


To: Wade Bryson, Chair
Assembly Public Works and Facilities Committee

From: Bruce Botelho, Co-Chair 
The Partnership, Inc.

Re: Arts and Culture Center/Capital Civic Center

The Partnership, Inc. has been working towards the construction of an arts and culture center to replace the aging National Guard Armory Building for more than a decade. While the configurations have changed over that period, the core elements have not. They have all included a 299 seat theater, a versatile event space, conference areas, and a community main hall as well as a café, visual arts gallery, gift shop, office spaces, conference halls and small meeting rooms.

After our loss of an October 2019 advisory vote and at the urging of Mayor Weldon, the Partnership worked in collaboration with Travel Juneau and the Juneau Chamber of Commerce to meld Centennial Hall and the arts and culture center into a single facility, a concept you first championed.

Collectively (under the rubric “the Alliance”), we worked with CBJ staff and architects to conceptualize the Capital Civic Center. In the past several months, we have retreated somewhat from the grander scheme (that included the addition of a second floor onto a portion of Centennial Hall) because we were unable to secure federal funding during the last two budget cycles.

The Partnership, Inc. continues to champion the arts and culture center as an integral part of a capital civic center, but pursues it as Phase II of the project, Phase III being a commons space that conjoins the arts and culture center with Centennial Hall. The concept is illustrated in the accompanying renderings.

The Partnership, Inc. is actively pursuing non-CBJ sources of funding for construction of Phase II. Towards that end, we seek funding from several foundations and commercial enterprises and have retained a lobbying firm to assist us in securing federal funding.

We have valued the support that we have received from the Assembly and want to emphasize its key role in our efforts to bring the entire project to fruition. This includes

1. Ordinance 2021-08(b)(am)(S) that appropriated \$2,000,000 for the Capital Civic Center Capital Improvement Project;
2. Resolution No. 2979 Authorizing the Manager to Amend the CLIAA Settlement Agreement;

3. Resolution No. 2985 Supporting an Application for Congressionally Directed Spending for the Capital Civic Center; and
4. Ordinance 2022-06(b)(AJ) that appropriated \$5,000,000 for the Capital Civic Center Capital Improvement Project.

We hope to review these actions and our strategy going forward at your meeting on December 18, 2023.

Presented by: The Manager
Introduced: December 13, 2021
Drafted by: Finance

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2021-08(b)(am)(S)

An Ordinance Appropriating \$2,000,000 to the Manager for the Capital Civic Center Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by General Funds.

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. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Manager the sum of \$2,000,000 for the Capital Civic Center Capital Improvement Project (D12-051).

Section 3. Source of Funds

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| General Funds | \$2,000,000 |
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Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:

Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk

Presented by: The Manager
Presented: 3/14/2022
Drafted by: R. Palmer III

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2979

A Resolution Authorizing the Manager to Amend the CLIAA Settlement Agreement.

WHEREAS, Resolution 2852 (Mar. 22, 2019) authorized the Manager to execute a settlement agreement to resolve the litigation related to the legality of the collection and expenditure of fees imposed upon a vessel related to the provision of municipal services and the construction of capital improvements;

WHEREAS, paragraphs 3(d) and 7 of the settlement agreement encourage the parties to annually consult to discuss any new proposed projects and services for which CBJ passenger fees are sought to be expended;

WHEREAS, the amendments authorized by this resolution would update information and clarify that CLIA is waiving objection to the expenditure of up to \$10 million in passenger fees for support to the Capital Civic Center project.

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

Section 1. Authorization. The Manager may execute the amended settlement agreement in substantially the same form as attached in Exhibit A.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:

Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk

Presented by: The Manager
Presented: 04/25/2022
Drafted by: R. Palmer III

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2985

A Resolution Supporting an Application for Congressionally Directed Spending for the Capital Civic Center.

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau owns Centennial Hall, the Juneau Arts and Culture Center, and the real property on which they are located; and

WHEREAS, both of those facilities are in need of substantial renovation, repair, expansion or replacement; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau is soliciting proposals to complete design plans for the construction of a Capital Civic Center to meet the community's needs and aspirations; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Civic Center project will provide substantial economic benefits to not only the Juneau community but also the entire Southeast Alaska region; and

WHEREAS, more than \$30 million in public and private funding has been raised or pledged to the project.

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

Section 1. Congressionally Directed Spending Support. The City and Borough of Juneau supports the submission of an application for Congressionally Directed Spending in order to further the completion of this much-needed facility.

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Attest:

Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk

Presented by: The Manager
Introduced: February 27, 2023
Drafted by: Finance

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2022-06(b)(AJ)

An Ordinance Appropriating \$5,000,000 to the Manager for the Capital Civic Center Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by General Funds and Hotel-Bed Tax Funds.

WHEREAS, this appropriation is intended to leverage grant funding and should not be expended until such time as sufficient grant funding is secured for the project that would require local matching funds in the amount of this appropriation.

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

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Section 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated to the Manager the sum of \$5,000,000 for the Capital Civic Center Capital Improvement Project (D12-051).

Section 3. Source of Funds

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|---------------------|-------------|
| General Funds | \$2,500,000 |
| Hotel-Bed Tax Funds | \$2,500,000 |

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2023.

Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:

Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk

August 29, 2023

Mr. Rorie Watt
City Manager
City and Borough of Juneau
155 S. Seward Street
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Rorie,

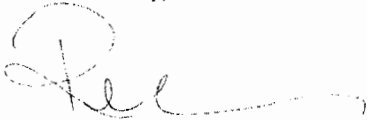
Thank you for the update you provided on the status of the Capital Civic Center, it is great news that Phase 1 is nearly complete.

As I understand it, further phases, including Phase 2 construction of a second-floor add-on to Centennial Hall and the arts and culture module, are on hold because anticipated federal funding for a major portion of the project have not been forthcoming. Yet, the Partnership, Inc., a non-profit organized exclusively to champion the construction of the arts center, continues to advocate for Phase 2.

Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) and our member cruise lines strive to support the needs of the community with responsible uses of passenger fees and are supportive of the next phase of the project. Once complete, the project may also be used by small cruise line operators and their passengers, furthering the use of the facility.

Under the terms of the amended settlement reached between CLIA and the City & Borough of Juneau (CBJ) in March 2022, CLIA agreed not to object to “a Fee expenditure in Zone B of an amount not to exceed \$10 million (\$10,000,000), over no longer than a five-year period, but no less than a three-year period, for the Centennial Hall Expansion Project (also known as the “Capital Civic Center”). Applying these funds to the arts and culture phase – Phase 2 – of the project will materially expedite completion of the entire civic center. The expansion and improvements will benefit the community and visitors alike, a benefit to all.

Sincerely,



Renée Limoge Reeve
Vice President of Government and Community Relations
Cruise Lines International Association