

**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (COW)**

Meeting Minutes – June 27, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Assembly Committee of the Whole Meeting, following a recess of the Special Assembly meeting, was held in the Assembly Chambers and broadcasted virtually via Zoom and called to order by Deputy Mayor Gladziszewski at 6:15p.m.

Clerk note: There were some technical difficulties between the Special Assembly meeting and the beginning of the COW meeting such that those individuals attending via Zoom were not able to hear the Assembly and staff who were present in the Assembly Chambers. The meeting was called to order once those technical issues were resolved.

II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mayor Weldon provided the following land acknowledgment: We would like to acknowledge that the City and Borough of Juneau is on Tlingit land, and wish to honor the indigenous people of this land. For more than ten thousand years, Alaska Native people have been and continue to be integral to the well-being of our community. We are grateful to be a part of this community, and to honor the culture, traditions, and resilience of the Tlingit people. *Gunalchéesh!*

III. ROLL CALL

Assemblymembers Present: Maria Gladziszewski, Wade Bryson, Alicia Hughes-Skandijs (via Zoom), Greg Smith, Michelle Hale, Christine Woll Carole Triem, ‘Wáahlaal Gíidaak and Mayor Beth Weldon.

Assemblymembers Absent: None.

Staff Present: City Manager Rorie Watt, Deputy City Manager Robert Barr, City Attorney Robert Palmer, Municipal Clerk Beth McEwen, Deputy Clerk Diane Cathcart, Finance Director Jeff Rogers, Engineering/Public Works Director Katie Koester, CDD Director Jill Maclean, Parks & Recreation Director George Schaaf

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Hearing no objection the minutes were adopted as presented.

VI. AGENDA TOPICS

A. 1% Sales Tax Deliberations

Ms. Gladziszewski noted that all of the Assemblymembers were given the list of items and were to submit their rankings to staff. She stated that staff combined the rankings and sent an updated copy of

the rankings of all Assemblymembers a few hours prior to the meeting. Ms. Gladziszewski noted that if they go with the list as it currently stands, items ranked 1 through part of item 14 would be able to be funded by the forecasted 1% Sales Tax funds.

Ms. Gladziszewski asked members if they wanted to decide to take the list as is and just fund items 1-14 or if they wanted to debate the individual items. It was a consensus that they wanted to have debate on individual items. Ms. Gladziszewski then asked members if they wished to talk in general about the process before they began debate on the individual items.

Mayor Weldon said that in the past, these funds have been used for big capital projects that can't normally be funded or smaller one off things that can be funded in different ways. That was the philosophy she used when she did her scoring of the list was to look at big capital projects as the priority for these funds.

Ms. Hale said that while she also was using the philosophy that Mayor Weldon mentioned, she was also looking at items 17 & 18 that are for water and wastewater utilities and that those "have to" happen. She asked the City Manager how any items that are "have to" items such as that get in the queue. She asked if those would go into the next 5-year list or how they would get funded.

Mr. Watt said that this is an every 5-year opportunity but it is not the only opportunity to fund items although it is one of the better opportunities for many of the items on this list. He said that with regard to the utilities, there is somewhat of a philosophical decision the Assembly needs to make. Does the Assembly raise utility rates so that the utilities are self-funded or do they support utilities with general funds? He spoke to the pros/cons of the types of funding; it is an enterprise funds and the rates go up and that in turn raises the cost of living. General fund support would mean that if they do that, they would need to keep on doing that. Every day that rolls past, the utility loses ground to inflation. Mr. Watt said that alternately, they could do a revenue bond for utilities. All of these projects could be done through a general obligation bond and some of these projects could be eligible for state or federal reimbursement.

Additional discussion took place regarding the utility rates and Mr. Watt provided a historical snapshot of the utility rates since the 1990s to the present.

Mr. Bryson said his philosophy when looking at the list was to rank them as high, medium, and low projects. He did say that as he reviewed the list, he felt the Child Care operations should not be on the list as that would be funding operational expenses rather than funding a capital project.

Ms. Gladziszewski shared that she printed off the voter pamphlets from the last three times this question was before the voters and she said that the projects on those lists were upgrades or maintenance projects such as the pool, Centennial Hall, and they weren't new projects. She said that in looking at the 2017 one, they had \$15 million for water and wastewater and they have been trying to make up for lost time in the 1990s with water and wastewater to try to keep the rates lower. She said that she did not rate those high this time, as philosophically, it should be paid for by the utility rates.

She did say, in looking at the overall list, she would quibble about the waterfront museum as that is a new thing and not a fully vetted project at this time.

Mr. Smith said that his philosophy when reviewing the list was to prioritize funding for maintenance and upkeep on what we currently fund but he also would like to nudge a few newer projects along. He asked if projects such as the Lemon Creek Multi-Modal path would be ready for \$6M and if it would be in alignment for federal grants or other funding. He also mentioned that there is another proposal related to potential park bonds that he would like to bring up during the meeting when Ms. Gladziszewski deems it appropriate that is not related to the 1% Sales Tax list.

Ms. Triem asked for clarification on the timing and readiness of the projects and how that falls within the funding cycles. Mr. Watt said he would provide answers both broadly and specifically.

Mr. Watt said that if approved, these Sales Tax funds would be collected starting a year from now (in 2023) and the Assembly would appropriate it year by year in the budget process. As a practical matter, all these things will want to move as fast as they can but at different paces. Every year, staff will propose to the Assembly an allocation and they will hear from proponents who may not agree with staff's recommendations. Ultimately, it will be up to the Assembly to decide who will get funding in each fiscal year. He said that additionally there would be other ideas as to how to forward fund or move things around to make effective use of cash management to make progress on lots of fronts and move forward on the various projects as much as possible.

In speaking to the Lemon Creek Multi-Modal path directly, he said it does have a good possibility of being eligible for federal grants and it is on Senator Murkowski's congressionally directed spending list that may or may not get congressional funding. The funds that the Assembly has already committed to that project will help with land purchases that would not likely be eligible for federal funding.

Ms. Hale asked if this meeting would result in a list that would be forwarded to the Assembly as an ordinance for introduction at the next regular meeting. Ms. Gladziszewski confirmed that was correct.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs asked about the process and how actual amounts would be dealt with as they go down the list and motions are made. Ms. Gladziszewski said that Mayor Weldon will go down the list, making motions with dollar amounts and if individuals want different amounts, keeping in mind those items lower on the list, they will need to make amendments with different amounts, to the motion on the floor.

Potential 1% Sales Tax Projects – list numbers taken from the 6/27/22 version of the list with aggregate ranking by Assemblymembers. Amounts listed in Millions (M).

List #1 CBJ Building Maintenance Projects;

Funds already appropriated FY22 = \$0; Suggested funding \$9.9M

MOTION by Mayor Weldon to fund the CBJ Building Maintenance Projects but to only fund \$8M on that item and to fund the Harbors Projects (List #15) at \$1.9M.

Mr. Watt suggested that the Assembly might want to take the items on the list one at a time with whatever amount they want for that one item and let any remaining amounts fall towards the bottom to be taken up later in the meeting when those items are considered.

Mayor Weldon restated her motion to fund the CBJ Building Maintenance Projects at \$8M.

Objection by Ms. Triem who said she would prefer to keep it at \$9.9. Ms. Gladziszewski said that she agreed with Ms. Triem.

Amendment #1 by Mr. Bryson to change the \$8M to \$9M.

Objection by Ms. Woll who preferred the Mayor's \$8M amount.

Roll Call vote on Amendment #1 to fund CBJ Building Maintenance at \$9M.

Yeas: Bryson, Hale

Nays: Hughes-Skandijs, Smith, Triem, Woll, 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Gladziszewski, Weldon

Amendment #1 failed - 2 Yeas: 7 Nays.

Roll Call vote on the Main Motion to fund List #1 CBJ Building Maintenance at \$8M.

Yeas: Smith, Woll, Bryson, Weldon, Hale

Nays: 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Triem, Hughes-Skandijs, Gladziszewski

Ms. Hale said that she meant to say No and asked if they could redo the vote.

Ms. Gladziszewski asked for any objection to rescind the previous vote and to take a new roll call vote. Hearing no objection, the initial vote was rescinded and a new vote on the main motion was taken.

Yeas: Smith, Woll, Bryson, Weldon,

Nays: 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Triem, Hughes-Skandijs, Gladziszewski, Hale

Main Motion List #1 at \$8M failed - 4 Yeas: 5 Nays.

MOTION by Ms. Hale to fund the CBJ Building Maintenance Projects at \$9.9M and asked for unanimous consent. Mayor Weldon objected.

Roll Call vote on the Main Motion to fund List #1 CBJ Building Maintenance at \$9.9M.

Yeas: 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Triem, Hughes-Skandijs, Gladziszewski, Hale

Nays: Smith, Woll, Bryson, Weldon

Main Motion List #1 at \$9.9M passed - 5 Yeas: 4 Nays.

List #2 Affordable Housing Funds;

Funds already appropriated FY22 = \$5M; Suggested funding \$3M

MOTION by Mayor Weldon that List # 2 Affordable Housing Funds be listed at \$0.00.

She said that the reasoning behind her motion is that they have already funded this at \$5M and if they give \$3M to the Gastineau Avenue widening/turn-around, it goes against what the City

Manager has recommended. She said that they could have more impact with those funds going to the Gastineau Avenue widening project that it would if it were to be put into the Affordable Housing Fund.

Objection by Ms. Triem.

Mr. Smith asked about the Gastineau Avenue project. Ms. Gladziszewski said that although the Mayor gave her reasons for making the motion they did, they are not currently speaking to the Gastineau Ave. project, they are only discussing the Affordable Housing Fund dollars at this time and they will take up discussion about Gastineau Ave. when they reach that item on the list.

Ms. Gladziszewski said that she also objects to the main motion for zero funding for the Affordable Housing Fund. She said that she rated housing issues as the highest ranked choices and she wants the funds available in the AHF when projects become available.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs also objected for the same reasons as stated by Ms. Gladziszewski. She also stated that when someone gives reasons for making a motion, it is hard not to be able to ask questions or make comments on those reasons.

Roll Call vote on the Main Motion to fund List #2 Affordable Housing Fund at zero dollars.

Yeas: Weldon, Woll

Nays: Smith, 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Triem, Hughes-Skandijs, Hale Bryson, Gladziszewski

Main Motion List #2 at \$0.0M failed - 2 Yeas: 7 Nays.

MOTION by Ms. Triem that List # 2 Affordable Housing Funds be funded at \$3M and asked for unanimous consent.

Objection by Mayor Weldon.

Roll Call vote on the Main Motion to fund List #2 Affordable Housing Fund at \$3M.

Yeas: Smith, 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Triem, Hughes-Skandijs, Hale Bryson, Gladziszewski, Woll

Nays: Weldon

Main Motion List #2 at \$3M passed - 8 Yeas: 1 Nays.

List #3 Childcare Funding;

Funds already appropriated FY22 = \$0; Suggested funding \$5M

MOTION by Mayor Weldon that List # 3 Childcare Funding be funded at \$2.5M.

Mayor Weldon stated that she struggled with this one and decided to split the difference and suggest they fund it at \$2.5M since they have already said they were setting aside .1 mill which they anticipate will be approximately \$500,000 along with the marijuana tax which is \$300,000 for a total of \$800,000 which would give this an extra \$500,000/year.

Objection by Ms. Triem. Ms. Triem stated that this is the #2 priority of the Assembly and she would like to see it funded at the original \$5M amount proposed.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs also agreed with Ms. Triem's comments and said that housing and childcare challenges were the two issues that are keeping citizens from being able to live and work in Juneau.

Mr. Bryson said that he appreciated Mayor Weldon's splitting the difference and while he was not in support of the \$5M, he would be willing to support the \$2.5M motion. Ms. Hale said that this is recognized as a national issue and she is in support of the Mayor's motion at \$2.5M.

List #3, Amendment #1 by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs to change the funding amount from \$2.5M to \$5M. She said that if this amendment does not pass, she would be in support of the Mayor's motion for \$2.5M.

Objection by Mayor Weldon to Amendment #1

Roll Call vote on List #3, Amendment #1 to fund Childcare at \$5M.

Yeas: Hughes-Skandijs, Triem, 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Gladziszewski,

Nays: Bryson, Hale, Smith, Woll, Weldon

Amendment #1 failed - 4 Yeas: 5 Nays.

Roll Call vote on the Main Motion to fund List #3 Childcare at \$2.5M.

Yeas: Weldon, Smith, Triem, Hughes-Skandijs, Hale, Bryson, Gladziszewski, Woll

Nays: 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak,

Main Motion List #3 at \$2.5M passed - 8 Yeas: 1 Nays.

List #4 Parks & Recreation Major Maintenance & Repair;

Funds already appropriated FY22 = \$0; Suggested funding \$8.75M

MOTION by Mayor Weldon that List #4 Parks & Recreation be funded at \$5M.

Mayor Weldon said that she is reducing the amount to \$5M as she and Mr. Smith will be forwarding a proposal for a general obligation (G.O.) bond for \$6.6M, which would take care of the Adair Kennedy Turf field, the PRAC, Basketball Field, Perseverance Cabin and other Parks & Rec. projects. Additional discussion took place about the G.O. Bond process and proposed projects and amounts.

Roll Call vote on the Main Motion to fund List #4 Parks & Recreation Major Maintenance & Repairs at \$5M.

Yeas: Hale, Bryson, Smith, Woll, Weldon, 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak,

Nays: Triem, Hughes-Skandijs, Gladziszewski,

Main Motion List #4 at \$5M passed - 6 Yeas: 3 Nays.

List #5 CCFR (Capital City Fire Rescue) Ladder Truck Replacement;

Funds already appropriated FY22 = \$0; Suggested funding \$1.2M

MOTION by Mayor Weldon that List #5 CCFR Ladder Truck Replacement be funded at \$1.2M. Hearing no objection, that motion passed by unanimous consent.

List #6 North SOB (State Office Building) Parking;

Funds already appropriated FY22 = \$0; Suggested funding \$5M

MOTION by Mayor Weldon that List #6 North SOB Parking be funded at \$5M. Hearing no objection, that motion passed by unanimous consent.

List #7 School District Facility Funding;

Funds already appropriated FY22 = \$0; Suggested funding \$5M

MOTION by Mayor Weldon that List #7 School District Facility Funding be funded at \$2M. Mayor Weldon stated that they are currently awaiting word to hear about the school debt reimbursement. She asked the Manager if he had any updates from the state. Mr. Watt said that the Governor was going to be signing the budget bill and the latest word they had was that he would not be vetoing the school debt reimbursement amounts in the state's budget bill. Mayor Weldon said that would provide \$16M from that if it passes OK so she is going to keep her motion at \$2M.

Objection by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs for purposes of an amendment.

List #7, Amendment #1 by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs to change the School District Facilities Funding amount from \$2M to \$5M. She spoke to the reasons for her amendment. Other members discussed the reasons for supporting or voting against the amendment.

Roll Call vote on List #7, Amendment #1 to fund School District Facilities at \$5M.

Yeas: Hughes-Skandijs, Triem, 'Wáahlaal Giidaak, Gladziszewski, Hale, Smith, Woll,
Nays: Bryson, Weldon

Amendment #1 passed - 7 Yeas: 2 Nays.

Deputy Mayor Gladziszewski asked for any objection to the main motion as amended to fund List #7 School District Facilities at \$5M. Hearing no objection, that motion passed by unanimous consent.

List #8 Telephone Hill Redevelopment;

Funds already appropriated FY22 = \$0; Suggested funding \$3M

MOTION by Mayor Weldon that List #8 Telephone Hill Redevelopment be funded at \$2M. Hearing no objection, that motion passed by unanimous consent.

List #9 JPD (Juneau Police Department) Radio System Replacement;
Funds already appropriated FY22 = \$0.5M; Suggested funding \$2M

MOTION by Mayor Weldon that List #9 JPD Radio System Replacement be funded at \$2M. Hearing no objection, that motion passed by unanimous consent.

List #10 Lemon Creek Multi-Modal Path;
Funds already appropriated FY22 = \$1.5M; Suggested funding \$6.5M

Mayor Weldon said that earlier in the meeting Mr. Watt said they have not yet begun the design phase of this project. She asked him how much startup money they would need for this project; would that be \$1M or \$1.5M. She said she was not going to be moving the full \$6.5M at this time.

Mr. Watt said that they already have the startup money needed as the Assembly has already appropriated \$1.5M for the planning/design phase of that project. He said that the reason the \$6.5M is on the list is that it is the estimated project total of \$8M less the \$1.5M already appropriated.

MOTION by Mayor Weldon that List #10 Lemon Creek Multi-Modal Path be funded at \$1.5M.

Objection by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs for purposes of amending it to the full number of \$6.5M.

List #10, Amendment #1 by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs to change the Lemon Creek Multi-Modal Path Funding amount from \$1.5M to \$6.5M. She spoke to the reasons for her amendment.

Objection by Ms. Hale. Ms. Hale and other members discussed the reasons for supporting or voting against the amendment.

Roll Call vote on List #10, Amendment #1 to fund the Lemon Creek Multi-Modal Path at \$6.5M.

Yeas: Hughes-Skandijs, Woll, Gladziszewski

Nays: 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Triem, Hale, Smith, Bryson, Weldon

Amendment #1 failed - 3 Yeas: 6 Nays.

Vote on the Main Motion to fund List #10, the Lemon Creek Multi-Modal Path at \$1.5M.

Objection by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs for comment. She stated that they have poured money into the design of the new Civic Center and the Assembly needs to examine its actions vs. its

words. Having said that, she removed her objection. *Hearing no further objection, that motion passed by unanimous consent.*

List #11 Information Technology;

Funds already appropriated FY22 = \$1.5M; Suggested funding \$3M

MOTION by Mayor Weldon that List #11 Information Technology be funded at \$3M.
Hearing no objection, that motion passed by unanimous consent.

List #12 Waterfront Museum;

Funds already appropriated FY22 = \$0; Suggested funding \$4M

Mayor Weldon asked Mr. Watt if he could provide them with information about alternative funding options for this project. Mr. Watt said that there are other ways to fund this. He said that prior to the pandemic, he explored this idea and did some preliminary work on this. He spoke with Capitol Fund Advisors about the potential to absorb the current City Museum facility into the Capitol Campus. He said that they are a potential source, they met on Saturday, and there were emails from former Mayor Botelho and Mr. Clark expressing support for this project and others. He said that he has had conversation with cruise ship executives and received non-objection to using some passenger fees, as there would be restrooms and visitor information incorporated within the facility. He said they had a light touch with Rasmussen Foundation. He said that this could be a \$10M project and there may be \$2M coming from passenger fees and maybe \$2M from Capitol Fund Advisors and maybe \$.5M from Rasmussen Foundation. He said that they are not going to build a museum without substantial local support. Mayor Weldon thanked Mr. Watt and said that this too is a hard one for her to decide an amount.

MOTION by Mayor Weldon that List #12 Waterfront Museum to be funded at \$2M.

Objection by Ms. Woll. Ms. Woll spoke to her objection stating that for the reasons that Mr. Watt explained she wanted to amend the amount to the full \$4M.

List #12, Amendment #1 by Ms. Woll to change the Waterfront Museum to be funded at \$4M.

Objection by Ms. Hale and said that her objection is that it would be at \$0 because they started to talk about this project prior to the pandemic and they haven't really discussed it since then and her concern is that the public is not even aware of it. She said that while it is a good idea, it should be vetted more thoroughly. Other members discussed the reasons for supporting or voting against the amendment and the amounts they would prefer.

Roll Call vote on List #12, Amendment #1 to fund Waterfront Museum to be funded at \$4M.

Yeas: Woll, Hughes-Skandijs, Triem, Weldon

Nays: 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Hale, Smith, Bryson, Gladziszewski,
Amendment #1 failed - 4 Yeas: 5 Nays.

Roll Call vote on the Main Motion to fund List #12 Waterfront Museum to be funded at \$2M.

Objection by Ms. Hale for purposes of amendment.

List #12, Amendment #2 by Ms. Hale to change the Waterfront Museum to be funded at zero (\$0) dollars. Ms. Hale spoke to the reasons for her amendment.

Roll Call vote on List #12, Amendment #2 to fund Waterfront Museum to be funded at zero (\$0) dollars.

Yeas: Hale, Smith, Gladziszewski,

Nays: 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Bryson, Woll, Hughes-Skandijs, Triem, Weldon

Amendment #2 failed - 3 Yeas: 6 Nays.

Roll Call vote on the Main Motion to fund List #12 Waterfront Museum to be funded at \$2M.

Objection by Mr. Smith for purposes of amendment.

List #12, Amendment #3 by Mr. Smith to change the Waterfront Museum to be funded at \$1M. Objection by Mayor Weldon.

Roll Call vote on List #12, Amendment #3 to fund Waterfront Museum to be funded at \$1M.

Yeas: Hale, Smith, Gladziszewski,

Nays: 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Bryson, Woll, Hughes-Skandijs, Triem, Weldon

Amendment #3 failed - 3 Yeas: 6 Nays.

Roll Call vote on the Main Motion to fund List #12 Waterfront Museum to be funded at \$2M.

Yeas: 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Bryson, Woll, Hughes-Skandijs, Triem, Weldon

Nays: Hale, Smith, Gladziszewski

Main Motion List #12 at \$2M passed - 6 Yeas: 3 Nays.

List #13 Street Maintenance Shop Bays;

Funds already appropriated FY22 = \$0; Suggested funding \$2M

MOTION by Mayor Weldon that List #13 Street Maintenance Shop Bays to be funded at \$2M.

Objection by Ms. Woll for purposes of a question to the Manager. She said that this list is starting to get long with some of the smaller items and she asked how the projects might be bundled for simplification in the ballot language. Mr. Watt said they would provide simplified

language when it is placed on the ballot so that it does not get too far down into the minutia and confuse the voters. Ms. Woll removed her objection. *Hearing no further objection, that motion passed by unanimous consent.*

List #14 Pederson Hill Development;

Funds already appropriated FY22 = \$0; Suggested funding \$3M

MOTION by Mayor Weldon that List #14 Pederson Hill Development be funded at \$1.85M. Mayor Weldon said that there is a possible partnership option for the Assembly to work on for providing housing in the next phases of Pederson Hill.

Objection by Ms. Hale who said that it has been widely observed that the initial Pederson Hill development offerings did not result in affordable housing. She suggested that before they commit any more money to further development, the Assembly should do more work on this, including the possible partnership that the Mayor spoke to, so that whatever they do end up offering does meet the housing needs of the community. At this time, she proposed they amend this amount to zero (\$0).

List #14, Amendment #1 by Ms. Hale to change List #14 Pederson Hill Development to zero (\$0) funding. Other members asked Mr. Watt clarifying questions and received information on housing. They discussed the reasons for supporting or voting against the project and the amendment.

Roll Call vote on List #14, Amendment #1 to fund Pederson Hill to be funded at zero (\$0) dollars.

Yeas: Hale, Bryson, Smith, Weldon

Nays: 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Woll, Hughes-Skandijs, Triem, Gladziszewski,

Amendment #1 failed – 4 Yeas: 5 Nays.

List #14, Amendment #2 by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs to change List #14 Pederson Hill Development to \$3M funding.

Objection by Mr. Bryson.

Roll Call vote on List #14 Pederson Hill Development to \$3M funding.

Yeas: Hughes-Skandijs, Triem, Woll, Gladziszewski

Nays: 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Hale, Bryson, Smith, Weldon

Amendment #2 failed – 4 Yeas: 5 Nays.

Roll Call vote on the Main Motion to fund List #14 Pederson Hill Development at \$1.85M.

Yeas: 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Woll, Hughes-Skandijs, Triem, Gladziszewski

Nays: Bryson, Hale, Smith, Weldon

Main Motion List #14 at \$1.85M passed - 5 Yeas: 4 Nays.

The meeting took a recess and resumed at 8:00p.m.

MOTION by Ms. Triem to restore \$1.15M back into the Affordable Housing Fund, which is the balance of the Pederson Hill amount. Objection by Mayor Weldon and Ms. Hale. Members spoke to their reasons for wanting these funds put back into the Affordable Housing Fund as well as the reasons for their objections to the motion.

Roll Call vote on the Main Motion to add \$1.15 to the Affordable Housing Fund (List #2)

Yeas: 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Woll, Hughes-Skandijs, Triem, Gladziszewski

Nays: Bryson, Hale, Smith, Weldon

Main Motion (List #2) \$1.15M to the Affordable Housing Fund passed. 5 Yeas: 4 Nays.

MOTION by Ms. Hale to fund \$4M for the Gastineau Avenue Widening project (List# 16).

Mr. Smith called a Point of Order and asked if they were no longer following the list. Ms.

Gladziszewski polled the members if they wanted to continue in the order of the list now that we reached #14 if they wanted to take things out of order. It was the consensus of the body to continue to follow the list in the order it was ranked. *Ms. Hale withdrew her motion.*

List #15 Harbor Projects/Grant Match;

Funds already appropriated FY22 = \$0; Suggested funding \$6.5M

Mayor Weldon thanked all the Docks & Harbors Board members for being present.

MOTION by Mayor Weldon that List #15 Harbor Projects/Grant Match be funded at \$6.5M. Objection from Ms. Hughes-Skandijs and Mr. Smith for purposes of questions.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs said that earlier the Manager spoke to the utilities as enterprise funds and she asked the manager if he could speak about how this may be similar or not for the harbors to pay for their enterprise. Mr. Watt explained that the D&H Board has been making increases to the harbor fees but that hasn't been something the Assembly has supported. He said that the State has provided some funding but not in the past three years. He spoke to other funding methods and distinguished their projects from those of the utilities. Ms. Hughes-Skandijs removed her objection.

Mr. Smith asked about the amount needed to finish Aurora Harbor and said that while he is OK with the \$6.5M, he hopes that some of those funds are used to address the needs at the N. Douglas dock. He removed his objection.

Hearing no further objection, the motion passed by unanimous consent.

List #16 Gastineau Ave. Widening & Turn Around;

Funds already appropriated FY22 = \$0; Suggested funding \$4M

MOTION by Ms. Hale that List #16 Gastineau Ave. Widening & Turn Around be funded at \$4M. Objection by Ms. Woll. Ms. Hale spoke to the reasons for her motion.

Roll Call vote on the Main Motion for List #16 Gastineau Ave. Widening & Turn Around be funded at \$4M.

Yeas: Hale, 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Bryson, Hughes-Skandijs, Triem, Gladziszewski

Nays: Woll, Smith, Weldon

Main Motion List #16 at \$4M passed - 6 Yeas: 3 Nays.

Ms. Gladziszewski noted that after all the previous motions were adopted, that brings the remaining amount to \$2.6M for which they can include in the 1% for Sales Tax ballot question.

List #17 Wastewater Utility Project Funding;

Funds already appropriated FY22 = \$0; Suggested funding \$15M

MOTION by Mayor Weldon that List #17 Wastewater Utility Project Funding be funded at \$2.6M. Objection by Mr. Bryson and said he would like to put the \$2.6M into the next line for the Restricted Budget Reserve. Ms. Hale spoke in favor of the motion and Ms. Woll said she would prefer to put the remaining \$2.6 into one of the previous items on the list.

Roll Call vote on the Main Motion for List #17 Wastewater Utility Project Funding be funded at \$2.6M.

Yeas: Hale, Hughes-Skandijs, Weldon

Nays: Woll, Smith, 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Bryson, Triem, Gladziszewski

Main Motion List #17 at \$2.6M failed - 3 Yeas: 6 Nays.

List #18 Restricted Budget Reserve;

Funds already appropriated FY22 = \$0; Suggested funding \$2M

MOTION by Ms. Triem that List #18 Restricted Budget Reserve be funded at \$2.05M.

Ms. Triem explained the reason for putting money in the restricted budget reserve since they saw first-hand how important it was to have Budget Reserve during the pandemic. She said that she also would like to reserve the remaining amount of \$550,000 for the Rock Dump Climbing Gym as there was a groundswell of support from the community for that project and she thinks that may help increase the number of voters voting in favor of this 1% Sales Tax proposition.

Objection by Mayor Weldon for purposes of an amendment and stated that they have already put quite a bit into the savings/reserve so her amendment would be for \$1M instead of \$2.05.

List #18, Amendment #1 by Mayor Weldon to change List #18 Restricted Budget Reserve to \$1M funding.

Objection by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs. Ms. Hughes-Skandijs provided her reasons for objecting to this motion.

Roll Call vote on List #18, Amendment #1 to change List #18 Restricted Budget Reserve to \$1M funding.

Yeas: Weldon, Smith, Triem, 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Bryson, Woll, Gladziszewski

Nays: Hale, Hughes-Skandijs,

Amendment #1 passed – 7 Yeas: 2 Nays.

Objection was noted.

Roll Call vote on Main Motion for List #18 as Amended to fund Restricted Budget Reserve to \$1M funding.

Yeas: Smith, Triem, 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Bryson, Gladziszewski

Nays: Hale, Hughes-Skandijs, Woll, Weldon,

Main motion as amended passed – 5 Yeas: 4 Nays.

List #19 Water Utility Project Funding;

Funds already appropriated FY22 = \$0; Suggested funding \$10M

MOTION by Mayor Weldon that List #19 Water Utility Project Funding be listed at zero (\$0). Objection by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs for purposes of an amendment.

List #19, Amendment #1 by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs for List #19 Water Utility Project Funding to be funded at \$1.6M.

Members then discussed process and how they would proceed following the vote on this amendment.

Roll Call vote on Amendment #1 by Ms. Hughes-Skandijs for List #19 Water Utility Project Funding to be funded at \$1.6M.

Yeas: Hale, Hughes-Skandijs,

Nays: Weldon, Smith, Triem, 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Bryson, Woll, Gladziszewski

Amendment #1 failed – 2 Yeas: 7 Nays.

Additional discussion took place regarding the remaining \$1.6M amount not yet committed and whether to continue down the list or to go back up to add more money to items on the list higher than List #14.

Hearing no objection, the Main Motion by Mayor Weldon that List #19 Water Utility Project Funding be listed at zero (\$0) passed by unanimous consent.

List #20 Energy Efficiency Projects;

Funds already appropriated FY22 = \$0; Suggested funding \$1.5M

MOTION by Mayor Weldon that List #20 Energy Efficiency Projects be funded at \$1.6M. *Hearing no objection the motion passed by unanimous consent.*

The following items on the list were not included in the 1% Sales Tax funding.

List #21 Electrification of CBJ Facilities;

Funds already appropriated FY22 = \$0; Suggested funding \$2.5M

List #22 West Douglas Extension;

Funds already appropriated FY22 = 0; Suggested funding 2M

List #23 Zero Waste Activities Land Subdivision;

Funds already appropriated FY22 = 0; Suggested funding 2M

List #24 Adair Kennedy Track & Baseball/Softball Turf;

Funds already appropriated FY22 = 0; Suggested funding 5M

List #25 Waste Reduction/Diversion Projects;

Funds already appropriated FY22 = 0; Suggested funding 0.5M

List #26 Thane Community Garden Grant;

Funds already appropriated FY22 = 0; Suggested funding 0.095M

List #27 Rock Dump Climbing Gym Grant;

Funds already appropriated FY22 = 0; Suggested funding 0.55M

Ms. Gladziszewski recessed the meeting for a brief break before taking up the Sales Tax on Food topic. The meeting resumed at 8:48p.m.

B. Sales Tax on Food

Ms. Gladziszewski passed the gavel to Mayor Weldon so she could discuss this topic and propose an idea to the committee.

Ms. Gladziszewski said that the advisory vote ballot questions as outlined in Mr. Palmer's memo would likely become very confusing to the voters since it would require multiple votes in multiple elections. She suggested that instead of putting the advisory questions on the ballot that they hire a firm to do a statistically valid survey. It could be done in the fall, they would get the answers and depending on the response to the survey, if the survey found that the citizens want it to be done with property taxes, the Assembly could do that without it having to go to a vote again.

Assemblymembers discussed Ms. Gladziszewski's idea of a survey vs. placing the questions from Mr. Palmer's memo and how they might be placed on the ballot. Members asked questions about the timing and the cost for a survey.

MOTION by Mayor Weldon to conduct a statistically valid survey rather than an advisory vote on the ballot. Objection by Ms. Triem.

Roll Call vote on the motion.

Yeas: Hale, Hughes-Skandijs, Smith, 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Bryson, Woll, Gladziszewski
Weldon

Nays: Triem,

Motion passed - 8 Yeas: 1 Nay.

VII. NEXT MEETING DATE - July 18, 2022 @ 6:00pm

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Assembly Committee of the Whole, the COW meeting was adjourned at 9:10p.m. The Special Assembly meeting was then called back to order to resume the previous Special Assembly agenda just prior to the Executive Session agenda item.