

City and Borough of Juneau
Minutes - Assembly Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 6, 2019, 5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Loren Jones, Rob Edwardson, Carole Triem, Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, Wade Bryson, Michelle Bonnet Hale, and Maria Gladziszewski.

Committee Members Participating Telephonically: Mayor Beth Weldon.

Committee Members Absent: Mary Becker.

Staff Present: Rorie Watt, City Manager; Mila Cosgrove, Deputy City Manager; Bob Bartholomew, Finance Director; Rob Palmer, City Attorney; Mike Vigue, Engineering & Public Works Director; Carl Uchytel, Port Director; Dallas Hargrave, Human Resources Director; George Schaaf, Parks & Recreation Director; Autumn Sapp, Public Works Business Manager; Sam Muse, Controller; and Elisabeth Jensen, Budget Analyst.

Others Present: Karen Tarver, CPA, Partner, Elgee Rehfeld (ER); Adam Sycks, CPA, Manager, Elgee Rehfeld; Bridget Weiss, Superintendent, Juneau School District; and Sarah Jahn, Director of Administrative Services, Juneau School District.

III. Approval of Minutes

The January 9, 2019, minutes were approved as presented.

IV. FY18 Audit Presentation

Karen Tarver, CPA, Partner, Elgee Rehfeld; presented the information found on pages 4 – 18 of the meeting packet, discussing the JSD, BRH and CBJ audits.

Ms. Tarver, and Bob Bartholomew responded to questions from the Assembly members regarding the presentation.

V. Juneau School District – FY19 Local Contribution Discussion

Bob Bartholomew, Finance Director, introduced the draft Ordinance found on page 20 of the meeting packet, addressing proposed adjustments to the FY19 Adopted Budget for the School District.

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Mr. Bartholomew and Bridget Weiss, Superintendent, Juneau School District; responded to questions from the Assembly members.

Rob Edwardson, moved to refer Ordinance 2018-12(B) to the full Assembly for approval. Without OBJECTION.

VI. Utility Rates – History & Financial Status

Mike Vigue, Engineering & Public Works Director, discussed historical and financial information found on pages 20 - 27 of the meeting packet. Further information will be provided to the Assembly Finance Committee at the next meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2019.

Mr. Vigue and Mr. Watt responded to questions from the Assembly members.

VII. Info Only – Marine Passenger Fee Recommendations

Rorie Watt, City Manager, discussed the information found on pages 28 – 30 of the meeting packet.

Mr. Watt and Mr. Bartholomew responded to questions from the Assembly members.

VIII. Info Only – Amazon Sales

Bob Bartholomew presented information found on page 31 of the meeting packet relating to a topic that had recently garnered much interest within the community – Amazon.com had recently begun collecting sales tax from shoppers in Juneau.

Mr. Bartholomew responded to questions from the Assembly members.

IX. Executive Session

Employee Compensation Negotiations.

Carole Triem moved to recess and reconvene to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Employee Compensation Negotiation matters. There being no objection or public comment, it was so ordered that Executive Session would commence after a ten minute recess.

The meeting recessed at 7:08 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 7:20 PM.

The committee entered into Executive Session at 7:20 PM.

The committee returned from Executive Session at 8:50 PM.

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Chair Jones reported that during the executive session the committee had discussed “contract negotiations” and the committee gave direction to staff.

Chair Jones asked if there was any other business. There was none.

The meeting was adjourned.

X. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, March 13, 2019.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.