



# SPECIAL ASSEMBLY MEETING 2023-14

## AGENDA

June 26, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar

<https://juneau.zoom.us/j/95424544691> or 1-253-215-8782 Webinar ID: 954 2454 4691

Immediately followed by Assembly Committee of the Whole Worksession

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**C. ROLL CALL**

**D. 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 and indicating the topic(s) upon which they wish to testify.*** 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.gov](mailto:BoroughAssembly@juneau.gov).

**E. AGENDA TOPICS**

**1. Public Hearing**

**Ordinance 2023-30 An Ordinance Authorizing the Manager to Advocate for and Provide Public Information Regarding the Need for a New City Hall, Including the Dissemination of Information That May Influence the Outcome of a Future Ballot Initiative.**

This ordinance enables the Manager to advocate for a new City Hall project if the Assembly decides to put a ballot question before the voters this fall. \$50,000 for this purpose has been included in the FY24 budget. While CBJ regularly provides the public with nonpartisan information about upcoming ballot provisions, Alaska law requires the Assembly adopt an ordinance specifically authorizing the expenditure of funds if those funds are to be used to influence the outcome of an election. Threading the needle of delivering nonpartisan information versus information that might influence the outcome of an election is particularly challenging in this case; people may reasonably debate about the difference of facts and arguments in favor of a City Hall facility.

These funds would be used to produce and disseminate materials via direct mail, media, presentations to the community, and online.

**The City Manager recommends the Assembly adopt this ordinance.**

**F. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

**G. 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](mailto:city.clerk@juneau.gov).

Presented by: The Manager  
Presented: 06/12/2023  
Drafted by: S. Layne

**ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**

**Serial No. 2023-30**

**An Ordinance Authorizing the Manager to Advocate for and Provide Public Information Regarding the Need for a New City Hall, Including the Dissemination of Information That May Influence the Outcome of a Future Ballot Initiative.**

WHEREAS, a new City Hall for the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska (the “CBJ”) is needed to meet the current and future needs of the City and Borough of Juneau; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly has determined that the construction and equipping of a new City Hall is necessary in order to consolidate staff into a single facility; and

WHEREAS, under the Alaska Public Offices Commission disclosure and filing requirements, AS 15.13.145(c)(2) permits the CBJ to provide the public with nonpartisan information about a ballot proposition, however, AS 15.13.145(b) prohibits the CBJ from using funds to influence the outcome of an election concerning a ballot proposition unless the CBJ specially appropriates the funds for that purpose by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly appropriated \$50,000.00 of general funds for this purpose in the FY24 CBJ Operations budget ordinance, Ord. 2023-14, at its meeting on June 12, 2023.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

**Section 1. Classification.** This ordinance is a noncode ordinance.

**Section 2.** The Assembly authorizes the Manager to advocate for and provide public information regarding the need for a new City Hall, including the dissemination of information that may influence the outcome of a future ballot initiative.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This ordinance shall be effective 30 days after its adoption.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:

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Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk