

**SPECIAL ASSEMBLY MEETING  
THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**

Meeting Minutes - July 8, 2020

**MEETING NO. 2020-36:** The Special Meeting of the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly was held via Zoom Webinar in Juneau, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Beth Weldon.

**I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

**Assemblymembers Present:** Mayor Beth Weldon, Deputy Mayor Maria Gladziszewski, Loren Jones, Rob Edwardson, Michelle Hale, Wade Bryson, Greg Smith and Alicia Hughes-Skandijs

**Assemblymembers Absent:** Carole Triem

**Staff Present:** City Manager Rorie Watt, Municipal Attorney Robert Palmer, Municipal Clerk Beth McEwen, Library Director/EOC Planning Section Chief Robert Barr, Deputy Municipal Clerk Diane Cathcart, Finance Director Jeff Rogers, Budget Analyst Adrien Speegle, Parks and Recreation Director George Schaaf, Controller Sam Muse

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*The agenda was approved as presented.*

**III. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**A. EOC COVID-19 Update**

Planning Section Chief Robert Barr provided an update on the EOC response to COVID-19.

Mr. Barr gave some highlights from the daily report. American Cruise Lines cancelled the remainder of their 2020 cruise ship season. That leaves only two remaining cruise lines, Uncruise and Lynblad, who may have cruises remaining in the 2020 cruise season.

The EOC is working putting into place a transition plan for the COVID-19 hotline which has been staffed to date by Juneau School District health team over the summer. They are getting ready to head back to school in early August. Those job postings will be posted within the next week.

The local testing conversation continues and they had a meeting with staff today and will have another meeting on Friday in anticipation of providing something to the Assembly Human Resources Committee meeting on Monday.

He said they just learned that FEMA will be providing 1 million washable cloth face coverings for free. They are looking to distribute those to the population broadly so the EOC submitted a 213 resource request for 30,000 plus another 3,000 kid sized ones for Juneau. They will coordinate with all the public facilities if they do receive them.

He shared a new graph with the Assembly that is just being rolled out. It will be used to report 7-day data of new cases and surrounding population areas. They built "city pairs" into the graph that shows those communities closely linked to Juneau via air or boat travel.

Mr. Barr answered a number of questions from Assemblymembers regarding testing capabilities and practices as well as contact tracing by the public health nurses. Mr. Edwardson shared some of the remarks that were made during the Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting earlier in the day on what a good job Juneau is doing compared to other communities that LEPC members have traveled through.

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. March 16, 2020 Regular Assembly Meeting #2020-08 Minutes

B. June 8, 2020 Regular Assembly Meeting #2020-31 Minutes

Mayor Weldon noted that she had a minor correction to the June 8, 2020 that she has provided to the Clerk.

**MOTION** by Ms. Hale to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2020 meeting and the June 8, 2020 minutes with correction and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the minutes were approved.*

#### **V. AGENDA TOPICS**

A. FOR PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance 2020-33 An Ordinance Amending Emergency Appropriation Resolution 2889(am) Related to the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program.

This ordinance would change two components of the COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program:

1. It amends the funding source from the Affordable Housing Fund to the CARES Act Special Revenue Fund; and
2. It extends the program from June 30 to December 31.

This ordinance also clarifies that, upon direction from the Assembly, the Manager may change the intent language provided in Exhibit A to Resolution 2889.

On June 22, 2020, the Assembly Committee of the Whole discussed this topic.

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

**Public Comment**

Joanna (Last name unknown), from Seattle, asked if this was a loan or grant program.

Mayor Weldon noted that although this is the time to receive public comment and not answer questions, she answered the caller that this ordinance is for grants.

**Assembly Action**

**MOTION** by Ms. Gladziszewski to adopt Emergency Ordinance 2020-33 and asked for unanimous consent. *Hearing no objection, the motion carried.*

B. FOR PRESENTATION (Not for public hearing): Ordinance 2020-35: An Ordinance Requiring a Face Covering in Certain Indoor Settings.

This ordinance was drafted at the request of Assemblymember Hale for presentation and referral to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion before introduction or public hearing. This ordinance would require people to wear a face covering when in a publicly accessible indoor location or an indoor communal area outside the home. There are exceptions for people with disabilities or young children. This ordinance is very similar to the Anchorage mask mandate.

**The Manager recommends the Assembly refer this item to the next Committee of the Whole, which is currently set for July 20.**

Mr. Watt explained that this ordinance was drafted at the request of Assemblymember Hale for presentation to the Assembly. He recommended that the Assembly accept the ordinance for presentation and refer it to the Committee of the Whole for further consideration before being introduced or set for public hearing.

**Assembly Action**

**MOTION** by Mr. Jones to refer this ordinance to the Assembly Committee of the Whole and asked for unanimous consent.

Objection by Ms. Hale to explain her reasons behind this action. Ms. Hale explained that while this is similar to the mask requirement language implemented by the Municipality of Anchorage, she doesn't see the need for it to be adopted in Juneau at this time but wanted to have it drafted and referred to the Committee of the Whole, so the Assembly and public can have a chance to review the ordinance language so they are prepared in the event that it may eventually consider it for adoption. Ms. Hale then withdrew her objection.

*Hearing no further objection, the motion to refer the ordinance to the Committee of the Whole passed by unanimous consent.*

**VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

*None.*

**VII.SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

A. EOC COVID-19 Update for July 8, 2020

**VIIIADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Assembly meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elizabeth J. McEwen  
Municipal Clerk

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beth A. Weldon  
Mayor