I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mary Becker, Chair.

II. Roll Call
Committee Members Present: Mary Becker; Jesse Kiehl; Kate Troll; and Jerry Nankervis

Other Assembly members Present: Loren Jones; Karen Crane

Staff Present: Deputy City Manager Rob Steedle, Sales Tax Administrator Clinton Singletary, City Assessor Robin Potter, Assistant City Attorney Chris Orman, Print Shop Operator Glen Fairchild

III. Approval of Minutes – September 4th, 2014 Minutes approved, with exception that Karen Crane wished for her presence to be noted at meeting as it was not noted in Minutes and she was present at meeting.

IV. Discussion on with Tax Exemptions to put forth for Public Comment
Rob Steedle said that all items listed for review have been looked at by the CBJ law department and are legal to be changed as the Assembly sees fit. Ms. Becker asks for comments and Mr. Nankervis believed #1, raising the tax cap on individual sale of goods and services should not be included as raising taxes was not the goal of this committee.

A discussion on #3, senior sales tax exemptions then followed and Mr. Steedle explained in more detail what the chart is meant to convey. Jesse Kiehl felt for #4, needs based exemptions should also include numbers based on 2.5x above poverty line and not just based on median house hold income and would like to see that shown as well. Mr. Kiehl was also uncomfortable with a rebate program to seniors and sees it as extremely challenging from the administrative side and qualifying for the exemption may be easier to administrate. Mr. Nankervis agreed that using the poverty-line as a bench mark and not just median income should be looked into. Assembly was also worried about staffing to handle reimbursement checks. Karen Crane foresees many seniors objecting to having to come in to apply for needs based exemptions cards and assembly hopes that will be addressed during public testimony.

A discussion on #6, elimination the lobbyist sales exemption ensues; Clinton Singletary stated that there are not a lot of questions about that exemption.

Ms. Becker asks assembly if they feel comfortable and are ready for public hearing on the 26th of September. Assembly felt ready for public testimony, but would like to break
the topics down into multiple meetings. Mr. Singletary believes there will be a strong turnout from the business community based on his discussions with them. Assembly agreed to take public testimony on items 1, 2 and 6 on Friday, September 26th 5pm – 7pm in the assembly chambers.

Mr. Steedle asked the committee if they would like more information on PILT before next meeting and the committee would like more research done on it.

A discussion took place with Chris Orman about the legality of out of borough sales to non-residence.

V. Information Items.
Ms. Becker asked for a run down on the chart, State of Alaska Optional Exemptions, presented on page 6 of the Packet. Mr. Steedle walked through the chart. There were some questions on acronyms and meanings, but overall the assembly needed more time to review the chart before questions could be asked.

VI. Next Meeting Date – September 26th, 2014, Public testimony

VII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 5:44p.m.