

City and Borough of Juneau
Minutes - Assembly Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Karen Crane, Chair

II. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Greg Fisk, Mary Becker, Debbie White, Maria Gladziszewski, Karen Crane, Kate Troll, Jerry Nankervis and Loren Jones.

Committee Members Participating Telephonically: Jesse Kiehl.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kim Kiefer, City Manager; Rob Steedle, Deputy City Manager; Bob Bartholomew, Finance Director; Amy Mead, City Attorney; Mila Cosgrove, Human Resources Director; Patricia deLaBruere, Airport Manager; Jean Hodges, Assistant Controller; and Elisabeth Jensen, Budget Analyst.
Others Present: Brian Holst, JEDC Executive Director; and Kevin Jardell, City Lobbyist.

III. Approval of Minutes

The August 26, 2015 minutes were approved as presented.

IV. Request to Change the Order of the Day

Bob Bartholomew requested that Agenda Item V. (Juneau Community Foundation Administration of the Social Services Advisory Board (SSAB) Grants) be removed from the agenda and brought before the AFC at another time in the future.

It was so ordered.

V. Juneau Economic Development Council Funding for Economic Development Plan Implementation

Kim Kiefer introduced a brief history and scope of the Economic Development Plan. The Manager's Office will be the center for the Economic Development Plan and will disseminate information regarding what JEDC is also working on within the Plan; thus providing a one-stop shop. Assembly members queried Brian Holst regarding JEDC's Statement of Work (SOW), dated October 16, 2015.

Mary Becker motioned to accept JEDC's proposal.

Roll call votes:

Ayes: White, Becker, Jones, Kiehl, Gladziszewski, Troll, Crane and Fisk.

Nays: Nankervis.

Absent: None.

And this Motion PASSED 8-1.

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VI. State / Federal Funding Requests

Kim Kiefer provided an overview of the Revised FY17 State and Federal Funding Requests as a follow up to the list presented to the AFC on August 26, 2015. The Assembly members discussed the letter with Kim and with Kevin Jardell.

Jesse Kiehl motioned to have the following listed in the State Request: CBJ Wastewater Biosolids Long Term Treatment and Disposal, Platform Ladder Truck, Whittier Street Improvements and a line mentioning the importance of the State Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Match.

Roll call votes:

Ayes: Kiehl and Jones.

Nays: Troll, Nankervis, Becker, Gladziszewski, White, Crane and Fisk.

Absent: None.

And this Motion FAILED 2-7.

Maria Gladziszewski motioned to have the two priorities as listed in the State Request: #1 CBJ Wastewater Biosolids Long Term Treatment and Disposal and #2 Platform Ladder Truck.

Roll call votes:

Ayes: White, Gladziszewski, Kiehl, Jones, Troll, Crane and Fisk.

Nays: Becker, and Nankervis.

Absent: None.

And this Motion PASSED 7-2.

Jesse Kiehl motioned to make the issue of supporting AIP match funding as one issue that the lobbyist will work on during the session.

There were no objections.

Mayor Fisk motioned to have the non-prioritized list be pared down to the Auke Lake Wayside Launch Ramp and Trail System Connection, and Phase II Aurora Harbor Rebuild; with the caveat that the Lobbyist pursues those as opportunities arise and have Whittier Street Improvements stricken from the list.

There were no objections.

Mary Becker motioned for approval of the Federal FAA Request as listed.

There were no objections.

Mary Becker motioned for approval of the Federal, non-FAA Request as listed.

There were no objections.

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VII. CBJ Marine Passenger Fees – Use of Funds

Kim Kiefer asked for the body's direction regarding MPF as a follow-up to the Assembly Finance Committee's request for discussion during the spring during the budget process. Members of the body expressed their desire to have earlier involvement in the process and raised some concern about funding non-safety related items for private docks. After some discussion, the body had no changes to the existing award process.

VIII. Information Item – Pension System Unfunded Liability

With the objective of educating the body on a change to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), Bob Bartholomew presented the issue paper and responded to a few questions from the body.

The meeting recessed at 7:28 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 7:37 PM.

IX. Executive Session

Employee Compensation Negotiations.

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

The meeting was opened to public testimony. No one was present to testify.

The committee entered into Executive Session at 7:39 PM.

[Due to computer problems, the audio recording of the meeting ended at 7:39 PM.]

The committee returned from Executive Session at 7:47 PM.

Chair Crane reported that the current negotiation environment was discussed and that further guidance will be provided in executive session at the next AFC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

X. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

XI. Adjournment.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.