botelho said he understood the listing in the section starting in item (c) on page 7 were all policy statements that were guiding CBJ’s actions but were not procedures or processes to
get there. Those were directives that had been in place for some time, and would remain in place until the Assembly decided to change them. He said Ms. Johnson was suggesting that any changes to the policy sections should be discussed in light of the discussion about the Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Becker said she would like to discuss the policies, as they were very broad. She referred to item 13, “Lands and shoreline that possess recreational, scenic, wildlife, and other environmental qualities should be preserved as open space.” No matter how long these have been in place, we surely are not applying the land sales to the letter of the law. If the Comprehensive Plan covers the issue, she could live with it but if not, she would assume the code section would be the guide.

Ms. Danner asked when the policy questions could come back before the Assembly. Ms. Johnson said it would wait until the Comprehensive Plan is updated. The entire Land Management Code was under review and they were working on it incrementally. It would take several more months to discuss procedures before starting on any policy discussion. Ms. Johnson said Mr. Pernula indicated that the Comprehensive Plan would be available for review by early summer.

Ms. Danner asked about a new section authorizing the promulgation of regulations and asked for more information. Mr. Hartle said the new code language would authorize the Lands and Resources Division to promulgate regulations to implement all of Title 53. CBJ Code 01.60 is the ordinance governing the creation of regulations and sets out the process, including notice to the public or any permit holder subject to the title. At the end of the process, regulations appear before the Assembly for non-opposition or rejection.

Ms. Danner said she was not sure what was being gained by adding more regulations. Mr. Hartle said regulations were administrative rules prepared by the manager to implement the code. The city operates through a hierarchy of laws, from the CBJ Charter, ordinances, regulations, and policies and procedures. Mr. Hartle referred to the Lena Point land disposal as an example of a need for regulations specific to the purchase and financing of property, including timing and other issues that did not need to be in the ordinance but could be issued by regulation.

Ms. Becker said there was a lot of good work in the ordinance and she appreciated the time spent on it but had concerns that the Comprehensive Plan should be reviewed first, followed by changes to this code section.

Mr. Dybdahl said the operative word in the policies was “should,” to provide some guidance. Once the work on the Comprehensive Plan was done, the Assembly could backtrack and look at the concerns.

Roll call:
Aye: Crane, Danner, Dybdahl, Kiehl, Smith, Stone, Botelho
Nay: Becker, Wanamaker
Motion passed 7 ayes, 2 nays.

D. Ordinance 2012-14
An Ordinance Amending The Comprehensive Plan By Adopting Chapter 5 Of The Willoughby District Land Use Plan.

Public Comment:

Nancy Waterman said she supported adoption of the ordinance. Chapter 5 of the Willoughby District Land Use Plan should be part of the Comprehensive Plan and a guiding document on such topics as parking, building heights, and residential density. The goal of the Juneau Climate Action Plan was to reduce emissions by 25% by 2032. The focus on residential density, pedestrian emphasis, building orientation, and efficiency in energy conservation in all the buildings in the Willoughby plan would help the community to meet this goal. Centennial Hall was in the district and an energy audit was done on this community building. The AHFC was working on an outreach effort to ensure that the audits were not exiled to a shelf. Centennial Hall was on the 2013-2018 CIP list, and the energy conservation standard for this building needed to be set at a high level. The energy audit should be reviewed. The CIP list included replacing the roof in FY 2013 and completing plumbing improvements in FY 2014.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Becker, to adopt Ordinance 2012-14.

Ms. Danner said in general she was pleased with the direction the Willoughby plan was taking and asked which native interest groups were consulted and what kind of responses were received. Ms. Marlow said the Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska were thanked in the plan for hosting several community meetings at the Andrew Hope Building. They reached out to ensure good neighborhood participation. A draft plan was provided for their review.

Ms. Danner asked if the plan referred to energy efficiency. Ms. Marlow said the plan referred to an energy district for the Willoughby District, which contemplated either a central plant for district heating to bring public facilities on line with a central distribution of heat and/or individual heat such as pellet stove/boilers in private facilities. Lands staff was working with the Coast Guard engineers to determine whether there was enough square footage in public facilities alone in the area to do a distributed heat system.

Mr. Smith asked what kind of financing vehicles Ms. Marlow anticipated CBJ would support in order to see investment and development in the area. Ms. Marlow said one of the next steps was to investigate how to finance housing and development in the area and the conversations would be ongoing. She had worked with the Affordable Housing Commission and also had conversations with private land owners who asked that CBJ not put all of the goals on the shoulders of the private property owners. There was a spectrum of answers, from a local improvement district with a boundary for taxation and investment as a model, or supportive financing within individual agreements. Mr. Smith supported quick action following adoption.

Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

E. Ordinance 2012-15
An Ordinance To Designate A Tax Foreclosed Property Located At 5871 Churchill Way For A Public Purpose For The Benefit Of The Juneau-Douglas High School Home Building Program.


Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Danner, to adopt Ordinance 2012-15, for the purpose of discussion.

Ms. Danner asked for assurance that there were no heirs to the property. Ms. Marlow said the owner was deceased and research was done to contact known heirs of the family. There was no contact back from the four members of the family contacted. Ms. Danner asked about acquiring the property for less than market value in light of the lack of heirs. Ms. Marlow said that Alaska State Statute provided that once the CBJ determined this property for a public purpose, it extinguished the heirs’ rights to the property.

Mr. Kiehl said there was discussion about disposing of this for less than fair market value. The issue was that any additional money that might come in from disposing of the property at fair market value, if not designated for public purpose, belonged to the heirs and if they did not come forward in a certain amount of time it would go to escheat, and so the taxpayers of Juneau did not lose anything in disposing of the property in this manner.

Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

F. Ordinance 2012-16

An Ordinance Authorizing The Disposal Of Gravel From Municipal Property To Secon Through A Negotiated Sale.


Public Comment:

James Sidney said he objected to the ordinance, and to CBJ taking land selected from the state and turning it over to private use of public resources. CBJ paid for the bridge to access the north Lemon Creek property. CBJ had taken a lot of land for gravel extraction for CBJ projects and he was opposed to “give-aways,” referring to Stabler’s Point and Fish Creek, through private sales, and pending private sales for Lemon Creek gravel. He owned a third of a gravel pit at Montana Creek and his investment in a gravel pit had been slowly eroded by CBJ entry into competition against him. CBJ has legal access to the Lemon Creek gravel area due to the bridge that it installed to access an Airport parking impound yard, but there is no mining face that CBJ has, it is a mining face that SECON has. He objected to CBJ giving away city resources so that SECON could mine every ounce of gravel on their property and another 2,000 yards of gravel on city property. CBJ seemed to want to get into the sale of gravel to private enterprises and that was not the reason the lands were selected.
Ms. Danner asked about the price of the gravel and if it was a fair price. Mr. Sidney said he had no access to city gravel. He would be happy to mine gravel from CBJ property. Ms. Danner asked if SECON would have a market advantage or make more profit as a result of this deal. Mr. Sidney said yes, they would use it for their own use and would not give access to the private contractors.

Assembly Action:

**MOTION, by Danner, to adopt Ordinance 2012-16, for the purposes of discussion.**

Ms. Danner asked Ms. Marlow about the benefit of the arrangement to the city. Ms. Marlow directed the Assemblymembers to the map in the packet. SECON approached CBJ and asked for permission to push the mining face back onto city property line to allow continued mining and allow a large cleared area on their side of the property line so they could use the property. It was a source of revenue for CBJ. She anticipated $20 – 25,000 a year for approximately ten years. It avoided a future situation of ending up with a teepee of unusable material on each side of the property line with a 2:1 slope to maintain. From CBJ’s perspective, it was a revenue stream and was the highest use of the resource in the future.

Ms. Danner asked if this disproportionately benefited one operator over another. Ms. Marlow said to a certain extent yes, but that was somewhat of an outcome but not the intent. It benefited SECON’s property and utilized the resource to the optimal situation for both parties.

Ms. Danner asked if CBJ intended to develop its property in the next ten years. Ms. Marlow said no, the ten-year agreement is to keep SECON moving forward and not to extend this too long into the future.

Mr. Kiehl noted the packet material said that SECON had the only legal access to the mining face, and at the conclusion of the project, would there be access from CBJ’s face for other operators. Ms. Marlow said at the end of the extraction the mining face would be moved back onto CBJ’s property but there would not be a mining face opened to the public as a result of their extractions. CBJ would need to enter the property at the top of the hill and move the material from a south to north direction. CBJ could mine all the gravel in the future but it would take some time to get anywhere near the SECON property line.

Ms. Danner said it seemed reasonable to request an easement over SECON’s. Ms. Marlow said that could be asked for as part of the contract. CBJ had a mining plan with an alternate mechanism to get to that resource. The new gravel area that the new bridge accesses contains a 25 – 35 year supply so this area would not be needed until far into the future.

Mr. Kiehl asked about the market rates for gravel. Ms. Marlow said the market rate currently was $6 per ton. The Engineering Department worked with SECON to determine the cost to get the gravel to market, including land clearing, drainage and permitting issue, operations and maintenance and slope contouring when extraction was complete. It was estimated to be $3.60 per ton for those costs. The $6 market value was reduced by $3.60, to arrive at $2.40 per ton from SECON as revenue.

Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

The Assembly took a ten-minute recess and reconvened the meeting at 8:20 p.m.
G. Ordinance 2012-17

**An Ordinance Amending The Building Code Relating To Application For A Permit.**


Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

*MOTION, by Wanamaker, to adopt Ordinance 2012-17.* Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

H. Ordinance 2011-11(AE)

**An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of $4,610 As Funding To The Juneau Police Department For Officer Training On 3D Crash Reconstruction Software, Grant Funding Provided By The Alaska Highway Safety Office.**


Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

*MOTION, by Crane, to adopt Ordinance 2011-1(AE).* Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

I. Ordinance 2011-11(AF)

**An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of $136,870.47 As Funding To Capital Transit for Mobility Management, Grant Funding Provided By The Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.**


Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

*MOTION, by Kiehl, to adopt Ordinance 2011-1(AF).* Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bid Award E12-205

Marie Drake School Renovation
Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended award of the bid for Project E12-205 to Dawson Construction in the base bid amount and additive alternate nos. 1, 2, and 3 for a total award of $1,116,500.

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

**MOTION**, by Wanamaker, to award the bid for Project E12-205 Marie Drake School Renovation to Dawson Construction in the base bid amount and additive alternate nos. 1, 2, & 3 for a total award of $1,116,500, pending no bid protest was heard. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

B. Bid Award E12-216 – removed from the agenda by the Manager due to a bid protest.

**Auke Bay Elementary School Renovation**

X. **STAFF REPORTS** – None.

XI. **ASSEMBLY REPORTS**

A. Committee Reports

*Committee of the Whole:* Chair Stone said the next meeting was set for Monday, April 9, at 6 p.m. to discuss the AJ Mine Water study.

*Human Resources Committee:* Chair Danner said the HRC met prior to the Assembly meeting and recommended the following appointments to CBJ Boards and Commissions, which were approved without objection by the Assembly:

  - **Board of Equalization**

  - **Commission on Sustainability**

  - **Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**
    Reappointment of Jeff Wilson and appointment of Eric Morrison and Tom Rutecki, all to public seats with terms expiring February 28, 2015.

Chair Danner said the committee agreed to change the time of HRC meetings from a start of 6 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to address an increased workload.

*Lands and Resources Committee:* Chair Becker said the next meeting was set for Monday, April 9, at 5 p.m..

*Finance Committee:* Chair Crane said weekly Finance Committee meetings would commence on Wednesday, April 4, at 5:30, with the distribution of the budget, the CIP, and reports from the City Manager and Finance Director.
Public Works and Facilities Committee: Chair Wanamaker said the next meeting was set for Monday, April 9, at Noon.

B. Liaison Reports

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee: Liaison Kiehl said the next meeting was set for Tuesday, April 3, at 6 p.m.

Affordable Housing Commission: Liaison Kiehl said the next meeting was set for Tuesday, April 17, at 5:15 p.m.

Eaglecrest Board: Liaison Crane said the Board met on March 28 to hear several public comments about the master plan, which would continue to be reviewed and was anticipated to be before the Assembly for review in the early summer.

Docks and Harbors Board: Liaison Becker forwarded the Board’s support for the naming of Douglas Harbor as “Mike Pusich Douglas Harbor.”

Hearing no objection, the Assembly directed staff to prepare a resolution for review at the next regular Assembly meeting.

Liaison Becker said navigation studies for Project 16b are ongoing. Staff would meet with the Juneau Regulatory Field office regarding Douglas Harbor dredging issues in April. Statter Harbor Phase I Bids would open April 10. The design services for Aurora Harbor were out to bid and would be due May 8. The Maritime Festival was scheduled for May 12. The Board approved summer moorage discounts for Harris, Aurora, and Douglas Harbors. The joint meeting of the Assembly and Docks and Harbors Board would be in November 2012. Docks and Harbors would present its budget to the Finance Committee on May 9. The Port Director would speak to the Chamber of Commerce on May 10. The Port Director was looking into safety issues with lightering. The board approved the termination and eviction of a tideland lease due to lack of maintenance. Juneau Marine Services was hired to repair the Auke Bay boat yard haul out facility. The Board approved a terminal staging area parking lot plan and a parking lot fee of $2 per hour for that area. Ms. Becker distributed flyers regarding a proposed roundabout by DOT at the Deharts intersection area. She showed a new logo the Docks and Harbors Board would be using.

Local Emergency Preparedness Committee: Liaison Danner said there were two seats open for a Haz Mat carrier or handler and this was an excellent opportunity to share expertise and be on the inside track of helping during an emergency in the community.

Airport Board: Liaison Danner said work continued on the lobby remodel. She explained the current traffic pattern for the waiting area in the departure lounge. New display cases were being installed to help improve the traffic flow and coffee service would soon be available.

Bartlett Regional Hospital Board: Liaison Stone said the Board met and was working on finances. The search committee hired a firm to assist with the permanent CEO hire.

XII. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mr. Smith welcomed Deputy Manager Steedle.
Mr. Kiehl said he attended the “Choose Respect” rally, which was an excellent event and inspiring. He said the Basketball Coach from Thunder Mountain was working in coordination with AWARE to support the “Boys into Men” program. This effort was spreading to other sports teams and was a good way to coach young people into becoming adults.

Mr. Kiehl said he attended the dedication of the “HAWK” High intensity pedestrian activated crosswalk between Switzer Park and Wal-Mart on Old Glacier Highway. He applauded DOT/PF for getting that installed and it was now safer for pedestrians and drivers and was a great improvement.

Ms. Becker welcomed both of the new managers.

Ms. Danner asked the Assembly for the consideration of Mr. Walsh’s request regarding the Comprehensive Plan review of the Honsinger Pond property and asked that it be referred to CDD for review and consideration. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

Ms. Danner referred to the comments about dog waste and said she was in favor of whatever CBJ could do to encourage responsible dog ownership. The dike trail was abysmal. Mayor Botelho said this issue was familiar to Ms. Kiefer and asked her to review the topic.

Ms. Danner said the Assembly received the State Assessors report on an audit of the CBJ assessor’s office and asked that this matter be addressed. Hearing no objection, Mayor Botelho referred the matter to the Finance Committee.

Ms. Danner said the HRC was studying the issue of homelessness and inebriation. She was amazed and inspired by all the work of people in the community and discussed the Vulnerability Survey. They understood the nature of the problem but were a long way off from a long-term solution. She felt it was important to address the conflicts between the visitor industry, cruise ship passengers, and the homeless. It was difficult to tell people to move on when there was nowhere for them to go.

MOTION, by Danner, to delay demolition of the city shop under the bridge to consider whether this would be an adequate temporary facility for a solution to the homeless situation.

Ms. Danner said there was a lot of work to be done to find out whether or not the shop could be used at all for any period. She asked for time to consider whether the facility could be of use before it was torn down.

Ms. Crane said she asked about this some months ago and found that part of the difficulty was that the city was still storing equipment in the building and the other problem over the winter was that snow was pushed to the property. The location was thought to be problematic.

Ms. Watt said the bids for demolition of the building were opened Friday and notice had been given regarding the bid. The current use of the site was anticipated to be used for snow through at least next winter, and hinged on the development of a new snow storage site at the rock dump. He and Mr. Pernula discussed this at Ms. Danner’s request during the meeting break and there would be issues with the Building and Land Use Code and permits required. The building was a heavy equipment shop with some office and in its current configuration...
would not be suitable for a shelter and would require some renovation. There was a master planning effort for the area and this use would be a departure from that effort.

Ms. Danner asked the impact of a 30-90 day delay in the bid award. Mr. Watt said bids were required to be good for 30 days and extension beyond that could increase pricing.

Mr. Wanamaker asked Ms. Danner to withdraw a motion and asked Ms. Kiefer that alternatives be presented to the HRC. He was not opposed to doing something for homeless people but this did not seem to be the solution.

Ms. Danner wanted to know the minimum that could be done to shelter vulnerable citizens and said an agency would need to adopt the supervision of the facility.

Mr. Dybdahl said the community was a long way from coming up with a solution and using the maintenance facility as a shelter was going down the wrong road.

Mr. Stone said remediation could be needed for the shop to be used as housing.

Mr. Kiehl asked about hazardous materials. Mr. Watt said there were underground fuel tanks, the slab and equipment maintenance area had diesel fuel issues, and there could be some asbestos issues.

Ms. Crane said there would be no relief for this issue until a place was found for homeless, including the people who had been drinking. This issue needed more work before passing a motion to go forward.

Roll call:
Aye: Danner, Kiehl
Nay: Becker, Crane, Dybdahl, Smith, Stone, Wanamaker, Botelho
Motion failed, 2 ayes, 7 nays.

Mayor Botelho said it appeared the Assembly supported the manager looking into possible housing options for the homeless and asked for that information to be supplied to the HRC.

Mayor Botelho said he attended a retirement ceremony for Captain Buddy Custard of the U.S. Coast Guard. They are making Juneau their home and we wish them well.

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

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

XV. ADJOURNMENT – 9:00 p.m.

Signed:_________________________     Signed:_____________________________
Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk     Bruce Botelho, Mayor