

City and Borough of Juneau
Minutes - Assembly Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 5:30 PM

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Loren Jones, Chair.

II. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, Carole Triem, Maria Gladziszewski, Wade Bryson, Greg Smith, Michelle Bonnet Hale, Chair Loren Jones, and Mayor Beth Weldon.

Committee Members Participating Telephonically: Rob Edwardson.

Committee Members Absent: N/A.

Staff Present: Mila Cosgrove, Deputy City Manager; Jeff Rogers, Finance Director; Robert Palmer, City Attorney; Mike Vigue, Director, Engineering & Public Works; and Elisabeth Jensen, Budget Analyst.

III. Approval of Minutes

Clerk's Note:

An in-meeting supplemental 8-page packet, "DRAFTV2" of the Saturday, November 2, 2019, AFC Minutes was distributed at the beginning of the meeting. The 2nd version of the minutes offered two additional pages, including additional information highlighted in yellow on pages 6 – 8. The edited set of minutes was reviewed in full by the Assembly members.

The November 2, 2019, minutes (V2) were approved as presented.

The Assembly members discussed the level of detail that should be provided in the AFC minutes. The body agreed that an approach capturing high level minutes continues to be appropriate for AFC meetings.

IV. RecycleWorks

Jeff Rogers, Finance Director, introduced a Draft "Ordinance Repealing the Waste Management Utility Code", found on pages 8 – 11 of the meeting packet, providing a brief history of the actions and discussions leading to the document.

Robert Palmer, City Attorney, described the draft ordinance and responded to questions from the Assembly.

Mayor Weldon, moved to refer Ordinance 2019-__, An Ordinance Repealing the Waste Management Utility Code, to the full Assembly for approval.

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Michelle Hale OBJECTED for the purpose of making a request.

Ms. Hale requested that the Ordinance come to the Assembly along with a Manager's Memo (Report).

Ms. Hale REMOVED OBJECTION.

Without OBJECTION.

V. Motor Vehicle Registration Tax (MVRT) Update

Jeff Rogers, Finance Director, presented the memo "Consideration of Increase to Motor Vehicle Registration Tax", found on pages 12 – 20 of the meeting packet, providing a brief history of the actions and discussions leading to the document.

The Assembly discussed the information, and requested staff return with information regarding Commercial Vehicles relating to the Commercial Passenger Vehicle program; a sixth scenario, where biennial motor vehicle registration tax would increase from \$44 to \$70 for non-commercial vehicles and from \$4 to \$10 for motorcycles and non-commercial trailers, and that a draft ordinance include Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustments in future years.

Mayor Weldon excused herself from the remainder of the meeting at 6:43 PM.

The meeting recessed at 6:44 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 6:53 PM.

VI. Information Item – Staff Update – Airport Bond Sale

Jeff Rogers, Finance Director, introduced the topic referring to page 21 of the meeting packet, providing an explanation of the pricing comparison and outcome of recent bond transaction.

The Assembly discussed the information.

VII. Information Item – Staff Update – Negotiation with Airbnb

Jeff Rogers, Finance Director, outlined the issue, providing a brief history of the actions and discussions leading to the current negotiation with Airbnb, that he hopes to result in a similar relationship to that of Uber / Lyft, etc. where Airbnb would collect and remits

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sales/bed tax for their partners, instead of having each property manager collect and remit sales/bed taxes to the CBJ.

The Assembly discussed the information.

VIII. Information Item – Staff Update – Single-Item Sales Tax Cap – CPI Adjustment

Jeff Rogers, Finance Director, introduced the topic referring to pages 22-23 of the meeting packet, regarding the regularly scheduled, proposed code change. The update simply adjusts the amount of the tax cap, consistent with the most recent Consumer Price Index for Anchorage, as required by CBJ code.

IX. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.