

City and Borough of Juneau
Minutes - Assembly Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 24, 2019, 5:47 PM

Meeting convened immediately following the Special Assembly meeting at 5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:47 PM by Loren Jones, Chair.

II. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, Wade Bryson, Carole Triem, Mary Becker, Loren Jones, Chair; Maria Gladziszewski, Michelle Bonnet Hale, Rob Edwardson and Mayor Beth Weldon.

Committee Members Participating Telephonically: None.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Rorie Watt, City Manager; Mila Cosgrove, Deputy City Manager; Bob Bartholomew, Finance Director; Jeff Rogers, Finance Director; George Schaaf, Parks & Recreation Director; Lindsay Foster, Parks & Recreation; Dave Pusich, Recreation Manager, CBJ Parks & Rec – Staff Liaison for YAB; Sam Muse, Controller; and Elisabeth Jensen, Budget Analyst.

Others Present: Dr. Bridget Weiss, Superintendent, Juneau School District; Sarah Jahn, Administrative Services Director, Juneau School District; Tom Rutecki, Board Chair, Youth Activities Board; Chuck Bill, Chief Executive Officer, Bartlett Regional Hospital; and Kevin Benson, Chief Financial Officer, Bartlett Regional Hospital.

III. Approval of Minutes

The April 17, 2019 minutes were approved as presented.

IV. Youth Activities Board (YAB) Presentation

Tom Rutecki discussed the topic found on pages 6-7 of the meeting packet.

Tom Rutecki, Board Chair, Youth Activities Board; and Dave Pusich, Recreation Manager, CBJ Parks & Rec – Staff Liaison for YAB; presented the FY20 Proposed budget for YAB in the amount of \$332,500 as provided for on page 122 of the City Manager's FY20 Revised budget book.

Mr. Rutecki outlined the FY20 Grant Process, which is divided into three categories: Sports, Arts, and Academic/Other for evaluation and ranking. He noted the scoring system was evaluated and updated last year for the first time since about 1993. For the FY20 program,

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YAB reviewed 27 proposals totaling \$517K in requests, and recommends at least partial funding for all 27 of the programs. Mr. Rutecki thanked staff for all of their hard work.

Mr. Rutecki responded to questions from the committee.

V. Bartlett Regional Hospital Presentation

Chuck Bill, Chief Executive Officer, Bartlett Regional Hospital; and Kevin Benson, Chief Fiscal Officer, Bartlett Regional Hospital; provided the BRH FY20 Revised budget presentation as found on pages 8 – 15 of the meeting packet.

The Bartlett Board of Directors has approved the FY20 Revised budget. The Board approved FY20 budget includes strategic pricing changes up to a blended increase of 4%.

Mr. Bill and Mr. Benson responded to questions from the committee.

Mayor Weldon, moved Finance Committee approval of the Bartlett Regional Hospital FY20 Proposed budget, as submitted, and forward to the full assembly for action. Without OBJECTION.

VI. Proposed Mill Rate Presentation

Bob Bartholomew presented pages 16-18 of the meeting packet. He pointed out that the Manager's proposed budget includes no change in the 9.36 mills operating budget component and a decrease from 1.30 to 1.20 mills for the debt service component. Overall proposed mill rate declines from 10.66 to 10.56 mills. At this rate, the projection is to collect \$51 million in property tax.

Mr. Bartholomew responded to questions from the Assembly members.

Clerk's Note: Mr. Bryson left the meeting at 6:48 PM.

VII. Debt Service Presentation

Bob Bartholomew presented pages 19-22 of the meeting packet. Mr. Bartholomew highlighted the declining trend in outstanding debt and annual debt service payments.

Mr. Bartholomew responded to questions from the Assembly members.

The meeting recessed at 7:51 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 8:01 PM.

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VIII. School District – Funding “Outside the cap” – For Action

Dr. Bridget Weiss, Superintendent, Juneau School District; Sarah Jahn, Administrative Services Director, Juneau School District; presented pages 23-24 of the meeting packet. The district is requesting \$1,676,500 in funding for 6 programs.

Ms. Weiss and Ms. Jahn responded to questions from the Assembly members.

IX. School District Operating Budget - For Action

Dr. Bridget Weiss, Superintendent, Juneau School District; Sarah Jahn, Administrative Services Director, Juneau School District; presented pages 25-27 of the meeting packet. The district is requesting a total core education operating budget of \$84.2 million including CBJ local funding contribution of \$26.7 million.

Ms. Weiss and Ms. Jahn responded to questions from the Assembly members.

Mayor Weldon, moved to approve Ordinance 2019-07, with the exception of \$300,000 for Kinder Ready, and forward the Ordinance to the Assembly for final public hearing and approval on May 13, 2019; and moving \$300,000 for Kinder Ready to the AFC Pending List for further discussion.

Without OBJECTION.

X. Information Items

Chair Jones discussed the Pending List and the Increment List.

The Committee moved \$60,000 to the Increment List for the Manager to put together the policy and budget for potential FY21 Childcare programs.

Ms. Gladziszewski requested to move \$17,500 for YAB funding to the pending list. There was no objection from the committee.

XI. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, May 8, 2019.

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.