

ASSEMBLY FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 10, 2023, at 5:00 PM

Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar



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A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 pm by Chair Triem.

B. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: Chair Carole Triem; Maria Gladyszewski; Michelle Hale; Greg Smith; Wáahlaal Gíidaak; Wade Bryson

Committee Members Present Virtually: Mayor Beth Weldon; Alicia Hughes-Skandijs; Christine Woll

Staff Members Present: Rorie Watt, City Manager; Robert Barr, Deputy City Manager; Jeff Rogers, Finance Director; Adrien Speegle, Budget Manager; Katie Koester, Engineering and Public Works Director; Sam Muse, Bartlett Regional Hospital Chief Financial Officer; Dallas Hargrave, Human Resources and Risk Management Director

Others Present: Lee Kadinger, Sealaska Heritage Chief Operating Officer; Rebecca Soza, Sealaska Project Manager; Venietia Santana, Downtown Business Association President; Nimmy Phillips, Downtown Business Association Vice President; Lisa Parady, Downtown Business Association Treasurer/Secretary; Phil Huebschen, Executive Director of Juneau Arts and Humanities Council; Reggie Schapp, Operations Manager for Juneau Arts and Humanities Council; Demian Schane, Board President for Juneau Climbing and Recreation.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. May 3, 2023

The May 3, 2023 minutes were approved as presented.

D. AGENDA TOPICS

2. Fare Free Transit

Jeff Rogers, Finance Director, introduced Katie Koester, Engineering and Public Works Director, to present on the memorandum of fare free transit exploration on pages 11-13 of the packet. Mr. Rogers stated to the Committee that if any decisions are made tonight to eliminate or reduce Public Transit fares, they will be recorded as an additional expense and not a reduction in revenue as would normally happen for the purpose of tracking the total impact to the general fund budget.

Ms. Koester stated that the main goal of fare free transit is to decrease barriers to ridership and make the service more widely accessible. Ms. Koester stated that the amount collected in fares represent a relatively small portion of Public Transit's total budget.

Assemblymember Woll joined the meeting via Zoom at 5:22 pm.

Mayor Weldon expressed concerns about the impact on operations during the summer months when high tourist counts could potentially over burden the transit system and suggested making fare free ridership be only for the winter months. Ms. Koester answered Committee questions on the month-to-month transit sales during summer months vs winter months.

Assemblymember Bryson expressed further concerns, stating that accessible routes is a larger barrier to ridership than the cost of the ride itself. He stated that many people in the community would be able to use the transit system if the number of routes were increased and would lead to higher ridership of the service.

Assemblymember Gladziszewski stated that while she is in support of the idea for fare free transit and the desire to better serve the community, the proposal needs more committee consideration before moving it forward.

Motion: by Assemblymember Gladziszewski to keep the fare free transit topic in committee, in either the Public Works and Facilities Committee, Assembly Finance Committee, or the Committee of the Whole for continued discussion.

Objection: by Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Gladziszewski, Hale, Smith, Woll, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Bryson

Nays: Weldon, Triem, Hughes-Skandijs

Motion Passes: Six (6) Ayes, Three (3) Nays

3. Parental Leave

Mr. Rogers introduced the memo on page 15-17 in the packet which discusses a change to the leave policy to allow for paid parental leave for CBJ employees. He stated that determining an accurate estimate of the cost for this proposed change was difficult for numerous reasons, stating that the true figure is likely lower than the estimate presented tonight. Mr. Rogers encouraged the Committee to discuss whether the idea of parent leave is one that they want to support.

Rorie Watt, City Manager advised the Committee that before implementation of the program, staff would bring proposed changes to the personnel policy back to the Assembly for approval. The only action needed from the Assembly tonight is the approval of the funding, if implementation of this program is the will of the body.

Dallas Hargrave, Human Resources & Risk Management Director, stated that the reason for the creation of the paid parental leave proposal is in response to other municipalities in Alaska implementing paid leave programs. Mr. Hargrave stressed the importance of developing a program of this nature for the CBJ to remain competitive in its personnel recruitment and retention. He further stated that there is a wide range in parental leave programs implemented and the proposal in the memo is a starting point for the Committee to discuss.

Mr. Rogers, in response to Assemblymember Hale's questions, explained the reason that a cost estimate for the policy is hard to determine lies in the fact that CBJ has never implemented a program like this. He further stated that because there is a wide range in how these programs are implemented in other municipalities, there is not good cost estimate data to pool from. Mr. Rogers stated that if the parental

leave policy was approved, that Finance Department would come back to the Committee with better data taken from actual costs that CBJ experiences after the first year of implementing the program.

Assemblymember Hale asked if the City Manager could implement this policy without an appropriation from the Committee, and alternatively, could he fully develop the policy and then come back to the Committee for the appropriation needed to execute the policy. Mr. Watt stated that without appropriation from the Committee he cannot develop a policy for paid parental leave.

Assemblymember Hale expressed concerns that this request is coming to the Committee for the first time at the end of the budget review cycle. She stated that there has been no review or discussion until today and although she is in full support of the policy, it needs more review and suggests that this issue be put to a later meeting.

Mr. Hargrave answered additional questions from the Committee.

Motion: by Assemblymember Bryson to send the parental leave discussion to the Human Resources Committee and asked for unanimous consent.

Objection: by Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs and Mayor Weldon. Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs stated that she is comfortable with making this decision tonight. Mayor Weldon stated that there has been excellent responses from staff when asked about this policy.

Assemblymember Gladziszewski stated that she supports the idea however feels that more discussion is needed.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Gladziszewski, Hale, Smith, Bryson

Nays: Weldon, Triem, Woll, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Hughes-Skandijs

Motion failed. Four (4) Ayes, Five (5) Nays.

Assemblymember Smith asked what the paid time off accrual rates are in these other municipalities that have implemented paid parental leave policies. Mr. Hargrave stated that he will bring that information back to the Committee at a future date.

Motion: by Mayor Weldon to direct staff to develop proposed changes to the CBJ personnel rules to implement a paid parental leave benefit as presented, funded at \$170,000 from general funds.

Objection: by Assemblymember Gladziszewski.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Weldon, Triem, Woll, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Hughes-Skandijs

Nays: Gladziszewski, Hale, Smith, Bryson

Motion passed. Five (5) Ayes, Four (4) Nays.

The Committee recessed at 5:56 pm.

The Committee reconvened at 6:02 pm.

4. Bartlett Regional Hospital FY24 Budget Amendment – Wildflower Court

Mr. Rogers introduced the decision that the Committee faces tonight regarding Wildflower Court (WFC) and Bartlett Regional Hospital (BRH), stating that the decision is whether to authorize budget authority for BRH to take over operations of WFC.

Sam Muse, BRH Chief Financial Officer, presented an update on the progress of taking over WFC operations. Mr. Muse stated that this process has taken place over several months, allowing for due diligence in researching the issues that WFC has faced in its operations. He stated that so far there have been no findings that have given him concern.

Mr. Muse stated what is being asked of the Committee tonight is the expenditure authority of \$12.12 million, funded \$9.6 million WFC operating revenues and \$2.52 million from BRH fund balance. Mr. Muse further stated that \$1.62 million of the expenditure authority that is being requested is to cover non-transferable liabilities that must be resolved before BRH can assume operations from WFC.

Mr. Muse responded to Committee questions and expounded on the findings of WFC's operations, stating that there were several personnel issues, such as staffing operations with traveling nurses, that are resulting in a high-cost structure. He stated that the training programs that are put in place at BRH will help to cover some of the inefficiencies that have been identified.

Motion: by Mayor Weldon to amend Bartlett Regional Hospital's FY24 budget to enable the hospital to move forward with taking over operations of Wildflower Court.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

5. FY24 Youth Activity Grant Funding

Mr. Rogers stated that the FY24 Youth Activity Grant funding memo is on page 22-24 of the packet for review. The resolution that establishes the Youth Activity Board states that the Assembly must approve the youth activity grants.

Motion: by Assemblymember Gladyszewski to approve the FY24 Youth Activity Grants as proposed by the Youth Activity Board.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

6. Assembly Grants & Community Requests

Community Request #1 – Sealaska Heritage Institute

Lee Kadinger, Sealaska Heritage Institute (SHI) Chief Operating Officer, introduced the plan for the creation of a FAB Lab found on pages 25-34. He stated the establishment of a FAB Lab is an exciting step in meeting the vision that SHI has of perpetuating and enhancing Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian cultures.

Mr. Kadinger stated that the partnership that CBJ and SHI have maintained over the past years has contributed greatly to the Juneau community and has allowed SHI to serve 2,125 students.

Mr. Kadinger stated that SHI's next endeavor for the community is the establishment of a FAB Lab in downtown Juneau in order to expand its educational programs further. He stated that the FAB lab will be

accessible to the community and host numerous student events for education. Exterior renovations will further revitalize downtown Juneau, continuing to show Juneau as the Northwest Coast art capital of the world.

Mr. Kadinger introduced Rebecca Soza, SHI Project Manager, to review the Fab Lab Programmatic Plan found on page 31 of the packet. She described the design of the facility and stated that there will be a traditional food area, makers lab, digital media lab, recording studio and a fabrication room all as part of the first-floor remodel.

Ms. Soza further stated that the facility will be used to host events, training and educational opportunities for the students and youth of Juneau's community.

Mr. Kadinger reviewed the financial request that SHI is making to CBJ for FY24 of \$500,000. He stated that the support that CBJ gives allows SHI to acquire further funding through grants and donations. He stressed that the creation of a Fab Lab will aid the children of Juneau's community in recovering for the educational loss that COVID dealt.

Assemblymember Bryson stated that the building in question for remodel was recently purchased and is still being occupied on the 2nd and 3rd floors by CBJ. He asked what the future looks like for CBJ to continue its office space lease in the building with the plans that SHI has with the building. Mr. Kadinger stated that SHI has no intention of removing CBJ's office space on the second and third floors, and further stated that by vacating the first floor, CBJ will realize a cost savings of \$300,000 over the course of the current lease contract.

Mayor Weldon asked what the project timetable is and if it is possible to split the requested amount between FY24 and FY25. Mr. Kadinger clarified that the goal is to have this project fully funded and complete before the beginning of FY25. He further stated that part of the funding for the project needs to be used by the end calendar year 2023.

Mr. Kadinger answered further Committee questions.

Community Request #2 – Downtown Business Association

Venietia Santana, Downtown Business Association (DBA) President, and Nimmy Phillips, DBA Vice President, introduced the grant funding request for the Committee found on pages 35-36 of the packet. Ms. Santana reviewed the accomplishments and future goals of the DBA to foster a safe and attractive environment in Alaska's capital city. She stated that one of the main objectives of the DBA is to maintain Juneau's accreditation with Main Street America, an organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing historic downtowns throughout America.

Assemblymember Gladziszewski asked regarding the designated funding for the \$75,000 request and if it is included in the proposed managers budget.

Mr. Rogers clarified that in previous years the Committee has issued two grants, one is included in the manager's budget for FY24 for \$90,000 for the Downtown Ambassador program., funded by passenger fees. The other request for \$75,000 to maintain the Main Street accreditation is the request the DBA is presenting on tonight, which is not included in the manager's proposed budget.

Assemblymember Wáahlaal Gíidaak asked if the DBA has or is considering lobbying activity for the benefit of its members. Mr. Rogers stated that there are no grant terms or conditions that prevents the potential for grant recipients from lobbying.

Lisa Parady, DBA Treasurer/Secretary, responded by stating that DBA has not engaged in any lobbying, nor does it intend to.

Community Request #3 – Juneau Arts and Humanities Council

Phil Huebschen, Juneau Arts and Humanities Council (JAHC) Director, introduced the JAHC's grant request of \$202,000 for FY24. He stated that this request is an increase of \$17,700 over the request from last year, largely due to inflation. Mr. Huebschen stated that last year's grant funding was used to generate over \$19 million in revenue for FY23.

Mr. Huebschen reviewed the organizations that have already submitted funding requests to the JAHC found on page 59 of the packet, stating that these organizations provide large benefit for the community. He stated that the mission of not only the JAHC, but the community programs they work with, serve to provide opportunities for art development and education.

Community Request #4 – The Rock Dump

Demian Schane, Board President for Juneau Climbing and Recreation (JCR), reviewed for the Committee the growth in the popularity of climbing, stating that in the past several years climbing membership has doubled. Mr. Schane stated that the rise of climbing as a sport and recreation is not slowing down, and Juneau is a town made of outdoor enthusiasts. He stated that in winter months especially, climbing offers a great opportunity for recreation for the community of Juneau.

Mr. Schane further stated that the current building that JCR operates in is not ideal. It is far away from the center of the community and the building is owned by another company that has plans for the building in the future. Mr. Schane introduced the funding request of \$50,000 to the Committee found on page 114 of the packet, stating that the request is for planning a new facility and establishing community support for the building project.

Assemblymember Hale asked regarding alternate options to resolve the facility issues JCR is facing. Mr. Schane stated that there have been talks with the cruise line companies, school district, and other community organizations, however no solutions have come from these talks.

Mr. Schane answered additional questions from the Committee regarding fundraising efforts.

Assemblymember Wáahlaal Gíidaak asked if there are plans to bring additional funding requests to the Committee in the future. Mr. Schane responded that JCR hopes to be considered for future Assembly grants to help fund the new facility.

Community Request #5 – Association for the Education of Young Children (AEYC) Parents as Teachers Program

Robert Barr, Deputy City Manager, stated that the Association for the Education of Young Children (AEYC) may be eligible for two (2) large state grants that are expected to be awarded but have not been awarded yet. One of these state grants is for the Parents as Teachers Program. Mr. Barr stated that many

of the details of the grant that has funded the program in previous years have changed this year, requiring more information to be submitted with the grant request.

Mr. Barr recommends to the Committee that the best course of action is to bring the funding request submitted by AEYC back to the Committee later in the fiscal year once the state grant status has been determined. He stated that it is possible that the state grants might not be awarded in the amounts expected and therefore, the AEYC grant request to the Committee could change.

Chair Triem clarified that this agenda item is only for the update provided by Mr. Barr and AEYC will not give a presentation tonight.

The Committee recessed at 7:19 pm.

The Committee reconvened at 7:27 pm.

7. Updated Sales Tax Forecast

Mr. Rogers stated that this topic is not ready for discussion and will be moved to the next Finance Committee meeting on May 17, 2023.

8. Updated Budget Summary & FY24 Pending List

Chair Triem introduced the pending list found on page 76 of the packet.

Pending List Item #3- Southeast Alaska Independent Living request of \$1,020,000 for the Dimond Park Field House for the purpose of installing an elevator to service the ADA needs of the community.

Motion: by Mayor Weldon to decrease the \$1 million deferred building maintenance line in the CIP resolution under the General Sales Tax Improvements section to \$850,000 and add \$150,000 to a new project called Dimond Park Field House ADA Improvements as one-time funding.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Pending List Item #17- Reconsideration of \$2.5 million grant to BRH to support operations.

Motion: by Assemblymember Woll to amend the original motion to provide \$2.5 million of general funds to BRH to instead take the form of a central treasury loan.

Assemblymember Woll stated that it is important to understand that BRH is an enterprise fund and the funding that the CBJ gives them should be in the form of a loan and not a grant.

Objection: by Assemblymember Hale.

Assemblymember Hale stated that the hospital already factored the funding allocation into their FY24 budget, and that it doesn't seem right to have that funding changed from a grant to a loan after the fact. Assemblymember Bryson expressed concern for the nature of going back over decisions that have already been made, and the effect it will have on funding recipients.

Mr. Muse stated to the Committee that the structure of the loan would be a concern if the motion were to pass, however, the funding would still be appreciated. Mr. Rogers clarified that CBJ's Code relating to

central treasury loans only allows for a maximum of a five (5) year term. He further stated that the structure of the loan repayment can be arranged in any way that would meet the needs of BRH.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Weldon, Triem, Gladziszewski, Woll, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Hughes-Skandijs

Nays: Hale, Smith, Bryson

Motion passed. Six (6) Ayes, Three (3) Nays.

Pending List Item #1- recurring General Fund support in the amount of \$518,000 to BRH for the purpose of providing support for operations.

Motion: by Mayor Weldon to move \$518,000 of recurring general fund support for BRH operations.

Mayor Weldon stated that \$518,000 in annual funding was provided to BRH through FY23, but that the Assembly reallocated these funds to the Mobile Integrated Health (MIH) program starting in FY24.

Mr. Rogers clarified for the Committee that the funding that BRH is asking for as a recurring funding is to come from the General Fund and is not a change to the decision made by the Committee last year to move \$518,000 of tobacco tax funding from BRH to MIH.

Objection: by Assemblymember Gladziszewski.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: none

Nays: Weldon, Triem, Gladziszewski, Hale, Smith, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Hughes-Skandijs, Bryson, Woll

Motion failed by unanimous decision.

Pending List Item #2 – one-time funding request of \$1,982,000 from BRH for operational support.

Motion: by Assemblymember Bryson to move \$1,982,000 as general fund support for BRH.

Objection: By Assemblymember Bryson for the purpose of an amendment.

Amendment: by Assemblymember Bryson to change the amount of support for BRH from \$1,982,000 to \$1,000,000 as one-time funding.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment:

Ayes: Triem, Gladziszewski, Hale, Smith, Woll, Hughes-Skandijs, Bryson

Nays: Weldon, Wáahlaal Gíidaak

Motion passed. Seven (7) Ayes, Two (2) Nays.

Objection to Amended Motion: by Assemblymember Gladziszewski and Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs.

Roll Call Vote on Amended Motion:

Ayes: Hale, Smith, Bryson

Nays: Weldon, Triem, Gladziszewski, Woll, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Hughes- Skandijs

Motion failed. Three (3) Ayes, Six (6) Nays.

Pending List Item #4 – The Alaska Committee request of \$336,000 for Gavel Alaska equipment replacement.

Motion: by Assemblymember Gladziszewski to approve \$200,000 for the Alaska Committee as one-time funding.

Assemblymember Smith stated that the Alaska Committee has stated that they would accept half of the amount in their request.

Assemblymember Gladziszewski removed her motion.

Motion: by Assemblymember Smith to approve the Alaska Committee request in the amount of \$168,000 as a one-time funding, clarifying that this amount is in addition to the \$100,000 already included in the Manager's Proposed Budget.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Pending List Item #5 – Alaska Heat Smart request of \$235,094 to fund operational costs.

Motion: by Assemblymember Gladziszewski to approve Alaska Heat Smart's request of \$235,094 as one-time funding.

Objection: by Mayor Weldon for the purpose of an amendment.

Amendment: by Mayor Weldon to reduce the amount to \$100,000, stating that Alaska Heat Smart should begin charging for their services to reduce their need for CBJ support.

Objection: by Assemblymember Bryson for the purpose of stating that the main objective of Alaska Heat Smart is to create savings for low-income families, and if they began charging for their services that would take away from the ability of low-income families to work with Alaska Heat Smart.

Mayor Weldon removed her amendment.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Gladziszewski, Hale, Smith, Woll, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Bryson

Nays: Weldon, Triem, Hughes-Skandijis

Motion passed. Six (6) Ayes, Three (3) Nays.

Pending List Item #6 – Juneau Economic Development Council request for \$40,000, a 10% increase in recurring funding over the manager's budget.

Motion: by Assemblymember Bryson to approve the request for the Juneau Economic Development Council funding increase request of \$40,000 as a recurring expense.

Objection: by Assemblymember Bryson and Mayor Weldon.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Triem, Gladziszewski, Hale, Smith, Woll, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Hughes-Skandijs

Nays: Weldon, Bryson

Motion passed. Seven (7) Ayes, Two (2) Nays.

Pending List item #8 – Juneau Nordic Ski Club funding request of \$25,000 for snow grooming equipment.

Assemblymember Bryson declared a conflict of interest since he owns a business that provides ski rentals and recused himself from voting on any Committee decisions relating to the Juneau Nordic Ski Club. Chair Triem stated that Assemblymember Bryson is recused.

Motion: by Assemblymember Smith to appeal the ruling of the Chair that Assemblymember Bryson is recused from voting on this topic.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Smith

Nays: Weldon, Triem, Gladziszewski, Hale, Woll, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Hughes-Skandijs, Bryson

Motion failed. Eight (8) Ayes, One (1) Nay.

Ruling of the Chair maintained.

Motion: by Assemblymember Gladziszewski to approve the JNSC's request of \$25,000 as one-time funding.

Objection: by Mayor Weldon for the purpose of an amendment.

Amendment: by Mayor Weldon to reduce the funding amount for JNSC to \$15,000 as one-time funding.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment:

Ayes: Weldon

Nays: Triem, Gladziszewski, Hale, Smith, Woll, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Hughes-Skandijs

Amendment failed. One (1) Aye, Seven (7) Nays, Assemblymember Bryson recused.

Objection to Original Motion: by Assemblymember Woll.

Roll Call Vote on Original Motion:

Ayes: Weldon, Triem, Gladziszewski, Hale, Smith, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Hughes-Skandijs

Nays: Woll

Motion passed. Seven (7) Ayes, One (1) Nay, Assemblymember Bryson recused.

The Committee recessed at 8:41 pm.

The Committee reconvened at 8:46 pm.

Pending List Item #9 – Juneau Housing First Collaborative one time funding request of \$1.4 million to support building of additional housing units.

Motion: by Assemblymember Smith to approve \$1 million from the Affordable Housing Fund for the Juneau Housing First Collaborative (JHFC) Phase III project in FY24 and to direct the manager to include the remaining \$400,000 in the FY25 budget. He further stated that this is to maintain the funding amount so that JHFC does not lose potential outside grant funding, while reducing the spending amount in FY24.

Assemblymember Bryson disclosed that he serves on the board of JHFC but does not believe he has a conflict of interest in voting on this item.

Chair Triem ruled that there is no conflict of interest.

Mr. Rogers clarified for the Committee that future funding of \$400,000 cannot be approved in this budget cycle, however, the intent of the motion is to include direction for the manager to include the \$400,000 in the proposed budget for FY25.

Objection: by Assemblymember Hale for the purpose of an amendment.

Amendment: by Assemblymember Hale to include the remaining \$400,000 of the JHFC request as a one-time funding from the general fund in the FY24 budget.

Amendment passed by unanimous consent.

Original motion, as amended, passed by unanimous consent.

Pending List Item #11 – Juneau Arts and Humanities Council request for an additional \$17,700 in support over the \$184,300 that is already included in the proposed budget.

Motion: by Assemblymember Hale to approve the \$17,700 increase in funding for the Juneau Arts and Humanities Council for a total recurring grant amount of \$202,000.

Objection: by Mayor Weldon.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Triem, Gladyszewski, Hale, Smith, Woll, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Hughes-Skandijs, Bryson

Nays: Weldon

Motion passed. Eight (8) Ayes, One (1) Nay.

Pending List Item #10 – Downtown Business Association funding request of \$75,000 for operations and to maintain Juneau's Main Street America accreditation.

Motion: by Assemblymember Bryson to approve the \$75,000 funding request from the Downtown Business Association (DBA).

Objection: by Assemblymember Bryson for the purpose of an amendment.

Amendment: by Assemblymember Bryson to change the funding amount to \$40,000 to be designated as one-time funding.

Amendment passed by unanimous consent.

Objection to Amended Motion: by Assemblymember Gladziszewski and Hughes-Skandijs for the purpose of stating that the DBA budget is largely made of CBJ funding, and that DBA should develop additional funding sources.

Committee discussed the merits of maintaining funding for DBA in the future.

Roll Call Vote on Amended Motion:

Ayes: Weldon, Hale, Smith, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Bryson

Nays: Triem, Gladziszewski, Woll, Hughes-Skandijs

Motion passed. Five (5) Ayes, Four (4) Nays.

Pending List Item #12 – Sealaska Heritage Institute STEAM makerspace funding request of \$500,000.

Assemblymember Wáahlaal Gíidaak declared a potential conflict of interest due to her service on the Board for SHI, however, stated that she does not believe that it should prevent her from voting because SHI is a non-profit.

Chair Triem ruled that Wáahlaal Gíidaak does not have conflict of interest.

Motion: by Assemblymember Gladziszewski to appeal the ruling of the Chair that Wáahlaal Gíidaak does not have a conflict.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Weldon, Gladziszewski

Nays: Triem, Hale, Smith, Woll, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Hughes Skandijs, Bryson

Motion failed. Two (2) Ayes, Seven (7) Nays.

Ruling of the Chair maintained.

Motion: by Assemblymember Bryson to approve one-time funding request of \$500,000 for SHI.

Objection: by Assemblymember Bryson for the purpose of an amendment.

Amendment: by Assemblymember Bryson to change the amount from \$500,000 to \$320,000 in one time funding for SHI.

Objection to the Amendment: by Assemblymember Woll and Hughes-Skandijs for the purpose of stating that SHI does great work in the community and that they should receive the full request amount.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment:

Ayes: Weldon, Triem, Gladziszewski, Hale, Bryson

Nays: Smith, Woll, Hughes-Skandijs, Wáahlaal Gíidaak

Amendment passed. Five (5) Ayes, Four (4) Nays.

Original motion, as amended, passed by unanimous consent.

Pending List Item #7 – Juneau Economic Development Council \$30,000 request for United States Forest Service grant match as recurring funding.

Motion: by Assemblymember Hale to fund the \$30,000 request for the JEDC's United States Forest Service grant match as one-time instead of as recurring funding.

Objection: by Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs for the purpose of stating that this funding is not needed by JEDC.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Triem, Hale

Nays: Weldon, Gladziszewski, Smith, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Woll, Hughes-Skandijs, Bryson

Motion failed. Two (2) Ayes, Seven (7) Nays.

Pending List Item #13 – The Rock Dump request of \$50,000 for the design and planning of a new climbing facility.

Motion: by Assemblymember Bryson to approve the Rock Dump's request for \$50,000 in one-time funding.

Objection: by Assemblymember Bryson for the purpose of an amendment.

Amendment: by Assemblymember Bryson the change the funding amount to \$25,000.

Objection: by Assemblymember Smith.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment:

Ayes: Weldon, Gladziszewski, Bryson

Nays: Triem, Hale, Smith, Woll, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Hughes-Skandijs

Amendment failed. Three (3) Ayes, Six (6) Nays.

Objection to Original Motion: by Assemblymembers Woll and Gladziszewski.

Roll Call Vote on Original Motion:

Ayes: Triem, Hale, Smith, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Hughes-Skandijs, Bryson

Nays: Weldon, Gladziszewski, Woll

Motion Passed: Six (6) Ayes, Three (3) Nays

Pending List Item #14 – Juneau Festival Committee request for a \$2,000 increase in funding.

Motion: by Assemblymember Bryson to approve \$2,000 in recurring funding for the Juneau Festival Committee.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Decision List Item #15 – Juneau Trails Plan – Manager’s proposed amendment to CIP.

Motion: by Mayor Weldon to approve \$80,000 for the Juneau Trails Plan as one-time funding by reducing the fleet replacement budget increment by \$80,000.

Objection: by Assemblymember Hale for the purpose of stating that the funds should come out of the general fund and not reduce CBJ’s fleet replacement support for departments, as the Juneau Trails Plan is something the Assembly asked for.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Weldon, Triem, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Hughes-Skandijs

Nays: Gladziszewski, Hale, Smith, Woll, Bryson

Motion failed. Four (4) Ayes, Five (5) Nays.

Motion: by Assemblymember Gladziszewski to approve \$80,000 in one-time spending from the General Fund for the Juneau Trails Plan.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Mr. Rogers asked for clarification on the motion to approve \$1 million for the JHFC, asking if the funds are to be taken from funds reserved in the manager’s budget for grants and loans in the Affordable Housing Fund, or whether the JHFC funding should be appropriated in addition to the funds reserved for competitive grants and loans.

Motion: by Assemblymember Smith to approve the JHFC request of \$1 million from the Affordable Housing Fund competitive grant amount for FY24, thereby reducing the competitive award amount to \$1.6 million for FY24, with the remaining \$400,000 coming from general funds.

Objection: by Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs for the purpose of an amendment.

Amendment: by Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs to add the \$1 million request for JHFC to the budget in addition to the \$2.6 million in competitive grants and loans in the Affordable Housing Fund.

Objection to Amendment: by Assemblymember Gladziszewski.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment:

Ayes: Hughes-Skandijs

Nays: Gladziszewski, Hale, Smith, Woll, Bryson, Weldon, Triem, Wáahlaal Gíidaak,

Motion failed. One (1) Aye, Eight (8) Nays.

Original motion passed by unanimous consent.

Agenda topics #9 - 11 were moved to the May 17, 2023 Assembly Finance Committee for discussion.

E. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

12. Parental Leave – Updated Memo

This was included as an update to a previous agenda item.

13. The Rock Dump Presentation

This item was included in addition to a previous agenda item.

14. Enclosures to New City Hall Memo

This item is associated with agenda topic #11 and will be discussed at the May 17, 2023 Assembly Finance Committee meeting.

F. NEXT MEETING DATE

May 17, 2023

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 pm.