

City and Borough of Juneau
Minutes - Assembly Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 4, 2019, 5:30 PM

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Loren Jones, Chair.

II. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, Carole Triem, Wade Bryson, Greg Smith, Michelle Bonnet Hale, Chair Loren Jones, and Mayor Beth Weldon.

Committee Members Participating Telephonically: N/A.

Committee Members Absent: Maria Gladyszewski, and Rob Edwardson.

Staff Present: Rorie Watt, City Manager; Mila Cosgrove, Deputy City Manager; Jeff Rogers, Finance Director; Robert Palmer, City Attorney; Clinton Singletary, Sales Tax Administrator; Lindsey Foster, Admin Officer, Parks & Recreation; Sam Muse, Controller; and Elisabeth Jensen, Budget Analyst.

III. Approval of Minutes

The November 6, 2019, minutes were approved as presented.

IV. Fiscal Sustainability Process

Clerk's Note: An in-meeting 5-page supplemental packet, "Mid-Year Budget Update", was provided to the Assembly members at the meeting and via email.

Jeff Rogers, Finance Director, discussed the in-meeting handout, framing it as information usually provided at the Assembly Retreat, yet setting the groundwork for discussion pre-retreat.

The Assembly discussed the information.

The meeting recessed at 5:42 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 5:44 PM.

Mr. Rogers and the Assembly continued to discuss the in-meeting handout.

The meeting recessed at 6:23 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 6:33 PM.

Chair Jones, introduced pages 5-29 of the meeting packet, "Follow-up Responses to Requests made in Nov 2, 2019 AFC Meeting", asking the Assembly members to work through the information one item at a time, with any further questions they may have based on the information presented.

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Staff fielded questions from the Assembly.

The meeting recessed at 7:51 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 8:02 PM.

The Assembly continued to discuss the topic.

V. Motor Vehicle Registration Tax (MVRT) Update

Jeff Rogers, Finance Director, presented the memo "Consideration of Increase to Motor Vehicle Registration Tax Follow-up", found on pages 30 – 33 of the meeting packet, providing a brief history of the actions and discussions leading to the most recent document.

Ordinance 2019-41 was introduced to at the Assembly meeting on November 25, 2019. The Assembly referred it to the Assembly Finance Committee for further discussion and set it for public hearing at the Assembly meeting on December 16, 2019.

The Assembly discussed the information with Mr. Rogers, and Robert Palmer, City Attorney.

At the request of the AFC, Mr. Palmer agreed to amend the ordinance, adding an rate escalation clause. The amendment would be provided to the Assembly in version (b) of Ordinance 2019-41

VI. School Bond Debt Memo

Jeff Rogers, Finance Director, introduced the topic referring to page 34 of the meeting packet, explaining two clear paths forward of the many options available.

The Assembly discussed the information.

VII. Next Meeting Date

The meeting previously schedule for Wednesday, December 11, 2019 was cancelled. The next AFC meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.