Does Juneau need a new City Hall?

Several CBJ services and employees are spread across five different buildings in Downtown Juneau, including the current, aging City Hall. To rent and maintain all these locations, CBJ pays ~$1 million annually. Instead of continuing to rent four of these locations, that money could go toward an efficient, purpose-built New City Hall that CBJ would own. Once the debt is paid off, CBJ would save about $750,000 a year.

It's good for the public

Imagine having to only go to one place to pay your utility bill, get a building permit, and visit the sales tax office. Instead of being spread over five different downtown buildings, a New City Hall would consolidate all those services into one location. A New City Hall would also vacate desirable commercial and residential space, giving opportunity to the private sector.

Project Cost: $26.7 million

A New City Hall would likely be financed by a 30-year General Obligation bond. Depending on how much money CBJ puts toward a down payment, property tax could increase about 1 percent.

Proposed Location: On top of DTC

The New City Hall would be located on two new floors that would be added to the Downtown Transit Center Parking Garage. Wondering where you’d park? Parking spaces in the DTC could be dedicated to residents doing business at the New City Hall. In addition to two floors of office space, another level of parking could also be added to the DTC.

Why now? Why not?

Since CBJ is effectively in business forever, it makes financial sense for CBJ to own its building. A purpose-built facility that is energy efficient, properly sized, and customer service oriented is in the best interest of the public.