

# ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING 2023-19

## **DRAFT** MINUTES

August 02, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar

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### IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY ASSEMBLY FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

**MEETING NO. 2023-19:** The Special Assembly Meeting of the City & Borough of Juneau Assembly held at City Hall in the Assembly Chambers and virtually via Zoom webinar was called to order by Mayor Beth Weldon at 6:00 p.m.

#### B. ROLL CALL

**Assemblymembers Present:** Mayor Beth Weldon, Deputy Mayor Maria Gladziszewski, Christine Woll, Michelle Hale, Alicia Hughes-Skandijis, Wade Bryson and Loren Jones

**Assemblymembers Absent:** 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak and Greg Smith

**Staff Present:** City Manager Rorie Watt, Deputy City Manager Robert Barr, Acting City Attorney Sherri Layne, Finance Director Angie Flick, Budget Manager Adrien Speegle, Engineering/Public Works Director Katie Koester, Finance Administration Coordinator John Nesmith

#### C. MANAGER'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

Mr. Watt stated that this looked like a perfect agenda and he had no changes.

#### D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

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).

**Mr. Dave Hanna**, a resident of the Back Loop Road, stated that he testified at a previous meeting on the streamside setback ordinance. He said that at that time he was under the impression that some sort of compromise had been reached and he suggested a couple of changes. He said that at that time, he was unaware that the Planning Commission (PC) had no knowledge of what was going on with the ordinance and the meeting was hurriedly scheduled during a time at that the chair of the Title 49 committee was known to be out of town. He said that didn't set well with him and it was an unusual circumstance. He said that should have gone back to the Planning Commission and the Title 49 committee. He said in consultation with past Planning Commissioners, they were very upset about the process this went through. He said the Assembly owes the Planning Commission an apology and that the PC process had been ignored and he encouraged them to look at redoing this

and that there are portions of this ordinance that will not work well for the development community.

**E. AGENDA TOPICS**

**1. City Manager Hiring**

During the July 31, 2023 Special Assembly Meeting, the Assembly recessed into Executive Session to conduct applicant interviews and to discuss the recruitment/examination materials for the City Manager position. Upon returning from Executive Session, City Manager Recruitment Committee Chair Christine Woll reported that the Assembly concluded its deliberations regarding the selection of the new City Manager and would be asking the Human Resources Director to enter into negotiations with the finalist.

Provided those negotiations were successful, a motion would be in order at this time to appoint the final applicant and approve the final compensation package.

**MOTION by Ms. Woll for the Assembly to appoint applicant Katie Koester to the City Manager position as a successor to Mr. Watt with an annual compensation rate of \$210,000.00 and asked for unanimous consent. Hearing no objection, the motion passed by unanimous consent.**

Ms. Woll thanked the members of the City Manager Recruitment Committee: Wade Bryson, Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, Michelle Hale (and herself) for helping put together a rigorous nationwide search. They received candidates from across the nation. The committee helped interview the top qualified candidates and then the full Assembly determined who they would be interviewing at the full Assembly level and meeting with senior leadership staff. She stated that it became quite clear at the end that they had an amazing candidate with Ms. Koester and we are very fortunate to have someone who had been a City Manager in Alaska before as well as someone who has led a major CBJ department and had regularly demonstrated her commitment to the community of Juneau. She is very happy to have Ms. Koester on board in this new role.

The Assemblymembers then congratulated Ms. Koester on her appointment.

Mayor Weldon noted that we will be seeing Ms. Koester soon shadowing the role with City Manager Watt.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

***There being no further business to come before the Assembly, the Special Assembly meeting adjourned at 6:07p.m.***

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

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