SYSTEMIC RACISM REVIEW COMMITTEE

August 10, 2021 12:00 PM
Zoom Webinar

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Lisa Worl, Dominic Branson, Gail Dabaluz, David Russell-Jensen, Kelli Patterson

Absent: Grace Lee, Carla Casulucan

Staff/Other: Robert Palmer, Robert Barr, Di Cathcart

Others in attendee mode: Lacey Davis, Adam Gottschalk, Sherri Layne, Ibn Bailey

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved as presented.

A. 2021-07-27 SRRC Work Session Minutes-Draft

V. AGENDA TOPICS

A. Foundational Training on CBJ Legislative Process & the CBJ Organization

Mr. Palmer gave an overview of the material he would be presenting and then walked the committee through his PowerPoint presentation - *CBJ Legislation Overview* and took questions from committee members.

Ms. Dabaluz asked what percentage of the CBJ budget comes from State and Federal funding sources. Mr. Barr directed committee members to the finance webpage specific to the CBJ budget which breaks down funding sources. Mr. Palmer outlined the budget process for CBJ and the School District as well as the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) process and resolution that is created each budget cycle.

Mr. Palmer outlined the following with regards to the Revenue Generation side process.
Sales Tax/General & Special - goes to an Assembly Standing Committee, Assembly process and ballot.
Property Tax/Mill Levy - goes to Assembly Finance Committee, Assembly process, Adoption.
Bond Debt (General Obligation) - Assembly Standing Committee, Assembly process and ballot.
Bond Debt (Revenue) - Assembly Standing Committee, Assembly process, adoption.

Ms. Dabaluz asked if the CBJ gets graded on their funds and Mr. Palmer noted that CBJ does receive financial ratings.

Mr. Palmer reviewed sales tax; currently CBJ has a 5% sales tax, only 1% of that tax is permanent the other 4% is voted on by the public every 5 years (3% general operations & 1% for special projects). CBJ also has specialty sales tax for hotel/motel bed tax, alcohol, marijuana and tobacco taxes. Sales tax exemptions can be determined by Assembly action such as Senior sales tax exemptions.

For Appropriating Ordinances – CIP's go for review to the enterprise boards, Planning Commission, Public Works & Facilities Committee and then Assembly process. Grant Acceptance goes to enterprise board pertaining to the grant then Assembly process. Appropriating ordinances are used for– Land Acquisition, heard first at the Lands Housing & Economic Development (LHED) Committee and or the Committee of the Whole (COW) then Assembly process. Grant Awards are heard first at the Committee of the Whole or Assembly Finance Committee (AFC) then Assembly process.

For General Code Amendments **-** Mr. Palmer stated there are multiple types of general code amendments – animal control, Title 19 building code, criminal ordinances, equal rights ordinance, land use ordinances, fireworks, and micro-mobility devices. If there are substantive changes relating to code amendments they generally go to COW or HRC before or after introduction of an ordinance. If the code amendments are general housekeeping changes or light changes they generally are not referred to committee prior to introduction but the assembly can always choose to send it to committee after introduction.

Chair Worl noted that housekeeping ordinances may be the type of item the SRRC ask staff to flag those for members to help streamline our committee process as well.

Ms. Dabaluz asked what the latest Fireworks Ordinance would have been considered. Mr. Palmer noted that the fireworks ordinance had several public comment opportunities and would be considered substantive change and would see lots of public comment.

Mr. Palmer then walked committee members through Substantive Code Changes.

Land use regulations; the Planning Commission works on those topics as the Title 49 Committee and any changes go through the Planning Commission, an Assembly Standing Committee and then the assembly process.

For Land Management; CBJ as a land owner is overseen by the Lands Division and what CBJ does with property (disposal, lease, and foreclosures) go to the LHED committee and possibly the COW before or after introduction. For Land Use: the CBJ Comprehensive Plan is the governing document that oversees CBJ land use.

Ms. Dabaluz asked how CBJ interfaces with native allotments. Mr. Palmer, thanked Ms. Dabaluz for the great question and noted this subject is evolving within law; generally all CBJ land owners are treated the same and this topic came up during the fireworks decision and opens up a public policy discussion opportunity for public discussion around the native allotment properties along the Eaglecrest area and Willoughby district.

Governance relating to assembly rules or board management is reviewed by the HRC and COW then assembly process. Charter amendments go to the COW, Assembly process, ballot.

Resolutions that go through committees first are ones relating to: land easements, planning documents, approving place names, requests to another government entity, fees for city services, and complex issues with high community interest. Resolutions that go directly to the Assembly are ratification of bargaining contracts, resolutions of support, emergency funding, simple issues that are of lower general interest.

Ms. Dabaluz, thanked Mr. Palmer for the presentation and asked what would be an example of de-appropriating funds and would CBJ ever re-appropriate funds? Mr. Palmer noted that during the pandemic we did have a few de-appropriating, re-appropriating ordinances. Mr. Barr stated that occasionally CBJ doesn't fully use grant funds so that money may get de-appropriated. Mr. Palmer explained that for re-appropriating funds, appropriation is the authority to spend and CBJ can transfer money around to different projects that would still go through public process and typically all funds get spent.

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Chair Worl asked Mr. Barr if the next training would focus on CBJ department overview. Mr. Barr stated that the next meeting would either focus on CBJ department overview or a deeper dive into CBJ area plans.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE

A. August 24, 2021 at 12:00pm

B. August 30, 2021 at 6:00pm Joint Meeting of SRRC & Assembly COW

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.