(1) The first meeting of the Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska was held on Wednesday, April 8, 1970 in the Fish and Game Auditorium, Juneau, Alaska. Mayor Joseph A. McLean called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

(2) Pyrton Charney, Chairman of the Greater Juneau Borough, presented the Mayor with a gavel on behalf of the Borough Assembly.

(3) The Mayor led a salute to the flag.

(4) Bishop Hurley gave the invocation.

(5) Edward Hildebrandt, Clerk-Treasurer for the Greater Juneau Borough, read the following results of the Canvass Board:

"The final results, including the absentee ballots, for the March 31, 1970 Special Election are:

**MAYOR**

Joseph A. McLean - 2,820
Felix J. Toner - 1,239
Andy Ebona - 310
Sune G. Noreen - 69
Donald Halstead - 2
Doug Stark - 1
Jack Panery - 1
Bernard Hulk - 1
William Walkotten - 1
Robert C. Savikko - 1
Dave Horton - 1
Donald Dickey - 1
Alan Engstrom - 1

**ASSEMBLYMAN - DIST #2**

Robert C. Savikko - 2,795
Alice C. Crosby - 789
William L. Baumgartner - 388
J. B. "Jac" Carruthers - 169
James R. Beima - 161
Howard Rider - 2

**ASSEMBLYMAN - DIST #3**

Virginia "Gimmy" Kline - 2,753
Mike Miller - 2,063
B. W. "Bill" Matheny - 2,039
T. J. "Ted" Smith - 1,647
Schuyler J. Stevens - 792
Wm. T. "Bill" Dunn - 774
Robert L. "Bob" Thomas - 771
Donald C. Madsen - 707
B. M. "Bud" Hinke - 480
Gary W. Horton - 462
Thomas R. "Tom" Fallis - 132
Don Dickey - 2
Joe Murphy - 1
Harold S. Wood - 1
Richard Sneathocki - 1
William F. Nagel - 1
H. A. Collias - 1
Leonard R. Thomas - 1
Erik Larsen - 1
Robert Kourant - 1
William Walder - 1
Pyrton Charney - 1

**PROPOSITION**

LEASE LAND AT THE BOROUGH HOSPITAL SITE
Yes - 3,507
No - 897"
(6) Mr. Hildebrand swore in the Mayor, Joseph A. McLean.

(7) Mr. Hildebrand swore in the following Assemblymen: George Rogers, Robert Loescher, Hunt Gruening, Greg Machyowsky, Robert Savikko, Virginia Kline, Mike Miller, and E. W. Matheny.

(8) The Mayor noted "it is with a great deal of pride and considerable humility" that he looked at this group of elected assemblymen. He said "the many years of experience in volunteer community services represented here makes an impressive total." He said he was confident they could "quickly weld an effective smooth-working team."

(9) The Mayor said "it is unrealistic to believe that we can have economic development and a growing population and still keep our beautiful natural setting untouched. I see our biggest challenge in this effort to reconcile the forces of man and his environment." He said with the good judgment and wisdom of the Assembly he was confident they could create "a truly model capital city."

(10) The Mayor said that Mr. Hildebrand had agreed to serve as Clerk for this Assembly meeting and suggested he might be appointed the temporary Clerk for the Assembly.

(11) Mr. Matheny moved and asked unanimous consent that Mr. Hildebrand be appointed temporary Clerk. Mr. Savikko seconded the motion.

(12) Mr. Machyowsky said he had no objection to this although he did not feel it was necessary. He said under the Charter there would be no need to appoint a clerk during the transitional period. There was a brief discussion on this.

(13) Mr. Matheny moved and asked unanimous consent that as a token of confidence in Mr. Hildebrand they have him act as the temporary Clerk. Mr. Savikko seconded the motion.

(14) The question called, the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

(15) The Clerk called the roll and the following Assemblymen were present:

- Present
- Gruening
- Kline
- Machyowsky
- Matheny
- Miller
- Rogers
- Savikko
- Loescher
- McLean

(16) The Mayor noted that all the Assemblymen were present.
The following lots for terms were drawn out of a hat passed by the Clerk:

**District #1**
- Mr. Machyovsky - 1 year term, expiring Oct., 1971
- Mr. Loescher - 3 year term, expiring Oct., 1973
- Mr. Rogers - 1 year term, expiring Oct., 1971
- Mr. Gruening - 2 year term, expiring Oct., 1972

**District #3**
- Mr. Matheny - 3 year term, expiring Oct., 1973
- Mrs. Kline - 2 year term, expiring Oct., 1972
- Mrs. Miller - 1 year term, expiring Oct., 1971

The Mayor said the next item on the agenda was adoption of temporary rules of procedure. He suggested the Assembly use Roberts Rules of Order.

Mr. Matheny moved that the Assembly follow Roberts Rules of Order. Mr. Loescher seconded the motion.

Mr. Machyovsky asked the Attorney if he felt they need a motion on temporary rules. Mr. Berrier, Attorney for the Greater Juneau Borough, said it was his feelings that they do have three separate bodies and as to procedures it would be difficult to say which one should be used. There was a brief discussion on this.

The question called, the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The Mayor said the next item on the agenda was the election of Deputy Mayor.

Mr. Machyovsky nominated Mr. Matheny as Deputy Mayor. Mr. Miller seconded the nomination.

Mr. Loescher moved that nominations cease and asked that unanimous ballot be cast for Mr. Matheny. Mr. Savikko seconded the motion.

The question called, the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The next item on the agenda was the determination of time and day of regular meetings. There was a discussion on this with various days being considered.

Mr. Loescher moved that the Assembly meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Savikko seconded the motion.

Mr. Gruening offered an amendment to the motion -- that this be subject to review after July 1. Mr. Loescher and Mr. Savikko agreed to this.

The question called, the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
(30) There was a brief discussion on the place of meeting. It was decided the Assembly would meet at the Fish and Game Auditorium until July 1, unless they were otherwise notified. Mr. Gruening said another suggestion would be that the place for the following meeting would be on the agenda. The Mayor said this would be discussed again at the next meeting.

(31) Mr. Matheney gave recognition to KJNO for covering the first meeting of the Assembly.

(32) The Mayor also expressed appreciation to the newspaper and KINN for their participation.

(33) The next item on the agenda was the consideration of committee system.

(34) The Mayor said it was his thinking a good arrangement might be to set up interim committees that would function until July 1. He said this might be on finance, organization and a committee on rules, all being interim committees. He said he recognized that the finance committee would probably be charged with the most immediate work and would want to get into it right away.

(35) Mrs. Kline said she would like to hear from the other Assemblymen on which worked best -- a subcommittee of the whole or separate committees.

(36) Mr. Gruening said since finance is such a vast subject he felt a committee of the whole might be advisable.

(37) Mr. Savikko suggested that the Mayor appoint a committee on committees who could report back to the Assembly.

(38) Mr. Miller said it was his recommendation that they immediately "dig in" as a committee of the whole as far as the budget is concerned. He felt the finance committee should be a committee of the whole and in addition a committee on committees would be a good idea. He pointed out there were many hours of work to do on the budget.

(39) The Mayor noted there was a time element in so far as the budgets were concerned. Mr. Savikko agreed and suggested that they might have Mr. Robert Duree, who was present in the audience, come before the Assembly and give some possible suggestions regarding the committees. The Mayor asked to defer this until there was more discussion among the Assemblymen. There was no objection to this.

(40) Mr. Rachyowsky said he had experience serving with the committee system and without committees. He said without the committee system they made great strides as they were getting all points of views. He said the committee of the whole brought very admirable results. Mr. Rachyowsky felt they should go slow in formulating any permanent committee policy. He asked the Attorney if there was any committee system established under a Borough ordinance. The Attorney, Mr. Berrie, said he believed this was set up by resolution. Mr. Rachyowsky questioned whether the Assembly should introduce a motion to devert from the existing committee system.
(41) Mr. Rogers said that during the interim period he thought it wise for them all to serve on all matters and that after July 1 they could specialize.

(42) The Mayor pointed out there are major problems in finance and also in organization.

(43) Mr. Loescher said he thought there was a lot of merit in breaking up in general committees. He said two or three members could formulate and determine the method of solving a problem, which would save a lot of time. He felt the organization should be divided up into general committees.

(44) Mr. Rogers said he would agree with Mr. Loescher when the new Assembly fully takes over but it would be best now to get a general education.

(45) Mr. Katchensky said during the interim period the Assembly would have two problems -- hiring of a Manager and the budgets. He said he was inclined to agree with Mr. Rogers. He said he would suggest a committee of the whole and they limit their thinking to these two suggestions. He said if they do that much between now and July 1, it would take every bit of their time.

(46) Mr. Kachowsky moved that the resolution of the Greater Juneau Borough established for specialized standing committees be hereby suspended and the unified body proceed as a committee of the whole until such a time as it is decided otherwise. Mr. Rogers seconded the motion.

(47) Mr. Savikko said he would like to hear the chronological order of this from Dupere and Associates.

(48) Mrs. Kline said the Charter Commission did not receive Mr. Dupere's proposal and it was to be presented to the new Assembly.

(49) The Mayor asked what the assignment was to Dupere and Associates. Mr. Kachowsky said the Charter Commission recommended that an organization table be prepared to assist the new Assembly in making the transition to unified government. He said the Borough Assembly accepted this recommendation and commissioned Mr. Dupere to do a three step program.

(50) Mr. Robert Dupere appeared before the Assembly. He distributed material to the Assembly and a report entitled "Advanced Organizational Planning, Financial Management Programming and Implementation for a Unified Local Government Unit." He gave a brief explanation of the work he had done. He said one of the things that was very important was that they do a complete inventory of all the fixed assets of the new government.

(51) Mr. Savikko said they are trying to organize matters that effect the entire areas and the schedule of priorities that should be considered by the new body. He asked Mr. Dupere if he could present a simple outline on whether this body should be a committee of the whole or separate committees and that this be set out in chronological order.
Mr. Dupere said the first consideration is the organizational phase. Mr. Savikko asked if Mr. Dupere felt with the outline he would present to the Assembly they could serve more effectively as a committee of the whole or to serve on separate committees. Mr. Dupere said the School Board has to have a figure on their budget by May 1 and explained the task ahead of the new Assembly in pulling together all the budgets.

Mr. Dupere said he would be ready in seven days with the organizational section on how to select a city manager. He gave a brief explanation on this.

Mr. Dupere discussed briefly the debt service.

The Mayor said they were discussing the merits of the committee system and he would like the discussion to follow this line.

Mr. Keheny said he thought they had decided to work as a committee of the whole.

Mr. Gruebing pointed out there was a motion on the floor and that he would be in favor of the motion. He said as Mr. Dupere had pointed out in his discussion it would be difficult to consider the melding of the budgets until they had considered the organization problems because they are so closely related.

The question called, the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The Mayor said he would assume the Assembly would want him to act as the chairman of the committee of the whole and to pull the meetings together. The Assembly was in agreement with this.

There was a recess at 9:20 p.m. and the meeting was called back to order at 9:35 p.m.

Mr. Rogers said he did not feel that Mr. Dupere had lived up to his obligation under the terms of the resolution. Mr. Dupere said he did prepare a proposal and presented it to the first charter commission but when the charter failed he "scraped" the report. Mr. Dupere said he did not have the new budgets to work with as they were not available until April 1. Mr. Rogers noted the new budgets were critical but that Mr. Dupere could have worked with the old budgets.

Mr. Rogers said that Mr. Dupere's presentation sounded as though he were just starting on this. Mr. Dupere said he could have presented a first draft but he would prefer to give a more complete report based on the up-to-date information. There was more discussion on this.

The Mayor read the Greater Juneau Borough Resolution which referred to the hiring of Dupere and Associates.
(64) Mr. Fachyowsky said he was in disagreement and thought the Assembly should take into consideration the fact the meeting was not announced until less than 24 hours ago. He felt the intent of the resolution was that this report be read within a reasonable time.
Mr. Fachyowsky felt it was commendable of Mr. Dupere to take this job on a contingent basis. (If the charter had failed, Mr. Dupere would not have been paid.)

(65) Mr. Fachyowsky asked how the Assembly would handle discussions in regards to addressing other Assemblymen and people appearing before the Assembly. The Attorney, Mr. Berrier, said the Borough's rules on hearings specifically allows direct questioning after recognition by the presiding officer. The Mayor said they would operate under the rules in the Borough ordinance or Roberts Rules of Order. He said they may at any time appeal a ruling of the Chair. The Mayor said they would operate in a flexible manner and recommended that the Assemblymen feel free to direct questions to the people appearing before the Assembly or to each other as long as the discussion does not get out of hand.

(66) The next item on the agenda was the consideration of procedure for first budget.

(67) Mr. Fachyowsky pointed out that the Charter says the Assembly is to adopt the budget by May 31. He said the School Board budget according to state law should be decided by May 1 and the deadline of April 15 was not possible. He felt the May 31 date to adopt the budget was applicable. The Attorney, Mr. Berrier, said they have a limited home rule municipality. The Attorney said it was obvious the April 15 date would not be possible. Mrs. Kline said she did not believe it was the intent of the Charter Commission to require this transitional assembly to stick to the timetable that would be in effect next year. Mr. Krenchy said as the April 15 date is not possible he thought the only thing that governs would be the state law which would require this be done by May 1.
Mr. Miller asked if it would be legal to hold a public hearing on the school budget and pass a token school budget and then submit a supplemental within whatever time they chose. The Attorney said he thought Mr. Miller was referring to what Fairbanks did and this was legal. Mr. Miller said he did not feel capable of holding a public hearing and passing a real school budget at this time. Mr. Gruening said he felt they should meet with the people who formulated these budgets and get their thinking of what went into the budgets, so they will be prepared to merge the budgets. Mrs. Kline suggested they set up a committee of the whole on the school budget. There was more discussion on this.

(68) The Mayor asked if the Assembly had been furnished with copies of the budget. The Clerk answered yes. Mr. Savikko reported the City of Douglas would be late with their budget but they would get this out as fast as possible.

(69) There was a discussion on the time of the next meeting and it was decided it would be held on Friday, April 17, at 8:00 p.m. in the Fish and Game Auditorium.
(70) Mr. Loescher asked to be excused at the next meeting as he would be out of town.

(71) The Mayor said that the Assembly had received applications from one candidate for City Manager and that he had received a letter from another candidate. He suggested the Assemblymen look over these applications and this could be discussed at the meeting on April 17. The Mayor said the committee of the whole would not be confined just to the budget but would discuss the organizational structure. Mr. Hatheny suggested that Mr. Dupere be available for the meeting of April 17.

(72) Mr. Mackyovsky said he felt the Assembly had a duty to advertise the position for City Manager. He felt this was the intent of Section 4.1 of the Charter.

(73) Mr. Loescher requested that when there is any data or reports for the Assembly that an attempt is made to get this material to the Assemblymen as early as possible. There was a discussion on this. Mr. Hatheny suggested the minutes and other material which was not bulky could be mailed. The Mayor said the Borough and both cities have made available staff and have been very cooperative.

(74) Mr. Mackyovsky questioned whether this would require too much time of the Borough and felt they should authorize Mr. Charney to employ an assistant to help with the work of the new Assembly. The Attorney did not feel the Borough had the money to do this. The Mayor said he would discuss this with Mr. Charney.

(75) Mr. Rogers said he would like the Attorney to check out GJB Resolution #123 regarding the hiring of a consultant and see to what extent the Assembly is bound to pay for these services and whether there has been a non-conformance of the contract. There was no objection to this and the Mayor asked the Attorney to do this.

(76) Mr. Savikko asked if they were going to advertise for a City Manager. He said he recognized they have qualified people in the area but if they were to meet the deadline for the National City Managers Association Bulletin this would have to be in by April 15. The Mayor felt the applications that had been submitted could be reviewed and a decision could be made at the next meeting. Mr. Loescher objected. He said he would not be at the meeting and if any advertising needs to be done it should be done as soon as possible. The Mayor said they would defer any decision on advertisement until they could get a consensus of opinion at the next meeting.

(77) Mr. Mackyovsky said he did not see why they had to have a manager until July 1. Mr. Loescher felt they should get an attorney and manager on board as early as possible.
(78) Mrs. Kline felt the Assembly could decide at the meeting on April 17 whether they wanted to advertise or not. There was a brief discussion on this.

(79) The Mayor said the Chair would rule that the matter of advertising for a manager be deferred until the meeting to be held on April 17.

(80) Mr. Machyowsky appealed a ruling of the Chair.

(81) Mr. Machyowsky moved that an advertisement for city manager be prepared and placed in the National City Managers Association Bulletin and other appropriate publications.

(82) The motion failed for lack of a second.

(83) Mr. Matheny moved for adjournment with Mr. Savikko seconding the motion and the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward W. Hoakland
Clerk

Countersigned:

Joseph A. van teams
Mayor

Sandra Baker