

FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Monday, April 18, 2022 at 5:30 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Finance and Budget Committee met on Monday, April 18, 2022, in the City Council Chambers, Dillingham, AK, and via Zoom video conference call. Curt Armstrong called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present and establishing a quorum (a quorum being four):

Alice Ruby

Robert Mawson

Curt Armstrong

Perry Abrams

Anita Fuller

Aksel Buholm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of February 24, 2022, Finance & Budget Committee

MOTION: Alice Ruby moved and Perry Abrams seconded the motion to approve the minutes of January 17, 2022.

VOTING: the motion passed by unanimous consent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Alice Ruby moved and Perry Abrams seconded the motion to approve the agenda.

VOTING: the motion passed by unanimous consent.

STAFF REPORTS

- FY21 audit items have been submitted.
 - Account tech III position has been reevaluated, and job description refined.
 - There is currently one open position.
 - Final updated list for 2018 and 2019 foreclosures legal actions are being verified. A title search is the next step in the process. Foreclosure list for 2018 – 2021 tax years has been compiled, it shows 57 properties, tax value \$107,000.
 - LGLR Grant agreement \$2,786,000 has been received. Four eligible projects have been identified; lagoon aeration, E-911 backup system, and two waste water improvement projects.
2. March 2022 Revenue & Expense Report
 - Revenues for projects have been received; projects expenses have not been expended yet.
 - Both bond payments are due.
 - No LGLR funds have been received at this time.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

3. DCSD Budget Appropriation

- DCSD FY23 Budget is 9.9 million, it reflects a 1.3 million appropriation from the City of Dillingham.
- Draft Resolution 2022-16 currently reflects the full requested amount. 1.) Required by state statute \$525,981, 2.) as approved by voters 1/6 sales tax \$552,707, 3.) additional amount \$221,312 for full allocation.
- City of Dillingham FY23 budget process is not complete. Consider holding additional amount until City budget is completed. Capital projects funds, city facility needs, and city wages are a few budget items the council would like to address.

- Important to continue to reference in the resolution a portion of the appropriation is for major maintenance.
- Committee recommended appropriation for Resolution 2022-16, amount required by state statute, 1/6 sales tax as approved by voters in 2001. Let DSCD know after City completes their budget additional funds may be possible.

MOTION: Anita Fuller moved and Alice Ruby seconded the motion on Resolution 2022-16 to leave item 1 and 2, remove item 3 additional amount \$221,312. Funding appropriation will be \$1,078,688 with a minimum of \$100,000 for major maintenance, strike instruction and operating costs.

- Recommended in the next cycle the sales tax amount is separated from the state mandated amount.
- City budget cycle to be addressed earlier next year so it can better align with the school district budget request.
- Concern expressed a reduced appropriation will have an immediate effect of school district personnel.

VOTING: Yea: Committee Member Buholm, Committee Member Abrams, Committee Member Ruby, Committee Member Mawson, Committee Member Fuller

VOTING: No: Committee Member Armstrong

City Manager will talk with the Superintendent to gauge the implication of the reduction in appropriation.

4. Foreclosure List

- Foreclosure list dated April 15, 2022 reviewed. Recommended the list go to council.

5. Review Ordinance 2022-04, Seafood Processing Excise Tax

- This ordinance was referred back to committee to review language and determine direction for the excise tax at the March 5, 2022 council meeting.
- Fish processor and several fishermen have expressed some concerns regarding the current ordinance, noting some of the language is confusing.
- Refine how excise tax is calculated. No specific wording has been submitted for review.
- OBI Seafoods states this excise tax will have a negative impact on their operation. Tax on processors alone will result in a competitive disadvantage. They would consider slow and or stop the flow to the Wood River plant. Taxes in other areas spread between harvester and processor. OBI supports a vibrant Dillingham, requests to be part of the conversation going forward.
- Consideration of partnerships, processors and fishermen, are important to take into account during the ordinance process. The harbor and dock are important to the community. Investing in these enterprises to improve the fishing industry is essential.
- More public input / conversation recommended.
- Ordinance could go forward with the addition of an end date so immediate needs could be addressed, while other solutions are explored.
- Options to explore, split tax between processors and fishermen, build better comparisons, define intended use of revenue.

PUBLIC/COMMITTEE COMMENT(S)

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Neil C. Armstrong
Neil C. Armstrong, Chair

ATTEST:

Lori Goodell

Lori Goodell, City Clerk

Approved: May 26, 2022

