

THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Meeting Minutes - March 2, 2015

MEETING NO. 2015-05: 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 6:00 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, and Debbie White.

Assembly Absent: Kate Troll.

Staff Present: Kim Kiefer, City Manager; Rob Steedle, Deputy City Manager; Bob Bartholomew, Finance Director; Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk; Greg Chaney, Lands and Resources Manager.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

1. Ordinances for Introduction

MOTION, by Becker, to adopt the consent agenda. Hearing no objection, Ordinance 2015-15 and Ordinance 2015-16 were introduced and set for hearing at the March 16, 2015 Assembly meeting.

- a. Ordinance 2015-16 An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of a General Obligation School Refunding Bond in the Aggregate Principal Amount of Not to Exceed \$3,400,000; and Providing the Form and Terms of the Bond and for Unlimited Tax Levies to Pay the Bond.

This ordinance would authorize the issuance of up to \$3.4 million in bonds to refund (refinance) the 2005A general obligation school bonds. The original \$9.5 million in bonds were sold March 1, 2005. The bonds were sold directly into the market by CBJ but the refunding is being done through the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank.

The amount being refunded is \$3.3 million plus issuance costs. If CBJ issues the refunding bonds in April 2015 the refunding will result in an estimated total savings of \$225,000 over the remaining life of the bonds. The term of the new issue will be the same as the original (final payment February 2020).

These bonds qualify for 70% reimbursement under the State's School Construction Bond Debt Reimbursement Program. However, the reimbursement under the State's Debt Reimbursement Program is subject to annual appropriation by the Legislature. The debt service component of the property tax mill rate funds the remaining portion of the payments.

The Manager recommends this ordinance be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regularly scheduled Assembly meeting.

- b. Ordinance 2015-15 An Ordinance Approving the City and Borough's Participation in a Proposed Refinancing by the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank of the Bond Bank's General Obligation Bonds That Provided Funds to Purchase the

Harbor Revenue Bond, 2007 of the City and Borough, Under a Loan Agreement Between the City and Borough and the Bond Bank; and Authorizing a Revised Schedule of Principal and Interest Payments on the City and Borough's 2007 Bond, in Accordance With the Loan Agreement, if the Bond Bank Successfully Refinances Its Bonds.

This ordinance would authorize the participation in the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank's "Exchange" refunding (refinance) of the 2007 harbor revenue bonds. The original \$11 million in bond proceeds were sold June 25, 2007. The original bonds were sold through the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank.

The current total remaining debt service payments (bonds + interest) is \$13.4 million dollars. If CBJ issues the refunding bonds in April 2015 the total remaining debt service payments will be \$12.9 million resulting in an estimated total savings of \$500,000 over the remaining life of the bonds. The term of the new issue will be the same as the original (final payment February 2033). The total remaining debt service payments would be paid for out of the Harbor Operations Fund.

The Manager recommends this ordinance be introduced and set for public hearing at the next regularly scheduled Assembly meeting.

III. ASSEMBLY COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Assembly, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Signed: _____
Laurie Sica, Municipal Clerk

Signed: _____
Merrill Sanford, Mayor