

**THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**  
**REGULAR ASSEMBLY MEETING**  
*DRAFT Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2021*

**MEETING NO. 2021-07:** The Regular Assembly Meeting of the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly held via Zoom webinar was called to order by Mayor Beth Weldon at 7:00p.m.

**I. FLAG SALUTE**

**II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs acknowledge that tonight’s meeting was being held on Tlingit land. She also honored the Indigenous Peoples of this land, the Aak’w Kwaan and T’aaḵu Kwaan, for their stewardship of this land from time immemorial. Ms. Hughes-Skandijs said that she and her fellow Assemblymembers are grateful to be a part of this community, and to honor the culture, traditions, and resilience of the Tlingit people.

**III. ROLL CALL**

**Assemblymembers Present:** Maria Gladziszewski, Loren Jones, Wade Bryson, Carole Triem, Michelle Hale, Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, Greg Smith, Christine Woll, and Mayor Weldon.

**Assemblymembers Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** City Manager Rorie Watt, Deputy City Manager Mila Cosgrove, City Attorney Robert Palmer, Assistant Municipal Attorney Sherri Layne, Municipal Clerk Beth McEwen, Deputy Clerk Diane Cathcart, Assembly Finance Director Jeff Rogers, EOC PSC/Library Director Robert Barr

**IV. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**A. COVID-19 Vaccine Community Forum**

Ms. Cosgrove shared that CBJ will be hosting a community forum on COVID-19 vaccines on Wednesday, March 24 at 6:00p.m. The forum will be a panel-led discussion featuring State of Alaska’s Chief Medical Officer Dr. Anne Zink, Family Practice Physician Dr. Bob Urata, Pharmacist Scott Watts, Division of Public Health Nurse Manager Alison Gottschlich, and Bartlett Regional Hospital Infection Preventionist Charlee Gribbon. Ms. Cosgrove described the forum as a chance to receive more information about the vaccine, and to get any questions answered. She advised those who wished to ask questions to submit them to [covidquestions@juneau.org](mailto:covidquestions@juneau.org), or to send them through the virtual Q&A. The forum will be held via Zoom webinar and livestreamed on Facebook.

Ms. Cosgrove also provided instructions on how to book and schedule a vaccine appointment.

**B. Instruction for Public Participation**

Municipal Clerk McEwen provided the public with instructions on how to participate in tonight’s meeting virtually.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. July 1, 2020 Special Assembly Meeting 2020-35 Draft Minutes
- B. January 4, 2021 Regular Assembly Meeting 2021-01 Draft Minutes
- C. January 25, 2021 Regular Assembly Meeting Draft Minutes

**MOTION** by Ms. Hale for the Assembly to approve of the aforementioned Minutes with minor corrections. *Hearing no objections, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.*

## **VI. MANAGER'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES**

No agenda changes.

## **VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

## **VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Public Requests for Consent Agenda Changes, Other Than Ordinances for Introduction  
None.

B. Assembly Requests for Consent Agenda Changes  
None.

C. Assembly Action

**MOTION** by Mr. Jones for the Assembly to approve of the Consent Agenda as presented.

Objection by Ms. Gladziszewski for purposes of a comment. Ms. Gladziszewski noted that the LEAD certification for the Bartlett Regional Hospital Bid award had been removed. She said that the project still intends to work towards that, and the Juneau Commission on Sustainability will continue to work on those sustainability features. Ms. Gladziszewski removed her objection.

*Hearing no objections, the Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous consent.*

- 1. Ordinances for Introduction
  - a. **Ordinance 2021-12 An Ordinance Amending the Uniform Alaska Remote Seller Sales Tax Code.**

The Alaska Remote Seller Sales Tax Commission adopted revisions to the Uniform Remote Seller Sales Tax Code at its February 24, 2021 meeting. In accordance with the intergovernmental agreement that established the Commission, all member municipalities must adopt the revised Uniform Code within 120 days to remain a member in good standing. This ordinance implements a number of clerical and technical clarifications to the Uniform Code, and it also clarifies that all services are subject to sales tax at their destination jurisdiction. This change to the Uniform Code will induce a corresponding adjustment to Juneau's local sales tax code in a separate forthcoming ordinance.

The Assembly Finance Committee reviewed this request at the February 23, 2021 meeting.

**The City Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance and set it for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.**

**b. Ordinance 2020-09(AR) An Ordinance Appropriating \$17,000 to the Manager as Funding for a COVID-19 Economic Impacts and Recovery Plan; Funding Provided by the General Fund's Fund Balance.**

This ordinance would appropriate \$17,000 for a COVID-19 Economic Impacts and Recovery Plan, as proposed by McKinley Research Group, LLC. This plan would provide an overview of economic impacts in Juneau as a result of the pandemic, outlook for economic recovery by sector, and recommendations for pandemic-related economic recovery initiatives.

Funding for this request would be provided by the General Fund's fund balance.

The Assembly Finance Committee reviewed this request at the March 3, 2021 meeting.

**The City Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance and set it for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.**

**c. Ordinance 2020-09(AS) An Ordinance Appropriating \$203,028 to the Manager as Funding for the Taxiway A&E Rehabilitation Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by Airport CARES Act Funding.**

This ordinance would appropriate \$203,028 to the Taxiway A&E Rehabilitation CIP (A50-098). This funding will be used for airfield lighting regulator upgrades. These upgrades are considered maintenance-related and are therefore eligible under the Airport's CARES Act grant.

The Airport Board approved this request at the March 17, 2021 special meeting.

**The City Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance and set it for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.**

**d. Ordinance 2020-09(AT) An Ordinance Appropriating \$21,624,000 to the Manager as Funding for the Planning, Design, and Construction of Bond-Funded Capital Improvement Projects; Funding Provided by General Obligation Bond Proceeds.**

This ordinance would appropriate \$21,624,000 for the planning, design, and construction of bond-funded capital improvement projects.

This appropriation of project funding is consistent with the intent of the \$15 million general obligation bond package approved by voters in the October 6, 2020 municipal election and the \$7 million general obligation bond package approved by voters in the October 1, 2019 municipal election.

Funding for this request would be provided by General Obligation Bond Proceeds.

The Public Works & Facilities Committee reviewed this request at its November 9, 2020 meeting. The Assembly Finance Committee reviewed this request at its December 9, 2020 meeting.

**The City Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance and set it for public hearing at the next regular Assembly meeting.**

**2. Resolutions**

**a. Resolution 2944 A Resolution Reestablishing the Juneau Commission on Aging and Repealing Resolution 2802.**

This resolution would eliminate the sunset provisions in the Juneau Commission on Aging. The Human Resources Committee reviewed this matter on March 1, 2021.

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

**3. Bid Award**

**a. Bartlett Regional Hospital Behavioral Health Facility BE21-149**

This project includes demolition of the existing facility and construction of a new 14,500 gross square foot facility comprised of outpatient offices, inpatient residential care suites, general storage, and underground parking.

Bids were opened on this project on March 16, 2021. The bid protest period expired at 4:30 p.m. on March 18, 2021. Results of the bid opening are as follows:

	<u>Dawson Construction</u>	<u>Architect/Engineer Estimate</u>
Basic Bid Schedule A	\$8,959,200	\$7,737,163
Basic Bid Schedule B	No Bid	\$7,737,163
Deductive Alternate No. 1 UV Air Purification	<\$25,000> Not Accepted	<\$748,842>
Deductive Alternate No. 2 Relights Interior Offices	<\$9,000> Not Accepted	<\$9,141>
Deductive Alternate No. 3 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Patient Area Benches/Planters	<\$7,500> Not Accepted	<\$10,019>
Deductive Alternate No. 4 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Patient Area Casework	<\$20,000> Not Accepted	<\$43,057>
Deductive Alternate No. 5 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Skylights	<\$18,000> Not Accepted	<\$13,134>
Deductive Alternate No. 6 Enhanced Finishes Grp. 1	<\$42,000> Not Accepted	<\$5,722>
Deductive Alternate No. 7 Enhanced Finishes Grp. 2	<\$28,000> Not Accepted	<\$69,595>

Deductive Alternate No. 8 Marine Coating and Warranty	<\$5,000> Not Accepted	<\$3,303>
Deductive Alternate No. 9 USGBC Marine Coating and Warranty	<\$500,000> Accepted	<\$400,000>
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$8,454,200</b>	<b>\$7,104,350</b>

**The City Manager recommends award of this project, Base Bid A and Deductive Alternate 9 for the total amount bid of \$8,454,200.**

**4. Other Items for Consent**

**a. CSP 2020-0011 Calhoun Reconstruction**

The Planning Commission recommended APPROVAL of CSP2020 0011 Calhoun Avenue project at its March 9, 2021 regular meeting.

This project replaces the failing water system. The project replaces aged combined sewer with separated sanitary and storm sewer systems in accordance with Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency standards. CBJ Engineering & Public Works (EPW) worked with interested neighbors on a matrix of roadway enhancements, evaluating which warranted inclusion on this project. Proposed roadway reconstruction includes improved pedestrian accommodations with sidewalk as wide as possible given the limited historical right-of-way (ROW) and minimum vehicle lane widths (ROW platted 1914). Colored crosswalks, similar to those on Twelfth Street, are recommended. The intersection at West Eighth and Calhoun Avenue will be modified to improve sight distance. Signage will be added to reduce speed to 15 miles an hour and remind users to share the road.

The Commission recommends the Assembly direct staff to work with neighbors on a means for undergrounding utilities. The Commission supports acquisition of private property to expand the ROW and increase sidewalk width to a minimum of 5 feet throughout the corridor, recognizing that if negotiations are not successful the sidewalks would be narrowest in the pinch point near West Eighth Street but still ADA compliant.

**The City Manager recommends that implementation of the project details be referred to the PWFC.**

**VIII. PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. Ordinance 2020-10(B) An Ordinance Appropriating \$302,929 from the Treasury for FY21 School District Operations.**

The Juneau School District’s (JSD) projected student enrollment has decreased by 570 students in FY21. This decrease in enrollment has triggered the Hold Harmless provision of the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development’s Foundation Formula. As a result, JSD anticipates an additional \$245,620 in foundation funding and a slight increase to Quality Schools Grant program funding of \$663, for total additional state support of \$246,283. As a result of this

increase in funding, CBJ may choose to provide an additional \$56,646 from the General Fund's fund balance for general school operations.

This request was reviewed by the JSD Board on January 12, 2021. This request was reviewed by the Assembly Finance Committee at the March 3, 2021 meeting.

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

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Assembly Action:**

**MOTION** by Ms. Woll for the Assembly to adopt Ordinance 2020-10(B) and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections, Ordinance 2020-10(B) was adopted by unanimous consent.*

**B. Ordinance 2020-09(AM) An Ordinance Appropriating \$2,500,000 to the Manager as Funding for the Purchase of a Building at 3225 Hospital Drive; Funding Provided by Bartlett Regional Hospital Fund's Fund Balance.**

This ordinance would appropriate \$2,500,000 for the purchase of a building at 3225 Hospital Drive. The Bartlett Surgical & Specialty Clinic occupies approximately half of the space in the building and pays \$181,000 in rent annually. Bartlett Regional Hospital (BRH) has grown its operations over the years and available space for continued growth is short and at a premium. The purchase of the building would save BRH leasing costs with the opportunity for tenant rental income, with an estimated return on investment of ten years. The proposed building purchase price is below an appraised value of \$3,100,000.

Funding for this request would be provided by Bartlett Regional Hospital Fund's fund balance.

This request was reviewed by the BRH Board on January 26 and February 23, 2021. This request was reviewed by the Lands, Housing, and Economic Development Committee at its February 1, 2021 meeting.

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

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Assembly Action:**

**MOTION** by Mr. Smith for the Assembly to adopt Ordinance 2020-09(M) and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections, Ordinance 2020-09(M) was adopted by unanimous consent.*

**C. Ordinance 2020-09(AO) An Ordinance Appropriating \$2,399,725 to the Manager as Funding for the Valley Transit Center Capital Improvement Project; Grant Funding Provided by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.**

This ordinance would appropriate \$2,399,725 to the Valley Transit Center CIP. Grant funding is comprised of Federal Transit Administration funds passed through the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. The local match requirement of \$599,931 is being met by an in-kind match from the land purchase funded by previously appropriated capital improvement project funding from the Valley Transit Center CIP (D71-089).

The Public Works and Facilities Committee reviewed this request at the January 7, 2021 meeting.

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

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Assembly Action:**

Mayor Weldon recused herself from participating in this ordinance due to a conflict of interest, and passed her virtual gavel to Deputy Mayor Jones.

**MOTION** by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs for the Assembly to adopt Ordinance 2020-09(AO) and asked for unanimous consent. Hearing no objections, Ordinance 2020-09(AO) was adopted by unanimous consent.

Mayor Weldon rejoined the meeting and Deputy Mayor Jones returned the virtual gavel back to Mayor Weldon.

**D. Ordinance 2020-09(AP) An Ordinance Appropriating \$92,000 to the Manager as Funding for Snow Removal Equipment for Capital Transit; Grant Funding Provided by the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, with Local Match Funding Provided by the Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund's Fund Balance.**

This ordinance would appropriate \$92,000 for the purchase of snow removal equipment for Capital Transit to maintain access to bus shelters. Grant funding in the amount of \$73,600 is comprised of Federal Transit Administration funds passed through the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities. The local match requirement of \$18,400 is provided by the Equipment Replacement Reserve Fund's fund balance. This funding will purchase two snow removal equipment trailers and replace a truck that has exceeded its useful life and is scheduled for replacement.

The Public Works and Facilities Committee reviewed this request at the January 7, 2021 meeting.

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

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Assembly Action:**

**MOTION** by Mr. Bryson for the Assembly to adopt Ordinance 2020-09(AP) and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections, Ordinance 2020-09(AP) was adopted by unanimous consent.*

**E. Ordinance 2020-09(AQ) An Ordinance Transferring \$1,275,193 from Various Capital Improvement Projects to CIP D14-051 Pederson Hill Land Survey & Plan, CIP R72-151 Robbie Rd., Ling Ct. & Laurie Ln., CIP R72-156 Harris St. Reconstruction, CIP R72-149 Meadow Lane Improvements, CIP R72-137 Gold Creek Flume Repairs, and CIP R72-154 4th St. Drainage/F-I & Side Streets.**

This ordinance transferring \$1,275,193 would accommodate current priority project needs of Streets and Lands and Resources. Nearly all of the proposed transfers are reallocating funds from completed projects to ongoing work in need of additional funding. Additional funding for construction will be prioritized and funded by the FY22 CIP request. This transfer consists of \$1,105,634 sales tax and \$169,559 Lands Fund funding.

The Public Works and Facilities Committee reviewed this request at the February 1, 2021 meeting.

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

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Assembly Action:**

**MOTION** by Ms. Hale for the Assembly to adopt Ordinance 2020-09(AQ) and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections, Ordinance 2020-09(AQ) was adopted by unanimous consent.*

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**XI. STAFF REPORTS**

None.

**XII. ASSEMBLY REPORTS**

**A. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Weldon shared that she received her first COVID-19 vaccine, and gave kudos to the vaccination team for hosting a smooth, well-run operation. She joked that her only complaint about the process was that she did not receive a lollipop after the vaccine.

Mayor Weldon attended the Bartlett Regional Hospital CEO Meet & Greet, and congratulated Rose Lawhorne for being hired as the new CEO for BRH. She looked forward to seeing Ms. Lawhorne as CEO.

Mayor Weldon said that she testified at the State Legislature a handful of times since the last Assembly meeting. She also spoke at the League of Women Voters Board Meeting this past Saturday, and thanked Ms. McEwen for providing her with information about the meeting. Mayor Weldon shared an idea that she discussed with Erin Walker-Tolles to the Assembly. This idea was to develop a position that would provide assistance for individuals who need help with filling out applications to receive federal and state funding programs.

Mayor Weldon said that she participated in a press conference with the Governor and CEO of Uncruise Adventures Dan Blanchard this morning to encourage independent travelers to visit Juneau.

She also acknowledged Mr. Jones' birthday, and wished him a happy birthday.

#### **B. Committee Reports, Liaison Reports, Assembly Comments and Questions**

**Committee of the Whole Chair Jones** shared that the COW last met on March 15 to discuss elections, the fireworks ordinance, and Bond Project prioritization. The next scheduled COW will be held on April 12 to talk about VITF information and to revisit the fireworks ordinance.

**Assembly Finance Committee Chair Triem** shared that the AFC last met on March 3 and discussed Juneau School District funding, which passed earlier in tonight's meeting. That meeting also featured an update of the Juneau Economic Plan. The next scheduled AFC meeting will be held on April 7, which will mark the beginning of the budget process.

**Lands, Housing, and Economic Development Committee Chair Gladziszewski** reported that the LHEDC last met on March 15 to review a report regarding housing and a task list update. They discussed the implementation of the Housing Action Plan over the past four years, and the remaining areas of that plan that need to be addressed. They were also updated on the current status of Title 49 projects. The next scheduled LHEDC meeting will be on April 12.

**Public Works and Facilities Committee Chair Hale** shared that PWFC last met on March 15 to officially introduce the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) list which will be brought to the Assembly via the Assembly Finance Committee. Ms. Hale appreciated the efforts of the Planning Commission to put together the CIP list, and was grateful for the memo provided by Public Works Director Katie Koester. They briefly discussed ways in which the CIP list could be introduced to Assemblymembers and Public Works staff in a more thorough manner.

**Human Resources Committee Chair Bryson** shared that the HRC met this evening just prior to tonight's Assembly meeting. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee presented their annual report which showed that the Parks & Rec Department remained \$150,000 under budget for the past year. PRAC's report advised on the actions by various subcommittees, including that of an Off-Road Vehicle Subcommittee.

The Human Resources Committee submitted the following nominations for appointment by the Assembly:

*Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC):* Appointments of Josh Anderson, Michaela Chappelle, and Emily Hanes for terms beginning immediately and ending February 28, 2024.

*Juneau Human Rights Commission (JHRC):* Mary Wagner to be appointed to a term beginning immediately and ending May 31, 2024. *Hearing no objections, the above appointments were approved by unanimous consent.*

### **Liaison Reports and Member Comments:**

**Ms. Woll** shared that Travel Juneau hosted a Strategic Planning Retreat and held a regular meeting since the last Assembly meeting. At the retreat, Travel Juneau identified the four areas that they wanted to focus their marketing on: Juneau residents, in-state and regional visitors, those who live within driving distance of Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, and select metropolitan areas within the Lower 48. Travel Juneau is also gathering information related to local hotel bookings at this point in time for the summer season.

Ms. Woll also reported that the Downtown Business Association also had a Strategic Planning Retreat to focus on developing their FY22 Priorities to meet their long-term strategic goals. These priorities include strengthening their committees, attracting community members to visit Downtown Juneau, and collaborating with other organizations to ensure Downtown Juneau's business sustainability. These collaboration efforts include investing in Downtown housing developments and addressing homelessness within the unsheltered population.

Ms. Woll noted that the Juneau Commission on Aging has not met since the last Assembly meeting. She reported that the Systemic Racism Review Committee will have their first ever meeting on April 1.

Ms. Woll shared that she received her first vaccine and was very excited about it.

**Mr. Smith** reported that the Local Emergency Planning Committee met with the Juneau School District to discuss COVID-19 precautions. They also talked about ways to address vaccine hesitancy in which one member stated that it is important to remind people that vaccines are not just about protecting themselves, but also about protecting those to depend on them as well.

He reported that the Chamber Board of Directors met recently, it was mentioned at the meeting that Juneau may potentially host a future Iron Man competition, which would draw in nearly 1,800 participants and supporters. They also discussed the possibility of a summer without cruise ships, and a board members spoke to the need for community members to support local businesses during this difficult time.

Mr. Smith shared that the Airport Board met on March 11 where the Airport Manager announced that Juneau International Airport will be receiving \$3.4 Million in grant funding from the recently passed CRRSAA Act. They also discussed issues with airport lighting, hangar flooding, and the recent eagle rescue.

Mr. Smith thanked Mayor Weldon for testifying at the Senate Finance Committee meeting to bring up Juneau-related issues to the legislators.

Mr. Smith shared that he also received his first vaccine, and thanked SEARHC for helping the community receive their first allocation. He also thanked Eaglecrest staff for their hard work and professionalism, and said that he enjoyed seeing families experience Eaglecrest. He wished his Assemblymembers a happy spring and looked forward to longer, brighter days.

**Ms. Hughes-Skandijs** shared that the UAS Campus Council had not met since the last Assembly meeting. The Juneau Commission on Sustainability held a work session and discussed the revitalization of Sustainability Sessions as a virtual event. The first Sustainability Session will be held on March 25 at 12:00p.m to discuss Juneau's air quality.

She reported that the Docks & Harbors Board will meet on March 25 to address an agenda item which proposes doubling the live-aboard fees. The D&H Board also intends to discuss giving fiscal relief to those who lease from Docks & Harbors.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs also received her first vaccine and was impressed with Ms. Cosgrove and Mr. Barr's efforts in vaccine rollout.

**Mr. Bryson** shared that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee met on March 2 to talk about Fish Creek improvement and off-road vehicles.

He reported that the Eaglecrest Board met on March 4 and reported having one of the most successful years in recent memory. There was a 72-mile per hour wind which broke a chairlift which was repaired within a matter of days, this led them to develop daily protocol to ensure that never happens again. Mr. Bryson anticipated for Eaglecrest to ask CBJ for a parking lot expansion to accommodate for the large amount of visitors over the summer season, as the parking lot could not handle the amount of visitors last summer.

Mr. Bryson hosted Board and Chair Trainings as the Human Resources Committee Chair on March 18 and March 20. He thanked City Attorney Mr. Palmer and City Assistant Attorney Sherri Layne, as well as Clerk McEwen and Deputy Clerk Cathcart for hosting and helping with the training sessions.

Mr. Bryson shared that he also received his first vaccine, and looked forward to receiving his next one.

**Ms. Hale** reported that the Alaska Municipal League Board met on March 10 to discuss their positions on the State Budget and State Priority lists. They are considering a public education campaign to inform the public about the revenue process.

She noted that Bartlett Regional Hospital held a Planning Committee session on March 12 to talk about surge protection plans in light of the recent electrical surges that have damaged a lot of equipment.

The Juneau Coalition on Housing and Homelessness met on March 18 and addressed the need for low-income housing to prevent family homelessness. They reported that studio and one-bedroom apartments have been a desperate need in Juneau for over a decade, yet there are not many of these units available in Juneau. About 70% of the homeless population have received the first dose of the vaccine, and 37% of this population have received both doses as of March 18.

**Ms. Gladziszewski** shared that the Sister Cities Committee met and are currently advertising their open seats, and suggested inviting sister cities of Juneau to the upcoming virtual Folk Festival.

She reported that the Juneau School Board met on March 9 and on March 18 during which, they acknowledged National Merit Scholar Award finalist Claire Scott and Presidential Award Finalist Ellie Knapp. The Board nominated Dr. Weiss for a National Woman of Distinction Award. Dr. Weiss talked about the amount of in-person instruction days for each school level, and the interview process for the Harborview Elementary School and Auke Bay Elementary School principal positions. William Sarandria was hired as the new Auke Bay principal, and Kelly Harvey was hired as the new Harborview principal.

Ms. Gladziszewski noted that the School Board decided to ask for additional funding from CBJ for the Superintendent's budget, which includes increased pupil transportation from \$50,000 to \$250,000, restore full funding to high school and middle school activities, increased support for RALLY services, and add fifty students to the projected student count.

Ms. Gladziszewski shared that she received her second vaccine, and she worked at the last three vaccine clinics. She said that the workers are incredible and described the operation as smooth and satisfactory. She also congratulated the new BRH CEO.

**Ms. Triem** said that the Aquatics board has not met since the last Assembly meeting, the next scheduled meeting will be on March 30 at 5:00p.m.

She shared that she also received her first vaccine, and jokingly noted that the clinic handed out stickers instead of lollipops.

Ms. Triem spoke out against the recent and increasing violence and discrimination being directed towards Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in this country. She shared that she will be doing her part as an individual and as an Assemblymember to listen and learn about how she can help stop AAPI hate.

Mayor Weldon thanked Ms. Triem for her acknowledgement, and spoke for the Assembly that they will do the best they can to keep AAPI hate out of Juneau.

**Mr. Jones** reported that the Planning Commission met on March 9 and discussed the Calhoun Avenue Reconstruction project and the Sealaska Heritage issues. The next scheduled meeting will be March 23, and the Title 49 Subcommittee will meet April 1 to address parking issues.

Mr. Jones also attended the JEDC Visitors Product Cluster meeting on March 16, the next scheduled meeting for which will be held on April 13.

Mr. Jones mentioned that City Manager Rorie Watt will be the Chamber Speaker at the Chamber Lunch on March 25.

**C. Presiding Officer Reports**

**1. Status of Appeal 2020-02 Sealaska Heritage Institute vs. Planning Commission**

On May 13, 2020, the CBJ Planning Commission granted a conditional use permit to the Sealaska Heritage Institute (SHI) for an arts campus building and plaza. SHI appealed. The Assembly stayed the appeal as the parties sought a settlement. At its regular meeting on March 9, 2021, the Planning Commission approved a modification to the conditional use permit. Now, the parties have requested the Assembly dismiss this appeal.

**The City Attorney recommends the Assembly grant the requested dismissal.**

**MOTION** by Ms. Triem for the Assembly to grant the requested dismissal and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objections, the dismissal was granted by unanimous consent.*

**2. Status of Appeal 2020-03 Wille and Weldon v. Planning Commission and CCTHITA**

This appeal relates to a Planning Commission decision granting a conditional use permit for transitional housing at 6205 Alaway Avenue (Lemon Creek/Midtown) for the Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska. The Hearing Officer held oral arguments on March 8. On March 17, the Hearing Officer issued an order for supplemental briefing to be completed by March 26.

**No Assembly action is needed at this time.**

**XIII. CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Assembly, the Regular Assembly meeting was adjourned at 7:58p.m.

*Minutes drafted by Administrative Assistant Lacey Davis and respectfully submitted for approval by Municipal Clerk Beth McEwen this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Elizabeth J. McEwen  
Municipal Clerk

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Beth A. Weldon  
Mayor