

ASSEMBLY FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 22, 2024, at 5:30 PM

Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar



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A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair Christine Woll.

B. ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: Chair Christine Woll; Mayor Beth Weldon; Michelle Hale; Paul Kelly; Ella Adkison; Wade Bryson

Committee Members Present Virtually: Greg Smith; Wáahlaal Gídaak; Alicia Hughes-Skandijs

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Katie Koester, City Manager; Robert Barr, Deputy City Manager; Angie Flick, Finance Director; Adrien Wendel, Budget Manager

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. May 8, 2024

The May 8, 2024 minutes were approved as presented.

D. AGENDA TOPICS

2. Pending List – for Final Action

Pending List Item #13 – Southeast Alaska Association for the Education of Young Children (AEYC) – Operational Support for Parents as Teachers Program (three years)

Motion: by Assemblymember Adkison to move to approve \$500,000 in support for AEYC for the Parents as Teachers program over three years and ask for unanimous consent.

Objection: by Assemblymember Hale for the purpose of making an amendment to lower the funding amount. Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs also objected.

Assemblymember Bryson expressed support for lowering the funding amount.

Assemblymember Smith asked if it was known whether funding support for AEYC from the State would increase in the future.

Assemblymember Adkison responded that there was current State support for the program, with a portion coming from Federal funds that wouldn't be seen for another year. She didn't believe that Juneau would be qualified for those Federal funds. She explained the possibility of a Governor veto to the State support and stated that AEYC was looking for certainty over the next three years so they can hire more employees.

Amendment #1: by Assemblymember Hale to move to change the amount for AEYC Parents as Teachers program to \$400,000 over three years and ask for unanimous consent.

Objection: by Assemblymember Smith.

Assemblymember Smith proposed the possibility to amend the amendment by making the last two years of funding a part of the Manager's Proposed Budget, to preserve General Fund balance this year while still providing certainty to the organization in the future. He asked Staff if this was possible without increasing the mill rate.

Angie Flick, Finance Director, stated that this scenario would not affect the mill rate and would only have a fund balance impact.

Amendment to Amendment #1: by Assemblymember Smith to move to instead provide \$133,333 from General Fund balance from FY25, and direct the City Manager to include \$133,333 in the FY26 and FY27 Manager's Proposed Budgets as one-time funding.

Objection: by Assemblymember Adkison, stating that she would like to reserve the full amount of funding for the project now instead of spreading it out over three years.

Objection: by Mayor Weldon, stating that she wasn't sure if the Assembly could tie future assemblies to this project by allocating funding for future years from fund balance. She stated that this would also put pressure on the mill rate in the next year's budget.

Assemblymember Smith replied that his intention was to reduce the amount of funds being drawn from fund balance in the current year. He stated that he didn't believe this action would bind future assemblies because they could vote to remove it from the Manager's Proposed Budget.

Assemblymember Kelly expressed support for the original motion.

Assemblymember Smith pointed the Committee to the General Fund overview on page fourteen of the packet and stated that the Assembly's actions had brought the projected ending fund balance to \$9.8 million. He expressed his intention of preserving fund balance.

Objection: by Chair Woll.

Roll Call Vote on the Amendment to Amendment #1

Ayes: Smith, Bryson

Nays: Adkison, Kelly, Hale, Mayor Weldon, Hughes-Skandijs, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Chair Woll

Amendment to Amendment #1 failed. Two (2) Ayes, Seven (7) Nays.

Objection to Amendment #1: by Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs.

Assemblymember Adkison stated that although the packet showed that AEYC had a deficit of \$133,000, that number was dynamic due to AEYC's need to hire more experienced employees. She stated that their deficit was now likely closer to \$150,000.

Assemblymember Bryson spoke in favor of Assemblymember Hale's amendment stating that funding at the lower level was more appropriate because part of AEYC's funding ask was to bolster their savings account. He stated that if AEYC needed further help in the future they could come to the Assembly with a funding request at a later time.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment #1

Ayes: Hale, Smith, Kelly, Adkison, Mayor Weldon, Bryson, Wáahlaal Gíidaak

Nays: Hughes-Skandijs, Chair Woll

Amendment #1 passed. Seven (7) Ayes, Two (2) Nays.

Roll Call Vote on Original Motion as Amended

Ayes: Adkison, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Hale, Bryson, Kelly, Smith, Mayor Weldon, Chair Woll

Nays: Hughes-Skandijs

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

Pending List Item #14 – Juneau Economic Development Council (JEDC) – Choose Juneau Research Project

Motion: by Assemblymember Bryson to move to approve JEDC's Choose Juneau Research Project request of \$115,000 in one-time funding and ask for unanimous consent.

Objection: by Mayor Weldon, Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs, and Assemblymember Hale.

Assemblymember Bryson spoke in favor of the motion stating the importance of creating a roadmap to work towards the City's goals. He stated that the Body had seen the effectiveness of similar studies in the past.

Roll Call Vote on Motion

Ayes: Bryson, Smith, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Kelly

Nays: Mayor Weldon, Hale, Adkison, Hughes-Skandijs, Chair Woll

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

Pending List Item #15 – Travel Juneau – Visitor Count Research

Motion: by Assemblymember Smith to move to approve the Travel Juneau Visitor Count Research Project request of \$110,000.

Objection: by Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs, stating that she felt that Travel Juneau should not need these additional one-time funds to be successful in their mission. Assemblymember Hale also objected for these reasons.

Assemblymember Bryson asked Katie Koester, City Manager, for clarity on a different tourism study that the Assembly had already funded, as recommended by the Visitor Industry Task Force.

Ms. Koester replied that every year the City conducts a visitor industry survey that asks for community sentiment about tourism, specifically cruise ship tourism. She stated she was not aware of a different study that would replicate the visitor count research.

Chair Woll expressed support for the motion stating that she did see this research as useful for the Assembly.

Assemblymember Smith asked if the Assembly was allowed to put restrictions on this funding that would state that Travel Juneau would need to use their own funds in the future for this type of request when it's found to be appropriate.

Ms. Koester replied that the Assembly could do this and stated that in this scenario Staff would work with Travel Juneau to give its best advice on how to meet that legislative intent.

Roll Call Vote on Motion

Ayes: Kelly, Bryson, Chair Woll

Nays: Smith, Hughes-Skandijs, Hale, Adkison, Mayor Weldon, Wáahlaal Gíidaak

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

Pending List Item #16 – Juneau Economic Development Council (JEDC) - "Scenario Thinking" – Strategic Long-Term Planning Tool

Motion: by Assemblymember Hale to move to approve \$80,000 for JEDC's Scenario Thinking – Strategic-Long Term Planning Tool.

Assemblymember Hale spoke to her motion stating that JEDC did a superb job introducing scenario thinking and this powerful planning tool. She shared that she wished to amend the motion with the intent of putting the requested funds in the Manager's Proposed Budget and creating a steering committee that would include JEDC, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Community Development Department (CDD) to lay the groundwork for a comprehensive plan. She expressed that this configuration would remove ownership of the project by any one entity and would create trust among the entities.

Amendment #1: by Assemblymember Hale to move to add \$80,000 to the Manager's Office budget for JEDC's Scenario Thinking – Strategic-Long Term Planning Tool to be led by a steering committee.

Assemblymember Smith asked Staff if this project could instead become a part of the Comprehensive Plan.

Ms. Koester stated they she did believe it should be part of the Comprehensive Plan but that the intention for this request was to strike a balance between a project being owned by any one organization and that it would still be useful for the City's major land use planning document.

Assemblymember Hale commented as a response to Assemblymember Smith's question that making this request a part of the Comprehensive Plan was the reason she was proposing to have this project facilitated through the Manager's Office with a skilled facilitator.

Assemblymember Kelly stated that Assemblymember Hale's amendment makes the process stronger, broadens the stakeholder group, and expands the number of organizations involved.

Amendment #1 passed by unanimous consent.

Objection to Original Motion as Amended: by Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs.

Roll Call Vote on Original Motion as Amended

Ayes: Hale, Kelly, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Adkison, Mayor Weldon, Bryson, Chair Woll

Nays: Hughes-Skandijs, Smith

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

Pending List Item #17 – Downtown Business Association (DBA) – Operational Support and Main Street America Accreditation

Motion: by Assemblymember Bryson to move to approve DBA operational support and Main Street America accreditation request for \$75,000.

Assemblymember Bryson spoke to his motion stating that this small investment in the downtown community would help add to Juneau's resiliency and create more local businesses.

Objection: by Mayor Weldon for the purpose of asking why DBA wanted the extra funding amount compared to last year's funding level.

Chair Woll stated that she recalled that DBA had asked for \$75,000 in funding last year but that the Assembly decided to reduce that amount.

Objection: by Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs for the purpose of stating that she did not feel this would be an appropriate use of City funds.

Amendment #1: by Mayor Weldon to move to approve \$40,000 to DBA for operational support as flat funding over FY24, as one-time funding.

Objection: by Assemblymember Kelly.

Assemblymember Bryson expressed support for the amendment, stating that he saw it as a good compromise. He expressed the importance of helping the downtown business community which would result in more sales tax revenue.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment #1

Ayes: Mayor Weldon, Bryson, Hale, Hughes-Skandijs, Smith, Adkison

Nays: Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Kelly, Chair Woll

Amendment #1 passed. Six (6) Ayes, Three (3) Nays.

Objection to Original Motion as Amended: Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs.

Roll Call Vote on Original Motion as Amended

Ayes: Bryson, Adkison, Hale, Mayor Weldon, Smith, Kelly

Nays: Hughes-Skandijs, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Chair Woll

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

Pending List Item #18 – Juneau Mountain Bike Alliance – Thunder Mountain Bike Park Ph. II

Motion: by Assemblymember Smith to move to approve \$40,000 for the Juneau Mountain Bike Alliance Thunder Mountain Bike Park Ph. II request and ask for unanimous consent.

Assemblymember Smith spoke to the request stating that Juneau Mountain Bike Alliance was only asking for half of the amount needed for the project. He explained how they were looking for additional grants and using member funds to put in this new track. He stated that this track would draw more visitors to Juneau.

Assemblymember Bryson stated that he wished to declare a conflict because he is an owner of a bicycle shop. He stated that he has no financial tie to this project or program. He asked the Assembly if there were any objections to his participation on this item.

Chair Woll stated that there were no objections to Assemblymember Bryson's participation on this item.

Objection: by Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs, stating that she didn't feel this project served the community as a whole and it didn't align with the Assembly's goals. Assemblymember Kelly also objected for these same reasons.

Mayor Weldon, Assemblymember Hale, and Assemblymember Bryson expressed support for the motion.

Assemblymember Kelly removed his objection.

Objection: by Chair Woll, stating that she felt there should be a smaller grant program to support projects like this but within the current process for funding she could not support this project.

Roll Call Vote on Motion

Ayes: Smith, Kelly, Hale, Adkison, Mayor Weldon, Bryson

Nays: Hughes-Skandijs, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Chair Woll

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

Pending List Item #19 – Alaska Small Business Development Center (AKSBDC)– Operational Support

Motion: by Assemblymember Bryson to move to approve the Alaska Small Business Development Center operational support of \$28,500 as one-time funding and ask for unanimous consent.

Assemblymember Bryson explained how this small investment would help create businesses that would generate sales tax revenue for the City.

Chair Woll asked Staff if operational support for AKSBDC had been a part of the City Manager's Proposed Budget in the past.

Ms. Koester answered that this request had always been a Pending List item and was not included in past City Managers' Proposed Budgets to the best of her knowledge.

Mayor Welden asked Staff if they could look into the history of requests from AKSBDC. She did not recall that this request had been on the Pending List in past budget cycles but instead she believed it had been included in past City Managers' Proposed Budgets.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

The Committee recessed at 6:47 pm.

The Committee reconvened at 6:57 pm.

3. Set Mill Rates – for Final Action

Chair Woll spoke to the process of Assembly action on the next two agenda items, stating that Agenda Item #1 “Final FY25 Proposed Budget Decisions” would be the official action the Assembly would take to move their decisions out of this Committee and to the full Assembly. She asked Staff to give an update on the General Fund balance after the Assembly decisions that had been made so far.

Ms. Flick stated that the Unrestricted General Fund balance had \$9,274,229 available in it after the Assembly’s decisions.

Chair Woll asked Assemblymembers if there were any proposals for changing the mill rate from what the City Manager had proposed. She expressed that she would like to see the Body consider comprehensive proposals that both change the mill rate and account for it in other ways while resulting in a balanced budget for FY25. She asked for minimal amendments to proposals and instead suggested the Body decide to move on from a proposal if it was not likely to receive enough votes to pass.

Assemblymember Smith asked Staff to clarify how the actions on the Pending List had affected the mill rate.

Ms. Flick responded that the one item that was recurring in nature was the outside-the-cap funding for Juneau School District (JSD) and that this was already incorporated in the Manager's Proposed Budget. It did not have an impact on the mill rate. She explained that the other actions on the Pending List were one-time in nature and only affected fund balance.

Assemblymember Hale presented her proposal and stated that her intention was to balance proper funding within a balanced budget, while offering relief to residents on property taxes. She stated that the bulk of her proposal was focused on bringing the debt service mill rate down from 1.20 to 0.95, stating that extra room in the debt service mill rate was not necessary for the City to pay off its debts. She stated that the second part of her proposal was to take roughly \$600,000 of the added \$1.1 million in the City Manager's Proposed Budget for maintenance of the three facilities the City will be acquiring on July 1, 2024 due to the JSD consolidation, out of the General Fund balance. She explained how this action could result in a total mill rate reduction from 10.32 mills to 9.98 mills.

The Committee took a brief at ease.

Mayor Weldon objected to Assemblymember Hale’s proposal stating that she disagreed with paying off debt at a slower pace. She would rather see the debt paid off early so less interest was accrued. She stated that she wanted to keep in mind the upcoming projects that would need bonds. She mentioned that she had her own proposal that would result in a total mill rate of 10.04.

Assemblymember Adkison expressed concern for the proposal and how it would reduce the area wide mill rate.

Assemblymember Bryson expressed support for the proposal stating that he thought it was a great time to offer property tax relief to Juneau residents.

Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs shared that she did not support this proposal and believed it to be too optimistic considering rising costs in future years and how that would put future assemblies in a difficult position. She believed the proposal would set the mill rate too low.

Assemblymember Kelly expressed that he could be flexible on the amount of the debt service mill rate reduction but that he was hesitant to take some of the school facility maintenance costs out of fund balance.

Assemblymember Wáahlaal Gíidaak expressed that she felt hesitant to reduce the mill rate by the proposed amount and said she was keeping in mind the City's bond capabilities in the future. She did not want to tie the hands of future assemblies.

Chair Woll expressed that she had similar concerns as many other Assemblymembers and felt that the mill rate in the proposal was too low.

Assemblymember Smith asked if the debt capacity was significantly larger because the bond for a new City Hall was rejected by voters last year.

Ms. Flick answered that there was capacity for more debt and that it would be important how the Committee chose to structure the debt.

Assemblymember Smith asked if it was correct to assume that a higher debt service mill rate in FY25, to pay off debt early, would result in an increased bond capacity.

Ms. Flick confirmed that this logic was correct.

Mayor Weldon presented her proposal to bring the total mill rate to 10.04 while funding \$1,023,100 included in the Manager's Proposed Budget for facility maintenance of Marie Drake, Floyd Dryden, and the JSD district office with one-time funding while de-appropriating the same dollar amount from the New City Hall Capital Improvement Project (CIP) for a net impact of zero dollars on the General Fund. She explained that this action would result in a total mill rate of 10.16. The final detail of her proposal was to reduce the debt service mill rate from 1.20 mills to 1.08 mills, bringing the total mill rate down to 10.04.

Assemblymember Hale stated that the amount of funding de-appropriated from the New City Hall CIP in Mayor Weldon's proposal could encumber future assemblies that might not have the capacity for those recurring costs, if future uses of those buildings are determined to not be cost neutral.

Mayor Weldon responded that because there was an effort to get other organizations to use the three facilities from JSD, which would cover the cost of maintaining those buildings in the future, her proposal included one-time funding.

Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs expressed support for using funds from the New City Hall CIP instead of fund balance.

Assemblymember Adkison shared that while she didn't mind using funds from the CIP, rather than from General Fund balance, she preferred to see the debt service mill rate lowered more than Mayor Weldon's proposal.

Assemblymember Kelly shared concern for the additional costs of future City offices which were unknown at this time.

Assemblymember Hale shared support for Mayor Weldon's proposal but stated that she would likely make an amendment to it. She stated that the Assembly would need to find a way to communicate to the public that this decision would not necessarily result in increased property taxes.

Assemblymember Wáahlaal Gíidaak expressed support for Mayor Weldon's proposal.

Chair Woll stated that she was more supportive of Mayor Weldon's proposal and that she would prefer to either reduce the debt service mill rate as the Mayor had proposed or take funds from the New City Hall CIP.

Assemblymember Smith shared his proposal explaining that it would let the debt service mill rate fall by 0.44 mills, for a total debt service mill rate of 0.76 mills, the level needed to pay the debt, without affecting the areawide mill rate. He expressed that his intention was to propose action that would align with the assumption that recurring spending would be needed in the future for the acquired JSD facilities and that those costs should be paid for by a recurring funding source like the mill rate.

Chair Woll asked the Committee for a show of hands if Assemblymember Smith's proposal was closer to what the Body was looking for than Mayor Weldon's proposal.

Assemblymember Kelly shared that he felt that this proposal was closer to what he wanted to see.

Mayor Weldon asked Staff if the mill rate was dropped to 9.88, as a result of this proposal, how would that affect the City's potential bond packages for the public safety communication infrastructure and wastewater projects.

Ms. Flick replied that Staff could look into restructuring the debt that was coming forward and work with financial advisors to come to practical solutions.

Assemblymember Bryson stated that he felt Assemblymember Smith's proposal pulled too far away from where the Committee started with these proposals and shared he was in favor of choosing action that was between the first two proposals.

Assemblymember Kelly expressed that he felt Assemblymember Smith's proposal lowered the mill rate too much.

Assemblymember Bryson proposed to reduce the debt service mill rate by 0.18 mills instead of 0.12 mills, for a total debt service mill rate of 1.02 which would allow for the debt service required plus one callable maturity.

Mayor Weldon expressed concern for dropping the debt service mill rate to the level Assemblymember Bryson proposed stating that it was a mid-point between the mill rates recommended by Staff to pay off one, two, or three maturities early.

The Committee took a brief at ease.

Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs made a proposal for a total mill rate of 10.32 mills, the same mill rate as presented in the Manager's Proposed Budget. She stated that she had heard from the community a desire to

support funding schools and other community programs to the fullest extent possible. She stated that the difference in property taxes between a 10.32 and 10.16 mill rate, using a \$500,000 assessed property value as an example, would be \$80 over one year.

Assemblymember Bryson stated that Mayor Weldon and Assemblymember Hale's proposals would be reducing the debt service mill rate and would therefore have zero impact on City services. He stated that the schools were already funded to and above the cap.

Chair Woll guided Assemblymembers to take turns stating which proposal they preferred the most, with the goal of the Body coming together to decide to bring one proposal as a motion that could be amended.

Chair Woll spoke to Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs's proposal by reiterating that there were long-term trade-offs for reducing the mill rate and challenges of reducing the debt service that would make it more difficult to get projects approved in the future. She shared that she was in favor of a proposal somewhere between Mayor Weldon's and Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs's proposals.

Mayor Weldon stated that she liked her own proposal the most but could go with Assemblymember Bryson's proposal as the second best.

Assemblymember Hale ranked Assemblymember Bryson's proposal the best and Mayor Weldon's proposal as second best.

Assemblymember Kelly stated that he would prefer a modified version of Assemblymember Smith's proposal.

Assemblymember Adkison ranked Assemblymember Hale's proposal as the best and Mayor Weldon's proposal as second best.

Chair Woll stated she was closest to Mayor Weldon's or Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs's proposals.

Assemblymember Bryson stated that he believed his own proposal was the best.

Assemblymember Wáahlaal Gíidaak stated she was between Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs's and Mayor Weldon's proposals.

Assemblymember Smith stated he thought his own proposal was the best but ranked Assemblymember Hale's proposal as second best.

Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs ranked her own proposal as the best and a modified version of Mayor Weldon's proposal as second best.

The Committee took a brief at ease.

Chair Woll stated that the proposal with the most votes was Mayor Weldon's. She invited Mayor Weldon to bring her own proposal as a motion.

Motion: by Mayor Weldon to move a mill rate of 10.04, de-appropriating \$1.023 million from the New City Hall CIP and to fund the facilities maintenance of Marie Drake, Floyd Dryden, and the JSD district office as one-time, therefore reducing the mill rate by 0.16 mills, and also reduce the debt service mill rate to 1.08 and ask for unanimous consent.

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

Amendment #1: by Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs to move to amend Mayor Weldon's proposal to change the debt service mill rate to 1.2 mills instead of 1.08 mills.

Objection: by Assemblymembers Hale and Adkison.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment #1

Ayes: Hughes-Skandijs, Chair Woll

Nays: Hale, Adkison, Mayor Weldon, Smith, Kelly, Bryson, Wáahlaal Gíidaak

Amendment #1 failed. Two (2) Ayes, Seven (7) Nays.

Amendment #2: by Assemblymember Kelly to move to amend Mayor Weldon's proposal to not de-appropriate \$1.023 million from the New City Hall CIP, therefore only reducing the mill rate by 0.12 mills and ask for unanimous consent.

Objection: by Assemblymembers Bryson, Hale, and Mayor Weldon.

Chair Woll expressed support for Assemblymember Kelly's amendment.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment #2

Ayes: Kelly, Hughes-Skandijs, Chair Woll

Nays: Bryson, Adkison, Hale, Mayor Weldon, Smith, Wáahlaal Gíidaak

Amendment #2 failed. Three (3) Ayes, Six (6) Nays.

Amendment #3: by Assemblymember Smith to move to amend Mayor Weldon's proposal by reducing the debt service mill rate by 0.25 mills instead of 0.12 mills.

Objection: by Mayor Weldon and Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment #3

Ayes: Smith, Bryson, Hale, Adkison

Nays: Mayor Weldon, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Hughes-Skandijs, Kelly, Chair Woll

Amendment #3 failed. Four (4) Ayes, Five (5) Nays.

Amendment #4: by Assemblymember Bryson to move to amend Mayor Weldon's proposal by reducing the debt service mill rate by 0.18 mills instead of 0.12 mills, for a total debt service mill rate of 1.02 and ask for unanimous consent.

Objection: by Assemblymember Adkison and Mayor Weldon.

Roll Call Vote on Amendment #4

Ayes: Bryson, Smith, Hale,

Nays: Adkison, Mayor Weldon, Kelly, Hughes-Skandijs, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Chair Woll

Amendment #4 failed. Three (3) Ayes, Six (6) Nays.

Objection to Original Motion: by Chair Woll.

Roll Call Vote on Original Motion

Ayes: Mayor Weldon, Kelly, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Adkison, Smith, Bryson, Hale

Nays: Hughes-Skandijs, Chair Woll

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

4. Final FY25 Proposed Budget Decisions

Chair Woll explained that at this time the Body would move budget decisions out of this Committee and to the full Assembly. She asked Assemblymembers if there were any other amendments to the budget prior to moving the legislation out of committee.

Motion: by Assemblymember Hughes-Skandijs to move to appropriate \$2 million from Unrestricted General Fund balance to the Affordable Housing Fund.

Objection: by Mayor Weldon.

Assemblymembers Hale and Bryson expressed support for the motion.

The Committee asked Staff various questions about the options they had in allocating funds for the Affordable Housing Fund.

Roll Call Vote on Motion

Ayes: Hughes-Skandijs, Kelly, Smith, Adkison, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Hale, Bryson, Chair Woll

Nays: Mayor Weldon

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

Chair Woll passed the gavel to Assemblymember Bryson.

Motion: by Assemblymember Woll to move to add \$1 million to the Restricted Budget Reserve from Unrestricted General Fund balance.

Assemblymember Woll expressed that as the budget continued to grow the Committee should be either changing their policy or meeting the current policy. She asked Staff to remind the Body of the current policy around the Restricted Budget Reserve.

Ms. Flick stated that at the end of FY24 the City's Restricted Budget Reserve would be short by \$9.9 million. She explained that this reserve was based off of two months of annual operating revenues and that, as more revenue comes into the City, the Restricted Budget Reserve requirement per resolution would increase. This shortage includes the \$4.1 million loan appropriated to JSD.

Objection: by Assemblymember Hale.

Assemblymember Kelly and Acting Chair Bryson expressed support for the motion.

Roll Call Vote on Motion

Ayes: Woll, Kelly, Wáahlaal Gíidaak, Adkison, Acting Chair Bryson

Nays: Hale, Mayor Weldon, Hughes-Skandijs, Smith

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

Acting Chair Bryson passed the gavel back to Assemblymember Woll.

Motion: by Mayor Weldon to move FY25 CIP Resolution 3052 (Supplemental Material) to the full Assembly for public hearing and adoption at the June 3, 2024 Special Assembly meeting and ask for unanimous consent.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Motion: by Mayor Weldon to move FY25 Mill Levy Ordinance 2024-03, as amended, to the full Assembly for public hearing and adoption at the June 3, 2024 Special Assembly meeting and ask for unanimous consent.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Motion: by Mayor Weldon to move FY25 CBJ Budget Ordinance 2024-01, as amended, to the full Assembly for public hearing and adoption at the June 3, 2024 Special Assembly meeting and ask for unanimous consent.

Motion passed by unanimous consent.

5. Information Only

Ms. Flick stated that after the Committee decisions made in this meeting, the Unrestricted General Fund balance was at \$6,274,229. She briefly spoke on the sales tax revenue and pointed the Body to the sales tax graphs found on pages 32-34 of the supplemental material. She stated that the Marine Passenger Fee Fund balance had changed to \$1,267,800.

E. NEXT MEETING DATE

6. June 5, 2024

F. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

7. May 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes

8. Updated Sales Tax Graphs

9. Updated FY25 CIP Resolution 3052

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.