MEETING NO. 2008-11: 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 p.m. by Mayor Bruce Botelho.

I. FLAG SALUTE was led by Mayor Bruce Botelho.

II. ROLL CALL

Assembly Present: Jonathan Anderson, Bruce Botelho, Jeff Bush, Sara Chambers, Bob Doll, Johan Dybdahl, Merrill Sanford, David Stone, Randy Wanamaker.

Assembly Absent: None.

Staff Present: Rod Swope, City Manager; Kim Kiefer, Deputy City Manager; John Hartle, City Attorney; Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk; Roger Healy, Engineering Director; Craig Duncan, Finance Director; Dale Pernula, Community Development Director; John Stone, Port Director.

III. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Employee Recognition

Mr. Swope said that during the meeting, James Zuelow, Network Specialist for the MIS Division, would be arriving at the airport after his second tour of duty in Iraq.

Dale Pernula recognized Jeanette St. George upon her retirement from 23 years as CBJ cartographer. He said that over the years Ms. St. George had transitioned from creating hand-drawn maps to computer generated maps, a large number of which were now available on-line, and has done graphic work for many CBJ projects. He listed her many contributions to the City and Borough of Juneau, including most of the maps that exist in CBJ. Her work has been accurate, timely and very high quality.

Chief Eric Mohrmann recognized Lola Foss, who had worked as a firefighter for CBJ since 2002, and would be stepping away from active firefighting, but would stay involved with the Department. She has donated many hours to the community and the department. She was presented with a plaque for her six years of service.

Chief Eric Mohrmann recognized Paul Smith, who joined the fire department in 1991, and had provided thousands of hours to the community as division chief. He has been the primary contact to help new recruits. Paul has a great working attitude, and is a tremendous leader. He will be moving south to be with family and the chief hoped for his return someday. Chief Mohrmann presented him with a plaque affixed with his badge and patch.

B. Public Service Week Proclamation

Mayor Botelho read a proclamation proclaiming the week of May 5 – 11, 2008 to be Public Service Recognition Week, and acknowledged the community’s appreciation for the thousands of dedicated men and women who serve the public.
C. Update on Emergency Response to Local Power Disaster

City Manager Rod Swope, AEL&P General Manager Tim McLeod, and JEDC Director Brian Holst were present to discuss the energy crisis in Juneau.

Tim McLeod gave a progress report of where AEL&P was at with avalanche recovery. People are on site working to eliminate further avalanche potential. Seven towers are damaged, one is a three tower structure; it is completely gone and suspected to be in the channel. There is 30-40 feet of snow over the foundations of the towers. We are exploring alternatives such as underwater cable or underground/buried cable, and at this time these are not appearing to be feasible, and it appears that we will be replacing the towers. Fuel has been delivered to Snettisham to run the helicopters. Camp cooks and additional bunks have been set up. The contractor is Service Electric from Anchorage and the engineers from Montana say this is the most difficult avalanche recovery that they have worked on, but they are making fair progress. Communications to Snettisham is a challenge as the line was carried by the towers, so we will have to erect temporary communications towers to allow work to progress.

Mr. Swope said he issued a directive to all CBJ employees to conserve energy immediately. A website has been established with many links to energy conservation ideas. We issued a disaster declaration which will be reaffirmed at this meeting. He has met with state emergency services personnel, they will be providing the declaration to the governor’s disaster cabinet, and it will be 4-6 weeks before a response from the state will be forthcoming. He was hopeful there may be other avenues of assistance. On Wednesday, CBJ staff will meet to share specific recommendations that can be taken to save energy, outlining cost savings, impacts to services, and from this, we will choose our path. We propose to hold another press conference on Friday to discuss current measures. We have considered closing some facilities, however, we need to balance the revenue received from the facilities and the impact to the community.

Brian Holst is leading an effort among several non-profits, including the United Way and Catholic Community Services, the Chamber, banks, and other community groups to mitigate the effects on individuals, particularly among the most vulnerable families and small businesses, to determine needs and ways to meet them. They will be dividing tasks between two areas – finance and outreach/communications and the subgroups would meet the next day. The U.S. Department of Energy has been contacted as a resource to be an expert to the city. We are looking into resources for businesses. Fluorescent light bulbs are important and we are looking at all ideas. We have purchased a few devices to measure energy consumption in the home, and these will be available for check out at the library. They are working with the school kids to have a competition to see which schools have the greatest energy savings over time.

Mr. Anderson thanked Mr. McLeod for his presence and asked about the tower replacement vs. submarine or under ground cable. Mr. McLeod said AEL&P could have the power back on sooner with tower replacements (2 – 3 months), and a cable would take longer – likely fall, and would be considerably more expensive. The estimate of the billing for the first month will be about $.55 per kilowatt hour (kWh), then it will go to $.40.

Mr. Wanamaker asked if conversions from diesel to gas powered generators was being considered. Mr. McLeod said it may be an investment for the future, it would not be an easy thing to do, and with natural gas it may be less expensive than diesel, but we do not run the diesel engines often, so he was not sure the conversion costs would be worth the money spent.

Ms. Chambers said she hears from families about making ends meet and businesses being able to stay in business. She hears questions about AEL&P’s sacrifices, and the diversion of costs to the customers. She asked what AEL&P was doing to lift the burden off the community. Mr. McLeod said there was not a lot they could do, the net income over the years was reinvested into the system and they do not have the capability to absorb a lot of the costs. They plan for this every year, and had in place a line of
credit with the bank to get through until they recover costs from the customers, but to make our debt service and pay for the supply of diesel, we don’t have a lot of latitude in the recovery of our costs.

Mr. Wanamaker said that he had been contacted by a number of service organizations, such as Salvation Army, asking what options existed to pay bills over a time period. Mr. McLeod said they need the cash flow, but they are trying to work with JEDC on ways to spread this over time, and to find options. Mr. Wanamaker asked how the community can assist in developing this information. He said AEL&P will be working with the mayor’s task force and will be supplying this information as soon as it is available.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 7, 2008 – Regular Meeting 2008-09

Hearing no objection, the minutes of the April 7, 2008, Regular Assembly Meeting 2008-09 were approved.

V. MANAGER’S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

Mel Personnet, Riverside Dr., spoke about the 500% increase to power, the jump to heating oil and motor fuel costs, and said CBJ was still collecting 5% sales tax on these sales. This year the state renewed revenue sharing, so there were additional revenues available to the city. He asked the Assembly to consider a reduction of taxes on energy items to zero for a while, or to 1%, so you would collect the same amount at 1% than at 5%. He has children and stepchildren who are struggling to pay their energy costs and he is not sure what they are going to do. We should look at ways to save these out of pocket expenses for those individuals.

Barb Kelly, Aurora Harbor, spoke as a representative of the Juneau Freewheelers bike club, and promoted Bike to Work Day. As part of the campaign they will try to get citizens to ride a total of 10,000 miles during the week May 10 – 16. She referred people to their website and encouraged people to sign up for the event on the site. She asked specifically for the city’s help to encourage people to walk or ride the bus to work. They asked the Assembly if the city bus system could offer a reduced or free fare on May 16.

Robert Loescher, Misty Lane, represented Alaska Interstate Gas Company, stating they held a certificate of public convenience for developing gas line potential to rural southeast. He offered to work with the city to offset impacts to Juneau and offered to work with AEL&P. He believed they can cut the cost of fuel 30-50 percent to the utility, and thought this was a good time to start on the infrastructure to put in a gas utility system. He offered his services publicly and was willing to meet with company officials and city representatives. He said AEL&P was not interested in working with them in the past. He hoped that all good ideas, including the use of alternative fuels, would be investigated, and a gas utility could help in this event and any subsequent events in the future. The Central Council of Tlingit Haida was meeting this week and also declared an emergency on behalf of all communities in the region, and the native community was very concerned about power issues.

Mel Perkins, appreciated the work of the Assembly, and said as a private business owner he went to see AEL&P about his billing. Their retroactive consideration troubled him. He was paying $3,000 per month for power at Best Western, there was some adjustment to the standard 11 cent rate, and his bill will run $18,000 per month and Grandmas Feather Bed will run $6–7,000 per month at the proposed rate. The meters were read on April 9, the disaster occurred after that and they will be billing me at the higher rate for the period of time before the disaster. He has tried to mitigate the energy consumption, reducing refrigeration, watching the meter, and he is just one small business, and if magnified many
times over it is a tremendous impact. He has considered closing the restaurant down due to the power rates proposed.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Public Requests for Consent Agenda Changes, Other Than Ordinances for Introduction

B. Assembly Requests for Consent Agenda Changes

C. Assembly Action

MOTION, by Wanamaker, to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

1. Ordinances for Introduction

a. Ordinance 2008-16

An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance And Sale Of General Obligation School Bonds In The Principal Amount Of $39,500,000; Providing The Form And Terms Of The Bonds And For Unlimited Tax Levies To Pay The Bonds; Providing For The Appointment Of A Bond Registrar; And Authorizing A Preliminary Official Statement.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2008-16 be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

b. Ordinance 2007-21(AX)

An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of $52,000 As Partial Funding For The North Lemon Creek Material Source Capital Improvement Project, Funding Provided By Fill Charges Accumulated In The Nancy Street Pond Restoration Capital Improvement Project.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2007-21(AX) be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

c. Ordinance 2007-21(AZ)

An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of $625 As Funding For The Acquisition Of Maple And Birch Trees For The Jensen-Olson Arboretum, Grant Funding Provided By The Alaska Department Of Natural Resources.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2007-21(AZ) be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

d. Ordinance 2007-21(BA)

An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of $1,147 As Partial Funding For Work On Historic Buildings At The Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Company In Last Chance Basin, Grant Funding Provided By The Alaska Department Of Natural Resources.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2007-21(BA) be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

e. Ordinance 2007-21(BB)

An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of $13,358 As Funding For The Law Enforcement Liaison Program, Grant Funding Provided By The Alaska Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities.
Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Ordinance 2007-21(BB) be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.

2. Resolutions

a. Resolution 2440
   **A Resolution Ratifying The City Manager’s Declaration Of Emergency.**

   Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended Resolution 2440 be adopted.

3. Transfers

a. Transfer T-875
   **Transferring $38,430 From Three Harbors Capital Improvement Projects To Be Closed, To Three On-Going Harbors Capital Improvement Projects, Funding Provided By Docks Funds, Harbors Funds, And Areawide Sales Tax.**

   Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended this transfer be approved.

4. Bid Awards

a. Bid Award E08-136
   **Juneau International Airport Terminal Renovation, Phase I**

   Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended award of this project to North Pacific Erectors, Inc., in the Base Bid amount, for a total award of $1,825,330.

b. Bid Award E08-175
   **North Douglas Phase III, LID 95**

   Administrative Report: Attached. The manager recommended award of this project to Miller Construction Company, Ltd., in the Base Bid amount, for a total award of $1,204,452.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Ordinance 2008-10
   **An Ordinance Amending The Harbor Administration Code Relating To Vehicle Parking And Providing For A Penalty.**


Public Comment:

Randy Held, Steelhead St., spoke regarding Statter Harbor parking management. There is not enough safe convenient parking, the harbor department was allowing continued fees and citations to users who had no other options. He read from past minutes of the harbor board, which indicated the board was fully aware that the inherent overcrowding of the facilities remained a problem. There was docking for 200 – 300 boats, yet parking is insufficient, and he listed the areas that harbor patrons were using to park, including along state highways, city streets and other off-site areas near the harbor area. There were improvements to the entry and exit onto the highway, however, there was no good pedestrian access to the harbor and it was a dangerous crossing. When he was part of Whale Watch tours, there he noted significant business impacts in the harbor area. The commercial interests pay a small amount to have guaranteed parking and recreational users have nowhere to park. We ask all the private business development such as the big box stores to provide large parking lots but we don’t look at the
same requirements for ourselves. More people will have to trailer their boats since moorage is more expensive, which will make parking even more difficult. Of 150 existing spaces, only 12 are for trailers. The signage is not clear. This ongoing issue has not been addressed except to issue fines, penalties, citations and paid permits. He has approached the staff and Assembly and said he could not get any answers.

Mr. Sanford asked if Mr. Held had looked at the master plan and the movement of the dock at Statter to get rid of some of the use. Mr. Held said he had and it looks like a fantastic future, the cost scares him, but the present situation was unacceptable.

Mr. Doll asked where the additional parking space could be found. He said he did not have answers, and said that overall planning had been lacking in addressing the growing commercial use of the area.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Dybdahl, to adopt Ordinance 2008-10, and he asked for unanimous consent. Hearing no objection, Ordinance 2008-10 was adopted.

B. Ordinance 2008-11
An Ordinance Authorizing The Port Director To Negotiate And Execute A Lease Of Alaska Tidelands Survey No. 1503, Located Near Egan Drive At Approximately 2.5 Mile.


Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Sanford, to adopt Ordinance 2008-11, and he asked for unanimous consent. Hearing no objection, Ordinance 2008-11 was adopted.

C. Ordinance 2008-12
An Ordinance Amending The Official Zoning Map To Change The Zoning Of Lot 9 Block 225 Of Casey-Shattuck Addition To The Townsite Of Juneau From (D-5) Residential To (LC) Light Commercial.


Public Comment:

Kirsten Swanson, D. St., across from Lot 10, said she had no problem with rezoning for Lot 9, but they do not want to see any blanket rezoning of the whole block. Lot 10 had a small day care now, but she wanted to be able to know what the future held for the rest of the lots.

John Pugh, D. St., supported the ordinance as written, there was concern about adding Lot 10 to this ordinance, we compromised with rezoning Lot 9, the labor union had been a good neighbor, we have no idea what Lot 10 could be used for in the future if rezoned.

Mr. Dybdahl said that there could be proposals in the future, with future assembly members, and Mr. Pugh said he understood that and they were now establishing a neighborhood association to address future issues.

Tom Brice, represented Public Employees Local 71, which had owned property at Lot 9 since 1986. The building was built in mid 1930’s. Past renovation efforts have run into substantial issues with rot,
they need to remodel. Given that they are a light commercial enterprise with only two employees, that
the building is obsolete, that they need to rebuild, they have a variance for the current structure, and if
they tore the building down and rebuilt, they couldn’t rebuild to the same footprint. They don’t have a
foundation to tear down to. We have applied with the city Building Division, have been through the
Planning Commission procedure, and wish to have just Lot 9 rezoned.

Terry Campbell, 11th St., said she supports Local 71’s rezoning request, but does not want any other
lots included and we are aware that they may face this battle in the future.

Chris Meade, B. St., supported what the previous neighbors said, and he opposed any rezoning beyond
Lot 9.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Doll, to adopt Ordinance 2008-12.

Mr. Anderson said he had some difficulties with this rezoning and had sat through the Planning
Commission meetings on this application. This was the epitome of spot zoning. CDD suggested a
larger rezone to avoid spot zoning. The neighbors were not supportive of rezoning any lots other than
the one “good neighbor.” This is not being done for a planning purpose, it was being provided to a
particular applicant for a particular application. This could set a precedent for the next property owner
that followed. He could not support what seemed to him to be spot zoning for an individual case and
not for the general area.

Mr. Doll said the issue arose because the layout of the community at the time the area was developed
was not conducive to today’s activities. We don’t want to force people out of an acceptable living
situation, we will have these specific issues, it may not be the best way to address this but it was one
way to address this anomaly.

Roll call:
Aye: Bush, Chambers, Doll, Dybdahl, Sanford, Stone, Wanamaker, Botelho
Nay: Anderson
Motion passed, 8 ayes, 1 nay.

D. Ordinance 2007-21(AV)
An Ordinance Transferring $69,400 To The Marine Passenger Fee Fund, The Source Being
Unexpended FY07 Marine Passenger Fees Budgeted To The General, Visitor Services, And
Roaded Service Area Funds.


Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Wanamaker, to adopt Ordinance 2007-21(AV), and he asked for unanimous consent. Hearing
no objection, Ordinance 2007-21(AV) was adopted.

E. Ordinance 2007-21(AW)
An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of $4,453 As Funding For The
Acquisition Of Alcohol Breath Testing Equipment, Grant Funding Provided By The Alaska
Department Of Transportation And Public Facilities.

Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Anderson, to adopt Ordinance 2007-21(AW), and he asked for unanimous consent. Hearing no objection, Ordinance 2007-21(AW) was adopted.

F. Ordinance 2007-21(AY)
An Ordinance Appropriating To The Manager The Sum Of $1,521,235 As Partial Funding For Phase II Of The Glacier Valley Elementary School Capital Improvement Project, Funding Provided By General Obligation School Bond Interest Income.


Public Comment: None.

Assembly Action:

MOTION, by Sanford, to adopt Ordinance 2007-21(AY), and he asked for unanimous consent. Hearing no objection, Ordinance 2007-21(AY) was adopted.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Liquor License Transfer

MOTION, by Chambers, that the Assembly adopt the Human Resources Committee's recommendations and waive the right to protest the Stock Transfer – Restaurant Eating Place Licenses #188 & 1690 and Applications for Restaurant Designation Permits for licenses #188 & 1690:
Bullwinkle’s Pizza Inc. d/b/a Bullwinkle’s Pizza
License #188 Location: 318 Willoughby Ave., Juneau
License #1690 Location: 9105 Mendenhall Mall Road (also includes a name change from Bullwinkle’s Pizza II)
Stock Transfer from William H. Adair to Mitchell Lee Falk (100% shares)

Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

MOTION, by Chambers, that the Assembly adopt the Human Resources Committee's recommendations and waive right to protest the Transfer of Ownership – Package Store License #300:
Location: 11735 Glacier Hwy.
From: Lilypen Enterprises, LLC d/b/a DeHart’s – Agent: Terry Hickok
To: DeHart’s LLC, d/b/a DeHart’s Grocery
Terry L. Hickok (60% shares) & Daniel D. Hickok (40% shares)

Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

B. Regulation Amending Commercial Passenger Vehicle.

Administrative Report: Attached. The manager made no recommendations.

Public Comment: None.
Assembly Action:

**MOTION, by Anderson, for orders of the day.** Hearing no objection, the amendments to the Commercial Passenger Vehicle regulations were approved.

**C. Docks and Harbors Regulations -Parking Management**

**Administrative Report:** Attached. The manager made no recommendations.

**Public Comment:** None.

Assembly Action:

**MOTION, by Dybdahl, for orders of the day.** Hearing no objection, the amendments to the Docks and Harbors regulations were approved.

**XI. STAFF REPORTS**

Mr. Hartle referred to Mr. Patrick Mason’s concerns expressed at the last Assembly meeting referring to the use of Robert’s Rules of Order, and the adoption of Ordinance 2008-05. He said the Supreme Court has held that a court will not act as a “super-parliamentarian.” A legislative body such as the Assembly is allowed to make its own rules. The Charter says that the Assembly should adopt its own rules. The Assembly adopted rules of procedure by resolution and had adopted the latest edition of Robert’s Rules of Order. Robert’s Rules does provide for taking action by unanimous consent. The Assembly has acted by unanimous consent on many issues for at least 25 years, and it was the Assembly’s custom. The Supreme Court has held that acts of municipalities are entitled to a presumption of constitutionality and legality. He listened to a recording of the adoption of Ordinance 2008-05, the revisions to the smoking ordinance, and the minutes. The minutes reflected accurately the motion that was made, and the action of the Assembly, and that the ordinance was adopted properly under the rules and long-standing custom of the Assembly.

Mr. Hartle distributed a memorandum to the Assembly in which he advised the municipal clerk to reject the citizen initiative regarding the parking garage. The basic reason was that the framers of the Alaska Constitution required a citizen initiative process for all municipalities, but put off limits to the citizen initiative the power to make or repeal appropriations, a power which was reserved exclusively to the legislative bodies, the legislature or local Assemblies. The initiative is somewhat unclear, but seemed that the fundamental purpose would be to repeal the $7.9 million appropriated by the Assembly for the construction of the parking garage. This action cannot be taken by citizen initiative, but requires Assembly action. It proposes a number of actions that would require an appropriation to take those actions, and again, under the constitution was off-limits to the initiative procedure and was a power reserved to the Assembly.

Mr. Anderson thanked Mr. Hartle for his review. CBJ law does say that the attorney shall suggest language changes deemed appropriate and provide an explanation for the changes and their effect. He asked Mr. Hartle to extend the opportunity to Ms. Hood of what language changes might be appropriate. Mr. Hartle said he spoke with Ms. Hood about this and the fundamental problem was that this was more than a minor language change could fix – it was the basic concept that an initiative cannot do what the petitioners are trying to do, which is repeal the appropriations for the parking garage. That would take an Assembly action.
XII. ASSEMBLY REPORTS

A. Mayor’s Report

Mayor Botelho read and distributed a memo and asked that this be calendared before the Finance Committee for its review:

“Ask Finance chair, in consultation with the manager and mayor, to formulate recommendations to the Assembly Finance Committee on the following:

Use of Emergency Fund

1. Use of fund so that no employees are at risk of lay-off during remainder of fiscal year;
2. Authorization of a discrete amount of the fund for energy conservation measures;
3. Exploration of bridge financing for businesses, non-profits and individuals/families at risk because of cost.

Modification of Sales Tax

Develop means of sales tax relief so that none is collected above anticipated amount for the fiscal year (for example, capping at customers’ amount from the previous year).”

Mr. Stone said he conferred with the mayor and manager on this document, and he asks for the assembly’s input and suggestions.

Mr. Doll asked if this was asking the city to back the bridge financing. Mayor Botelho said this would be using a portion of the emergency fund itself, awaiting recommendations of the Citizen’s Task Force on Thursday.

Mr. Sanford asked if by Wednesday we would have an idea of the costs and what was available and he asked for parameters. Mayor Botelho said these were the concepts, and the actual dollar amounts needed to be structured.

Mr. Anderson asked if AEL&P was willing to come forward with some costs at this meeting. Mayor Botelho said he thought they will be available by Wednesday to the City Manager.

Mr. Wanamaker said this was a good list to start with, he would come up with additional ideas by Thursday and forward them to the manager.

Mr. Stone said we may not have final answers on Thursday but we need to have a game plan for citizens.

B. Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Chair Stone said at the last meeting the committee heard from JAMHI, Juneau Youth Services, and the School District and heard about student activity fees. All items are on the pending list. The next meeting was Thursday, April 24.

Human Resource Committee: Based upon recommendations by the committee, Chair Chambers made the following motions:
MOTION, by Chambers, to appoint Rosemary Hagevig to the Juneau Commission on Affordable Housing for a term expiring January 31, 2010. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

MOTION, by Chambers, to nominate Rich Etheridge and Andrew Heuscher for reappointment to the Local Emergency Planning Committee for terms expiring December 1, 2010. The Human Resources Committee also recommends the Assembly nominate Irene Gallion to serve in the #10a seat designated for an Alternate Haz/Mat Transporter for a term expiring December 1, 2008. Finally the Human Resources Committee recommends the Assembly nominate Dale Erickson to serve in the #5 seat designated for a representative of Bartlett Regional Hospital for a term expiring December 1, 2008. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. Anderson asked if these were one-year terms or were they just filling out the next eight months. Ms. Chambers said they are three-year terms, and are filling them only for the remainder of the term.

Mr. Sanford said that the rule was if it was less than six months left to a term, appointments could be made to the next term as well.

Ms. Chambers said Former JIRAC and Sister Cities International member Glenn Gray gave a presentation to the Human Resources Committee regarding recommendations he had presented in a previous paper submitted to the committee. The HRC members agreed that they would like to see the Sister City function of the committee continue and will bring this issue back up at a future meeting for further discussion on how to accomplish that.

Ms. Chambers said the Full Assembly needed to meet as the Human Resources Committee for interviews and appointments of members to the Airport, Docks and Harbors, and Eaglecrest Boards. Hearing no objection, a date of Wednesday, June 18, was chosen.

Public Works and Facilities Committee: Mr. Anderson said the committee met and reviewed the potential capital project list for Juneau, and aside from hearing that those projects which were approved by voters would move to the top of the list, we decided not to tamper with the list. The Committee reviewed the North Douglas sewer project and the parking garage. The next meeting will be held May 5.

C. Liaison Reports

Bartlett Hospital Board: Liaison Sanford said the board would next meet Tuesday, May 22.

Sustainability Commission: Liaison Doll said the commission would next meet Wednesday, May 23.

Eaglecrest Board: Liaison Chambers said the board would be attending the Finance Committee meeting.

Chamber of Commerce: Liaison Chambers invited the Assembly to attend the next meeting of the Chamber, which would be hearing from the President of the Small Business Association at its upcoming luncheon.

Planning Commission: Liaison Anderson said the Planning Commission met Tuesday regarding the downtown parking garage, and approved an Allowable Use and Conditional Use Permit for the transit center. Mr. Watt will continue to consult with the Planning Commission on this project. The next meeting would be Tuesday, May 22.

D. Presiding Officer Reports

Mayor Botelho expressed his regrets to Whitehorse for cancelling the Sister City visit and he met briefly with Mayor Bev Buckway and other representatives from Whitehorse who arrived tonight on the
HMCS Whitehorse. They flew out to Skagway shortly after arriving to Juneau by the Canadian Navy Ship. He thanked Whitehorse for their offer of aid in this time of emergency as well as the government of the Yukon and he expressed his appreciation for these offers. He welcomed Councillor Florence Roberts and her husband, who had stayed over and were present at the Assembly meeting.

XIII. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mr. Sanford asked for information about a teleconference held by Southeast Conference about logging issues and wondered if anyone on the Assembly had participated. Mayor Botelho said there was an ongoing committee that was preparing a response to the revised forest plan, in the form of an administrative appeal of a recommendation of the court ordered decision. Mayor Botelho said he had only been involved in the email correspondence on the matter. Mr. Sanford would like to attend those meetings in the future.

Ms. Chambers asked about the Bike Week promotion, and asked the manager to be involved with this regarding public safety.

Mr. Dybdahl said that although there will be rough times, there are also silver linings, this will bring home to Juneau people the plight of rural communities and our rural energy crisis, and in the long term we need a Southeast Regional electrical grid.

Mr. Anderson said Monday, April 14, was the last day for comments on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). Out of approximately 150 comments posted on the website, 122 were from Juneau and he congratulated the community for its activism.

Mr. Stone thanked Mr. Hartle for his work regarding Robert’s Rules of Order. He said we are all concerned about the energy crisis, the Snettisham towers have been there since construction over 35 years ago, and a stand of old growth timber also disappeared. Whether this is global warming, a fluke or whatever, we take this very seriously and will try to do our best. The Finance Committee needs to do something to alleviate the pain, so please forward your recommendations to Craig Duncan and Rod Swope.

Mayor Botelho thanked the manager for his leadership and the department heads for being resourceful and creative and coming up with ways to save energy. It is great to watch how things can be pulled together and we have a great management team.

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

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT - 8:45 p.m.

Signed: _________________________________
          Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk

Signed: _________________________________
          Bruce Botelho, Mayor