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

**Serial No. 2949**

**A Resolution Repealing and Reestablishing the Assembly Rules of Procedure.**

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. Land Acknowledgment
  - III. Roll Call
  - IV. Approval of Minutes
  - V. Manager's Requests for Agenda Changes
  - VI. Public Participation on Non-agenda Items (Not to Exceed a Total of 20 Minutes, Nor More than Five Minutes for Any Individual)
  - VII. Consent Agenda
    - A. Public Requests for Consent Agenda Changes, Other than Ordinances for Introduction
    - B. Assembly Requests for Consent Agenda Changes
    - C. Assembly Action
  - VIII. Ordinances for Public Hearing
    - A. Administrative or Committee Reports
    - B. Public Hearing
    - C. Assembly Action
  - IX. Unfinished Business
    - A. Administrative or Committee Reports
    - B. Public Hearing
    - C. Assembly Action
  - X. New Business
    - A. Administrative or Committee Reports
    - B. Public Hearing
    - C. Assembly Action

- XI. Staff Reports
- XII. Assembly Reports
  - A. Mayor's Report
  - B. Committee Reports
  - C. Liaison Reports
  - D. Presiding Officer Reports
- XIII. Assembly Comments and Questions
- XIV. Continuation of Public Participation on Public Participation on Non-agenda Items
- XV. Executive Session
- XVI. 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.

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 at 7:00 p.m. every third Monday according to a schedule approved by the Assembly and published by the Clerk's office. 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.

E. Public seating area. People in a meeting room must comply with all laws, including occupancy and public health requirements.

**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, the Manager, or any member, 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, request of its chair, or by direction of the Assembly.

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 section 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.

**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, Housing, and Economic Development Committee
5. Public Works and Facilities 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)(f), 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 marijuana licenses;
  - (c) Reviewing and proposing amendments to these Rules;
  - (d) *Reserved.*
  - (e) Overseeing Juneau's relations with its sister cities;
  - (f) Membership for Certain Appointments. The Human Resources Committee shall meet as needed 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. In preparing the committee agenda the chair shall consult with the Mayor.
5. Lands, Housing, and Economic Development Committee. The Lands, Housing, and Economic Development Committee may take up issues relevant to the lands, housing, economic development, water or air within the City and Borough. The duties of the Lands, Housing, and Economic Development 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;
  - (c) Implementation of the Long Range Waterfront Development Plan, and issues relating to use and development of the CBJ waterfront;
  - (d) Promotion of improved housing availability in the City and Borough; and
  - (e) Promotion of a vibrant and diverse local economy.
6. Public Works and Facilities Committee. The PWFC may take up issues relevant to the infrastructure of CBJ, including transportation and utilities. The duties of the PWFC shall include:
  - (a) Making recommendations to the Assembly regarding the capital improvement program required by Charter section 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;
- (d) Making recommendations related to energy efficiency, renewable resources, waste reduction and recycling, global warming and green building.

7. 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. *Reserved.*

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.

F. Voting. The minimum vote required to take official action shall be the same as that constituting a quorum; provided, however, that in the case of a tie vote, the action fails.

G. Role of Board Liaison. Board liaisons shall be recommended by the board to the Assembly for approval. Any board liaison to an Assembly committee should sit with the committee at all times. A board liaison may have the right to participate in committee discussions at the pleasure of the chair of the Assembly committee except that Assembly members of the committee shall have priority in obtaining the floor. Only Assembly members on the committee may vote.

#### **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 to each of the following City and Borough boards and commissions:

- Planning Commission
- Hospital Board
- Docks and Harbors Board
- Airport Board
- School Board

Ski Area Board

Aquatics Board

The nominations shall be subject to ratification by the Assembly. Liaisons to other entities may be appointed from time to time.

B. Role of Assembly Liaison. Assembly 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 should regularly attend appointed board or commission meetings. Assembly 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. An Assembly liaison may participate in board or commission discussions when invited by the board chair.

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 ten 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.

M. There shall be an opportunity for public participation on non-agenda items at each regular meeting of the Assembly. Such public participation shall be limited to no more than 20 minutes, with each speaker limited to a length of time set by the Mayor not to exceed five minutes. Assemblymembers may ask questions of the speaker, but shall not deliberate at that time on matters raised, or answer questions directed to the members.

#### **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

**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. REMOTE PARTICIPATION.**

A. A member may participate remotely in an Assembly meeting, or an Assembly Committee meeting, if the member declares that circumstances prevent physical attendance at the meeting. If the Mayor chooses to participate remotely, the Deputy Mayor shall preside.

B. No more than the first three members to contact the Clerk regarding remote participation in a particular meeting may participate remotely at any one meeting.

C. The member shall notify the Clerk and the presiding officer, if reasonably practicable, at least four hours in advance of a meeting which the member proposes to attend remotely by and shall provide the physical address of the location, the telephone number, and any available facsimile, email, or other document transmission service.

D. At the meeting, the Clerk shall establish the remote connection technology when the call to order is imminent.

E. A member participating remotely shall be counted as present for purposes of quorum, discussion, and voting.

F. The member participating remotely shall make every effort to participate in the entire meeting and must have video turned on except during breaks. From time to time during the meeting the presiding officer shall confirm the connection.

G. The member participating remotely may ask to be recognized by the presiding officer to the same extent as any other member.

H. To the extent reasonably practicable, the Clerk shall provide backup materials to members participating remotely.

I. If the remote technology connection cannot be made or is made then lost, the meeting shall commence or continue as scheduled and the Clerk shall attempt to establish or restore the connection, provided that if the member participating remotely is necessary to achieve a quorum, the meeting shall be at ease, recess, or adjourn as necessary until the remote connection is established or restored.

J. Meeting times shall be expressed in Alaska time regardless of the time at the location of any member participating remotely.

K. Participation remotely shall be allowed for regular, special, and committee meetings of the Assembly.

L. Remarks by members participating remotely shall be transmitted so as to be audible by all members and the public in attendance at the meeting, provided that in executive session the remarks shall be audible only to those included in the executive session.

M. Any member of the public present with the member participating remotely shall be allowed to speak to the same extent the person was physically present at the meeting.

N. As used in these rules, "remote" means any system for synchronous two-way voice communication (i.e. telephone) or video conferencing technology. If a member needs to participate remotely, video conferencing technology is preferred. "Mayor" includes the Acting Mayor or any other member serving as chair of the meeting.

O. Regular and special meetings of the following entities must be recorded and live broadcast in a manner that is reasonably calculated to provide meaningful remote public observance and participation, when allowed, of the public meeting:

- i. Assembly
- ii. Assembly Standing Committees
- iii. Planning Commission
- iv. Hospital Board
- v. Docks and Harbors Board
- vi. Airport Board
- vii. Ski Area Board
- viii. Systemic Racism Review Committee

Any other board, commission, or committee meeting with anticipated substantial public interest should be recorded and live broadcast in a manner that is reasonably calculated to provide meaningful remote public observance and participation, when allowed, of the public meeting.

**RULE 17. 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, 11<sup>th</sup> Edition, except as otherwise provided by Charter, law, or these rules.

**Section 2. Repeal of Resolution.** Resolution No. 2947 is repealed.

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

Adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.



Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:



Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk