

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY MEETING 2025-06

DRAFT MINUTES

April 05, 2025 at 8:30 AM



Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar

A. CALL TO ORDER Mayor Weldon called the meeting to order at 8:31 am

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Assemblymember Woll provided the following: We would like to acknowledge that the City & Borough of Juneau is on Tlingit land and wish to honor the indigenous people of this land. For more than ten thousand years, Alaska Native people have been and continue to be integral to the well-being of our community. We are grateful to be in this place, a part of this community, and to honor the culture, traditions, and resilience of the Tlingit people. Gunalchéesh!

C. ROLL CALL

Assemblymembers present: Mayor Beth Weldon, Wade Bryson, Deputy Mayor Greg Smith, Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, Ella Adkison, Christine Woll, Paul Kelly, Maureen Hall, Neil Steininger

Staff present: City Manager Katie Koester, Deputy Manager Robert Barr, City Attorney Emily Wright, Finance Director Angie Flick, Municipal Clerk Beth McEwen, Minutes/Tech Clerk Kevin Allen, Budget Manager Adrien Wendel

D. MANAGER'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (*Limited to no more than 20 minutes, with each speaker limited to a length of time set by the Mayor not to exceed three minutes.*)

Instruction for 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 4:30pm the day before 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.

Public Comment

None

F. CONSENT AGENDA

Public Request for Consent Agenda Changes, Other than Ordinances for Introduction – *None.*

Assembly Request for Consent Agenda Changes - *None.*

Assembly Action

MOTION by Deputy Mayor Smith to approve the consent agenda by unanimous consent. *There being no objection, the motion was adopted by unanimous consent.*

Ordinances and Resolution for Introduction:

- 1. Ordinance 2025-01 An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Treasury for FY26 City and Borough Operations.**

This ordinance appropriates \$536,715,800 in expenditure authority for the City and Borough of Juneau's FY26 operating budget, excluding the School District. This ordinance appropriates all transfers between funds that support operations, debt service and capital projects as well as the associated expenditures within the funds themselves.

This ordinance also recognizes \$517,079,600 of forecast revenue and transfers-in and decreases fund balances, across all funds, by \$19,636,200. The forecast revenue and draw from fund balance are sufficient to fund the budgeted expenditures. Budgeted expenditures and revenues will be reviewed in detail with the Finance Committee during the budget process in April and May.

The Charter requires that a public hearing be held on the FY26 operating budget by May 1, 2025, and the ordinance be adopted by June 15, 2025.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance, refer it to the Assembly Finance Committee for further review, and set it for public hearing at the Special Assembly Meeting scheduled for April 30, 2025.

2. Ordinance 2025-02 An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Treasury for FY26 School District Operations.

This ordinance will appropriate to the School District an FY26 operating budget of \$94,977,500. This is an overall increase in the budget of \$9,580,100 from the FY25 Amended Budget. The FY26 school budget is supported with a combination of funding sources including CBJ local funding of \$37,044,700 and state and federal funding of \$49,011,800. The local funding consists of \$35,004,700 for general operations and \$2,040,000 for programs and activities not subject to the state funding cap.

State statute requires the Assembly to determine the total amount of local educational funding support to be provided and provide notification of the support to the School Board within 30 days of the School District's budget submission. To meet this timing provision, it is necessary for the Assembly to determine the amount of funding and provide notice in the month of April. This amount cannot subsequently be reduced, unless the amount exceeds the State funding cap, but it can be increased. If the Assembly does not set the amount and furnish the School Board with notice within 30 days, the amount requested by the School District is automatically approved. By Charter, the Assembly is required to appropriate the School District's budget no later than May 31, 2025.

On April 30, 2025, a meeting is scheduled for the Assembly to state, by motion, the amount of local funding to be provided to the School District.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance, refer it to the Assembly Finance Committee for further review, and set it for public hearing at the Special Assembly Meeting scheduled for April 30, 2025.

3. Ordinance 2024-03 An Ordinance Establishing the Rate of Levy for Property Taxes for Calendar Year 2025 Based Upon the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026.

This ordinance establishes the mill rates for property taxes for 2025, which funds a significant portion of the City and Borough of Juneau's FY26 operating budget. The Charter requires the Assembly to adopt, by ordinance, the tax levies necessary to fund the budget before June 15.

The mill levies presented in this ordinance support the Manager's FY26 Revised Budget that will be reviewed by the Assembly Finance Committee (AFC). As part of the budget review process, the AFC reviews, amends and recommends to the Assembly the final mill levies.

For FY26, the operating mill rate is proposed to increase 0.15 mills for a total proposed mill levy of 10.19 mills, the components of which are:

FY2026 Proposed Mill Rate

Areawide: 6.35 (an increase of 0.15 from FY25 Adopted)

Roaded Service Area: 2.45 (flat from FY25 Adopted)

Fire Service Area: 0.31 (flat from FY25 Adopted)

Debt Service: 1.08 (flat from FY25 Adopted)

Total FY26 Proposed Mill Rate: 10.19 (an increase of 0.15 from FY25 Adopted)

An opportunity for public comment on the proposed mill rate will be provided during the Special Assembly meeting on April 30, 2025.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this ordinance, refer it to the Assembly Finance Committee for further review, and set it for public hearing at the Special Assembly meeting scheduled for April 30, 2025.

4. Resolution 3090 A Resolution Adopting the City and Borough Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2026 through 2031, and Establishing the Capital Improvement Project Priorities for Fiscal Year 2026.

This resolution would adopt the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2026 through 2031, as required by Charter Section 9.4, and lists the capital projects that will be initially appropriated by ordinance in FY26.

The Public Works and Facilities Committee reviewed the preliminary CIP at its March 17, 2025 meeting and forwarded the plan to the Assembly.

The City Manager recommends the Assembly introduce this resolution, refer it to the Assembly Finance Committee for further review, and set it for public hearing at the Special Assembly meeting scheduled for April 30, 2025.

G. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

H. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Assembly, the special meeting adjourned at 8:34 am.

Signed: _____

*Elizabeth J. McEwen,
Municipal Clerk*

Signed: _____

*Beth Weldon,
Mayor*