Attachment B

Commission Meeting Agendas
And Minutes
AGENDA

Annexation Study Commission

Organizational Meeting, December 21, 2005

1. Introduction of Members
2. Selection of Vice-Chair
3. Overview of Packet Contents
4. Discussion of Committee Mission
5. Schedule of Future Meetings
6. Meeting with Dan Bockhorst
7. Commission Minutes and Records
8. Adjournment
Annexation Study Commission

1st Meeting

December 21, 2005

The organizational meeting of the Mayor's Annexation Study Commission was called to order at 1:35 PM on Wednesday, December 21, 2005. Attendance included Chairman George Davidson, Commission members Sandy Williams, Reed Stoops, Steve Sorensen, Caren Robinson and Erroll Champion, Assistant City Attorney Barbara Ritchie, Planning Supervisor Peter Freer and Mayor Bruce Botelho.

Sandy Williams was elected vice-chair by unanimous vote of the members.

The commission discussed its mission and took time to review the model borough boundary map of Southeast. Caren wanted to know whether the legislature had any plans to promote mandatory borough formation. Commission members also inquired about the status of the Ketchikan borough annexation petition. Peter will get information on both items for the next meeting.

Future meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 5 PM at City Hall, in Room 224 or in the Assembly chambers. Dan Bockhorst, lead staff to the Local Boundary Commission, has been invited to attend the meeting scheduled for January 4, 2006.

Commission member Reed Stoops believes that, as a property owner at Funter Bay, he may have a conflict of interest. Barbara will consult with City Attorney John Hartle and inform Reed either prior to his departure from town on December 28, or followint his return on January 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.
AGENDA

Introduction of Commission Members to the Public

Purpose of Commission  Davidson

Schedule and Duration of the Commission  Davidson

Presentation by Dan Bockhorst

Commission and Public Questions and Answers

Public Comments

Commission Comments

Next Meeting

Adjournment
Juneau Annexation Study Commission

Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 5, 2006
Assembly Chambers, 1:30 PM

The meeting was convened at 1:33 by Chairman George Davidson.

All members of the commission were in attendance: George Davidson, chair; Sandy Williams, vice-chair; Caren Robinson; Erroll Champion; and Steve Sorensen. Commission staffers Barbara Ritchie and Peter Freer were also present. Approximately 30 members of the public attended, almost all of them property owners at Horse and Colt Islands and Funter Bay.

Chairman Davidson introduced the members of the commission to the public.

The minutes of the December 21 meeting were approved.

Peter Freer gave a brief overview of the Commission’s purpose and delineated the borough’s existing and model borough boundaries on a large wall map.

Dan Bockhorst, lead staff to the Alaska Local Boundary Commission, gave a presentation on boroughs that included constitutional history, the 1961 voluntary borough act, the 1963 mandatory borough act and subsequent voluntary borough incorporations. He provided an overview of borough activity in Southeast Alaska, including the Ketchikan Borough’s petition to annex 4,700 square miles; a borough feasibility study sponsored by the City of Hoonah for the Icy Straits region; and interest in borough formation expressed by the City of Petersburg.

Following the presentation, Mr. Bockhorst responded to questions from Commission members and the public. Generally, Commission members inquired about procedures and standards for annexation and model borough boundaries. Members of the public also inquired about the model borough boundaries, and also about service delivery, taxation and the effects of annexation on subsistence rights.

Staffers Freer and Ritchie will examine two questions: whether the building code can be applied on a non-area-wide basis, and whether inclusion in the Juneau Borough would adversely affect the subsistence rights of Funter Bay residents. Responses will be prepared for the regularly scheduled February 1 meeting of the commission.

Chairman Davidson adjourned the meeting at 3:30 PM.
Annexation Study Commission

February 1, 2006, Regular Meeting

The meeting convened at 5 PM in Room 224 of City Hall. Members present: George Davidson, Chair; Sandy Williams, Vice-Chair; Steve Sorensen; and Erroll Champion. Absent: Caren Robinson.

Minutes of the January meeting were not approved as the Commission did not receive them sufficiently in advance to review them. In the future, minutes from a prior meeting will be posted to the commission website well in advance of the subsequent regular meeting. The Commission decided to take up approval of the January minutes at its next meeting.

Commissioner Errol Champion expressed his desire to have materials posted to a website for easy access by the public and Commission members. Other committee members concurred. Subsequently, a website has been created with a link from the CBJ’s homepage and Commission materials are being posted.

CDD Planner Peter Freer reviewed the materials in the packet he handed out to the Commission. The materials consisted of correspondence from members of the public on various issues and questions and responses prepared by CDD staff.

Assistant City Attorney Barbara Ritchie reported on the possible effects of annexation on the subsistence rights of individuals/families and handed out materials on the issue. Inclusion in a borough would not necessarily affect subsistence rights, as these rights are not tied directly to political subdivision boundaries, but rather to numerous factors and criteria set out in state and federal law. Thus, it appears that annexation would have no immediate effect on subsistence rights and these rights may be preserved, even if outlying residents are within an ‘urban’ borough. Commissioner Sorensen pointed out that the group is not a subsistence commission and that individuals should consult directly with state and federal agencies if they are seeking advice regarding subsistence issues.

CDD Planner Peter Freer gave a brief overview of building permit requirements and mil levies. The building code is currently applied areawide, although recreational cabins are exempt from building code requirements. Application of the building code has emerged as a key issue with property owners and residents in outlying areas, in particular, Funter Bay and Horse and Colt Islands. The areawide mil rate is now 7.51 mils for residents off the road system. This largely comprises education and central government, and, without adjustment by the Assembly, would comprise the mil rate in newly-annexed territory. Further research is required to determine what the Assembly could do to adjust the mil levy for a newly annexed area.

General discussion ensued on the Commission’s approach to its work. The group determined that in order to make recommendations, it needs more information concerning
the areas within the model borough boundaries, and how that information relates to the regulatory standards for borough annexation.

After discussion, Commissioner Williams moved to direct staff to begin research on the area within the model borough boundaries based on the standards for borough annexation and the petitioning requirements. The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

Chair Davidson opened the meeting to public comments, and several property owners from outlying areas spoke, essentially on two topics: that the property tax rate would be disproportionately high for the level of services anticipated to be provided, and opposition to application of the building code for residential development.

The next meeting was scheduled for March 1 at 5 PM in Room 224 of City Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.
February 1, 2006, Public Attendance

Albert Savikko
K Koski
Marcheta Moulton
Del and Constance Carnes
Reverend Michael Spainhoward
Phil Rolfe
Merrill Sanford
Lon Matheny
Marge Hermans
ANNEXATION STUDY COMMISSION

AGENDA

March 1, 2006

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of January 5, 2006 and February 1, 2006 Minutes

IV. Presentation on Property Taxation by CBJ Finance Director Craig Duncan followed by Questions and Answers

V. Staff Status Reports
   Population
   Land Ownership
   Private Land Ownership
   Web Postings

VI. Public Testimony

VII. Commission Discussion

VIII. Adjournment
Minutes of the Annexation Study Commission

March 1, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Davidson at 5:07 PM. Also in attendance were Vice-Chairman Sandy Williams, and Commissioners Steve Sorensen, Errol Champion and Caren Robinson. Also present were CBJ Attorney Peggy Boggs and CDD Planning Supervisor Peter Freer.

Williams moved and Sorensen seconded for approval of the minutes of the January 5, 2006, meeting, and the February 1, 2006, meeting.

CBJ Finance Director Craig Duncan gave a power point presentation on city and borough property taxation, focusing first on state law that establishes municipal taxing authority, then on the areawide and service area mil rates that support city and borough services. He addressed the relationship between annexation, areawide mil rates and education funding, concluding that annexation of the model borough boundary area could lead to a reduction in the areawide mil rate of a few hundredths of a mil.

Following the presentation, Craig responded to questions from the commission and the public covering assessments methods, school funding, forest receipts funding, and other tax and service-related topics.

Peter Freer gave an update on several research topics, including population and land ownership, related to the area between the existing borough boundaries and the model borough boundaries. Commissioners expressed some concern that the research tasks may be too big or complex, for example, determining ownership for private lands and calculating precisely the full and true value of property in the area. These tasks will have to be simplified at this stage, but will be pursued for accuracy and completeness if and when an actual annexation petition is prepared.

Chairman Davidson opened the meeting to comments from the public, and several member of the audience addressed question to the Chair, to Mr. Duncan and Mr. Freer, and to the commission generally, typically addressing the ‘disconnect’ between the areawide mil rate of 7.51 mils and the commensurate lack of services that outlying property owners and residents believe that they will receive.

The next meeting of the commission will be April 5, 2006, at 5 PM, in Room 224 of City Hall. Speakers will be Martin Beckner, Operations Chief for the Fire Department, and a representative of the Police Department.

The meeting was adjourned by motion at 6:35 PM.
Public Attendance at the March 1, 2006 Meeting

Delbert Carnes
Constance Carnes
R.A. Spath
N.J. Frawley
Marcheta Moulton
Michael Frawley
K Koski
Mark Riederer
William and Carol Fleek
Albert Sahw
Robert Garrison
Janet Clarke Kennedy
Paul Kennedy
Ken Spencer
Gavin and Donner Denton
Chip Thoma
Gordon Harrison
Marge Hermans
I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of March 1, 2006, Minutes

IV. Discussion of G. Davidson Memo of March 2, 2006

V. Presentation by Fire Marshall Rich Etheridge on Emergency Medical Response off the road system

VI. Presentation by Building Official Debbie Purves on application of the CBJ building code

VII. Staff Report
   Southeast Borough Activity Mapping

VIII. Public Testimony

IX. Committee Discussion

X. Adjournment
Minutes  
CBJ Annexation Study Commission  
Regular Meeting, April 5, 2006

The meeting convened at 5:04 PM. Present were Chair George Davidson, Vice-Chair Sandy Williams, and commission members Errol Champion and Steve Sorensen, constituting a quorum to do business. Commission member Caren Robinson arrived at 5:13. Assistant Borough Barbara Ritchie and Planning Supervisor Peter Freer provided staff support at the meeting.

Chief Martin Beckner and Fire Marshall Rich Etheridge of Capital City Fire and Rescue (CCFR) gave a presentation on emergency medical response, with an emphasis on emergency medical response to areas off the city road system. The city and borough does not have boats or aircraft for responding to remote locations, and must rely on the Coast Guard, on State Troopers and on private helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft services to send medics to remote locations.

Borough residents in remote areas have a higher priority for emergency medical services than people who live outside the borough, and, as borough residents, receive a reduction in ambulance transport costs. For example, if Funter Bay were in the borough, a resident transported from Funter to Juneau would receive a $200 ‘rebate’ on transport costs, a ‘rebate’ that would not be available to non-residents. Chief Beckner clarified that medical response within the borough, both on and off the road system, is paid for both through the property tax, and on a fee basis, making the point that borough residents on the road system also pay a fee for an ambulance call-out.

Fire Marshall Etheridge stated that that CCFR conducts fire investigations at no cost within the borough. He contrasted this with the unorganized borough, where investigations are conducted by the state fire marshal’s office, but only in cases where damages are in excess of $1 million.

Building Official Debra Purves gave a presentation on application of the building code. She started that the building code and associated requirements for permits and inspections apply areawide, and thus would apply to all commercial and residential construction within the borough, on or off the road system. The exception is for recreational cabins, which neither require a permit nor an inspection, and are presumed to be seasonally occupied. Purves read her responses to a series of questions posed by Funter Bay property owner Gordon Harrison, about the application of the building code if Funter Bay were annexed.

Freer gave a staff report on mapping and other land status information available from the Forest Service, and about other borough efforts underway in the region. These efforts include a large annexation by the Ketchikan Gateway Borough, a planned borough incorporation by the City of Petersburg and a recent meeting attended by communities from central and north-central Southeast on the formation of a “super borough” reaching
from Pelican to Kupreanof, and including Hoonah, Gustavus, Angoon, Tenakee Springs, Elfin Cove and Kake. No formal proposal has been made, but the idea is in play. The City of Hoonah has talked for ten or more years about petitioning for incorporation of the Cross Sound/Icy Straits Borough, and the “super borough” is the latest iteration of this idea.

After question and answer sessions following each of the presentations, discussion turned to the boundaries the commission might (or might not) recommend. Chairman Davidson had prepared a memo to commission members discussing considerations for a boundary determination, and maps with three boundary alternatives. He asked that the commission members consider the memo and review the maps between now and the May 3rd meeting, and be prepared to discuss boundaries, and prepare findings, at the commission’s May 3 meeting. Chairman Davidson expressed his belief that the commission is not bound to look only at the model borough boundaries, but at boundaries that make the most sense for the community. Commission members supported this assertion and concluded that they are deliberating in a manner consistent with the Mayor’s directives in establishing the commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM.
Public Attendance at the April 5, 2006, Meeting

Chip Thoma
Sam Pekovich
Andrew Pekovich
Phillip Gray
Dennis Brooks
Del Carnes
Albert Shaw
Debbie Purves
K Koski
AGENDA

Annexation Study Commission

Regular Meeting, May 3, 2006

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes of April 5, 2006

IV. Discussion of ideal borough boundaries for Juneau as prepared by individual members of the Commission

V. Discussion of Champion memo regarding taxation for remote areas based on zoning classifications

VI. Schedule for future activities of the Commission.

VII. Public Testimony

VIII. Committee Discussion

IX. Adjournment
Chairman Davidson convened the meeting at 5:04 p.m. A quorum was present with members George Davidson, Steve Sorensen, Sandy Williams, and Errol Champion. Member Caren Robinson arrived at 5:10 p.m. Planning Supervisor Peter Freer and Assistant City Attorney Barbara Ritchie were also present.

Members of the public in attendance included Constance and Delbert Carnes, Bessie and Frank Highley, Dennis and Claire Brooks, Albert Shaw, and Gary Droubay.

The minutes of the April 5 meeting were approved, with a statement from member Champion that the Fire Marshall would probably not travel at no cost to outlying areas to conduct fire investigations.

At the April meeting, Chairman Davidson passed out maps of Southeast Alaska and asked each member of the commission to draw their preferred boundaries for Juneau and bring their maps to the May meeting for discussion and joint determination of a recommended boundary.

Member Williams began the discussion of future boundaries by saying that either all of Goldbelt Corporation’s land holdings at Hobart Bay, or none of them, should be included in the Juneau boundaries, as it would not make sense to annex only a portion and leave the remainder to a future Petersburg borough. Williams stated he was unsure about the inclusion of territory on Admiralty Island.

Member Champion stated that he favored including a larger area of Admiralty Island than included in the City and Borough’s model borough boundary, and also thought it likely that Hobart Bay should be included within CBJ’s future boundaries. Member Sorensen also included a larger area of Admiralty Island in his preferred boundaries.

Gary Droubay, CEO of Goldbelt Corporation, expressed that Goldbelt did not want to be in a borough as he believed Goldbelt’s land (at Hobart Bay) would be taxed, but Goldbelt would not receive a corresponding level of services. He believed Goldbelt would oppose being in a borough unless the benefits could be clearly demonstrated. When informed that the City of Petersburg intends to file a borough incorporation petitions, and that Goldbelt lands at Hobart Bay are within the model borough boundaries of both Juneau and Petersburg, he stated that Goldbelt would prefer its land to be in one borough rather than two.

Chairman Davidson asked commission members to identify the northern, western, and southern boundaries of the borough.
Sorensen moved, and Champion seconded, to move the borough boundary abutting the Haines Borough northward, to include all of the watersheds within Berners Bay. Commission members agreed that they would recommend annexing this territory only if the Haines Borough did not object to the loss of this territory from its borough. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Champion moved, and Robinson seconded, to locate the western boundary as an extension of the existing boundary, but drawn down to Thayer Lake on Admiralty Island.

Champion moved, and Sorensen seconded, to locate a portion of the southern boundary line from Chatham to Pt. Hugh at the southern tip of Admiralty Island. The motion was approved by unanimous consent. Subsequently, Williams moved, and Sorensen seconded, to draw the remainder of the southern boundary from Pt. Hugh to Dry Bay, and, following the wilderness boundary to the Canadian border, to include all of Endicott Arm. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Commissioners recognized some fluidity in the boundaries in the south, at Hobart Bay, depending on the wishes of Goldbelt; in the north, where concurrence from the Haines Borough is considered essential to an extension of the Juneau borough boundaries; and in the west, where the boundary is meant to include all of the Greens Creek mine but not infringe on the prerogatives of other communities. The Commission agreed to meet again on May 31 to present its proposed borough boundaries at a public hearing.

Member Champion presented a concept to base property taxation on zoning, or land use. Champion’s concept would tax rural (i.e., off the road system) residential and recreational property at a very low mil rate, while rural commercial and industrial property would be taxed at the prevailing areawide rate. Assistant City Attorney Ritchie explained that the concept is inconsistent with various Alaska statutes in Title 29 that apply to home rule municipalities and which govern mandatory and area-wide powers, service areas, and municipal property assessment and taxation. Statutory changes at the state level would be required before the CBJ could adopt a property taxation system as proposed by Member Champion.

Del Carnes spoke under the Public Comments portion of the agenda and urged the Commission to exclude Horse and Colt Islands from any consideration for inclusion in the borough.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. Subsequently, Chairman Davidson decided to call an interim meeting on May 17th, to re-visit the proposed boundaries and make adjustments as necessary to address issues related to the fluidity of the boundaries.
Annexation Study Commission
Special Meeting
May 17, 2006

AGENDA

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Commission Discussion of Draft Boundaries
IV. Staff Comments
V. Public Testimony
VI. Adjournment
DRAFT MINUTES

ANNEXATION STUDY COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
May 17, 2006

Chairman Davidson called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. A quorum was present with members Davidson, Champion, Sorensen, and Robinson. Planning Supervisor Peter Freer and Assistant City Attorney Barbara Ritchie were also present.

Chairman Davidson explained that he had called the special meeting for the purpose of revisiting the proposed boundaries identified by the Commission at its May 3 meeting, in light of issues raised by staff following the May 3 meeting. Robinson moved to rescind the Commission’s prior boundary recommendations, Sorensen seconded, and Champion objected for the purposes of discussion.

Commission members and staff discussed concerns that the City of Angoon and others may have with the proposed Admiralty Island boundary and various alternatives for that boundary. Members and staff also discussed issues with the inclusion or non-inclusion of Goldbelt's land at Hobart Bay within the proposed boundaries. Following the discussion, the motion to rescind the Commission’s prior boundary recommendations was approved by unanimous consent.

Robinson moved, and Champion seconded, to accept the state’s model borough boundaries for purposes of amendment. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Amendment # 1. Champion moved, and Sorensen seconded, to relocate the northern boundary to include all of the watersheds that drain into Berners Bay within the borough’s future boundaries, but only with the concurrence of the Haines Borough. Without concurrence, the northern boundary would remain in its current location. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Amendment # 2. Robinson moved, and Sorensen seconded, to include all of Goldbelt Corporation’s land at Hobart Bay within the borough’s future boundaries. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Amendment # 3. Robinson moved, and Sorensen seconded, to include approximately the northern two-thirds of Admiralty Island within the borough’s future boundaries, but only if that area is not included in a future borough that also includes the City of Angoon. In effect, the City of Angoon would have a “first right of refusal” at such time as Juneau considers annexation. The motion passed by unanimous consent. The Commission agreed to add a note on the map, as proposed by Davidson, stating the condition regarding Angoon.
Amendment # 4. Champion moved, and Robinson seconded, to recommend an alternate boundary with regard to Admiralty Island. The alternate boundary would follow the model borough boundary down Chatham Strait to include Mansfield Peninsula, and then east to include only the Greens Creek area that is currently within the CBJ. The boundary would run down Stephens Passage to the southern boundary below Hobart Bay, and would not include the Glass Peninsula. The motion failed 2 – 2, with Robinson and Champion voting for and Davidson and Sorensen voting against.

Maps of the Commission’s boundary recommendations will be available for distribution and review at the May 31 meeting of the Commission. That meeting will be a public hearing on the Commission’s proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.
Annexation Study Commission
Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 31, 2006

I.     Call to Order

II.    Roll Call

III.   Approval of May 3 Minutes
        Approval of May 17 Minutes

IV.    Review of Recommended Boundaries

V.     Public Testimony on Recommended Boundaries

VI.    Committee Discussion

VII.   Date of Next Meeting

VIII.  Adjournment
ANNEXATION STUDY COMMISSION

Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Thursday, May 31, 5 PM
Glacier Fire Station

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM. Present were Commissioners Caren Robinson, Steve Sorensen and Sandy Williams, and Chairman George Davidson.

Members of the public included Funter Bay residents Phil and Donna Emerson, Funter Bay property owner Del Carnes and Juneau resident Al Shaw. Staff present included Peter Freer and Barbara Ritchie.

Commissioners reviewed the maps approved at the May 17 meeting. Mr. Carnes and Mr. Emerson stated that Funter Bay should be left out of the borough as they would not receive services commensurate with the anticipated level of property taxation. Mr. Shaw stated that the CBJ should pursue annexation of its model borough boundaries.

Mr. Davidson asked staff, and the Commission concurred, to place a notice on the CBJ Annexation Commission webpage that public comment would be sought on the proposal through June 30. The Commission again reviewed the annexation maps approved at its May 17 meeting. These maps modified the model borough boundaries as follows:

1. Relocate the northern boundary to include all of the watersheds that drain into Berners Bay within the borough’s future boundaries, but only with the concurrence of the Haines Borough. Without concurrence, the northern boundary would remain in its current location.

2. Include all of Goldbelt Corporation’s land at Hobart Bay within the borough’s future boundaries.

3. Include approximately the northern two-thirds of Admiralty Island within the borough’s future boundaries, but only if that area is not included in a future borough that also includes the City of Angoon. In effect, the City of Angoon would have a “first right of refusal” at such time as Juneau considers annexation.

The meeting adjourned at 6 PM.
ANNEXATION STUDY COMMISSION

SCHEDULED MEETING

July 18, 2006

I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call
III. Staff Presentation
IV. Public Comments
V. Commission Discussion
VI. Adjournment
MINUTES

ANNEXATION STUDY COMMISSION

Regularly Scheduled Meeting
July 18, 2006
City Hall, Room 224

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM. Present were Commissioners Robinson, Sorensen, Champion, Williams and Chairman Davidson. Staff present included Peter Freer and Peggy Boggs.

Members of the public included Al Shaw, Del and Constance Carnes and Chip Thoma.

Peter Freer read the draft minutes of the May 31, 2006 meeting into the record.

The Commission stated their desire to have formal findings for adoption. Mr. Williams moved, and Ms. Robinson seconded, to have the staff prepare findings. The Commission approved the motion unanimously. The draft findings are to be brought to the Commission for review and approval at a future meeting.

Mr. Champion moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to include in the findings the main objection of remote property owners to annexation, namely, the perceived ‘dis-connect’ between the areawide mil rate and services provided to remote areas. Mr. Champion commented that a future Assembly considering annexation of Funter Bay, for example, must balance the property tax rate and the level of services, and develop a fair tax rate based on actual services delivered. The Commission approved the motion unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.
The meeting convened at 5:05 PM with the following members present: Chairman George Davidson, Vice-Chairman Sandy Williams, Steve Sorensen, Caren Robinson and Errol Champion. Also present were Commission staffs Barbara Ritchie and Peter Freer.

Members of the public in attendance were Del and Constance Carnes and Gordon Harrison.

The Commission moved and approved the minutes from the July 18, May 17, May 3 and April 6 meetings.

The Commission reviewed the draft findings report page-by-page and moved, seconded and approved numerous amendments to the document. Largely, the amendments clarified Commission intent and assured that the report’s contents and findings reflect the views of the group and not of its individual members. For example, the Commission modified the language regarding the National Forest Receipts Program to state that the program was not re-authorized by the last Congress, whereas the report had indicated that the program had been repealed.

Commissioner Champion noted for the record that the cost of placing private property within the area of potential annexation on the tax rolls would probably exceed the tax revenues to be gained, at least in the short term.

The Commission set Wednesday, January 10, at 5PM, for a final meeting to adopt findings for transmittal to the Assembly.

The meeting adjourned at 6PM.
Annexation Study Commission

Final Meeting: Adoption of Commission Report

January 10, 2007

The meeting convened at 5 PM. Present were Chair George Davidson and members Steve Sorensen, Caren Robinson and Errol Champion, and Commission staff Barbara Ritchie and Peter Freer. Funter Bay property owner Marge Hermans and Mayor Bruce Botelho were also in attendance.

Sorensen moved and Champion seconded to adopt the report. The motion was approved without opposition.

Sorensen moved and Champion seconded to include all public correspondence in an attachment to the report. The motion was approved without opposition.

Mayor Botelho requested that Chairman Davidson present the report to the Assembly at their January 29, 2007, meeting. The Mayor said that at that time he would refer the report and was considering either the Lands Committee or the Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Davidson, at the suggestion of the Mayor, said he would call the Juneau Empire to inquire about an interview on the Commission’s report and recommendations.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15.