



SPECIAL ASSEMBLY MEETING 2024-22 AGENDA

September 23, 2024 at 12:15 PM

Zoom Webinar Only

<https://juneau.zoom.us/j/91515424903> or 1-253-215-8782 Webinar ID: 915 1542 4903

Submitted By:

Robert Barr, Deputy City Manager

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to acknowledge that the City & Borough of Juneau is on Tlingit land, and wish to honor the indigenous people of this land. For more than ten thousand years, Alaska Native people have been and continue to be integral to the well-being of our community. We are grateful to be in this place, a part of this community, and to honor the culture, traditions, and resilience of the Tlingit people. *Gunalchéesh!*

C. ROLL CALL

D. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Flood Mitigation Update**

E. MANAGER'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

F. INSTRUCTIONS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The public may participate via Zoom webinar only. Testimony time will be limited by the Mayor based on the number of participants. ***Members of the public that want to provide oral testimony must notify the Municipal Clerk by 10:00am the day of the meeting by calling 907-586-5278 and indicating the topic(s) upon which they wish to testify.*** Members of the public are encouraged to send their comments in advance of the meeting to BoroughAssembly@juneau.gov.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (*Limited to no more than 20 minutes, with each speaker limited to a length of time set by the Mayor not to exceed three minutes.*)

G. PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCES

2. **Ordinance 2024-01(b)(M): An Ordinance Appropriating \$3,000,000 to the Manager as Local Matching Funds for a United States Army Corps of Engineers Glacier Outburst Flooding General Investigation Study; Funding Provided by General Funds.**

This ordinance would appropriate \$3,000,000 as local matching funds for a United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) glacier outburst flooding investigation study. In August 2024, the Mendenhall Vally was flooded by a glacier outburst flood caused by Suicide Basin. The 2024 flood levels exceeded previous flooding events, damaging over 300 residences in the area. This funding would contribute toward a study with the USACE to determine flood mitigation solutions when the Suicide Basin ice dam releases water in the future.

The Committee of the Whole reviewed this request at the September 9, 2024 meeting. The Systemic Racism Review Committee reviewed this ordinance at its September 17, 2024 meeting.

The Assembly Finance Committee reviewed this ordinance at its September 18th, 2024 meeting. Staff are working on two additional pieces of legislation to reimburse the General Fund for this appropriation, which will include \$2,000,000 from the Docks and Harbors Fisheries Land Terminal Purchase CIP and \$1,000,000 from the Restricted Budget Reserve.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly hold public testimony and adopt this ordinance.

3. **Ordinance 2024-01(b)(N) An Ordinance Appropriating \$100,000 to the Manager for Expanded Inundation Maps and Hydrological Modeling of the Mendenhall River; Funding Provided by General Funds.**

This ordinance would appropriate \$100,000 of general funds for expanded inundation maps and hydrological modeling of the Mendenhall River. In August 2024, the Mendenhall Vally was flooded by a glacier outburst flood caused by Suicide Basin. The 2024 flood levels exceeded previous flooding events, damaging over 300 residences in the area. This funding would contribute toward detailed mapping and hydrological modeling of the Mendenhall River to determine potential flood impacts in the future, with data collected to be used for mitigation solutions.

The Committee of the Whole reviewed this request at the September 9, 2024 meeting. The Systemic Racism Review Committee reviewed this ordinance at its September 17, 2024 meeting. The Assembly Finance Committee reviewed this ordinance at its September 18, 2024 meeting.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly hold public testimony and adopt this ordinance.

H. STAFF REPORTS

I. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

J. ADJOURNMENT

ADA accommodations available upon request: Please contact the Clerk's office 36 hours prior to any meeting so arrangements can be made for closed captioning or sign language interpreter services depending on the meeting format. The Clerk's office telephone number is 586-5278, TDD 586-5351, e-mail: city.clerk@juneau.gov.