

City and Borough of Juneau
Minutes - Assembly Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM 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; and Elisabeth Jensen, Budget Analyst.

III. Approval of Minutes

The April 6, 2016 minutes were approved as presented.

The April 13, 2016 minutes were approved as presented.

IV. Video-Web Streaming of Assembly Meetings

Kim Kiefer provided an overview of next-steps that would need to be taken to move forward with streaming of Assembly meetings.

Discussion ensued.

Maria Gladziszewski asked if a link to audio files could be provided on the CBJ website. Kim Kiefer agreed to follow-up on the request.

Kate Troll stated that her preference was to allow for online bill payment.

Bob Bartholomew agreed to provide an update during information items later in the meeting.

Jesse Kiehl requested that staff look into providing audio of all meetings to the public, with funding in the Manager's Office budget.

The Assembly opted not to pursue web-streaming at this time.

V. Juneau Convention & Visitors Bureau FY17/18 Proposed Budget Presentation

Bob Bartholomew introduced Liz Perry, President/CEO JCVB; and John McConnochie, Chair, JCVB Board of Directors.

Liz Perry presented the JCVB Budget and program information.

Discussion followed.

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Bob Bartholomew noted for the record that the updated Budget Book schedule of the Hotel Tax fund was provided on page 16 of the meeting packet.

Jesse Kiehl, moved to recommend inclusion of the Manager's proposed JCVB budget in the FY17 Budget Ordinance to come before the Assembly for final approval.
Without objection.

VI. Alaska Committee Budget Presentation

Wayne Jensen, Chair, Alaska Committee discussed the Alaska Committee's presentation. Mr. Jensen paid tribute to Jaime Parsons who passed away recently.

Mary Becker moved the Alaska Committee budget request of \$100,000, and incremental request of \$30,000 for Gavel to Gavel funding be included in the FY17 Budget Ordinance to come before the Assembly.

Kate Troll objected to the motion, for the procedural purpose of treating the Alaska Committee's budget the same as all other budgets by moving it to the pending list instead of approving it at this time.

Roll call votes:

Ayes: Becker, Kiehl, White, Nankervis and Mayor Koelsch.
Nays: Gladziszewski, Jones, Troll and Bursell.
Absent: None.

Motion PASSED 5-4.

The meeting recessed at 6:41 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 6:48 PM.

VII. Bartlett Regional Hospital FY17/18 Proposed Budget Presentation

Bob Bartholomew introduced Alan Ulrich, BRH CFO; Linda Thomas, BRH Finance Chair; and Chuck Bill, BRH CEO. Bob pointed out that the amount of Marine Passenger Fee funding potentially provided to BRH would be discussed at a later date - as the Manager's MPF letter had been placed on the AFC's Pending List for future discussion.

Alan introduced the BRH budget presentation.

- The Bartlett Board approved the Fiscal 2017 budget with strategic pricing changes up to a blended increase of 5%.
- Bartlett has not budgeted proceeds from Medicare's Rural Demonstration Project in FY17. The program expired June 30, 2015, and the renewal has not (yet) received congressional support.
- Concern about Hospital's pricing v. competitors in the Lower 48 – also known as "medical tourism."
- Bartlett will no longer bill for ER physician services. The financial impact is neutral.
- "Swing beds" will be incorporated in FY17.

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Discussion ensued.

Jesse Kiehl, moved the Bartlett Regional Hospital's Budget be added to the Pending List. Without objection.

VIII. FY16 Supplemental Ordinances

- A. **Ordinance 2015-20(AL)** An Appropriation Transferring to the Manager the Sum of \$50,000 as Funding for the Law Department; Funding Provided by the Open Space Waterfront Land Acquisition Capital Improvement Project.
- B. **Ordinance 2015-20(AM)** An Ordinance Appropriating to the Manager the Sum of \$200,000 as Funding for the Stabler Quarry Infrastructure and Expansion Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by the Land Fund's Fund Balance.

There was no discussion on this item. The Ordinances were introduced at a special assembly meeting earlier in the evening.

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

Bob Bartholomew discussed the Pending Items & Increments that were included in the packet. The list will be updated as we move through the process with the goal of making final decisions at the AFC meetings on May 4 & 11, 2016.

Bob Bartholomew provided a handout showing the amounts, dates and projects in response to a request from Ms. Gladyszewski regarding 1% Sales Tax CIP list.

Mr. Jones stated that the Special Assembly meeting on May 4, 2016 is expected to begin at 5:00 PM, and end at 6:00 PM. The AFC meeting on May 4, 2016 will begin immediately following the conclusion of the Special Assembly Meeting.

Mayor Koelsch requested information regarding the Special Assembly meeting on April 27, 2016. Bob Bartholomew provided an overview of the proposed meeting.

Bob Bartholomew provided an update on the status of online bill payment as requested by Ms. Troll. The goal is to scope out an online portal during the summer of 2016, with initial online payments set-up by December, 2016.

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

- Bartlett Regional Hospital FY17/18 Proposed Budget

X. Executive Session

Employee Compensation Negotiations.

Mayor Koelsch moved to convene to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Employee Compensation Negotiation matters. There being no objection or public comment, it was so ordered.

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The committee entered into Executive Session at 8:07 PM.

The committee returned from Executive Session at 9:01PM.

Mayor Koelsch reported that the committee had discussed employee contract negotiations and the committee gave direction to staff on PSEA contract negotiations.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

XI. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

XII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM