

City and Borough of Juneau
Minutes - Assembly Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:53 PM (immediately following the Special Assembly Meeting) by Jerry Nankervis, Chair.

II. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Ken Koelsch, Mary Becker, Jesse Kiehl, Debbie White, Jerry Nankervis, Maria Gladziszewski, Jamie Lynn Bursell, Kate Troll and Loren Jones.

Committee Members Participating Telephonically: None.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Rorie Watt, City Manager; Kim Kiefer, City Manager; Mila Cosgrove, Deputy City Manager; Bob Bartholomew, Finance Director; Jean Hodges, Assistant Controller; Dave Pusich, Recreation Manager, Parks & Recreation; and Elisabeth Jensen, Budget Analyst.

III. Approval of Minutes

The April 20, 2016 minutes were approved with revisions.

IV. Juneau Arts and Humanities Council (JAHC) Presentation

Nancy DeCherney, Executive Director, JAHC provided information and highlights pertaining to the JAHC and its funding request including an increased request (year-over-year) of \$13,000 for the FY17 budget.

Loren Jones, moved the Juneau Arts and Humanities Council's Budget request of \$180,000 be added to the Pending List.

Without objection.

V. Youth Activities Board (YAB) Presentation

Dave Pusich, Recreation Manager, CBJ Parks & Recreation and Staff Liaison for YAB; and Joyce Vick, Board Member, Youth Activities Board presented the FY17 funding request. General discussion ensued and there were no recommended changes to the requested budget.

Discussion and questions revolved around the contingency fund history.

Maria Gladziszewski, moved to recommend inclusion of the Manager's proposed Youth Activities Board budget of \$332,500 in the FY17 Budget Ordinance to come before the Assembly for final approval.

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Maria Gladziszewski, moved to address the contingency fund as it applies to YAB at the conclusion of the FY17 budget cycle, by examining the resolution that establishes the YAB. Without objection.

The meeting recessed at 6:41 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 6:48 PM.

VI. Juneau Park Foundation Discussion

Chris Mertl, Chair, Juneau Park Foundation; and Bob James, Board of Directors, Juneau Park Foundation represented the Juneau Park Foundation.

Mr. Mertl provided an overview of the new organization and requested a minimum funding of \$75,000 annually to come from the City and Borough of Juneau as “skin in the game” to entice support from the Rasmuson Foundation, with the idea that the Rasmuson foundation might provide \$300,000 in funding to JPF.

Many questions and discussion ensued.

Debbie White, moved the Juneau Park Foundation’s new Budget request of \$75,000 be added to the Pending List. Without objection.

VII. Proposed Mill Rate Presentation and Debt Service Presentation

Bob Bartholomew discussed and answered questions regarding the six slides provided in the packet. As proposed the total reduced mill rate of 10.51 mills would raise \$48 million of property tax revenue in FY17. Leaving the mill rate unchanged from FY16 (10.76 mills) would raise an additional \$900,000. Committee members discussed numerous alternatives of how to best use the potential additional revenues, taking into consideration CBJ’s current financial position and the reduction in state revenues or related economic impact. Some of the items discussed were: 1) early retirement of bond debt, 2) revenues going into available fund balance, 3) accelerating housing development projects, 4) allocate to a deferred maintenance program and 5) allocated to the bio-solids capital project. No committee recommendation was made at this time.

VIII. Information Item – Pending List for the FY17/18 Proposed Budget

The updated pending list was discussed briefly, and the committee agreed to address the following items at the AFC meeting on May 4, 2016:

- 3.) Airport FY17 Proposed Budget
- 5.) MPF FY17 Funding List
- 6.) Hospital FY17 Proposed Budget

Items to be added to the pending list as a result of this meeting are:

- Juneau Arts and Humanities Council FY17 Funding Request of \$180,000
- Juneau Park Foundation FY17 Funding request of \$75,000

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IX. Information Item – AFC Meeting Schedule

The meeting on May 4, 2016 was discussed and planned to begin at the conclusion of the Special Assembly meeting beginning at 5:00 P.M.

X. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, May 4, 2016 - Immediately following Special Assembly Meeting at 5:00 PM.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.