

City and Borough of Juneau
Minutes - Assembly Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 25, 2019, 5:30 PM

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Mayor Beth Weldon.

II. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, Carole Triem, Wade Bryson, Mary Becker, Maria Gladziszewski, Michelle Bonnet Hale, Rob Edwardson, and Mayor Beth Weldon.

Committee Members Participating Telephonically: None.

Committee Members Absent: Chair Loren Jones.

Clerk's Note: Mary Becker excused herself from the remainder of the meeting at 6:52 PM.

Staff Present: Rorie Watt, City Manager; Mila Cosgrove, Deputy City Manager; Jeff Rogers, Finance Director; Robert Palmer, City Attorney; Mike Vigue, Director, Engineering & Public Works; Scott Ciambor, Chief Housing Officer; Jesse Perry, Housing and Homelessness Services Coordinator; George Schaaf, Director, Parks & Recreation; Sam Muse, Controller; and Elisabeth Jensen, Budget Analyst.

Others Present: Amy Skilbred, Executive Director, Juneau Community Foundation (JCF).

III. Approval of Minutes

The August 21, 2019 minutes were approved as presented.

IV. Impact of Governor Vetoes on Social Service Sector

Clerk's Note: At their meeting on August 21, 2019, the AFC had requested follow-up information from Juneau Community Foundation on the Impact of recent State Budget Actions on local social service organizations.

Amy Skilbred, Executive Director, Juneau Community Foundation (JCF), discussed the memo found on pages 6-11 of the meeting packet. She indicated that there isn't yet enough information available to truly determine the impact of the recent state budget actions on local social service organizations.

Ms. Skilbred highlighted JCF's recommendation/request to CBJ for an additional funding of \$250,000 in the FY21 budget.

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The recommendation is found on page 10 of the meeting packet, "In order to assist our vital behavioral and physical health nonprofit organizations through this uncertain time, the Juneau Community Foundation recommends an increase in the CBJ Social Service Grant of \$250,000 (bringing the total grant funds from CBJ to \$1,026,400). These additional funds would be used to temporarily assist agencies with the transition to new funding streams, shared services, and other efforts to stabilize the overall provider system while the State gives clearer guidelines on the Medicaid 1115 Waiver and ASO implementation, and State funding remains stagnant or in decline."

The Assembly discussed the information.

Rorie Watt, City Manager, welcomed and introduced Jesse Perry to the body. Mr. Perry is the new Housing and Homelessness Service Coordinator. His first day was September 16, 2019. He takes over for Irene Gallion, who is now a senior planner with the Community Development Department. Mr. Perry moves over from CBJ Docks and Harbors, where he worked as a Harbor Officer at the Port.

V. Two Interest Rate Resolutions for Airport Bonds / Drafted by K&L Gates

Jeff Rogers, Finance Director, discussed the information provided on pages 12 – 24 of the meeting packet.

The Assembly discussed the information.

Maria Gladziszewski, moved to refer Resolution 2866 and Resolution 2867 to the full Assembly for adoption on the consent agenda.
Without OBJECTION.

VI. MVRT & RecycleWorks

Jeff Rogers, Finance Director, discussed the information provided on pages 25 – 28 of the meeting packet.

The Assembly discussed the information.

Michelle Hale, moved to direct staff to:

- 1. introduce an ordinance to repeal 36.12, including the fee structure;**
- 2. and introduce an ordinance to increase CBJ's MVRT, by matching the Anchorage model (graduated step-down fee by model year, including commercial vehicles) without exemption of older models, and providing for a \$44 fee for vehicles of 2010 model year and older.**

Wade Bryson OBJECTED.

The meeting recessed at 6:52 PM.

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The meeting reconvened at 7:05 PM.

Clerk's Note: Mary Becker excused herself from the remainder of the meeting at 6:52 PM.

Mr. Bryson WITHDREW his OBJECTION.

Ms. Hale WITHDREW her MOTION.

Carole Triem, moved to direct staff to:

- 1. DRAFT an ordinance to repeal 36.12, including the fee structure;**
- 2. and DRAFT an ordinance to set the current CBJ MVRT fee of \$44 to \$65 for all vehicles, and establishing proportionate MVRT rates for commercial vehicles based on vehicle weight;**
- 3. and DRAFT an ordinance to increase CBJ's MVRT, by matching the Anchorage model (graduated step-down fee by model year, including commercial vehicles) without exemption of older models, and providing for a \$44 fee for vehicles of 2010 model year and older.**

Maria Gladzisewski, moved to AMEND the motion, by adding direction to staff to provide several MVRT rate/revenue scenarios in spreadsheet format for the AFC to review, including an option starting the MVRT fee at \$100 for newer model year vehicles, and gradually reducing it to \$44 for older model year vehicles.

Motion to AMEND Ms. Triem's Motion, PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

Ms. Triem's Motion AS AMENDED PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

VII. Out of Borough Exemption Clarification

Jeff Rogers, Finance Director, discussed the information provided on page 29 of the meeting packet.

The Assembly discussed the information.

Maria Gladziszewski, moved to direct staff to draft and introduce the following amendment to CBJ 69.05.040(3) for Assembly review and action:

Sales of goods and associated shipping and handling, charges resulting from orders received from outside the city and borough where goods are received by the buyer outside the city and borough after seller ships the goods by mail or common carrier. Delivery Shipment outside the city and borough must be verified by postal documents or shipping documents.

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For the purposes of applying 69.05.040(3), "common carrier" means a commercial enterprise that holds itself out to the public as offering to transport freight for a fee, without refusal.

Rob Edwardson OBJECTED.

Roll call votes:

Ayes: Gladziszewski, Hughes-Skandijs, Bryson, Triem, and Mayor Weldon.

Nays: Edwardson, and Hale.

Absent: Becker, and Chair Jones.

Motion PASSED 5-2 with 2 ABSENT.

VIII. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

IX. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.