THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Meeting Minutes – April 1, 2014

MEETING NO. 2015-09: The Special Meeting of the City and Borough of Juneau Assembly, held in the Assembly Chambers of the Municipal Building, was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Merrill Sanford.

I. ROLL CALL

Assembly Present: Mary Becker, Karen Crane, Maria Gladziszewski, Loren Jones, Jesse Kiehl, Jerry Nankervis, Merrill Sanford, Kate Troll and Debbie White.

Assembly Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kim Kiefer, City Manager; Rob Steedle, Deputy City Manager; Amy Mead, Municipal Attorney; Elisabeth Jensen, Budget Analyst; and Bob Bartholomew, Finance Director.

II. MANAGER'S REQUEST FOR AGENDA CHANGES

Ms. Kiefer said there were no changes, but Resolution 2713 – CIP Program 2016-2021, was being introduced and referred to the Finance Committee and this was unlike the normal path for resolutions in which resolutions on the consent agenda were generally approved.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Public Requests for Consent Agenda Changes, Other Than Ordinances for Introduction

None.

B. Assembly Requests for Consent Agenda Changes - None.

C. Assembly Action

MOTION, by Becker, to adopt the consent agenda. Hearing no objections, the consent agenda was adopted.

1. Ordinances for Introduction

   a. Ordinance 2015-20 An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Treasury for FY16 City and Borough Operations.

   This ordinance appropriates $319,537,700 for the CBJ's FY16 operating budget, excluding the School District. It is necessary to appropriate all transfers between funds that support operations, debt service and capital projects as well as the associated expenditure within the funds themselves. These transfers account for $87,779,800 of the FY16 operating budget. Excluding the transfers and School District, the CBJ FYI 6 budget for operations, debt service and capital projects is $228,996,200.

   The Charter requires that a public hearing be held on the FY 16 operating budget by May 1, 2015, and adoption by June 15, 2015.

   The Manager recommends this ordinance be introduced, referred to the Assembly Finance Committee for further review, and set for public hearing at the regular Assembly meeting scheduled for April 27, 2015.

   b. Ordinance 2015-21 An Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Treasury for FY 16 School District Operations

   This ordinance will appropriate to the School District an FY 16 operating budget of $86,260,100. The School District's operating budget is:

General Operations	$71,044,600
Special Revenue (pupil transportation, food service, etc)	6,491,600
Other Operations (student activities, grants, etc)	8,723,900
Total Budget	$86,260,100

   The FY16 school budget is supported with a combination of funding sources that includes local funding of $25,752,600. This consists of $24,982,600 for general operations, and $770,000 for student activities funding. Student activities funding includes $565,000 for student activities ($200,000 comes from sales tax), $70,000 for pupil transportation and $135,000 for Community Schools. The $24,982,600 in general operations support is an increase of
   $455,700 over FY15. The $770,000 for student activities funding is an increase of $392,500 over FY15.

   State statute requires the Assembly to determine the total amount oflocal educational funding support to be provided and provide notification of the support to the School Board within 30 days of the School District's budget submission. To meet this timing provision, it is necessary for the Assembly to determine the amount of funding and provide notice in the month of April.

This amount cannot subsequently be reduced, unless the amount exceeds the State funding CAP, but it can be increased. If the Assembly does not set the amount and furnish the School Board with notice within 30 days, the amount requested by the School District is automatically approved. By Charter, the Assembly is required to appropriate the School District's budget no later than May 31, 2015.

On April 27, 2015, the Assembly must state, by motion, the amount of local funding to be provided to the School District. This amount cannot be lower than the minimum required by State law, which is $13,094,500 but can be as high as the maximum allowed amount, which is $24,982,600.

The Manager recommends this ordinance be introduced, referred to the Assembly Finance Committee for further review, and set for public hearing at the regular Assembly meeting scheduled for April 27, 2015.

c. Ordinance 2015-19 An Ordinance Establishing the Rate of Levy for Property Taxes for Calendar Year 2015 Based Upon the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2016.

This ordinance establishes the mill rates for property taxes for 2015, which funds the CBJ's FY16 operating budget. The Charter requires the Assembly to adopt, by ordinance, the tax levies necessary to fund the budget before June 15, 2015.

The mill levies presented in this ordinance support the Manager's FY16 Revised Budget that is currently being reviewed by the Assembly Finance Committee. As part of the budget review process, the Assembly Finance Committee will review and recommend, to the Assembly, the final mill levies. The final mill levies must be adopted on or before June 15, 2015.

This ordinance proposes a total mill levy of 10.76 (which is unchanged from the FY15 total levy); the components of which are:

Area	**Millage**
Roaded Service Area	2.20
Fire Service Area	0.36
Areawide -	
Operational	6.70
Debt Service	1.50
Total	**10.76**

The Manager recommends this ordinance be introduced, referred to the Assembly Finance Committee for further review, and set for public hearing at the regular Assembly meeting scheduled for April 27, 2015.

2. Resolutions

   a. Resolution 2713 A Resolution Adopting the City and Borough Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2016 Through 2021, and Establishing the Capital Improvement Project Priorities for Fiscal Year 2016.

   This resolution would adopt the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2016 through 2021, as required by Charter Section 9.4, and lists the capital projects that will be undertaken in FY 16.

   The Public Works and Facilities Committee (PWFC) reviewed the CIP at its meeting on February 9, 2015, and forwarded the plan to the Assembly.

   The Manager recommends this resolution be introduced, referred to the Assembly Finance Committee on April 1, 2015 for further review, and set for public hearing at the regular Assembly meeting scheduled for April 27, 2015.

V. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Mayor Sanford distributed a copy of a draft letter to the media and USFS regarding the harvest of timber, stating Juneau and Southeast Conference support of a harvest in Thorne Bay. He said he would rather send it as the Mayor than as himself in his other roles and asked for the Assembly's support in order to make the statement more powerful.

Ms. Troll said she would abstain due to her current position on the Tongass Advisory Committee and she would be happy to provide more comments germane to that process. There was no objection from the Assembly to Ms. Troll's abstention. She said the TAC was in the process of drafting final recommendations.

The Assemblymembers took turns providing comments and suggestions for re-wording and Mayor Sanford determined there was sufficient objection to his comments as written and there was insufficient time to redraft and recirculate, so he would send the letter under his own name, and not as Mayor with Assembly support.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Assembly, the meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Signed:__________________________
Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk

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Merrill Sanford, Mayor