

City and Borough of Juneau
Minutes - Assembly Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 10, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by Jerry Nankervis, Chair.

II. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Mary Becker, Jesse Kiehl, Debbie White, Jerry Nankervis, Barbara Sheinberg, Maria Gladziszewski, Kate Troll and Loren Jones.

Committee Members Participating Telephonically: None.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kim Kiefer, City Manager; Mila Cosgrove, Deputy City Manager; Bob Bartholomew, Finance Director; Dallas Hargrave, Human Resources Director; Bryce Johnson, Chief of Police; Rorie Watt, Public Works Director; Kirk Duncan, Parks & Rec Director; Rob Steedle, CDD Director; Robert Barr, Library Director; Jean Hodges, Assistant Controller; and Elisabeth Jensen, Budget Analyst.

Others Present: Liz Perry, CEO, JCVB; Tim McLeod, President, AEL&P; Jason Thackston, Senior Vice President, AVISTA; and Alex Mesdag, AEL&P

III. Approval of Minutes

The December 16, 2015 minutes were approved as presented.

IV. JCVB Supplemental Request

Bob Bartholomew, CBJ Finance Director, provided a summary of a supplemental request of \$141,000 from JCVB to modernize their website. If the Assembly recommended approving the request, he recommended a funding scenario of \$70,500 from both the Hotel Tax Fund and JCVB's fund balance.

The committee members discussed their questions with Mr. Bartholomew and Liz Perry, CEO, JCVB. Liz Perry was agreeable to the 50/50 split as recommended.

Mayor Mary Becker motioned for the approval of the supplemental request, funded with the 50/50 split with \$70,500 from the Hotel Tax Fund and \$70,500 from JCVB's fund balance.

There were no objections.

V. D&H CIP Funding – Cruise Ship Berth Dock Project

Bob Bartholomew provided an update on the funding of the project and answered questions from committee members.

VI. Avista Proposal

Bob Bartholomew summarized the current optional exemptions available through State of Alaska code and the suggested changes to State Law proposed by Avista Corp.

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Representatives from AEL&P and Avista Corp were in attendance and responded to questions from the committee members. Representatives included Tim McLeod, President, AEL&P; Jason Thackston, Senior Vice President, AVISTA; and Alex Mesdag, AEL&P

Mr. Nankervis asked the representatives what they needed from the AFC. Tim McLeod asked for the AFC's support of the amendment at the state level, and once passed by the legislature, the approval of an ordinance to take advantage of the new legislation.

The committee members expressed concern that they needed more information and had many questions that would need to be answered before moving forward with this request.

VII. Phase II Financial Update – Future CBJ Budget Projection

Bob Bartholomew explained his intent was to begin a dialogue with a foundation of education with the Assembly and staff regarding how the CBJ could be impacted by downsizing by the State of Alaska. He presented three scenarios to begin the discussion. Numerous committee members thanked Mr. Bartholomew for the information.

VIII. Information Item – Update on Walmart closure

Bob Bartholomew provided an update regarding the recent job fair, building contact status and information on potential loss of retail sales. Statements on retail sales were based on reviewing what happened when the Kmart store closed.

IX. Information Item – FY15 Audit Report – Letters to the Assembly

Bob Bartholomew referenced the letters included in the meeting packet. The Auditors are expected to present at the AFC meeting scheduled for March 2, 2016.

X. Executive Session

Employee Compensation Negotiations.

Jesse Kiehl moved to convene to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Employee Compensation Negotiation matters. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The committee entered into Executive Session at 8:59 PM.

The committee returned from Executive Session at 10:02 PM.

Jesse Kiehl reported that the committee had discussed employee contract negotiations and the committee gave direction to staff on union negotiations and City Manager compensation.

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

The meeting was adjourned.

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XI. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 PM.