City and Borough of Juneau
Minutes - Assembly Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 08, 2015, 5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM by Karen Crane, Chair.

II. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Merrill Sanford, Mary Becker, Debbie White, Jesse Kiehl, Maria Gladziszewski, Karen Crane, Kate Troll, Jerry Nankervis and Loren Jones
Committee Members Absent: None

III. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes presented for approval.

IV. Request to Amend Agenda

Bob Bartholomew requested to amend the agenda to include the Summary of how we balanced the budget. The new item would append Agenda Item VI – Information Items.
There were no objections.

V. Juneau School District Budget Presentation

Dr. Mark Miller, JSD Superintendent; David Means, Director of Administrative Services; and Phyllis Carlson, School Board President; presented information on the JSD FY16 Revised Budget and impact of current State legislation being considered. School Board is considering asking for bond sale for rehabbing Marie Drake school.

Committee members had the following requests:

1. Copy of the overhead presentation.
2. Annual PTR (Pupil Teacher Ratio) change FY14 – FY16, and potential impact from funding to the cap on PTR.
3. Is funding Head Start outside the cap an option?
4. FY15 CBJ total funding was $24.5 million. The requested FY16 increase, before final action by State Legislature, was from $0.7 million to $1.2 million. Additional request was to consider $0.5 million FY15 supplemental for FY16 carry forward funds. Total increase for consideration $1.7 million.

VI. Capital Improvement Projects Program Budget / Plan

Bob Bartholomew, Finance Director, and Rorie Watt, Engineering Director, presented information on the capital improvements project funding and Resolution 2713(b) (A Resolution Adopting the City and Borough Capital Improvement Programs for fiscal years 2016 through 2021, and Establishing the Capital Improvement Project Priorities for Fiscal Year 2016).

Rorie stated that the Douglas Harbor Rebuild (pg. 20) in the amount of $3.0 million will be removed from the list as it will be funded by the Corp of Engineers. Rorie agreed to work with staff to enhance process for prioritizing areawide paving projects.

Jesse Kiehl moved the resolution, minus the Douglas Harbor Rebuild, be forwarded to the full Assembly for consideration.
There were no objections.

VII. Marine Passenger Fee Recommendations

Kim Kiefer, City Manager, presented the final MPF list.

Committee members had the following requests:

1. Provide Assembly members with MPF background information.

Some AFC members voiced concerns to tax money being used to pay for private businesses. Kim Kiefer read an excerpt from CBJ Title 69 – Revenue and Taxation, Chapter 20 - Marine Passenger Fee, Section 120 – Use of proceeds (69.20.120).

Lightering Float Ramp Canvas Cover Replacement in the amount of $10,000 (pg. 27) was removed from the list.

Chair Crane recommended moving the MPF List to the Pending List.

VIII. Information Items

A. AFC Meeting Schedule

The AFC Meeting Schedule as of April 8, 2015 was presented and discussed. Chair Crane requested the AFC meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2015 be moved back to Wednesday, April 29, 2015; to begin at 5:00 PM and with the intent to adjourn by 6:30 PM, if possible.

B. Summary of how we balanced the budget

Bob Bartholomew distributed the document in response to a request of the AFC on April 1, 2014. He requested Assembly members review the document in the coming days and submit comments and FAQs for publication on the website.

IX. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM