

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY MEETING 2022-25 MINUTES

November 07, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar/YouTube Livestream



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Immediately Followed by Assembly Committee of the Whole Worksession.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting No. 2022-25: The Special Meeting of the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly was held in the Assembly Chambers and called to order by Mayor Beth Weldon at 6:00p.m.

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Ms. Gladyszewski provided the following land acknowledgment: We would like to acknowledge that the City and Borough of Juneau is on Tlingit land, and wish to honor the indigenous peoples 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

Assemblymembers Present: Maria Gladyszewski, Greg Smith, Christine Woll, 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Carole Triem (via phone/Zoom), Michelle Hale, Wade Bryson, Alicia Hughes-Skandijs and Mayor Beth Weldon.

Assemblymembers Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Manager Rorie Watt, Deputy City Manager Robert Barr, City Attorney Robert Palmer, Municipal Clerk Beth McEwen, Deputy City Clerk Diane Cathcart, Lands Manager Dan Bleidorn, BRH CEO David Keith, Port Director Carl Uchytel, Assistant City Attorney Adam Gotschalk

D. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mayor Weldon said that she lost her voice during the ski sale over the weekend and apologized to everyone in case she can't be heard due to her lack of voice.

Mayor Weldon also shared the news of the passing of Wasilla's former Mayor Bert Cottle. Mayor Cottle had been a very active member and past president of the Alaska Municipal League and she extended the condolences of the Assembly and CBJ to Mayor Cottle's family and the community of Wasilla.

1. Instruction for Public Participation

The public may participate in person or via Zoom webinar. Testimony time will be limited by the Mayor based on the number of participants. Members of the public that want to provide oral testimony via remote participation must notify the Municipal Clerk prior to 4pm the day of the meeting by calling 907-586-5278. For in-person participation at the meeting, a sign-up sheet will be made available at the back of the Chambers and advance sign-up is not required. Members of the public are encouraged to send their comments in advance of the meeting to BoroughAssembly@juneau.org.

Ms. McEwen noted that there were some members of the community who contacted the Clerk's office and signed up to participate via Zoom in tonight's meeting.

E. MANAGER'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (Not to Exceed a Total of 20 Minutes, Nor More than Five Minutes for Any Individual.)

Ati Nasiah, a resident of Thane, thanked the Assembly for allowing her to testify. She noted that she has lived on Lingít Aaní for 17 years and is grateful to be part of this community. She said that the hiring policies within CBJ might benefit from some reflection and analysis. She said that she recently learned that the director level positions are not required to be opened up to the greater public. She said that she wanted to make sure that the Assembly was aware of this. When she learned of this, she said that it seemed both a simple challenge and a simple problem that could easily be addressed if we are concerned and committed to inclusion and racial equity by opening up positions with significant opportunity for impact and power across the community. She said that it would be beneficial to be open to the larger community so that we could diversify our city leadership with the brilliance of leadership and views from so many in the community that may not currently be represented and reflected. She said she was coming to the Assembly with an ask to think about how they can lean in together on how to work together to revise or update a policy that could promote inclusion across the community.

Andres Javier Camacho, a Douglas resident, called in and echoed the words of the previous speaker Ati Nasiaha and the concern about publicizing the opening of director level positions. He said that these are small steps that can be taken to improve the transparency and inclusivity of our organizations. He asked the Assembly to consider how that policy may be changed to make it more accessible to all.

G. AGENDA TOPICS

2. PUBLIC HEARING

Ordinance 2022-56 An Ordinance Amending the Land Use Code Regarding Alternative Residential Subdivision Requirements.

The Assembly created the Alternative Residential Subdivision standards in 2019. (Ord. 2018-41(c)). The purpose of the Alternative Residential Subdivision is to create flexibility in the regulation and use of land to promote and encourage different types of housing options. CBJC 49.15.900. A property owner is currently seeking approval from the Planning Commission for 440 units of housing using the Alternative Residential Subdivision code. However, during the application review, staff and the Planning Commission identified a code inconsistency with the definition of unit-lot. This ordinance would amend the unit-lot definition to be consistent with the other Alternative Residential Subdivision standards.

This ordinance has not been reviewed by the Planning Commission, which is meeting on November 8, 2022, to consider the 440 unit development.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance without review by the Planning Commission.

Public Comment

None.

Assembly Action

MOTION by Mr. Bryson to adopt Ordinance 2022-56 and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the motion carried by unanimous consent.*

3. Resolution 3005: A Resolution Encouraging Federal Agencies in Juneau to Coordinate Collection of Biometric Information for Foreign National People and Refugee Families.

Refugee families and foreign national people are required to submit biometric information (picture and fingerprints). Currently, they have to travel from Juneau to either Anchorage or Seattle, which creates financial burdens for them, their employers, and local nonprofits. However, the Juneau office of U.S. Customs and Border Protection has the ability to collect the biometric information. This resolution encourages the two federal agencies to coordinate, which will decrease fiscal hardships to Ukraine refugee families, local families, seafood industry employers and employees, and local nonprofits.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this resolution.

Public Comment

None.

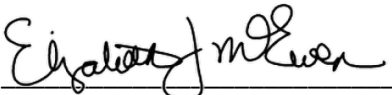
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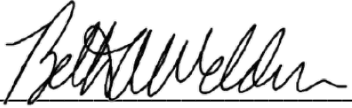
MOTION by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs to adopt Resolution 3005 and asked for unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objection, the motion carried by unanimous consent.***

H. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS – *None.*

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Assembly, the Special Assembly meeting adjourned at 6:17p.m.

Signed: 
Elizabeth J. McEwen
Municipal Clerk

Signed: 
Beth A. Weldon
Mayor