MEETING NO. 2008-08: 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 Noon by Deputy Mayor Randy Wanamaker.

I. ROLL CALL

Assembly Present: Jonathan Anderson, Jeff Bush, Sara Chambers, Johan Dybdahl, Merrill Sanford, David Stone (teleconference), Randy Wanamaker.

Assembly Absent: Bruce Botelho, Bob Doll.

Staff Present: Rod Swope, City Manager; John Hartle, City Attorney; Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk; Rorie Watt, City Engineer; Beth McEwen, Deputy Clerk.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bid Award – Contract No. #08-090
Glacier Valley Elementary School Renovation, Phase II

Administrative Report: Attached. Mr. Swope said the school board reviewed this project and the funding and authorized the use of a transfer of funds for this project. The manager recommended award of this project to Dawson Construction, Inc., to include Alternate No. 5, in the amount of $11,497,000 pending the ten-day protest period.

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Dybdahl, to award this bid to Dawson Construction, Inc., to include Alternate No. 5, in the amount of $11,497,000 pending the ten-day protest period. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

III. STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Swope said that he was working with the Finance Chair and the Finance Director regarding the schedule of future Finance Committee meetings, tentatively scheduled to start with weekly meetings in April.

Mr. Sanford asked if the Legislature had settled the issue of revenue sharing, with a distribution to Juneau of approximately $2.1 million per year for three years, the education funding was done and the formula was set, and they increased for special needs funding, so there will be a little more the school district will get, do we have an estimate of those funds? Mr. Swope said Mr. Duncan was working on it. Mr. Sanford said that the PERS/TERS issue was also settled at 22%, and asked if the budget had been based on that amount. Mr. Swope said CBJ prepared the budget based on 37%. He thought it was fairly certain the governor would not veto either bill, so staff was revising the budget to 22%. This will be the first year that we will be presenting a budget that reflected reality. The savings will be huge – approximately $4 million. With Assembly approval we had budgeted using reserves, so we would have had to make significant cuts if this did not come through. Mr. Sanford said it would be interesting to have the budget as early as possible. Mr. Swope thought it would be drafted by the following week.
Rod Swope referred to some emails he had sent to the Assembly regarding funding requests. There were still requests trickling in from the community, which he would pass on to the Assembly.

Mr. Sanford said it seemed the big things taken care of by the legislature were quickly getting eaten up by the little things. Mr. Swope said he had reviewed the requests, and most were not one time requests for funds.

Mr. Anderson said there was some discussion about increased personnel for the city, such as an additional code enforcement officer, and a police investigative officer. Mr. Swope said there were requests from most departments which he had reviewed and winnowed, he will prioritize and bring them forward to the Assembly as budget increments. Mr. Swope’s focus will be on health and safety.

Mr. Anderson said that project manager Sarah Lewis had made some calculations on the Harborview project, which would be useful for distribution to the entire Assembly.

Mr. Sanford said that in looking at the bidders for the Glacier Valley project, they were all out of town bidders. We will automatically get an increase on prices due to bringing in out of town labor, due to mobilization and housing costs. Hopefully they will hire as many locals as they can. When we get to our four big projects that will be four or five months apart, this may be a scary situation. We have lots of jobs, but too many for our own local work force, which will cause us problems.

IV. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

A. Committee Reports

Public Works and Facilities Committee: Chair Anderson said the committee met Monday, March 17. The 1% for Art committee for the parking garage will be started. Several transfers were reviewed. The North Douglas sewer assessments are being reviewed in light of the West Valley LID, and any adjustments for those assessments will be made in the future.

Finance Committee: Chair Stone will work with Mr. Swope on the meeting schedule.

B. Liaison Reports

Planning Commission: Liaison Anderson attended the PC meeting Tuesday, March 18, at Centennial Hall, at which the PC took public testimony on the off-road vehicle park proposed for Fish Creek Road quarry. The PC will deliberate on that in the next several weeks.

C. Presiding Officer Reports

V. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS – None.

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

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – 12:15 p.m.

Signed: ____________________________  Signed: ____________________________
Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk         Randy Wanamaker, Deputy Mayor