

SYSTEMIC RACISM REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 04, 2025 at 12:00 PM

Zoom Webinar



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A. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Froehlich called the Systemic Racism Review Committee to order at 12:03 p.m. via Zoom.

B. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** – read by Chair Froehlich

We would like to acknowledge that the City and 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**

Present: Ephraim Froehlich, Kelli Patterson, Jennifer Pemberton, and Lindsey Wold

Absent: Ivan Nance, and AnaVera Morato

Staff/Others Present: Deputy City Manager Robert Barr, Deputy Clerk Di Cathcart, and SRRC Assembly Liaison Ella Adkison

D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – approved as presented

E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - approved as presented

1. **February 4, 2025 SRRC Meeting Minutes - Draft**

F. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** - None

G. **CONSENT AGENDA**

The following ordinances were up for introduction on the consent agenda at Monday night's [Regular Assembly Meeting](#). A blank SRRC checklist is included in the packet if an ordinance is pulled for further discussion and committee members want to utilize that tool.

Recommended Motions:

"I move to approve the consent agenda as presented and ask for unanimous consent" OR "I move to approve the consent agenda as amended and ask for unanimous consent": [use this motion when items are pulled off consent for further discussion]

2. **Legislation for Review by SRRC**

[Ordinance 2024-01\(b\)\(AG\)](#) An Ordinance Transferring \$375,000 from the Community Development Department Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget and \$80,000 from the Manager's Office Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget to the Comprehensive Plan Capital Improvement Project.

[Ordinance 2024-01\(b\)\(AH\)](#) An Ordinance Transferring \$200,000 from CIP D23-060 Waterfront Museum to CIP H51-125 Aurora Harbor Improvements.

[Ordinance 2024-01\(b\)\(AI\)](#) An Ordinance Appropriating \$10,000,000 to the Manager for the Juneau Douglas Treatment Plant Clarifier Building Repair Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by General Obligation Bond Proceeds.

[Ordinance 2025-07](#) An Ordinance Amending the Procedures and Requirements Related to Abandoned, Junked, Wrecked, and Impounded Vehicles. [Memo from COW](#)

[Ordinance 2025-11](#) An Ordinance Repealing CBJC 75.01.210 Thawing and Other Miscellaneous Charges, Related to the Water Utility Code. [Thawing Memo](#)

[Ordinance 2025-18](#) An Ordinance Amending Title 42, Penal Code, Relating to Crime Involving Domestic Violence by Adding Language Consistent with State of Alaska Statutes and House Bill 66.

[Ordinance 2025-20](#) An Ordinance Addressing Tax Exemptions Spanning Multiple Construction Seasons. [Staff Requested Amendment](#)

[Ordinance 2025-21](#) An Ordinance Exempting the 2025 Fireworks Display Purchase from Compliance with the Procurement Code.

[Ordinance 2025-22](#) An Ordinance Authorizing the Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Tidelands Lease for the Purpose of Waterfront Commercial Activates and companion Resolution 3098.

[Ord 2025-22 - Exhibit A](#)

[Attachments A1 & A2](#) and [Notice of Decision CUP](#) from [7/11/23 Planning Commission Mtg](#)

Mr. Barr read the legislation into the record and gave a brief summary of each ordinance.

Mr. Froehlich asked committee members if there were any ordinances they would like to pull from the consent agenda for further discussion.

Ms. Pemberton asked why CBJ is requesting the tidelands lease from the State vs. Huna Totem Corporation making the request.

Mr. Barr, it is State Law and has been common practice in the past by the State to convey tidelands to the municipalities for economic development purposes. The benefit is if there is a lease or payment of revenue would go to the municipality rather than to the State; and the municipalities can use that revenue for whatever purpose our elected officials decide to use it for. CBJ and the State have done this in the past with other dock projects. It is not a short process and involves a lot of paperwork and time for the State tidelands to be conveyed to a municipality. The State is reluctant to engage in that process until a community agrees and has made the decision to use those tidelands.

Ms. Pemberton requested to pull Ordinance 2025-07 regarding abandoned and junked vehicles for questions.

MOTION: by Ms. Pemberton to pull Ordinance 2025-07 for further discussion and approve the consent agenda as amended. *Hearing no objection, motion passed.*

H. LEGISLATION PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

Legislation pulled from the consent agenda during the meeting for further discussion, questions or to walk through the SRRC checklist on a particular piece of legislation.

Sample Motions:

"I move to forward Ordinance xxxx-xx (or Resolution xxxx) to the full Assembly as presented and ask for unanimous consent" OR "I move the SRRC recommend to the Assembly it {fill in the recommendation} prior to taking action on proposed legislation."

Ms. Pemberton what are the procedures for vehicles that people are living in on city streets.

Mr. Barr responded that tracking individuals who live in vehicles is a challenging area right now; they can eventually fall into a junk category if the vehicle becomes damaged to where someone can't reasonably live in it anymore but wouldn't fall into the abandoned category since they are being lived in. Each case is very symptom focused right now as a case-by-case basis; if they are on CBJ land or right away and there isn't an issue, we are

very likely to not do anything and treat keep it as humane as possible and try to find alternatives for those people living in their vehicle.

Ms. Pemberton asked if it would be beneficial to have a conversation with social service groups or the unhoused to make sure they can help comply with these processes as outlined in the ordinance or is that not what this ordinance does.

Mr. Barr stated that this legislation isn't intended to address vehicles that are lived in, its focus is on the junked and abandoned vehicles that are in the community. This ordinance is really about making it easier for staff to be aligned with state law and have the ability to move vehicles that are genuinely abandoned through process.

Ms. Pemberton appreciated the information and wondered if it would be worth it to put a note to the Assembly on this ordinance since this topic came up when we were talking about parking ticket fees; to care for the potential impact to community members living in their vehicles.

Mr. Froehlich said he shared Ms. Pemberton's concerns on a broad scale and agreed with Mr. Barr that this is not intended to be focused on lived in vehicles but that it could have an impact. He noted that it would be good for the SRRC to note that anytime we are looking at issues of vehicles and how to deal with them that people who live in their vehicles are being considered. He asked if CBJ had data on the numbers of presumed people living in their vehicles.

Mr. Barr said that CBJ uses the Point-In-Time count data collected, which is not ideal since it data from just one specific date in January. Through our partner agencies we can gather some additional data but, no, we don't have good data for number of individuals living in their vehicles.

Mr. Froehlich commented that the issue of people living in vehicles is significant in Seattle and the City of Seattle's approach to this issue lacked care and compassion; working to connect people with resources is a good way that CBJ is approaching this situation.

Mr. Barr stated that this is not a challenge that is only limited to people living in vehicles, but we as a community struggle from an unhoused perspective in general. The challenges we wrestled with over the decision to continue to have summer transient campground or no campground when we have more people in need of shelter than we have sheltering beds even though we are in the upper 1% per capita of beds available, it's still a hard problem to solve.

Ms. Wold and Ms. Patterson agreed with the language.

MOTION: by Ms. Pemberton to move Ordinance 2025-07 forward to the Assembly for action with the following comment added to the Manager's Report for this Ordinance: *When considering regulations regarding abandoned and junked vehicles, the Systemic Racism Review Committee would encourage the Assembly to consider any potential impact to community residents who are living in said vehicles.* **Hearing no objections, motion passed.**

I. STAFF REPORTS - None

J. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS - None

K. NEXT MEETING DATE

March 18, 2025 SRRC Worksession Meeting

L. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS - None

M. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.