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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2299

A Resolution Establishing a Utility Advisory Board.

WHEREAS, in February, 2004, Mayor Botelho established the Ad Hoc Utility Advisory Board with the purpose of making recommendations to the Assembly and Manager concerning operation and management policies of the municipally-owned utilities, specifically the Water Utility and Wastewater Utility; and

WHEREAS, state and federal grant availability has declined and is predicted to further decline in the future; and

WHEREAS, an ongoing review of water and sewer utility rates and fees for sufficiency and equity is necessary and in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, at the January 10, 2005, meeting of the Public Works & Facilities Committee, a motion was adopted to forward to the Human Resources Committee the Ad Hoc Utility Board's recommendation of creating a full time utility advisory board; and

WHEREAS, at the February 7, 2005, meeting of the Human Resource Committee a motion was adopted to forward a resolution to the Assembly establishing the Utility Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly has determined that a utility advisory board should be established to review and make recommendations to the Assembly and the CBJ administration on water and sewer rate structures and policy issues involving the utilities.

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

Section 1. Utility Advisory Board Established. There is established the City and Borough of Juneau Utility Advisory Board, which shall comprise seven members appointed by the Assembly.

Section 2. Membership Qualifications. To the extent practicable, appointments shall be made as follows:

- (a) one engineer registered in the State of Alaska, preferably with training and experience in water, wastewater, and/or utility systems design and operation;
- (b) one accountant, preferably experienced with utility financial management practices;
- (c) one general contractor, preferably experienced in the construction of water and/or wastewater utility systems;
- (c) two commercial customers of the City and Borough water and/or wastewater utility;
- (e) one residential customer of the City and Borough water and/or wastewater utility; and
- (f) one member of the general public.

Section 3. Utility Advisory Board Purposes. The purpose of the Utility Advisory Board is to advise the Assembly on issues relating to water and wastewater utilities. The board is encouraged to gather relevant information from all sources available, and hold public hearings as necessary on issues under review, and to report to the Assembly on an annual basis, at a minimum, concerning the status of water and wastewater utility issues as follows:

- (a) Review and make recommendations to the Assembly and Manager on all matters pertaining to the operation of the water system and the wastewater system, to the end that the consuming public is provided with the best possible service consistent with good utility management and cost containment;
- (b) Review annual budgets and funding plans and make recommendations for the efficient and economical operation of the water system and the wastewater system including bond issues, staffing, fiscal matters, and public relations;

- (c) Make recommendations on long-range planning for system expansion replacement, and priorities to meet future needs of the water and wastewater systems;
- (d) Make recommendations on water and wastewater utility rates to ensure that the rates are equitable and sufficient to pay for operation, maintenance, debt reduction, system replacement, and utility reserves necessary to ensure sustainable public utilities;
- (e) Make recommendations on measures to increase the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the water and wastewater utility operations; and
- (f) Perform such other duties and functions related to the utilities as the Assembly or the Manager may request.

Section 4. Procedures. The rules of procedure for Assembly advisory committees established by resolution, shall govern the conduct of business by the Utility Advisory Board.

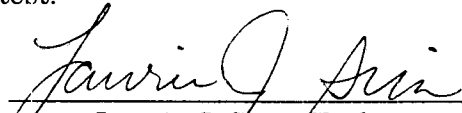
Section 5. Staff Assistance. Staff support and assistance to the Utility Advisory Board shall be provided by the City and Borough Public Works, Engineering, Finance, and such other departments as available and appropriate.

Section 6. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 28th day of February, 2005.


Bruce Botelho, Mayor

Attest:


Laurie J. Sica, Clerk