

ASSEMBLY FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 28, 2008

Assembly Chambers

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by David Stone, Chair.

II. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: David Stone, Jeff Bush, Johan Dybdahl, Jonathan Anderson, Randy Wanamaker, Sara Chambers, Merrill Sanford, Bob Doll

Committee Members Absent: Bruce Botelho

Staff Present: Rod Swope, City Manager; Kim Kiefer, Deputy City Manager; Craig Duncan, Finance Director; Bonnie Chaney, Budget Analyst; Sheila Fischer, Recreation Superintendent; Mary Norcross, Controller; Kirk Duncan, Eaglecrest Ski Area Manager; Eric Mohrmann, Fire Chief

III. Approval of Minutes

The May 16, 2008 AFC meeting minutes were approved without objection or changes.

IV. AEL&P Update

Tom Willis, Tim McLeod and Gayle Wood provided information on the status of repairs and the impact on electrical rates.

V. Electricity Crisis Impacts

Representatives from the following organizations provided information on the status of programs they have put into place to assist individuals and businesses with the electricity crisis.

- Juneau Unplugged: Kevin Ritchie
- Catholic Community Services: Rosemary Hagevig
- United Way: Brenda Hewitt
- AEL&P: Gayle Wood
- JEDC: Brian Holst
- SBA: Charmaine Husmann (telephonically)

Mr. Stone recused himself from discussion and vote on Chamber's recommendation.

Cathie Roemmich, Chamber of Commerce CEO, presented the Chamber's request that the City use \$2M from the Sales Tax Budget Reserve to be paid directly to AEL&P to be applied against the diesel fuel surcharges.

Motion by Mr. Dybdahl to accept the Chamber of Commerce's recommendation. Motion failed: 2 ayes, 7 nays.

Mr. Stone returned.

VI. Mill Levy

Mr. Swope recommended a decrease of 0.10 mills from the proposed mill levy of 10.47 in FY09 only. FY10 would remain the same. The FY09 mill levy would be 9.16 for operations and 1.21 for debt service.

Motion by Mr. Anderson to approve the manager's mill levy recommendation. Motion passed, 5 ayes, 3 nays.

There was a short recess at this point.

Ms. Chambers gave notice of reconsideration on the mill levy vote.

Motion by Mr. Sanford to amend Mr. Anderson's motion to decrease the mill levy to 10.17, 8.96 for operations and 1.21 for debt service. Motion failed, 3 ayes, 5 nays.

Original motion (to approve the manager's mill levy recommendation) by Mr. Anderson passed again, 5 ayes, 3 nays.

VII. Pending Items

- a. Motion by Mr. Anderson to untable his motion to approve the Manager's Recommended Items on the pending list that had been tabled at the May 16, 2008 AFC meeting. Motion passed, 6 ayes, 2 nays.
- b. Motion to approve the Manager's Recommended Items passed, 6 ayes, 2 nays.
- c. Motion by Mr. Dybdahl to approve Juneau Christian Center's request of \$45,000 for their HUB teen center. Motion failed, 3 ayes, 5 nays.
- d. Motion by Mr. Dybdahl to approve Capital City Celebration's request of \$25,000. Motion passed, 6 ayes, 2 nays.
- e. Motion by Mr. Doll to approve the Pending List – Additional Funding Requests (those items not previously voted on, c & d above), for both FY09 & FY10, excluding the SSAB request. The SSAB request was excluded due to a conflict of interest for Ms. Chambers.
- f. Motion by Mr. Bush to amend the above motion (e) to decrease the Eaglecrest FY10 amount to \$50,000 and decrease the JSD – Youth Activities FY09 amount to \$165,000.
- g. Motion by Mr. Bush to amend his motion to add the Sales Tax Budget Reserve as a funding source, if needed, if FY10 goes into a deficit position. Motion withdrawn.
- h. Motion by Mr. Dybdahl to amend Mr. Bush's motion (f) to change the Eaglecrest FY10 amount to \$100,000. Motion passed, 6 ayes, 2 nays.
- i. Mr. Bush's motion (f), as amended (h), passed 7 ayes, 1 nay.
- j. Motion to approve the Pending List – Additional Funding Requests, excluding the SSAB request, as amended, passed 5 ayes, 3 nays.
- k. Motion by Mr. Anderson to approve the SSAB's funding request for an additional \$95,000. Ms. Chambers recused herself from the vote. Motion passed 6 ayes, 1 nay.

VIII. Information Items

- IX. Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.