

City and Borough of Juneau
Minutes - Assembly Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Jesse Kiehl, Chair.

II. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Jesse Kiehl, Chair; Mary Becker, Beth Weldon, Debbie White, Loren Jones, Norton Gregory, Jerry Nankervis and Mayor Ken Koelsch.

Committee Members Participating Telephonically: Maria Gladziszewski.

Committee Members Absent: None.

III. Riverview Senior Assisted Living Presentation – CBJ Funding & Credit Support

Bob Bartholomew, Finance Director, introduced the topic, explaining that the main issue for the committee would be that after the presentation there will be some issues about the difficulties of financing the project and whether there is any interest in having staff conduct additional research on what role the CBJ might play if alternative financing isn't available for the Riverview Senior Assisted Living project.

Mr. Bartholomew introduced Sioux Douglas, Senior Citizens Support Service, Inc. (SCSSI), President; and Ted Johnson, Marathon Development, Inc., President.

Ms. Douglas and Mr. Johnson described the 88-bed assisted and memory care facility project, and requested assistance from the CBJ with reviewing the project and potential options available for financing.

Jerry Nankervis moved approval to direct staff to coordinate with SCSSI to research options available to assist in making this endeavor a reality.

(Motion was intentionally made as a broad directive, so not to limit options.)

Without OBJECTION.

IV. Juneau School District Funding Request

Handout: Letter from Juneau School Board, dated January 11, 2017.

Bob Bartholomew summarized the most recent history of Juneau School District's request to the Assembly, and provided an update on the FY17/18 city budget status.

Mayor Koelsch moved to approve directing staff to prepare a supplemental ordinance in the amount of \$250,000 to fund "small maintenance items of up to \$50,000"; funding to come from the CBJ fund balance and transfer this \$250,000 to the CIP's maintenance fund for the Juneau School District.

Mr. Jones and Ms. Gladziszewski objected.

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Beth Weldon moved to amend the main motion and authorized the Juneau School District to spend \$400,000 of their fund balance to address their other needs.

Mr. Kiehl objected to the amendment.

Roll call votes:

Ayes: Weldon, Gregory, White and Mayor Koelsch.

Nays: Becker, Jones, Nankervis, Gladziszewski and Kiehl.

Absent: None.

Amendment to Motion FAILED 4-5.

Roll call votes:

Ayes: Weldon, White, Becker, Kiehl and Mayor Koelsch.

Nays: Nankervis, Gladziszewski, Jones and Gregory.

Absent: None.

Main Motion PASSED 5-4.

Loren Jones moved to approve directing staff to bring forward an ordinance in the amount of \$400,000 to fund the Juneau School District to the cap for FY17 from CBJ fund balance.

Ms. Weldon objected to the motion.

Roll call votes:

Ayes: Jones, Becker, White, and Gregory.

Nays: Gladziszewski, Weldon, Nankervis, Kiehl and Mayor Koelsch.

Absent: None.

Motion FAILED 4-5.

The meeting recessed at 6:51 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 7:01 PM.

V. Final Administrative Opinion – Requiring Cruise Ships to Collect & Remit Sales Tax for Onboard Activity

Bob Bartholomew provided an update and status on the topic to the committee.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Koelsch moved to direct staff to prepare an ordinance for introduction at the next Assembly meeting, supporting an exemption from CBJ sales tax on goods sold and service performed aboard cruise ship(s) while the ship(s) is (are) within CBJ boundaries.

Mr. Kiehl objected.

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Roll call votes:

Ayes: White, Gregory, Becker, Nankervis, Gladziszewski, Jones, Weldon and Mayor Koelsch.

Nays: Kiehl.

Absent: None.

Motion PASSED 8-1.

VI. CBJ Support for University Alaska Southeast (UAS) - School of Education

Rorie Watt, City Manager, provided background on support for UAS School of Education; and asked for direction from AFC on how the Assembly would like to proceed.

Mayor Koelsch moved to direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance committing \$250,000 to the Teacher Excellence Fund, a University Alaska Southeast (UAS) School of Education endowment through the Juneau Community Foundation; Funding provided from the CBJ fund balance in FY17, and incorporate another \$250,000 into the Manager's FY18 Revised Budget.

Mr. Jones and Mr. Nankervis objected.

Roll call votes:

Ayes: Weldon, White, Gladziszewski, Gregory, Becker, Kiehl and Mayor Koelsch.

Nays: Jones and Nankervis.

Absent: None.

Motion PASSED 7-2.

VII. Information Item – Priority Driven Budget Process – Draft Program Inventory

Mila Cosgrove, Deputy City Manager, shared information provided in the meeting packet.

VIII. Information Item – Community Foundation 2016 Report on CBJ Grant Funds

Bob Bartholomew provided information on administration of Community Foundation Grants.

IX. Information Item – FY17 Revenue Budget De-appropriating Resolution

Bob Bartholomew presented the housekeeping resolution to adjust budget to address revenue reductions from the State of Alaska and local sales tax.

X. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

XI. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.