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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA**

**Serial No. 2187**

**A Resolution Reestablishing the Rules of Procedure for the  
Assembly of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska and  
Repealing Resolution No. 2155.**

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the orderly conduct of business that rules of procedure be adopted for the Assembly;

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

**Section 1. Rules of Procedure.** The following rules of procedure are adopted:

**RULE 1. AGENDA.**

- A. Order of Business. At all regular meetings the order of business shall be:
- I. Flag Salute
  - II. Roll Call
  - III. Approval of Minutes
  - IV. Manager's Requests for Agenda Changes
  - V. Public Participation on Non-agenda Items (Not to Exceed a Total of 20 Minutes, Nor More than 5 Minutes for Any Individual)
  - VI. Consent Agenda
    - A. Public Requests for Consent Agenda Changes, Other than Ordinances for Introduction
    - B. Assembly Requests for Consent Agenda Changes
    - C. Assembly Action

- VII. Ordinances for Public Hearing
  - A. Administrative or Committee Reports
  - B. Public Hearing
  - C. Assembly Action
- VIII. Unfinished Business
  - A. Administrative or Committee Reports
  - B. Public Hearing
  - C. Assembly Action
- IX. New Business
  - A. Administrative or Committee Reports
  - B. Public Hearing
  - C. Assembly Action
- X. Staff Reports
- XI. Assembly Reports
  - A. Mayor's Report
  - B. Committee Reports
  - C. Liaison Reports
  - D. Presiding Officer Reports
- XII. Assembly Comments and Questions
- XIII. Continuation of Public Participation on Public Participation on Non-agenda Items
- XIV. Executive Session
- XV. Adjournment

B. Agenda Preparation. The agenda shall be prepared by the Manager subject to review and revision by the Mayor. The Mayor or the Manager shall brief the Assembly as to any revisions. Other matters may be considered under administrative reports, unfinished business, or new business as applicable.

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C. Consent Agenda. The Manager shall include under the consent agenda:

1. Ordinances for introduction;
2. Resolutions;
3. Bid awards requiring Assembly concurrence; and
4. Other items requiring Assembly action which do not involve substantial public policy questions.

The Manager shall include with the agenda such supplemental material or reports as may be necessary to explain each item on the consent agenda and shall include a specific recommendation for Assembly action on each item. Material, reports, and recommendations submitted in writing to each member present and which are available for public inspection prior to the Assembly meeting need not be read aloud, but the minutes shall reflect the Manager's recommendation on each consent agenda item adopted. Upon adoption of a motion to adopt the consent agenda, all consent agenda items subject to the motion are adopted as recommended by the Manager. The motion to adopt may not be amended; provided, upon the request of any member, an item on the consent agenda shall be removed from the consent agenda and placed under the appropriate regular agenda item for Assembly action. A notice or motion for reconsideration or a motion to rescind a consent agenda motion shall contain reference to the specific consent agenda item which is the subject of the notice or motion and only that item shall be affected by the notice or motion.

## **RULE 2. MEETINGS.**

A. Date and Time of Regular Meetings. The Assembly shall regularly meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If either meeting so scheduled would occur on a holiday established by AS 44.12.010, it shall be rescheduled to the third Monday; if both would occur on holidays each shall be rescheduled to the following Monday. The Assembly may by motion or otherwise change the date of a meeting as may be necessary or convenient.

B. Place of Regular Meetings. Regular Assembly meetings shall be held in the Assembly Chambers at the Municipal Building at 155 South Seward Street, Juneau, Alaska, unless the Assembly, at a preceding regular or special meeting has, by motion or otherwise, designated a different place for a particular meeting.

C. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called and held as provided by the Charter.

D. Time of Adjournment. Meetings will adjourn at 11:00 p.m. unless extended by a vote of at least six members.

**RULE 3. ASSEMBLYMEMBER ATTENDANCE POLICY FOR REGULAR MEETINGS.**

A. Excused Absences. Any absence of an Assemblymember from a regular meeting of the Assembly shall be deemed to be unexcused unless the Assemblymember is absent from the meeting as a result of attending to official business on behalf of the City and Borough of Juneau, for extenuating medical reasons, or for other significant cause, in which case the absence shall be deemed to be excused.

B. Attendance Report. Upon request of the Human Resources Committee, the Manager shall direct the Clerk to provide to the Assembly quarterly reports on attendance at regular Assembly meetings.

**RULE 4. LEGISLATION.**

A. Drafting. The Attorney shall draft ordinances and resolutions

1. For presentation to the Assembly only
  - (a) by vote or consensus of the Assembly,
  - (b) by vote of a standing or ad hoc Assembly committee,
  - (c) by request of the Mayor or the Manager, or
  - (d) on the Attorney's own initiative to correct errors not otherwise correctable in any section or to make amendments to Title 01.45 the Conflict of Interest Code, Title 01.50 the Appellate Code, Title 01.60 the Regulation Procedures code, Title 03.30 the Code Enforcement Code, Title 42 the Penal Code, or any section imposing duties on the Attorney.
2. For presentation to a standing or ad hoc Assembly committee only by vote of the committee or request of its chair.

B. Procedure. Upon presentation of an ordinance, any member may move that it be introduced and set for public hearing, referred to committee, deferred, or rejected as provided in Charter §5.3. If the motion is for referral to committee, the Mayor shall refer the ordinance to the appropriate committee. The Mayor's referral may be changed by a majority vote of the members of the Assembly. If the motion is for introduction, the motion shall set a date for the public hearing. All such motions may be amended.

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**RULE 5. COMMITTEES.**

A. Standing Committees. The Assembly shall have the following standing committees:

1. Committee of the Whole
2. Finance Committee
3. Human Resources Committee
4. Lands Committee
5. Public Works and Facilities Committee
6. Policy and Planning Committee

Any member of the Assembly may sit with any committee at all times; such member shall have the right to participate in committee discussion except that members of the committee shall have priority in obtaining the floor and only committee members may vote. Reasonable opportunity for the public to be heard shall be allowed at committee meetings other than those designated as work sessions.

B. Special Committees. The Assembly shall have such special committees as may be considered necessary. Special committees automatically terminate upon completion of the committee's assignment.

C. Selection, Process and Duties of Committees of the Assembly.

1. Standing Committees.
  - a. With the exception of the Committee of the Whole, the Finance Committee, and the Human Resources Committee in proceedings pursuant to Rule 5(C)(2)(g), there shall be not more than four Assemblymembers appointed to each standing committee of the Assembly. Each Assemblymember will be appointed to at least one, but not more than three, standing committees, in addition to the Finance Committee and the Committee of the Whole.
  - b. Nominations for standing committee appointments and for the position of chair of each such committee shall be made by the Mayor, and shall be subject to ratification by the Assembly. In making nominations for committee appointments, the Mayor shall strive to ensure, to the extent reasonably possible, that there is a balance and diversity of opinion, viewpoints, and perspective among the Assemblymembers nominated for committee membership, and that there is at least one Assemblymember nominated for appointment to each committee who has expertise in the areas assigned to the committee.

- c. Each year following the regular municipal election, all Assemblymembers will be given an opportunity to indicate in writing which of the standing committees they request to serve on. At least two of the nominations for appointment for each standing committee shall be made from those Assemblymembers, if any, who have requested to serve on the committee for which the appointments are to be made. The nomination for membership and chair positions shall be made by the Mayor and ratified by the Assembly within seven days of the first meeting after the certification of the regular municipal election each year. All committee members shall be appointed to serve for a term expiring upon ratification by the Assembly of the committee appointments following the next regular municipal election. All committee members serve at the pleasure of the Assembly.
  - d. A standing committee may at the call of its chair or the vote of its membership take up any matter within the scope of its charge established by these rules and not pending as legislation authorized by the Assembly. Matters not within the scope of any standing committee, or within the scope of more than one standing committee shall be assigned by the Mayor.
  - e. Each committee shall refer information to and coordinate activities with other appropriate committees. Issues referred to another committee and any directions to the Manager must have the concurrence of a majority of the committee members.
2. Human Resources Committee. The Human Resources Committee may take up issues relating to the health and well-being of Juneau citizens and their participation in local government. The duties of the Human Resources Committee shall include:
- (a) Nominating citizens to all CBJ boards and commissions. Appointment to such bodies shall be made by the full Assembly;
  - (b) Making recommendations to the full Assembly regarding the issuance, renewal or transfer of liquor licenses, restaurant designation permits, and card room licenses;
  - (c) Reviewing and proposing amendments to these Rules;
  - (d) Preparing a schedule for the regular meetings of each of the standing committees, except the Committee of the Whole and the Finance Committee;
  - (e) Overseeing Juneau's relations with its sister cities;

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- (f) Membership for Certain Appointments. The Human Resources Committee shall meet at least twice each year to recommend appointments to the Planning Commission, the Hospital Board, the Ski Area Board, the Docks and Harbors Board, and the Airport Board. The Mayor and all Assemblymembers shall serve as members of the Committee and the Human Resources chair shall serve as chair at these meetings.
- 3. Finance Committee. The Finance Committee may take up issues relevant to the fiscal status of the CBJ. The Mayor and all Assemblymembers shall serve as members of the Finance Committee. The duties of the Finance Committee shall include:
  - (a) review of the Manager's proposed budget and recommendations to the Assembly for a final budget;
  - (b) review of the fiscal policies of the CBJ as deemed necessary by the committee.
- 4. Committee of the Whole. The Committee of the Whole may take up those issues within the jurisdiction of multiple committees and those warranting detailed review prior to consideration by the Assembly. The Mayor and all Assemblymembers shall serve as members of the Committee of the Whole. Generally, the rules of the Assembly shall be followed in the Committee of the Whole, provided that, at the discretion of the chair, the rules may be relaxed and the rules relating to participation by the presiding officer and the number of times a member may speak shall not be in effect unless otherwise ordered by a majority of the committee.
- 5. Lands Committee. The Lands Committee may take up issues relevant to the lands, water or air within the City and Borough. The duties of the Lands Committee shall include recommendations to the Assembly regarding:
  - (a) the preparation and revision of a land management plan and the acquisition and disposal of CBJ lands;
  - (b) the administration of the lands fund and the mineral holdings of the CBJ.
- 6. Public Works and Facilities Committee. Scope: The PWFC may take up issues relevant to the infrastructure of CBJ, including transportation and utilities. The duties of the PWFC shall include:

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- (a) making recommendations to the Assembly regarding the capital improvement program required by Charter §9.2 and other capital improvement plans and lists;
  - (b) advising each newly elected Assembly of unfinished capital projects to be continued;
  - (c) making recommendations to the Assembly regarding the preparation and revision of an areawide transportation plan.
7. Planning and Policy Committee. Scope: The PPC may take up issues relevant to tourism and may review existing plans and policies and submit recommendations to the Assembly.
8. Special Committees. Nominations for special committee appointments and the chair position of each special committee shall be made by the Mayor, and shall be subject to ratification by the Assembly. In making nominations for special committee appointments, the Mayor shall strive to ensure, to the extent reasonably possible, that there is a balance of opinion, viewpoints, and perspective among the Assemblymembers nominated for committee membership, and that there is at least one Assemblymember nominated for appointment to each such committee who has expertise in the areas assigned to the committee. All members shall serve at the pleasure of the Assembly.

D. Schedule for Regular Meetings of Standing Committees. Annually at the first meeting of the Human Resources Committee following the ratification of standing committee appointments by the Assembly, the committee shall prepare a schedule for the regular meetings of each of the standing committees, with the exception of the Committee of the Whole and the Finance Committee. The schedule will be presented to the Assembly for approval at the next regular Assembly meeting. The schedule will be made available in the office of the Clerk and posted in at least four public locations throughout the City and Borough. The chairs of the Committee of the Whole and the Finance Committee shall schedule committee meetings as necessary.

E. Quorum of Committees. For the Committee of the Whole and the Finance Committee, a majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum. For committees with seven or eight members, four of the membership shall constitute a quorum, for committees with five or six members, three of the membership shall constitute a quorum. For committees with four or fewer members, two of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Non-voting ex-officio members shall be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum.

F. Voting. The minimum vote required to take official action shall be the same as that constituting a quorum, provided that no vote may be taken at a meeting which would lack a quorum but for the presence of non-voting ex-officio members.



**RULE 6. ASSEMBLY LIAISONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

A. Appointment of Liaisons. The Mayor shall nominate one member of the Assembly to serve as the liaison, and one member of the Assembly to serve as the alternate liaison, to each of the following City and Borough boards and commissions:

Planning Commission

Hospital Board

Harbor Board

Airport Board

School Board

Ski Area Board

The nominations shall be subject to ratification by the Assembly.

B. Role of Liaison. Assembly liaisons and alternate liaisons serve as a link between the Assembly and the board or commission to establish and maintain communication between the bodies on issues, projects, and other matters of mutual concern and interest. Assembly liaisons and alternate liaisons shall not have the power to vote on the board or commission, and are not to be counted in determining whether a quorum of the board or commission is present.

C. Other Meetings. The Assembly encourages its members to attend meetings of other boards, commissions, and citizen groups and inform the Assembly on the activities of those bodies and the issues before them, as appropriate.

**RULE 7. DEBATE.**

A. Speaking on the Question. A member or the Manager may speak more than once to the same question at the same stage of proceedings provided that priority of access to the floor shall be given to members who have not spoken on the question. Members shall endeavor to provide the body with relevant facts and arguments and shall strive to avoid redundancy.

B. Asking Questions. After obtaining recognition from the chair, a member may ask direct questions of another member of the Assembly or to a person appearing before the Assembly. The questions may not be argumentative.

C. Decorum. Members shall not question the motives, competency or integrity of any person except as necessary to decide an appeal, personnel evaluation, contract award, or other matter in which such issues are clearly relevant. The chair shall admonish any member violating this rule and if violations are severe or repeated, may without a vote declare a recess not to exceed ten minutes.

## **RULE 8. RULES OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

When permitted by Rule 14, public participation during hearings on ordinances and matters other than appeals will be conducted according to the following rules, which will be posted in the Assembly Chambers:

A. The hearing will be conducted by the Mayor as chair.

B. The Mayor will open the hearing by summarizing its purposes and reemphasizing the rules of procedure.

C. The Mayor may set a time limit for public testimony, for individual speakers, or both if it appears necessary to gain maximum participation and conserve time, and may for the same reason disallow all questions from the Assembly to members of the public. The time limit may be extended by a majority of the Assembly. The time limit for individual speakers shall be uniform for all speakers, and shall be strictly enforced. Speakers shall not have the right to transfer their unused time to other speakers, but the Mayor may grant additional time to a person speaking on behalf of a group present in the chambers.

D. Citizens will be encouraged to submit written presentations and exhibits. Material submitted to the Manager's office more than three business days before a meeting and comprising 10 pages or less will be eligible for copying for that meeting. Material submitted less than three days before a meeting will be distributed by the Clerk at the meeting provided that the submission includes at least 15 copies.

E. The Mayor will set forth the item or subject to be discussed and will rule non germane comments out of order.

F. All speakers, public, and members of the Assembly will be recognized by the chair by surname.

G. Members of the public will precede their remarks by stating their names and, unless otherwise allowed by the Mayor, their place of residence.

H. Members of the Assembly will not direct questions to each other or to the chair during public participation except as to the conduct of the hearing.

I. Members of the Assembly may direct questions to members of the public only to obtain clarification of material presented. The questions may not be argumentative, nor may they have the purpose or effect of unreasonably extending any time limit applicable to public speakers.

J. The public may direct questions to the Assembly or the administration. The questions may not be argumentative.

K. The public may direct questions to the chair only as it pertains to the conduct of the hearing.

L. The Manager may participate in the same manner as the members of the Assembly.

**RULE 9. MOTIONS.**

- A. Seconds. Seconds to motions are not required.
- B. Renewal of Defeated Motions. Defeated motions may be renewed only under suspension of the rules.
- C. Priority of Privileged Motions. Privileged motions shall have the following priority:
  - 1. Fix time to adjourn
  - 2. Give notice of reconsideration
  - 3. Adjourn
  - 4. Recess
  - 5. Question of privilege of the body
  - 6. Question of personal privilege

**RULE 10. CLERICAL ERRORS.**

Clerical errors that do not affect the substance of an ordinance or resolution, such as errors in numbering or errors in spelling, may be corrected by the Attorney upon discovery of the error.

**RULE 11. VOTE REQUIRED.**

The affirmative vote of five members of the Assembly shall be sufficient to take any action except as otherwise provided by Charter or ordinance and except in the following instances, which require the affirmative vote of at least six members:

- A. Limiting, extending, or closing debates
- B. Suspension of the rules
- C. Setting of or postponement of special orders
- D. Objection to consideration of question
- E. Motion for immediate vote (previous question)
- F. Rescind
- G. To take up a motion for reconsideration at the meeting at which the action to be reconsidered was taken

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**RULE 12. PARLIAMENTARIAN.**

The Attorney shall act as the parliamentarian.

**RULE 13. SESSIONS.**

Each regular or special meeting of the Assembly constitutes a session for purposes of the rules.

**RULE 14. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION CONFINED TO THAT AGENDA ITEM.**

No person except a member or the Manager may participate in Assembly proceedings except as provided in the agenda item for public participation and except that the Attorney or Clerk may comment on professional or procedural aspects. Public participation shall be permitted on a motion to recess into executive session prior to the vote on such a motion. Public participation shall be permitted on all items on the agenda, except for meetings advertised as work sessions only, but shall not be permitted on items before the body for information or scheduling purposes except to the extent such public participation concerns scheduling only.

**RULE 15. RECONSIDERATION.**

A. What May Be Reconsidered. Main motions, amendments to main motions, privileged motions involving substantive questions, and appeals are subject to reconsideration. Procedural motions may not be reconsidered.

B. Who May Reconsider. Any member, whether or not that member voted on the prevailing side, may give notice of or move for reconsideration.

C. Effect of Notice. The effect of giving notice of reconsideration is to suspend all action on the subject of the notice until a motion for reconsideration is made and acted upon or until the time within which the motion for reconsideration may be made and acted upon has expired.

D. Time in Which Notice Must Be Taken Up. A notice of reconsideration expires unless a motion for reconsideration is made and acted upon prior to adjournment of the next regular meeting succeeding the meeting at which the action to be reconsidered occurred.

E. Successive Reconsideration. There may be only one reconsideration even though the action of the Assembly after reconsideration is opposite from the action of the Assembly before reconsideration.

F. Precedence. A motion for reconsideration has precedence over every main motion and may be taken up at any time during the meeting when there is no other motion on the floor.

G. Effect. A motion for reconsideration completely cancels the previous vote on the question to be reconsidered as though the previous vote had never been taken.

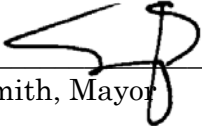
**RULE 16. ADOPTION OF ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER.**

The conduct of the meetings of Assembly shall be governed by the Mayor according to Robert's Rules of Order, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition, except as otherwise provided by Charter, law, or these rules.

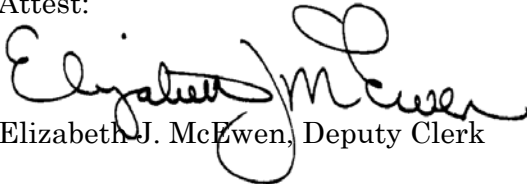
**Section 2. Repeal of Resolution.** Resolution 2155 is repealed.

**Section 3. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2002.

  
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Sally Smith, Mayor

Attest:

  
Elizabeth J. McEwen, Deputy Clerk

Vote: Unanimous