

City and Borough of Juneau
Minutes - Assembly Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 3, 2018, 5:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 PM by Jesse Kiehl, Chair.

II. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Jesse Kiehl, Chair; Norton Gregory, Loren Jones, Mary Becker, Rob Edwardson, Jerry Nankervis, and Mayor Ken Koelsch.

Committee Members Participating Telephonically: Maria Gladziszewski.

Committee Members Absent: Beth Weldon.

Staff Present: Rorie Watt, City Manager; Mila Cosgrove, Deputy City Manager; Bob Bartholomew, Finance Director; Ed Mercer, Police Chief; Dave Scanlan, Eaglecrest Manager; Sam Muse, Controller; and Elisabeth Jensen, Budget Analyst.

Others Present: Dr. Mark Miller, Superintendent, Juneau School District; David Means, Administrative Services Director, Juneau School District; Ted Wilson, Director of Teaching and Learning, Juneau School District; Joy Lyon, Executive Director, Southeast Alaska Association for the Education of Young Children; Brian Holst, Executive Director, Juneau Economic Development Council; and Blue Shibler, Owner, Discovery Preschool.

III. Approval of Minutes

The April 25, 2018 minutes were approved as presented.

IV. Juneau Commission on Aging (JCOA) – FY19 Funding Request - Memo

Rorie Watt, City Manager presented the memo on page 8 of the meeting packet, describing added services request for an ongoing need that would need to be evaluated in the coming year. He stated that JCOA needs staff support to be successful.

**Loren Jones, moved to add JCOA's request for \$10,000 to the AFC's Pending List.
Without OBJECTION.**

V. Best Starts Presentation

Joy Lyon, Executive Director, Southeast Alaska Association for the Education of Young Children; Brian Holst, Executive Director, Juneau Economic Development Council; Blue Shibler, Owner, Discovery Preschool; and Ted Wilson, Director of Teaching and Learning, Juneau School District.

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Bob Bartholomew, Finance Director, introduced the topic (found on pages 9 – 21 of the meeting packet) outlining Best Start's request of \$2.18 million for a two-year pilot program. He noted that the Manager's Proposed FY19 Budget does not include any funding for Best Starts.

Joy Lyon, discussed how the plan was developed, how it was modeled after models from other communities, and how it is leveraging multiple sources of funding.

Ted Wilson, stated that based on eleven indicators, only 38% of incoming Kindergarteners are Kindergarten ready. The schools currently have integrated programs that service some of these students, along with Head Start, the new KinderReady program, and Montessori services. If children come into Kindergarten with a much higher level of language skills, the school can start teaching them to read much faster. Investing more in students before they get to kindergarten will save us effort and staffing when they arrive to Kindergarten.

Brian Holst, mentioned JEDC has been working on the childcare-workforce crisis for nine years, and that Best Starts addresses two driving issues: 1.) Workforce Issue – To find and afford high quality childcare, 2.) Kindergarten readiness.

The panel addressed questions from Assembly members.

Loren Jones, moved to add Best Starts' request of \$2.18 million (\$798K in FY19 & \$1,378K in FY20) to a two-year pilot program to the AFC's Pending List.

Mayor Koelsch OBJECTED.

Roll call votes:

Ayes: Edwardson, Nankervis, Gladziszewski, Gregory, Jones, and Kiehl.

Nays: Becker and Mayor Koelsch.

Absent: Weldon.

Motion PASSED 6-2, with 1 Absent.

The meeting recessed at 6:47 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 6:59 PM.

VI. Kinder Ready Program – In Meeting Handout Provided – 1 Page

At the Mayor's request the following information was handed out and summarized by Ms. Cosgrove with information provided by David Means, Juneau School District.

Kinder Ready program - \$700,000

The JSD currently runs a Kinder Ready program at Harbor Elementary School, and is considering including a Valley location for the 2018-2019 school year. This proposal would

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expand the existing program to all elementary schools. Each school site costs approximately \$140,000.

Facts: The Kinder Ready Program provides ½ day or full day programming to 4 year olds with the goal of getting them ready to enter Kindergarten successfully. The program runs Tuesday – Friday from 8:00 – 2:30. Parents are expected to pay to have their children participate. Cost is \$200 a month for a half day spot and \$400 a ~~day~~ month for a full day spot. Each half day session can accommodate 16 children. If the program is run as a full day program, they can accommodate 20 children. The program prioritizes families experiencing low income and scholarships are available.

Impact: 120 – 192 4 year old children will receive a preschool experience designed to develop their social, emotional, and academic skills for successful entry into kindergarten.

Dr. Mark Miller responded to questions from Assembly members. He stated that the School District could expand their existing Kinder Ready program to 2 schools next year and then evaluate to prove if successful. However, the conversations have not begun regarding expanding the current program.

Mayor Koelsch, moved funding in the amount of \$140,000 to add Kinder Ready to one more school building for the school year to the AFC's Pending List.
Without OBJECTION.

VII. Marine Passenger Fee Recommendations – For Action

Rorie Watt, requested to modify page 28 of the meeting packet in order to provide similar funding to the AJ and Franklin Docks, specifically editing AJ Dock funding for Security and Safety from \$124,800 to \$85,000 for the FY19 Recommendation, allowing the difference to remain in the MPF Fund.

Loren Jones, moved to accept the Manager's Amendment to the MPF Letter changing AJ Dock's Security and Safety from \$124,800 to \$85,000, and placing the balance in the MPF Fund.
Without OBJECTION.

Mr. Watt and Chief Mercer responded to questions from the Assembly members.

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Loren Jones, moved to adopt the Manager's MPF Memo, as amended in the amount of \$5,853,890.

Norton Gregory, moved to AMEND THE MAIN MOTION, by reducing MPF funding for Transportation Worker ID Credential System (TWIC) in half from \$170,000 to \$85,000 in FY19.

Mr. Jones and Jesse Kiehl OBJECTED.

Roll call votes:

Ayes: Gregory, Edwardson, and Kiehl.

Nays: Becker, Nankervis, Gladziszewski, Jones and Mayor Koelsch.

Absent: Weldon.

Motion FAILED 3-5, WITH 1 Absent.

Jesse Kiehl, moved to AMEND THE MAIN MOTION, by reallocating funding of \$150,000 for Public/Private Port Infrastructure Plan, with \$100,000 added to the Downtown Waterfront Plan Update and the remaining \$50,000 going to the MPF Fund.

Mr. Jones OBJECTED.

Roll call votes:

Ayes: Gregory, Edwardson, and Kiehl.

Nays: Nankervis, Gladziszewski, Becker, Jones and Mayor Koelsch.

Absent: Weldon.

Motion FAILED 3-5, WITH 1 Absent.

Without OBJECTION on Main Motion to adopt the MPF Memo.

The meeting recessed at 8:25 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 PM.

VIII. Pending List for the FY19 Proposed Budget

Bob Bartholomew provided a new hand-out to replace 33 of the meeting packet. He provided a broad picture of recent impacts to the Manager's Proposed Budget as provided to the Assembly on April 4, 2018.

Jerry Nankervis, moved to approve the Eaglecrest Base FY19 Budget in the amount of \$2,675,500.

Without OBJECTION.

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Jerry Nankervis, moved the reinstatement of funding for 2 Juneau Police Officers (that were unfunded in 2014 – though FTEs remained on books) to the AFC's Pending List.
Without OBJECTION.

Jerry Nankervis, moved an increase in funding by \$35,000 for Juneau Police Department's Recruitment, to the AFC's Pending List.
Without OBJECTION.

Jerry Nankervis, moved an increase in funding and FTEs by \$180,000 for 2 new Civilian Investigator positions within the Juneau Police Department, to the AFC's Pending List.
Without OBJECTION.

Jerry Nankervis, moved the reinstatement of funding for the Juneau Police CSO Officer (that was unfunded in FY18 – though FTEs remained on books) to the AFC's Pending List.
Mr. Kiehl OBJECTED.

Roll call votes:

Ayes: Gregory, Edwardson, Jones, Becker, Nankervis and Mayor Koelsch.

Nays: Kiehl.

Absent: Weldon and Gladziszewski.

Motion PASSED 6-1, WITH 2 Absent.

Clerk's Note: Ms. Gladziszewski left the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Mary Becker, moved to add funding in the amount of \$10,000 to the AFC's Pending List for the maintenance of the private gravesites in Douglas.
Without OBJECTION.

Mayor Koelsch, moved to add funding in the amount of \$50,000 to the AFC's Pending List for a Video Camera Grant to aid in security issues in high profile areas.
Without OBJECTION.

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Mayor Koelsch, moved to add funding in the amount of \$75,000 to the AFC's Pending List for Contract Parking Enforcement to free up Community Services Officers (CSO).

Mr. Jones OBJECTED.

Roll call votes:

Ayes: Gregory, Edwardson, Becker, Nankervis and Mayor Koelsch.

Nays: Jones and Kiehl.

Absent: Weldon and Gladziszewski.

Motion PASSED 5-2, WITH 2 Absent.

IX. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 PM.