

City and Borough of Juneau
Minutes - Assembly Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 8, 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, Wade Bryson, Carole Triem, Mary Becker, Loren Jones, Chair; Maria Gladziszewski, Michelle Bonnet Hale, Rob Edwardson and Mayor Beth Weldon.

Committee Members Participating Telephonically: None.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Rorie Watt, City Manager; Mila Cosgrove, Deputy City Manager; Bob Bartholomew, Finance Director; Jeff Rogers, Finance Director; Rob Palmer, City Attorney; Deb Senn, Law Office Manager; George Schaaf, Parks & Recreation Director; Lindsay Foster, Parks & Recreation; Carl Uchytel, Port Director; Mike Vigue, Director, Engineering & Public Works; Robert Barr, Library Director; Jill Maclean, CDD Director, Community Development; Sam Muse, Controller; and Elisabeth Jensen, Budget Analyst.

Others Present: Dr. Bridget Weiss, Superintendent, Juneau School District; and Sarah Jahn, Administrative Services Director, Juneau School District.

III. Approval of Minutes

The April 24, 2019 minutes were approved as presented.

IV. FY19 Supplemental Ordinance 2018-11(AL)

Bob Bartholomew described Ordinance 2018-11(AL), found on pages 5 – 7 of the meeting packet. The Supplemental Ordinance appropriates to the Manager the sum of \$1,535,300 as partial funding for various departments' FY19 operating budgets. Of the total request the increased draw, not yet accounted for, from the General Government Available Fund Balance is around \$250,000.

Mayor Weldon, moved to refer Ordinance 2018-11(AL) to the full Assembly for approval. Without OBJECTION.

V. FY19 Supplemental Ordinance 2018-11(AM)

Bob Bartholomew discussed Ordinance 2018-11(AM), found on pages 8 – 10 of the meeting packet. The Supplemental Ordinance appropriates to the Manager the sum of \$620,700 as

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partial funding for the Fleet Fund and the Risk Fund's Health Fund Balance in FY19. The source of funding is the projected reimbursement from the State Department of Administration, encompassing past PERS Tier IV employer contributions for employees who terminated prior to having enough years of service to vest in the employer contributions. By adding capital to the various fleet accounts we deferred about \$170,000 of operating budget increases for FY20 & 21.

Mayor Weldon, moved to refer Ordinance 2018-11(AM) to the full Assembly for approval. Without OBJECTION.

VI. Marine Passenger Fee Recommendations – For Action

Rorie Watt introduced pages 11 – 56 of the meeting packet - including his MPF Recommendation memo and the responses from the public that he'd received during the open comment period ending May 2, 2019.

Carol Triem, moved to AMEND the FY20 MPF Request and Recommendation List by changing the title of "Large Berth Shore Power Feasibility / System Impact Analysis" TO "Large Berth Shore Power Preliminary Design & Cost Estimate"; AND changing the description FROM "These funds would be used to determine the feasibility of the installation of more shore power connections at the CBJ docks and/or the AJ Dock. Currently, the Franklin Dock is the only cruise ship dock that is equipped for shore power. These funds would accomplish the Assembly goal of figuring out the necessary steps to connect more ships to shore power." TO "These funds would be used to prepare a preliminary design and cost estimate for adding shore power to the 16B berths. The Assembly would be additionally advised of the implications of the policy choice of requesting firm or interruptible power for new shore power, the potential implications for changes to ship docking and the potential effect on supply of power to other interruptible customers and on utility rates. Currently, the Franklin Dock is the only cruise ship dock that is equipped for shore power. These funds would accomplish the Assembly goal of figuring out the necessary steps to connect more ships to shore power."

Loren Jones, OBJECTED. [Later in the discussion, Mr. Jones *WITHDREW the objection.*]

Michelle Bonnet Hale, moved to AMEND Ms. Triem's AMENDING MOTION, by changing the funding amount FROM \$250,000 TO \$300,000; AND changing the title TO "Large Berth Shore Power Implementation Feasibility Study and Preliminary Design"; AND changing the description TO "These funds would be used to assess the feasibility of implementation of large berth shore power at additional docks in Juneau, and provide for a preliminary design for such dock electrification. The study would include researching the ship configurations, and dock configuration including the left and right side issues

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associated with the 16B docks. The study would provide advice to the Assembly on the implications of the policy choice of firm v. interruptible power for the new shore power. The industry may be called upon to assist in the research with future projections for ships in Juneau. Finally, the preliminary design would serve as the initial stages of a design that could be completed in FY21."

Michelle Bonnet Hale, moved to AMEND her AMENDING motion to AMEND Ms. Triem's AMENDING MOTION, by changing the title TO "Large Berth Shore Power Implementation ~~Feasibility~~ Study and Preliminary Design";
AND changing the description TO "These funds would be used to assess the ~~feasibility~~ of implementation of large berth shore power at additional docks in Juneau, and provide for a preliminary design for such dock electrification. The study would include researching the ship configurations, and dock configuration including the left and right side issues associated with the 16B docks. The study would provide advice to the Assembly on the implications of the policy choice of firm v. interruptible power for the new shore power. The industry may be called upon to assist in the research with future projections for ships in Juneau. Finally, the preliminary design would serve as the initial stages of a design that could be completed in FY21."
Without OBJECTION.

Clerk's Note: After continued Assembly debate, Chair Jones called an "at ease" for the purpose of allowing Ms. Triem and Ms. Hale a few minutes to work with the City Manager.

The meeting recessed at 6:08 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 6:18 PM.

Michelle Bonnet Hale, WITHDREW her own Motions to AMEND Ms. Triem's AMENDING MOTION.

Michelle Bonnet Hale, moved to AMEND Ms. Triem's AMENDING MOTION, by changing the funding amount FROM \$250,000 TO \$300,000;
AND changing the description TO
"These funds would be used to prepare a preliminary design and cost estimate for adding shore power to [ADDITIONAL DOCKS] ~~the 16B berths~~. The Assembly would be additionally advised of the implications of the policy choice of requesting firm or interruptible power for new shore power, the potential implications for changes to ship docking and the potential effect on supply of power to other interruptible customers and on utility rates.

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Currently, the Franklin Dock is the only cruise ship dock that is equipped for shore power. These funds would accomplish the Assembly goal of figuring out the necessary steps to connect more ships to shore power.”

Rob Edwardson, OBJECTED. [Later in the discussion Mr. Edwardson *WITHDREW the objection.*]

Maria Gladziszewski, moved to AMEND Ms. Triem’s AMENDING MOTION, by changing the title TO “Analysis of Path Forward for Large Shore Power.”

Michelle Bonnet Hale, OBJECTED.

Roll call votes:

Ayes: Gladziszewski, Edwardson, and Mayor Weldon.

Nays: Bryson, Hale, Hughes-Skandijs, Triem, Becker and Jones.

Absent: None.

Motion FAILED 3-6.

Rob Edwardson WITHDREW OBJECTION.

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

Loren Jones WITHDREW OBJECTION to Ms. Triem’s original AMENDED MOTION as AMENDED.

Ms. Triem’s Motion to AMEND, as AMENDED by Ms. Hale’s 2nd AMENDMENT, PASSED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

Clerk’s Note – for the reader’s clarification, the final outcome of the aforementioned motions, resulted in the adoption of the following change to the FY20 MPF Request and Recommendation List by changing the title of “Large Berth Shore Power Feasibility / System Impact Analysis” TO “Large Berth Shore Power Preliminary Design & Cost Estimate”; The funding amount changed FROM \$250,000 TO \$300,000; AND the description changed TO read, “These funds would be used to prepare a preliminary design and cost estimate for adding shore power to additional docks. The Assembly would be additionally advised of the implications of the policy choice of requesting firm or interruptible power for new shore power, the potential implications for changes to ship

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docking and the potential effect on supply of power to other interruptible customers and on utility rates.

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Mayor Weldon, moved to refer the Manager's FY20 Marine Passenger Recommendations as AMENDED to the full Assembly for approval.

Without OBJECTION.

Clerk's Note – Change to Order of the Day – New agenda item Added: Projected Fund Balance Impact

VII. Projected Fund Balance Impact

Bob Bartholomew provided a three page hand-out including three views of projected Fund Balance impact. The Committee asked questions to make sure they understood how the Fund Balance was allocated between the 1% voter approved sales tax and the remainder being available for General Government.

VIII. FY20 Incremental Funding Relating to Child Care – Discussion / Action

Ms. Weiss responded to questions from the Assembly members.

Mr. Bartholomew responded to questions from the Assembly members.

Mayor Weldon, moved the following Child Care Incremental Funding Requests be moved from the AFC's FY20 Increment List to the AFC's FY20 Pending List for further discussion:

# 6	seaaeyc – HEARTS Program	Ongoing Funding	\$89,800
#12	Manager Review of Child Care		\$60,000
# D	Child Care Programs	Ongoing Funding	\$150,000

Without OBJECTION.

IX. Requested Budget Increments

Chair Jones introduced pages 75-135 of the meeting packet.

Mayor Weldon handed out a one-page letter from Wayne Jensen, Chair, The Alaska Committee; requesting an increase to their FY20 funding in the amount of \$100,000.

Mayor Weldon, moved to add The Alaska Committee's FY20 Incremental Funding Request in the amount of \$100,000, to the AFC's FY20 Increment List.

Without OBJECTION.

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The meeting recessed at 7:07 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 7:15 PM.

Maria Gladziszewski, moved the following items be transferred from the AFC's FY20 Increment List to the AFC's FY20 Pending List for further discussion:

#1	Juneau Festival Committee	Ongoing Funding	\$8,700
#2	Juneau Commission on Aging	Ongoing Funding	\$10,000
#3	Juneau Commission on Aging	1-Time Funding	\$23,809
#4	SE Conference		\$20,000
#5	Mental Health/Substance Abuse (JCF)		\$45,000
#7	The Glory Hall	Ongoing Funding	\$150,000
#8	Land for Senior Housing	1-Time Funding	\$1,512,000
#9	Contract Negotiations	Ongoing Funding	
#11	Healing Totem (AWARE)	1-Time Funding	\$22,567

Without OBJECTION.

Mayor Weldon, moved The Alaska Committee's FY20 Incremental Funding Request, in the amount of \$100,000, be moved from the AFC's FY20 Increment List to the AFC's FY20 Pending List for further discussion:

Without OBJECTION.

Mayor Weldon requested to Change the Order of the Day, to add a letter from the Alaska Municipal League (AML) that she had been asked to sign.

Without OBJECTION.

X. Alaska Municipal League Letter

Mayor Weldon distributed a 1-page form letter from the AML, titled, "Working Toward Solutions, Together." The Assembly members took an at ease to read through the letter and discuss the contents.

Mayor Weldon moved for approval to add her signature and support to the AML letter.
Without OBJECTION.

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XI. Information Items

Chair Jones discussed the Pending List and reminded the Committee that the MPF topic would be removed from the Pending list as it was approved as amended earlier in the meeting.

Mila Cosgrove, Deputy City Manager, addressed the Assembly members on behalf of Staff, this week of National Public Service – recognizing and thanking the Assembly for the work they do.

XII. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

XIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.